

Borough of Cheltenham.

MINUTES of the Proceedings of Committees of the Town Council to be submitted for approval at a Monthly Meeting of the Council, to be held on Monday, the 3rd day of January, 1898.

STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 13th day of December, 1897 Present: Alderman Haddon ; Councillors Baker, Bence, Cypher, M. Davis, Dix, and Margrett (Councillor Baker in the chair)—

1--New Buildings—The Borough Surveyor laid before the Committee Notice and Plan No. 985, which he had received for the erection of a Bakehouse in Exmouth Street for Mr. T. G. Smith. Resolved, That the same be disapproved, the thickness of the walls being insufficient to carry the height of the building.

2-Wages of Corporation Workmen-Resolved, That the men whose wages are fixed by this Resolution be paid by the hour, and that the following scale be adopted, to commence on the 1st of May next, viz :

		d. [pennies per hour]
Roadmen .....	..	4 ½ an hour
Foremen.....	..	5 “
Sweepers and Spotters....	..	4 “
Ashmen .....	..	4 ¼ “
Stokers ..	..	6 “
General Labourers	..	4 ½ “
Masons and Paviers— no alteration except that payment be by the hour.		7 “
Steam Horse and Cart Drivers		
Roller Drivers .....	.. ..	4 ⅛ “

3 -Trees—Resolved, That the Resolution to Minute No. 16 of the proceedings of this Committee of date the 29th day of November last be rescinded, and that no trees at all be felled this season.

4- -- Byelaw's re Deposits of Rubbish in back Streets—A letter from Inspector Young, was read, asking to be relieved from the duty which instructed had been required of him to see that the recently made Byelaw to prevent the deposit of rubbish in back streets is complied with, as he had so much to do already that he would be unable to perform this additional work satisfactorily. Resolved, That the application be acceded to and that the Scavengers be instructed to report to their Foreman in charge of the Scavenging Department any accumulations of Builders' or Garden Refuse.

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5-Suffolk Road Improvement—Resolved, To instruct the Town Clerk to ascertain from Mr. Wade upon what terms his clients would give up sufficient land to round off the corner only.

Chester Walk -Resolved, To instruct the Borough Surveyor to bring up a plan and scheme for the widening of Chester Walk.

W. A. BAKER, Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Friday, the 24th day of December, 1897—Present : Councillors Baker, Bence, Cypher, M. Davis, Dix, and Margrett (Councillor Baker in the chair)—

7—The View The following Members attended the View Meeting, viz., Councillors Baker, Bence, Cypher, M. Davis, Dix, and Margrett.

8--Street Projections The Street Inspector reported that at Mr. R. W. Jackson's, No. 2, Clarence Street, a gas rail had been fixed in front of the premises; that a projecting sign board, which was removed in September last, had been replaced by Mr. D. Lerner, at Robin Hood Inn, St. James's Street. and that Mr. Crowther had failed to comply with the notice that he had given him to remove the sign board placed by him on the premises occupied by Mrs. Hooper at the corner of St. James's Street. Letters were read from Mr. R. W. Jackson, asking permission to allow his gas rail to remain ; from Mr. W. E. Crowther stating that he had obtained permission to write on the wall and he would take down the sign, and requesting permission to remove the sign board from his former workshop in St. James's Street to the one then in his occupation next door ; also one from Messrs. Showells' Brewery Co., Limited, per Mr. J. H. Webbe, of No. 11, Regent Street, requesting permission to replace the lamp then fixed on the corner of the premises known as the Whitesmith's Arms, near the Gas Works, with one of a better make and pattern, bearing the name of the House and the words Showell's Ales ; also for permission to fix a sign 2 ft. deep round the eaves of the Whitesmith's Arms which would not project, and to fix a lamp at the Britannia Inn, corner of St. Paul's Street, South, and Swindon Road, on the corner over the entrance ; also from Mr. James Villar, on behalf of Messrs. Flower & Sons, Ltd., applying for permission to move the lamp which then hung from the front of the Cafe Continental in the High Street to over the doorway in Regent Street, provided it is kept back closer to the wall of the building.

Resolved, That the applications be acceded to upon the usual terms except that as regards the one at the Britannia Inn, which the Committee omitted to view, the permission be granted subject to the approval of the Chairman after inspection by him, and that Mr. Lamer be given notice to remove the sign at the Robin Hood Inn.

9—Laying of Underground Telephone Wires-The consideration of this matter was adjourned pending receipt of information from other local authorities by the Town Clerk.

10—Application to Parliament by Great Western Railway Company to acquire part of the side approach to the Station The Town Clerk laid before the Committee notice of application to Parliament by the Great Western Railway Company to acquire part of the side approach to the Station, extending from St. James's Square, 4 chains or thereabouts in a Westerly direction, and a plan delineating same. Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to write to the Solicitor to the Company asking him what the Company propose to do about the public right of way from St. James's Square to the road leading to the Parish Church Schools from the Knapp.

11— Sydenham Villas Road--Resolved, That consideration of the question of repairing this road be adjourned for the Committee to view,

12 -Report of the Borough Surveyor re highways-The Borough Surveyor reported that the work done by the Highways Department from the 27th of November last to the 23rd inst. had been as follows :—

Repaired with Clee Hill stone. Naunton Lane, 3,578 super yards ; New Street, 255 super yards ; Hewlett Street, 320 super yards.

Patching—Harp Hill, Shurdington Road, Sandford Terrace, Hatherley Road, Portland Street, North Place, High Street, Warwick Place, Market Street, Monson Avenue, St. Paul's Road, Glenfall Street, St. George's Place, Carlton Place, Rutland Street, St. George's Road, Malvern Road, Promenade, St. Paul's Street, South, Rodney Road, Prospect Place, Hall Road, Swindon Road, Overton Road, Millbrook Street, Priory Street, Dunalley Street, Prestbury Road, Albion Street. Victoria Street, Princes Street, Leamington Place, Albert Street, Oriel Road, Park Place, Tivoli Road.

Patched with Gore Stone---Andover Road, Lypiatt Terrace, Park Place.

Repaired with Wickwar Stone Thirlestaine Road (proceeding).

Patching-Naunton Crescent, Lane back of Winchcomb Street.

Paving, Crossing, Kerbing and Channelling—Roman Road, Bennington Street, Brunswick Street, North, St. Margaret's Road. Courtenay Street, Winchcomb Street, Bath Road, London Road, St. Stephen's Road, Suffolk Road, Sherborne Street. Crescent Place, Sandford Terrace, Pittville Circus, Portland Street, Malvern Road, Mountpleasant, Warwick Place, Albion Street, Dunalley Parade, Suffolk Road, Townsend Place, Swindon Road, Battledown Approach, St. George's Place.

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A crossing had been laid in Shurdington Road with McDougall's bricks.

A new gully had been put in at Battledown Approach.

Northfield Passage had been repaired with has lime and Wickwar gravel, 571 ½ super yards.

Private Improvement Works Naunton Lane, Rosehill Street, and back of Ormond Place were then finished ; Queen's Retreat in hand.

Ashes Collected—Loads, 936 ; consumed at Destructor, 924 tons, 7 cwts.

13-Shelburne Road—The Town Clerk read the correspondence he had had with Dr. Flecker with reference to the Minute and Resolution No. 18 of this Committee of date the 29th ultimo from which it appeared that Dr. Flecker would bring the matter before the School Committee at their next meeting. Resolved, To adjourn further consideration of the question until after the receipt of a reply from the School Committee.

14-Tree opposite Flesk Lodge—A letter from Mr. N. W. Olive was read, requesting that the oak tree in front of the entrance to Flesk Lodge might be removed. Resolved, To inform Mr. Olive that the Council have decided to fell no more trees this season.

15 Fairfield Road —A Memorial from Mr. Thomas Jenkins and seven other abutting owners in Fairfield Road was read, applying to the Council to take over the same as a Highway. Resolved, That the necessary Notices be posted declaring the street a Highway.

16--Private In Works in Lane off Clare Street—A letter was read from Mr. Edwin Coome, of Coomeville, Clare Street, claiming 12s 6d for alterations he had to do to his doorways and raising and refixing the sill, occasioned by the raising of the roadway. Resolved, That he be allowed 12s 6d as soon as he has carried out the requirements of the Public Health Committee.

17—Highbury Lane Resolved, To instruct the Borough Surveyor to bring up a specification of the works to be done by the abutting owners to put this street into a proper state of repair.

18—Rosehill Street -Resolved, That a crossing be constructed across the entrance to Rosehill Street from Hales Road.

19-- Paving in Old Bath Road opposite Oxford Place—Resolved, To instruct the Borough Surveyor to do what is necessary to put this paving into a proper state of repair and prevent the water from making its way into the cellars of the houses.

20-Back Lane between North Place and Portland Street—Resolved, That a crossing be laid down in this lane, and that the Borough Surveyor be instructed to bring up a specification of the work to be done to put the lane into proper repair.

21-Channelliqg in Townsend Street Resolved, To instruct the Borough Surveyor to have the channelling in this street repaired where necessary.

22-Malvern Road Footpath, Footpath West side of Christ Church Road and Inner Road at St. Margaret's Terrace (Apportionments) The Borough Surveyor reported that the cost of carrying out the Private Improvement Works ordered to be done to the abovementioned streets amounted to £93 0s. 1d., £182 8s. 11d. and £14 5s, 7d. respectively, which sums he had respectively 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.

23— Footpaths in Swindon Road and opposite the Woodlands, Rodney Road—Specifications from the Surveyor, of date the 23rd day of December, 1897, of the works required to be done to the above streets were 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 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.

24-Bath Parade—A Specification from the Surveyor of date the 13th day of December, 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 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.

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.
	W. McVitie	Additions to Shop at No. 2, Portland Street.

Resolved, That the same be approved.

W. A. BAKER,

Chairman.

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Wednesday, the 8th day of December, 1897-Present : Alderman Norman; Councillors Bence, M. Davis, Gurney, Lenthall, Margrett, and Moles (Councillor Bence 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, 1 of Enteric 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 34.

2- Nuisance from Drains, &c. at Nos. 341, 369, and 342, High Street, No. 17, Townsend Street, Craven Cottage, Folly Lane, Nos. 9, 10, 12, 20, 21, and 23, White Hart Street, No. 35, Duke Street, Stables behind No. 23, Lansdown Place, and House in Hatherley Lane in occupation of Mrs. Page.-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 fixed ashpit may be constructed that form may be permitted.

5-Cleansing and Limewashing at No. 61, Upper Park Street, Nos. 22 & 25, Brunswick Street, and No. 17, 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 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 to be registered as a Dairyman and Purveyor of Milk, was received from James Lamport, Imperial Temperance Hotel, No. 388, High Street. Resolved, That the same be granted.

7- Sewer in White Hart Street -Resolved, To instruct the Borough Surveyor to inspect this sewer, and furnish an estimate of the cost of relaying it.

8- Cowsheds and Dairies in the Borough-The Medical Officer of Health handed in a list of the Cowsheds and Dairies within the Borough, which had all been recently inspected, also a list of places from which milk was known to be supplied in the Borough, to each of which printed notices of the requirements and of the powers contained in the Provisional Order recently obtained had been sent.

9-Insanitary Property at No. 230, High Street, No. 25, Brunswick Street & Nos. 334, 335,365, 368 & 357, High 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 walls, roofs, 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.

10-Wells at Nos. 1, 2, 4, 24. 25, 27, 35, 36, 37, & 38, Brunswick Street, No. 16, Victoria Street, St. Paul's, No. 230, High Street, and the British Schools-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.

11-Notices not complied with-The Medical Officer of Health handed in a list of Notices to carry out sanitary requirements which had not been complied with. Resolved, To instruct the Town Clerk to take proceedings, if necessary, to compel compliance with the Notices.

12-Flushing Box to W.C. at Somerton Villa, Great Western Road -A letter from Mr. J. W. Gunning, was read, requesting to be relieved from the obligation to comply with the notice which had been served upon him to provide flushing apparatus to the w.c. at Somerton Villa, as it was sufficiently flushed from a rain water cistern, and was outside the house. Resolved, To inform Mr. Gunning that the Council are unable to make any exceptions, and he must comply with the notice.

13-Barbed Wire at Sewage Farms -A letter from Mr. G. B. Witts, Hon. Sec. of the Cotswold Hunt, was read, on behalf of the Hunt Committee, requesting to be allowed to remove any barbed wire on the sewage farms at their cost, undertaking to replace same at the end of the season if wished, and if there should be any wire which cannot be dispensed with to be allowed to place Danger Boards where necessary to mark the existence of hidden danger. Resolved, To inform Mr. Witts that the Council have no barbed wire at the farms, but that the Tenants will be required to comply with the request.

14 -Lodging House Byelaw -A letter from the Local Government Board, was read, with which the draft of the proposed Byelaws with respect to houses let in lodgings, or occupied by members of more than one family, was returned for consideration of their alterations and marginal notes. Resolved, That the same be printed and that a copy be sent to each member of the Council.

15—Sewerage Loan —A letter from the Local Government Board, was read, with reference to the application for sanction to borrow £13,310 for works of sewerage and sewage disposal, and as they include works outside the District, enquiring whether the Notices required under Sec. 32 of the Public Health Act had been given, and requesting that separate estimates be sent to the Board showing how the amount asked for in each resolution is made up ; also a letter from the Town Clerk in reply, was read. Resolved, That the necessary Notices be issued at once, and that the Borough Surveyor be instructed to furnish the required estimates as far as possible,

GEORGE BENCE,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday the 22nd day of December 1897—Present : Alderman Norman ; Councillors Bence, M. Davis, Gurney, Lenthall, Margrett, Moles, and Waghorne (Councillor Bence in the chair)

16--Zymotic Disease The Medical Officer of Health reported that there had been notified since the last meeting of the Committee, 5 cases of Scarlet Fever, 1 of Enteric Fever, and 2 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 27.

17-Nuisance from Drains, etc., at No. 31, White Hart Street, No. 15, Albion Parade, Nos. 15 & 16, Townsend Street, Field Cottage, Tivoli Lane, No. 11, Leamington Place, Nos. 32 & 33, Cleveland Street, and No. 37, 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.

18—Overcrowding at Nos. 4 & 6, Brunswick Terrace The Medical Officer of Health reported that the above premises were so overcrowded as to be dangerous or injurious to the health of the inmates. Resolved, That the Committee being satisfied of the existence of a nuisance on the said premises Notices under Sec. 94 of the Public Health Act be served on the owners and occupiers thereof, requiring them to abate the same.

19—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.

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. 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 fixed ashpit may be constructed that form may be permitted.

21 --Cleansing and Limewashing at No. 51, Sherborne Street, No. 6, Hamilton Place, and Nos. 2, 5, 7, 8, 9, 11 & 12, Brunswick 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 Notices be given to the owners under the said Section requiring the houses to be cleansed and limewashed.

22 - Dairies, Cowsheds, and Milkshops Order- Applications were received from Edward Stephens, of Harthurstfield Farm, Gloucester Road, to be registered as a Cowkeeper, and from W. C. Brady, of the Star Coffee Tavern, Tewkesbury Road, to be registered as a Purveyor of Milk. Resolved, That consideration of the application of Mr. Stephens be adjourned pending an inspection of his Cowsheds, and that the application of Mr. Brady be acceded to.

23-Sewer in Market Street—The Medical Officer of Health reported that this sewer was not sufficiently deep to drain the houses of Albion Parade, Market Street, and suggested that as it was included in No. 1 drainage scheme, its relaying should be proceeded with at once. Resolved, That the work must remain in abeyance pending receipt of sanction to the loan.

24-Common Lodging House An application was received from William Gapper to be registered as the keeper of a Common Lodging House at Nos. 80 & 81, Stanhope Street. Resolved, That the application be refused, the premises not being in a satisfactory condition.

25- Insanitary Property, viz.-- Nos. 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, 10, 11, & 12, Brunswick Street, No. 1, Francis Place, No. 6, Corpus Street, and No. 12, Beaufort Buildings--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, roofs, ceilings, 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.

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26-Houses unfit for Human Habitation, viz., Nos. 8 & 9, Brunswick Terrace--The Medical Officer of Health having certified that these houses were in such a state as to be a nuisance, injurious to health, and unfit for human habitation, Resolved, That proceedings under Sec. 32 of the Housing of the Working Classes Act, 1890, be taken to obtain Orders for them to be closed.

27-Wells at Nos. 31, 39, & 43, Brunswick Street, The Duke of Brunswick, Nos. 43, 44, & 45, Tewkesbury Road, Nos. 1 and 7, Corpus Street, Nos. 5 & 6, Sherborne Street, Albert Inn, Hamilton Place, and Nos. 3, 4, 8, 9, & 11, Hamilton 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.

28-Heyden Farm—A letter was read from Mr. James Wood, offering £300 per annum for this farm, free of all rates, tithes and taxes, and to do all the ploughing out. Resolved, That the offer be accepted provided the farm is taken to in its present from state.

29-Slaughter Houses—The reported that he had received replies, as follows, Owners and Occupiers of Slaughter Town Clerk from the Houses, which it had been decided to close, as to the would respectively compensation, they accept, viz :—

Premises.	Owner.	Occupier.	By Owner.	Compensation asked for.	
				By Owner.	By Occupier.
Back of No. 277 High Street	N. W. Olive	C. F. Willis	No reply	...	£30
280 High Street ...	J. Blake	A. Smith	£250	...	£150, or permission to kill an average of 12 pigs per week for 10 years at the Abattoir
296 [High St] ..	Corpus Christi College, Oxford	Mr. Yarnold ..	No reply	..	No Reply
213 [High St]....	J. F. Claridge.	J. Ashcroft ..	£175, and payment*		£60 and payment*
					* payment of solicitors' charges

Resolved, That the offer of Mr. Willis be accepted, and that in the other three cases unless agreements are come to before the next meeting of the Council, steps be taken to settle the amount of compensation by arbitration.

30—Barn Farm With reference to Minutes Nos. 24 & 36 of the proceedings of this Committee of the 25th November, 1896, and the 23rd of December, 1896, respectively, the Town Clerk laid before the Committee the draft that he had prepared of the submission to the arbitration of Mr. John Villar of the matters in difference between Mr. Corbett and the Corporation. Resolved, That the same be approved, also to require Mr. Corbett to pay forthwith the rent due from him up to the 24th June last.

31-Drainage from Marle Hill Mansion A Letter from Mr H. W. Chatters was read, enquiring if the owner of this house would be permitted to connect the house drains with the Corporation Sewer free of encumbrance. Resolved, To inform Mr. Chatters that the permission will be given on the same terms as granted to the owners of houses on the east side of the road, the drains of whose houses are connected with the sewer, subject to the connection being made under the supervision of and to the satisfaction of the Borough Surveyor.

32-Lodging-House Byelaws— The Town Clerk laid before the Committee the draft of the Byelaws for the regulation of the Lodging Houses in the town which had been approved by the Local Government Board, Resolved, To adjourn the consideration thereof.

33 —Sewer in Whitehart Street-The Borough Surveyor laid before the Committee a plan of the necessary relaying of this sewer at an estimated cost of £100 Resolved, That the plan and estimate be sent to the Local Government Board with an application to increase by that amount the sum of £13,310 for which sanction to borrow has been already applied for.

GEORGE BENCE, Chairman

TOWN IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, the 21st day of December, 1897 Present : Alderman Winterbotham ; Councillors Bence, Cooper, Dix, Macdonald and Mills (Alderman Winterbotham in the chair)-

1-Drilling of Volunteers In Winter Garden--A letter drills of his Company on January the 13th to granting him the use of the Winter Garden convenient the Council would prefer that the was read from Capt. Mouatt Biggs, stating that he wished to commence the continue each Thursday evening, and expressing his thanks to the Council for the purpose. Resolved, To inform Captain Mouatt Biggs that if equally drills should take place on Fridays instead of Thursdays.

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2--Cheltenham Salts With reference to Minute No. 13 of the proceedings of this Committee at their last meeting, Resolved, That the Committee do pay a visit to the Montpellier Baths to inspect the apparatus there, formerly used for evaporation of the water.

3--Clarence Square — Resolved, To instruct the Borough Surveyor to have the verges re-turfed and the fencing repaired, and that the Committee pay a visit to inspect the hedges and verges on the Pittville Estate.

4--Bye-Laws—The Town Clerk laid before the Committee the draft Bye-laws for the regulation of the use of the Gardens in Clarence and Wellington Squares. Resolved, That the same be printed and that copies be sent to each member of the Committee.

5--Rate for Bands—A letter from the Town Clerk of Worthing was read, forwarding copies of resolutions adopted by the Town Council of Worthing expressing satisfaction that Sir A. Hickman, M.P. intends to re-introduce in the next Session of Parliament the Bill to enable Towns and Urban District Councils to obtain, amongst other things, a power to contribute out of the Rates for the purpose of subsidising a Town Band, but suggesting an amendment of the Bill so as to allow an annual contribution not exceeding one penny in the pound, and requesting the co-operation of Boroughs and Urban District Councils who have not already such powers granted by Local Acts. Resolved, To adjourn consideration of the matter until the Bill is re-introduced into Parliament.

6-- Easter Monday Sports at Montpellier Gardens---A Letter from Mr. F. Wilks, Hon. Sec. of the Cheltenham Athletic Society, was read, applying for the use of Montpellier Gardens on Easter Monday next for their usual annual Athletic Meeting. Resolved, To accede to the application upon the same terms as last year.

7--Swans—With reference to Minute No. 11 of the proceedings of this Committee at their last meeting, a Letter from Mrs. Taylor was read, explaining that she intended to offer a pair of swans as well as cygnets ; also one from the Town Clerk in reply that the Council would be glad to have the cygnets but not the swans as the latter would probably fight with those already possessed by them. Resolved, That the Town Clerk's letter be approved.

8--Winter Garden - A letter from Councillor Bence was read bringing before the Committee several matters for consideration. Resolved, that the Borough Surveyor be authorised to procure the necessary parts and fittings for repairing the roller skates, to procure new fire bars for the boilers for the heating apparatus, and have such repairs done to the pipes as is necessary to prevent leakage ; that the charge of the Winter Garden be placed in the Surveyor's Department as in the case of Pittville and Montpellier Gardens ; that Mr. Adams' services as caretaker be dispensed with, and that he be given a month's notice to leave ; that the Borough

Surveyor be instructed to bring up a specification of the repairs required to be done to the roof and guttering to make it thoroughly watertight ; and that the Resolution to Minute No. 7 of the proceedings of this Committee of the 24th November last be varied to enable the band to make a collection on Sunday, the 9th of January, towards providing a fund for the purchase of new uniforms.

9-Coffee Tent at Pittville Park during Skating—A Letter was read from Messrs. G. Davis and Wm. Rawlings, of No. 14, St. Paul's Street South, offering 7s 6d per day for the right to have a coffee tent at Pittville Park during the skating, and 10s per day for the right to have 6 men to put on skates, and if more should be required, to pay a sum in proportion for each man over six. Resolved, That the Council cannot entertain the offer.

10- Pictorial History of Cheltenham—Terms were received from the Publishers of the Pictorial History of Cheltenham for insertion of an advertisement in it of the attractions of the town. Resolved, That the Council has made so many arrangements for advertising that they cannot entertain the idea of advertising in this publication.

11--Greenhouses at Pittville-Resolved, To instruct the Borough Surveyor to bring up an estimate for the construction of another greenhouse or additional greenhouses at Pittville to enable sufficient plants to be raised to provide for the bedding out required to be done in the different grounds in the town belonging to the Corporation.

12—Football at Montpellier Gardens-Resolved, That next Saturday being Christmas day the garden be closed for football on Monday instead, and that the necessary notice be given.

JAS. B. WINTERBOTHAM,

Chairman.

WATER COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Thursday, the 23rd day of December, 1897—Present : The Mayor; Councillors Baker, M. Davis, Ll. Davies, Dix, Lenthall, and Margrett (Councillor Margrett in the chair)—

1-Water Engineer's Report-The Water Engineer reported that on the 22nd inst. the supply from the Hewletts and Northfield Springs was 186 gallons, the average for the last four years being 290 gallons per minute; and the quantity of water instore at Hewletts and Leckhampton was 11,520,109 gallons.

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On the same date the depth of water in Dowdeswell Reservoir was 19 feet 2 inches and the contents 41,511,708 gallons, or about 62 days' supply, exclusive of the daily yield of the springs, which was then about 1,885,792 gallons.

2—Water Supply to the Reddings—A Letter was read from the Clerk to the Cheltenham Rural District Council asking if there would be any and if so what charge for rent of water meter in addition to the charge of 1s 3d per 1,000 gallons, and whether the dead rent would be calculated upon the amount of the water plus the rent of meter or upon the actual consumption of water without taking into consideration the money paid for rent of the meter. Resolved, To inform the writer that a charge of 2s d3 per quarter will be made for rent of

each meter in addition to the charge made for the water, and that the dead rent in each case will be calculated upon the annual rental of the premises and be exclusive of the rent of the meter.

3-Tewkesbury Water Accounts--A Letter from the Town Clerk of Tewkesbury was read, stating that his Council had agreed to the resolution of this Council to Minute No. 4 of the proceedings of this Committee at their last meeting.

4 — Charge of Water Supply to Workhouse---A Letter was read from the Clerk to the Guardians thanking the Corporation for the reduction of the dead rent of 200,000 gallons per quarter from 1s 3d to 1s per 1000 gallons, but asking reconsideration of the matter with a view to reducing the charge for supply of water to the Workhouse to 10d. per 1000 gallons ; also drawing attention to the necessity of maintaining a strong pressure of water at the Workhouse for use in case of fire. Resolved, That the Council cannot make any further reduction in the charges for the water.

5--Water Supply to Electric Works—Resolved, That provided a corresponding reduction is made by the Lighting Committee in their charges for street lighting the water supply to the Electric Works be in future delivered free.

6--Water Supply to the Gas Works--With reference to the resolution to Minute No. 6 of the proceedings of this Committee of the 18th of October last, reducing the charge for the water supply to the Gas Works to 1s 3d per 1000 gallons, a Letter from the Clerks to the Company was read, with which they forwarded a copy of the following resolution of their Directors, viz., "That the Council be respectfully informed that the Directors cannot consider the amount of the proposed reduction as "satisfactory having regard to the fact that the Company are one of the largest consumers of water in the town, and of "their willingness to take the Severn water instead of the hill water as heretofore." Resolved, That the Council are unable to make any further reduction.

7-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 December, 1897—Present : Alderman Norman ; Councillors Baker, Colter, Margrett and Steel (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	
Dec. 8th	16.64 candles	Dec.	Grains per 100 cubic ft.
" 18th	15.62 "	18-19	11.04
"20th	16.97 "		
" 21st	<u>17.48</u> "	20-21	<u>10.40</u>
Average..	16.68 "	Average..	10.72.

2—Cal Inspector's Report—The Gas Inspector reported that the hourly average consumption of Gas per lamp during the previous month had been 4.2123 cubic feet.

3-Lamp Book—This Book was produced and examined. Lamps extinguished, 7 metered, 23 unmetered ; and 5 burning dimly.

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4-Public Lighting, &c.--A Letter from Councillor Bence was read advocating better lighting of certain localities in the East Ward, as follows, viz.—Of most importance : one lamp in Providence Square, one near Jersey Cottages, Leighton Road, two in Highbury Lane, one in Coltham Terrace Lane, Hale's Road, and one at end of Denmark Villas. Of lesser importance: one lamp in Sherborne Street and remove an existing one to another site, and one large lamp at the top of Mount-pleasant. Resolved, That the lamp in King's Road be moved so as to shine down Coltham Terrace, that one new lamp be fixed in Providence Square, and one near Jersey Cottages in Leighton Road, that consideration of the better lighting of Highbury Lane be adjourned until the Street and Highway Committee have dealt with the repairing of the road, and of Denmark Villas pending another view by the Committee, and that consideration of the better lighting of Sherborne Street and Mount Pleasant be adjourned ; that one new lamp be placed in each of Barnard's and Little's Rows, one in the Old Bath Road near Laracor half way between the present lamp and the footpath across Charlton Park, that one lamp in Lypiatt Street be moved to near Messrs. Webb & Son's premises, and that a new one be placed in Princes Terrace, and that three new lamps be placed in Hatherley Road. On the application of Councillor Dix, Resolved, That a new lamp be fixed midway in Oriel Walk.

5-- Lighting of Passage to Churchyard from Nigh Street between Nos. 349 and 350, Nigh Street—A Memorial from Messrs. T. P. Waite, M. A. Treasure, and A. N. Cole, was read, calling attention to the inadequate lighting of this passage. Resolved, That an incandescent electric lamp be placed in the lantern of or near to the present gas lamp in the passage.

6—Lighting of Swindon Road —A Memorial from Edwin Jordan and 13 other residents in Swindon Road, was read, calling attention to the inadequate lighting of this road especially in the neighbourhood of Maud's Elm. Resolved, To adjourn consideration of the matter pending a view by the Committee.

7—Increase of Consumption of Street Gas Lamps---A Letter from the Clerks to the Gas Co. was read, enquiring whether the Committee intended to proceed with a suggested improvement of street gas lighting by increasing the consumption of the lamps from at cubic feet per hour at a cost in accordance with the tabular statement thereto annexed, i.e.,

To 4 ½ cubic feet	£162 per annum
To 4 cubic feet	£324 per annum, and
To 5 cubic feet	[?] 4486 per annum.

and also pointing out that the displaced Guildhall Lamps were in readiness at the works awaiting particulars for their re-erection as suggested by the Committee at the recent Conference, Resolved, That the Committee would be prepared to recommend an uniform consumption of 5 feet per hour for every lamp, but cannot do this unless the increased expenditure for so doing is provided for in the estimates for the next Rate ; and with reference to the Guildhall Lamps the Council will be glad to purchase one from the Company in order to try experiments with it before deciding as to the re-erection of the remaining ones.

8--- Electrical 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.
Dec. 8th	100 Volts	102.3 Volts.
18th	“	102.6 “
20th	“	102.6 “
21st	“	<u>101.6</u> “
Average		102.3 “

9-- Electrical Engineer's Report—The Electrical Engineer reported that an application for electric supply had been made by Mr J. Bradbury of Regent Street, and he recommended provision of a main along Regent Street and Ormond Place from the High Street to Ormond Place Substation at a cost of £137. That the Training College was contemplating a rather extensive installation and to supply it a high pressure main would have to be laid from the High Street along King Street to the Swindon Road: the cost of which with necessary transformer would be £145. That the owner of Marle Hill House. Mr. G. Phelps, was anxious to have the electric light in this house, and he suggested that he be offered supply on condition of his paying £30 towards the cost of the service which would be about £50 or £60. He understood that about 60 or 70 lamps would be required. And he recommended that the two new Babcock boilers should be insured for £1000 each with the Vulcan Insurance Co. at an annual premium of 50s each. Resolved, That the extensions to supply current to Mr. Bradbury's premises in Regent Street, and the Training College be carried out, and that the Local Government Board be applied to add an additional £282 to the loan for which sanction has already been applied for to provide for the cost of these extensions ; that the extension to Marle Hill House be carried out if Mr. Phelps will pay £30 towards the cost, and that the report be approved and the recommendations of the Electrical Engineer adopted.

10—Damage to Electric Lamp Pillar—The Electrical Engineer reported that on the 11th inst a wagon belonging to Mr. G. Jackson, of Gotherington, collided with one of the lamp pillars in St. James's Square and broke it but he had not been able to ascertain what the damage done would amount to. Resolved, That as soon as the Electrical Engineer has ascertained this the Town Clerk be instructed to claim payment thereof from the owner of the wagon.

11-Electric Lighting of London Road—A Letter from Mr. H. C. Gregory, of No. 1, Keynsham Bank, was read, expressing a hope that when the arc lighting of the London Road is carried out a lamp-post opposite his gate will be continued as hitherto.

12--Lighting of Gloucester Road—A Letter from Mr. R. Bin, of Lansdown, St. Mark's, was read, again complaining of the inefficient lighting of this road. Resolved, To adjourn consideration of the matter pending a view by the Committee.

13-Lighting of Town Clock—Resolved, That the Electrical Engineer make an experimental trial of lamps, &c., for lighting the Town Clock by reflection.

14—Sub-Committee—Resolved, That the Chairman and Councillors Baker and Margrett be constituted a Sub-Committee of this Committee.

15—Guarantee of Electrical Engineer—With reference to the Resolution to Minute No. 10 of the proceedings at the last meeting of the Finance Committee, the Electrical Engineer stated that his father and Alderman Norman had consented to join with him as his sureties in a bond for such an amount as the Council may require. Resolved, That the sureties mentioned be approved, that the amount of the bond be fixed at £300 and that the Town Clerk be instructed to prepare it.

16— Charges for Water Supply to the Electric Works—Resolved, That if the Water Committee will waive payment of the charge for the water supply to the Electric Works a corresponding deduction will be made from the accounts for street lighting.

GEO. NORMAN,

Chairman.

GENERAL PURPOSES AND WATCH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, the 21st day of December, 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—Superintendent McRae's Report—Superintendent McRae reported that on the 23rd ultimo there had been an outbreak of Swine Fever on the premises of Mr. Charles Gould, in Hale's Road; 10 pigs were affected, 1 died, and the remaining 9 were slaughtered. He also reported that the Swine Fever Order had been properly complied with, and the premises disinfected.

Under the provisions of the Muzzling Order 21 dogs had been seized, of which number 9 had been destroyed, and 9 claimed 25 persons had been proceeded against for offences under the Order, and 2s had been paid by the owners of dogs claimed for their keep. The Lethal Chamber provided by the Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals was in working order, and 5 dogs had been destroyed in it.

2--Sheep Scab—The Town Clerk laid before the Committee a circular letter from the Board of Agriculture on the subject of Sheep Scab.

3— Fire Brigade—The Superintendent of the Fire Brigade reported that the Brigade had been called out to a rick fire on the 5th inst. at Moorend Park Road, owner, Mr. William Hall, of the Treelands, cause unknown, Damage £70, insured in the Phoenix Fire Office, to whom the account of the extinction expenses amounting to £11 8s. 6d. had been sent. On the 16th instant, the Brigade was called out to a fire at the Rowanfields, Alstone, owned and occupied by Mr. W. H. Smith, Market Gardener. Supposed cause, the upsetting of a benzoline lamp ; damage £40. The building and contents were insured in the Equitable Fire Insurance Office, to whom the account for extinction expenses, £3 13s. had been sent.

The Superintendent appended to his report an abstract of the work of the Brigade during the past 12 months.

4 — hackney Carriage Drivers' Licenses—Applications were received from Charles Bin, of 3, White Cross Square, Arthur John Bin, of 9, Cakebridge Terrace, Alexander Arter, of 17, Lansdown Place Stables, Francis

Gough, of No. 5, Witcombe Place, Charles East, of No. 7, Lypiatt Street, and Ernest Edward Simms, of 17, Hanover Street, St. Paul's, to be licensed as Hackney Carriage Drivers. Resolved, That the application of Alexander Arter be adjourned in order that he may obtain an independent recommendation, the present one being signed by his father, and that the other applications be granted.

5-Hackney Carriages--Applications were read from John Morgan. of 28, Mountpleasant, and William Wiggett, of 13, Regent Street, for Hackney Carriage Licenses, the latter also asking whether if he bought a carriage now licensed the license would be transferred to him. A letter was also read from Frederick Bishop, of 24, Dunalley Parade, stating that he had been offered a licensed carriage, and was anxious to know whether the license would be transferred to him if he purchased such carriage ; and one from Mr. S. Hill, of Lansdown Crescent Mews, asking to be allowed to use for three months another similar carriage in place of his licensed one, which required extensive repairs.

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Resolved, That Messrs. Morgan and Wiggett be informed that the Committee cannot increase the number of licenses, and moreover these applications cannot be considered out of their turn; that Messrs. Wiggett and Bishop's applications cannot be granted ; and that Mr. Hill's application be granted. The Street Inspector reported the results of the inspection he had made of the licensed Hackney Carriages in pursuance of instructions given to him at the last meeting of this Committee in consequence of complaints made as to the condition of some of them. Resolved, That the Inspector do report every month to this Committee on the matter.

6 —Hackney Carriage Byelaws —A letter was read from the Local Government Board, stating that they had confirmed the Byelaws as to Hackney Carriages recently made by the Council with regard to the number of persons which may be conveyed in a "Pony Carriage."

7—Hackney Carriages at Railway Stations—The Town Clerk laid before the Committee a letter from Mr. Charles Cooke, Secretary of the Cheltenham Cab Drivers' Union on the above subject. Resolved, That the further consideration of the matter be adjourned until the appeal in the case of the Midland Railway Station now understood to be pending has been disposed of.

8—Cabman's Shelter at Montpellier—With reference to the Resolution to Minute No. 7 of the proceedings of this Committee at their last meeting, a letter was read from Mr. Hay, stating that he had much pleasure in giving to the Town Council the Cabmen's Shelter at Montpellier, if they would accept it. Resolved, That the gift be accepted with the thanks of the Council for the same, and that the Borough Surveyor be directed to have the Shelter painted.

9-Town Clock—A letter was read from Mr. W. Holder, stating that the Town Clock required considerable repairs to be done to it, and that the cost would be about £3 10s. Resolved, That the necessary works of repair be done by Mr. Holder for the sum named, and that the attention of the Lighting Committee be called to the question of the lighting of the Town Clock by Electricity.

10—Cleeve Common Conservators—A letter was read from Mr. E. Lawrence resigning his position as one of the Conservators appointed by the Council for the regulation of Cleeve Common.

11-- Teachers' Conference, 1898—Resolved, That the Mayor be asked to convene a meeting of the Townsmen, to be held in the Council Chamber early next month, so that a Committee may be formed to arrange for the proper reception and accommodation of the Teachers' Conference next Easter.

Resolved, That Alderman Winterbotham be appointed to such position in the place of Mr. Lawrence.

12—Re-Numbering of Houses--Ambrose Street and St. George's Square—The Borough Surveyor laid before the Committee a plan showing how he proposed Ambrose Street and St. George's Square should be re-numbered. Resolved, That the same be approved, and that the Borough Surveyor take the necessary steps to get the houses re-numbered accordingly.

RICHARD ROGERS,

Chairman.

BATHS AND RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 20th day of December, 1897 — Present : The Mayor; Alderman Drew ; Councillors Baker, Ll. Davies, Dighton, Hayward, Lenthall, and Mills (Councillor Mills in the chair)

1—Agg-Gardner Recreation Ground—A letter was read from Mr. S. Durham, Secretary of St. Paul's United Association Football Club, asking to be allowed the use of the goal posts on the Agg-Gardner Recreation Ground, for a match on the afternoon of Monday, the 27th instant, the Town Association Football Club having no match on that day. Resolved, That the application be granted.

2-Quoit Club Ground—A letter from Mr. J. Stevens, the Secretary of the Cheltenham Quoit Club, was read, stating that the Club Committee would be much obliged if the rent of the ground at Barrett's Mill could be reduced from £3 3s. to £2 2s. per annum, or if the Committee could not see their way to do this, that one year's rent be allowed off, three years' rent being now due. Resolved, That the rent be reduced to £2 2s. per annum, and that the three years due be paid for at the same rate.

3-Cleansing Baths —A letter was read from the Local Government Board, stating that an enquiry will be held as to the application for sanction to a loan of £550 for Cleansing Baths at Alstone.

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4—Recreation Grounds With reference to Minute and Resolution No. 4 of the Committee's proceedings of date the 30th ultimo, Resolved, That the lot of building land in Marle Hill Road having a frontage of 50 feet be sold by public auction, and that the Town Clerk do take the necessary steps in the matter, and that application be made to the Local Government Board for sanction to a loan of £550 for the erection of an unclimbable iron fence along the north side of the Agg-Gardner Recreation Ground, the additions already approved by the Council to the fencing at Naunton Park, and to pay off the sums overdrawn on capital account in respect of the Naunton and Agg-Gardner Grounds. Also Resolved, That the open spaces at the east end of the Agg-Gardner Recreation Ground be prepared for planting, and that boxes be prepared for creepers on the roof of the Shelter in this ground, and hooks for hanging baskets.

GEO. H. MILLS,

Chairman.

BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Friday, the 24th day of December, 1897—Present : Alderman Haddon ; Councillors Baker, Cypher, M. Davis and Moles (Councillor Moles in the chair)

1-Superintendent's Report The Superintendent of the Cemetery reported that Mr. Selim Smith attended a funeral with a Hearse and Mourning Carriage but declined to pay the charge of a guinea for same, but offered 18s Resolved, That Mr. Smith be informed that he must pay the guinea, and that his attention be called to the Minute and Resolution No. 2 of the proceedings of this Committee of date the 23rd of April last.

2-Sub-Committee's Report—The Sub-Committee reported that they had ordered some Weed Killer for use on the paths and had ordered the trees overhanging Mr. Noble's garden to be lopped, and that they had authorised the Superintendent to employ one of the grave diggers 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. Resolved, That the proceedings of the Sub-Committee be approved and adopted.

3-- Designs--Resolved, That the following designs be approved, viz : Headstones to Anne Eliza Seager, Joseph Howat Wyllie and Agnes Wylie.

4--Account—The following Account for Wages was allowed :—

G. C. Pratley, Wages ..	£12 14 0
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J. V. MOLES,

Chairman.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 28th day of December, 1897—Present : Aldermen Drew and Holliday ; Councillors Cooper, Hayward, Macdonald, Margrett and Steel (Councillor Margrett in the chair)—

1-General District Rate —The Report of the Borough Accountant of date the 28th inst., on the collection of the second instalment of this Rate, was read. Amount collected £5,956 14s. 2d., leaving outstanding £8,905 16s 11 ½ d..

2- Water Rate—The Report of the Borough Accountant of date the 28th inst., on the collection of this Rate was read. Amount received £4,509 13s. 1d., leaving outstanding £5,431 16s. 3d.

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3—Corporation Stock The Resolution of the Council at its Meeting of date the 6th instant referring back Minute No. 11 of this Committee of date the 30th ultimo with instructions was considered. Resolved, That on reconsideration of the whole matter, the Committee are disposed to recommend the creation of a 2 ¾ per cent. Stock and the issue of a sufficient amount not only to provide for the existing Loans but of Loans application for sanction to which are pending or will shortly have to be made, and therefore recommend that the necessary notices be given for the adoption at the Monthly Meeting of the Council in February next

of Part V. of the Public Health Acts Amendment Act, 1890, to enable the Council to do so if it should so decide, and at all events the Committee recommend, to clear the ground, the rescindment of the Resolution of the Committee and Council above referred to.

4-Fairfield Road Private Improvement Expenses—A letter was read from Mr. C. J. Turner, of No. 6, Fairfield Place, applying for six months' time to pay the £6 7s. 4d. due from him for his share of the cost of the Private Improvement works in this road. Resolved, That payment be accepted in two moieties, the first payment to be made on the 25th March next with interest on the whole at 5 per cent., and the other on the 24th June next with interest at the same rate on the balance.

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 £11,488 15s. 4d., ordered to be paid by the Borough Treasurer. The Treasurer's Accounts at the Bank were examined and the balances found to be correct. The following was the General Statement :

In hand on the 30th Nov. last		£13,223 9 10
Received since that date		<u>£ 6,975 14 5</u>
		£20,199 4 5
Paid since that date	£7,461 12 10	
Investment of Sinking and Loans Funds		
with the Borough of Nelson	£ <u>5,000 0 0</u>	
		<u>£12,461 12 10</u>
	In hand	£ 7,737 11 7

H. GEO. MARGRETT, Chairman.

PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 20th day of December, 1897 Present : The Mayor ; Alderman Skillicorne ; Councillors LI. Davies, Hayward, Macdonald, and Steel ; Revs. R. G. Fairbairn and J. Mugliston ; Dr. Davis and Mr. Evan Butler. (Councillor Hayward in the chair)

1-Librarian's Report-The usual Monthly Report of the Librarian was read. Receipts £6 10s. 9d. He reported that there had been an increase of 12 and 6 per day in the issues from the Reference and Lending Departments respectively, He also reported that the following gifts had been made to the as compared with the corresponding month last year. Library during the past month, viz:-

Baron de Ferrieres	...	1 vol. .. 1 pamphlet
Trustees of British Museum	...	3 "
Board of Trade .. .	..	1 "

Annual Reports from the Libraries at Belfast, Cardiff, Manchester, Salford, South Shields, and Wolverhampton.

2-Sub-Committee Report-The Sub-Committee recommended that new Directories of London and Birmingham for 1898 be ordered, and that 5,000 Borrowers' Cards be ordered at a cost of 20s per thousand. Resolved, That the recommendations of the Sub-Committee be approved and adopted.

3 -Accounts -The following Accounts were examined and allowed, viz.,

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S.H. Harris & Co., coal ..	£1 13 0
London Supply Co., cleaning materials ..	£1 0 3
Bristol & Gloucestershire Archaeological Society—(subscription)	£0 10 6
W. H. Smith & Son, books	£0 13 6
J. J. Banks, books ..	£0 10 6
T. Miles & Co., books	£1 1 4
D. Reeves, books ..	£0 18 6
J. Day & Son, books ..	£2 14 11
County Fire Office, premiums	£8 5 9
W. Jones, Wages account	£19 17 6

C. HAYWARD,

Chairman.

TECHNICAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Friday, the 24th day of December, 1897—Present : Councillors M. Davis, L.I. Davies, Gurney, Hayward and Steel (Councillor M. Davis in the chair)—

1—Technical Education Grant—The Town Clerk reported that the balance of £475 had been received from the County Council of the year's grant of £900. Letters were read from the Hon. Treasurer of the School of Art, and the Hon. Sec. of the School of Cookery, giving particulars of the expenditure of those Institutions. Resolved, That the amount be divided as follows,

Public Library	£ 60 0 0
..	£237 10 0
Grammar School (Science Department) and School of Science	£120 0 0
School of Art ..	£ 40 0 0
School of Cookery ..	£ <u>17 10 0</u>
Art Class, Charlton Kings..	£475 0 0

MOSES DAVIS,

Chairman.

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, the 29th day of December, 1897—Present Alderman Haddon ; Councillors Cypher. Macdonald and Steel (Councillor Steel 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 599 names of absentee children had been extracted, all of whom

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had been visited. They also reported that the parents of 38 children had been summoned to attend before the Local Committees who had held 6 meetings. Six parents had been prosecuted, and three fined, and Attendance Orders were made by the Magistrates in respect of the following children, viz., A. C. Minett, Minnie Wilson, C. Bunting, W. Stevens, and F. Stevens, and an Order was made to send F. Constance to an Industrial School.

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., Beatrice Waghorne, Tivoli Place, and Elisha Green, No. 10, Casino Place.

3 -Deaf and Dumb Child-Irene Davis -A letter from Miss B. Roberts, Hon. Sec. of the Charity Organisation Society, was read, asking the Committee to make provision for the education of a deaf and dumb child, by name Irene Davis, aged, next July, 8 years, daughter of Charles Davis, of Elstree, Victoria Street, a Plumber earning 28s a week and having three children dependent on him. Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to ascertain if the Bristol District Institution for the Deaf and Dumb, Tyndal's Park, Clifton, will take this child in place of Francis F. Pates, recently being maintained there by the Council, but who has just left, and upon the same terms, viz., £21 per annum, including clothing, and that the father be written to, to ascertain what he is prepared to contribute towards the expense.

4-Special Examination The result of the Special Examination of children held on the 27th of November last, was reported to the Committee as follows :

Boys —Number examined,	98.
Number passed in Standard V	55
" " " VI	<u>3</u>
	58
Number failed in Standard IV	1
" " " V	38
" " " VI	<u>1</u>
	40
Girls-Number examined,	87.
Number passed in Standard V	62
Number failed in Standard V	25
Total Number passed	120
Total Number failed	<u>65</u>
Total number examined	185

JOHN D. STEEL, JR.,

Chairman.

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Borough of Cheltenham

MINUTES of the Proceedings of Committees of the Town Council to be submitted for approval at a Quarterly Meeting of the Council, to be held on Monday, the 7th day of February, 1898.

STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 10th day of January 1898—Present: Alderman Haddon ; Councillors Baker, Bence, Cypher, M. Davis, Dix, and Mills (Councillor Baker in the chair)--

1-Sherborne Street With reference to the Resolution to Minute No. 31 of the proceedings of this Committee of date the 27th of September last, as amended by the Council, Resolved, That application be made to the Local Government Board for sanction to a loan of £232 11s. 11d., for the repairs ordered to be done to this street.

2- Side Approach to Crest Western Railway Station—With reference to Minute No. 10 of this Committee's proceedings at their last meeting, the Town Clerk read a correspondence he had had with Mr. Nelson, the Solicitor to the Great Western Railway Company, in which the latter stated that he would be pleased to insert the following clause drafted by the Town Clerk in the Bill, provided the word " way " in the last line was altered to "footway "

" Nothing in this Act contained shall empower the Company to stop up or interfere with the public right of footway "extending from St. James's Square over and along the private road the soil of part whereof the Company are " hereby authorised to acquire to a road extending from New Street and a place called the

Knapp known as " Workhouse Lane leading to the Parish Church Girls' and Infants' Schools and to the Station of the Company " or any other public rights of way over the said land."

Resolved, That the clause as proposed by the Town Clerk be approved, and that the alteration proposed by the Company be not agreed to.

3- 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.
986	Charles Saunders	Two houses on the North side of Ewlyn Road.
987	Mr. Hill	Addition to Mews at rear of Lansdown Crescent.
988	J. Barton	Two semi-detached houses in Leckhampton Road.

Resolved, That the same be approved.

W. A. BAKER,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 31st day of January, 1898--Present : Alderman Haddon ; Councillors Baker, Bence, Cypher, and Dix, (Councillor Baker in the chair)

4--The View--The following Members attended the View Meeting on Friday last, viz. :--Councillors Baker, Bence, Cypher, Dix, and Mills.

5--Street Inspector's Report The Street Inspector reported that the projection of Mr. D. Larner, at the Robin Hood Inn, St. James's Street, and the signboard placed by Mr. W. E. Crowther against the premises occupied by Mrs. Hooper at the corner of St. James's Street had not been removed as required by the Council, and that the outside advertising lamp at the premises of Mr T. Whitaker, 78, High Street, was not kept alight until 10 o'clock p.m. in accordance with the conditions subject to which the same was allowed to be fixed. A Letter from Mr. James Villar, on behalf of Messrs. Flower & Sons, the owners of the Robin Hood, was read, stating that the sign had been in use on the premises for over 38 years, that it was only taken down for a short time to allow of the front wall of the house being partially rebuilt, and expressing a hope that the Committee would see their way to allow the sign to remain or at any rate to allow some kind of projecting board to be put up, such as a V shaped one, to come out from the face of the wall 18 inches or 2 feet. Resolved, That the re-erection of the old sign cannot be permitted but an application to erect a V shaped sign if accompanied with a sketch and full particulars of same will be considered ; that the Town Clerk be instructed to give notice to Mr. Whitaker that if his advertising lamp is again found on any occasion to be not alight till 10 o'clock he will be required to remove it and to give notice to Mr. Crowther to remove the sign at the premises of Mrs. Hooper forthwith.

6--Report of the Borough Surveyor re Highways--The Borough Surveyor reported that the work done by the Highways Department from the 24th of December last to the 28th inst., both inclusive, had been as follows :--

Repaired with Clee Hill Stone Bath Road 5066 super yards ; Millbrook Street 352 super yards.

Gore Stone—Portland Street, proceeding.

Patching—Hatherley Road, Battledown Approach, London Road, Swindon Lane, Gloucester Road, Henrietta Street, North Street, Albion Street, Montpellier Terrace, Trafalgar Street, Gloucester Place, Pittville Lawn, Wellington Square, Great Norwood Street, Charlton Lane, Park Place, Shurdington Road, Painswick Lawn, Andover Road, Moorend Park Road, Croft Street, Suffolk Road, Tivoli Road, Leckhampton Road. Wickwar Stone Thirlestaine Road 4,568 super yards.

Patching Worcester Street, Sun Street, Devonshire Street, Naunton Park Terrace, Western Road.

Private Improvements—Queen's Retreat 1,600 super yards, Rosehill Street proceeding.

Trees Pruned in Spa Buildings, Imperial Square, Lansdown Road, St. George's Road, Promenade, Orrisdale Terrace, Priory Street, Montpellier Grove.

Paving, Curbing and Channelling—Sherborne Street, Rodney Road, Prestbury Road, Bayshill Road, St. George's Place, St. George's Road, Crescent Terrace, Townsend Street, Bath Road, Winchcomb Street, Roman Road, High Street, Cambray, Trafalgar Street, Montpellier Villas, Oxford Passage, Warwick Place, Great Norwood Street, Old Bath Road (as per Minute), Clarence Square, St. James's Square, Queen's Retreat.

Gullies Repaired-1 in Brunswick Street, 1 in Oxford Parade, 1 in Hewlett Street, 1 at back of Montpellier Terrace.

McDougall's Patent Bricks—1 New Crossing had been laid at the bottom of Rosehill Street, and 1 at Montpellier from Lauriston House to Messrs. Thomas Brothers' shop. 1 on the London Road had been repaired.

The cab stands in Imperial Square, 2 in the Promenade, at the Midland Station, and Albert Place had been laid with Tar Macadam.

Ashes Collected—Van Loads 1,171 ; Cart Loads 174 ; Ashes consumed at the Destructor 1,223 tons.

Resolved, That, where paving is repaired by the Council for the expense of which the abutting owners will not be liable and down pipes from houses extending under the pavement to the gutters are interfered with or guttering across the paving has been used in lieu of a pipe under ii the same shall in the former case be made good, and in the latter case shall be replaced with a pipe under the paving to the gutter free of cost to the owners.

7- -Application of Telephone Co. to lay Wires Underground—The Town Clerk laid before the Committee a Report that he had prepared with reference to the powers of the Telephone Co. to carry wires either over or under the streets in the Borough. Resolved, To inform the Company that in future the consent of the Council must be obtained before wires can be carried across the streets, and that with reference to the underground wires the further consideration of the application be adjourned.

8-Trees at South end of Naunton Park Road—A Letter was read from Mr. M. Llewellyn Evans, applying to the Council to remove the two trees at the South end of Naunton Park Road, the shade and drip from them

being detrimental to his garden. Resolved, That the Council do not consider there is sufficient reason to alter their previous decision not to remove these trees.

9-Trees and Pavement opposite Deodar House, King's Road —A Letter from Miss Standish was read, calling attention to the trees in front of her house which required greatly decreasing in size as they obscured the light, and to the pavement which required repairing. Resolved, That the Council do not consider there is any necessity to lessen the growth of the trees referred to but that the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have the paving repaired.

10-Footpath in Painswick Road--A Letter from Mrs. Gunning Campbell was read, complaining of the bad state of the footpath on the right hand side of the Painswick Road. Resolved, To inform Mrs. Campbell that the Council will give attention to the repairing of this footpath as soon as the completion of pressing matters now in hand permits.

11-Crossing in Glenfall Street— Resolved, That, the crossing in the footpath in Glenfall Street recently put in by Mr. Winstone, having too great a rise, he be required to lower it forthwith to a proper gradient.

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12--Sydenham Villas and Sydenham Roads—Resolved, To instruct the Borough Surveyor to bring up Specifications of the works required to be done by the abutting owners to edge, asphalt and channel the footpaths in these roads without prejudice to the right of the Council at any future time to require, them to replace the asphalt with flagging or other paving if they shall think fit.

13-Channelling and Footpath in Bath Road and Footpath in Bath Terrace —A Letter from Councillor Dix was read calling attention to the defective state of the channelling and footpath on the West side of the Bath Road from Lower Bath Street to Oriel Road, and to the had condition of the road and footways in Bath Terrace, Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have the channelling and footpath referred to in the Bath Road repaired, and to inform Councillor Dix that notices have been served upon the abutting owners in Bath Terrace to put the road and footpaths into a proper condition.

14—Road in Montpellier Street near Ladies' College—A Letter from Sir S. G. Johnson, Chairman of the Council of the Ladies' College, was read, requesting that this part of Montpellier Street may be relaid with material of a less noisy character than at present. Resolved, That when this road next requires repair it be relaid with Gore stone to lessen the noise.

15—Paving in front of Lansdown Place and Paths in Hatherley Road - -A Letter from Councillor Cooper was read, calling attention to the bad state of the paving in front of Lansdown Place, the pathway adjoining the Hatherley Court property in Hatherley Lane and the pathway between Godfrey House and Coulter further along the Hatherley Road, which had sunk in places below the level of the road. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to bring up Specifications of the works required to be done by the abutting owners to edge, asphalt and channel the pathway on the East side of Hatherley Road from Hatherley Hall to Coulter and the footpath on the West side from Lansdown Road to the bridge over Hatherley Brook, in both cases without prejudice to the right of the Corporation to require the owners to replace the asphalt with flagging or other paving if at any time in future they shall think fit, and that consideration of the question of repairing the paving in front of Lansdown Place be adjourned.

16-Paving opposite No. 98, High Street—A Letter from Mr. A. Hill was read, complaining that vehicular traffic crossed over the pavement instead of the crossings to Liverpool Place and the Royal Hotel Yard owing to the want of proper curbing. Resolved, To instruct the Borough Surveyor to do what is necessary to prevent the traffic crossing over the pavement.

17- Paving in Henrietta Street—A letter from the Secretary of the Original Brewery Co. was read, protesting against the proposed repaving of this street as owing to the pathway being so little used his Board considered it was not a case in which such a large charge should be made against the Company, that the paving suggested is of the most extravagant kind, and requesting that the matter should be further considered with a view to an abatement being made in the amount the Company will have to pay. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to amend the Specification by the substitution of concrete in situ paving for flagging, and to re-serve amended notices to carry out the work, and that the Resolution to Minuet No. 31 of the Committee's proceedings of the 29th November last be varied accordingly.

18— Condition of Oxford Street—A letter from Mr. R. T. J. Price and seven other owners and occupiers of property in Oxford Street was read, calling attention to the dangerous state of the road and paving in the said street, and requesting that the same may be put in order. Resolved, To instruct the Borough Surveyor to bring up a specification of the works to be done by the abutting owners to re-metal the road, and flag, edge and channel the footpaths.

19-Cabmen's Shelter at Montpellier-A letter from F. Gordon Allen and 32 other occupiers of property in the neighbourhood, was read, suggesting that it would be an improvement to remove the Cabmen's Shelter opposite the Rotunda to inside the railings of Montpellier Gardens near the Lodge. Resolved, That the Council do not consider there is sufficient reason to cause them to alter the position of the Shelter.

20—Noise from traffic in Sandford Street—A letter from Mr. H. M. Wakefield, of Bath Road, was read, calling attention to the noise from traffic that occurs on account of the narrow street named Sandford Street, which shakes the foundation of his Stores, and the china on the mantelshelves. Resolved, That when next this road requires repair it be faced with Gore stone to deaden the noise.

21 --Surface Water on Gloucester Road--A Memorial from Anthony White, of Midland Cottage ; J. W. Arundell, of the Midland Hotel, and Edwin Smith, occupier of the neighbouring stone yard. was read, complaining of a nuisance caused by the surface water from the Gloucester Road at the Midland Railway Bridge running into their respective premises. Resolved, To instruct the Borough Surveyor to have a gully constructed to carry off the water.

22--Seat In Hatherley Road-A letter from Mr. C. C. Prance, was read, on behalf of Mrs. Prance's trustees, requesting that this seat may be removed as it leads to the persistent destruction of the oak fence behind it, and to trespassing in the plantation. Resolved, That the seat be moved to the opposite side of the road under the lamp there.

23— Private Improvement Works, Glenfall Street-A letter from Mr. H. A. Gwinnell, was read, objecting to pay £1 9s. 2d. for private improvement works in respect of the frontage of No. 34, Glenfall Street, as Mr. Winstone did the work for him according to the specification of 11th June, 1897. A letter from the Town Clerk to Mr. Gwinnell, was read, pointing out that the work for which he is charged was not part of that done by Mr. Winstone. Resolved, That, the Town Clerk's letter be approved, and that Mr. Gwinnell be informed he must pay the amount claimed.

24-Private Improvement Works, Folly Lane-A letter from Messrs. Ticehurst & Sons, was read, requesting to be informed what was the cause of delay in completing the settlement of this matter, and pointing out the desirability in the interests of all parties that the road should not be left entirely without care and attention. A letter from the Town Clerk in reply, was read, informing Messrs. 'Ticehurst & Sons that the Council has been waiting for Mr. Baylis to supply them with particulars as promised by him of the traffic over the road from the brickyard owned by him. Resolved, That the Chairman and Alderman Haddon be requested to have an interview with Mr. Smith to ascertain if he will give up a strip of his land to widen the road at the entrance to the lane.

25-Trees in front of No. 48, Clarence Square---A Letter from Mrs. Hands was read, requesting that the trees in front of her house might be lopped as they obscure the light from the rooms. Resolved, To instruct the Borough Surveyor to have the trees trimmed.

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26—Road in Liverpool Place —A Letter was read from Mr. A. Hill and Mr. G. A. Hawkins, stating that the condition of this road was bad and requesting the Corporation to give it a coating of blue stone and charge the cost to the respective owners. Resolved, To instruct the Borough Surveyor to bring up a Specification of the Works required to be done by the abutting owners to put the road into a good state of repair.

27— Suffolk Road In reference to a Letter from the Town Clerk to Mr. Wade, Solicitor, enquiring what the owners of Roderic House would give up a corner piece of the garden for, as shown on a plan sent therewith, to round off the corner of the entrance to the road from Suffolk Parade, a letter from Mr. Wade was read, asking the Council to make an offer. Resolved, That £50 be offered.

28 Widening of High Street below Mr. Maule's Shop —A Letter from Mr. Maule enquiring why the shops below had not been set back in a line with his premises as he had been given to understand would be the case at the time he built them 6ft. back for this purpose at the request of the Council, and expressing a hope that this matter would be given early attention, was read. Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to ascertain from the owners of the Red Lion Inn upon what terms they would set back the projecting part of the inn.

29-Leighton Road Private Improvement Works—The owner of No. 15, Princes Street having made application for abatement of the amount assessed upon him for the private improvement works in this street in respect of the frontage of the aforesaid premises to Leighton Road, there being no entrance thereto from the said road, Resolved, That the application cannot be acceded to.

30-Chester Walk Improvement —A letter from Mr. W. H. Horsley, on behalf of Mr. N. J. Bloodworth, was read, offering to sell the strip of land in front of Dorset House and Dorset Mews, as indicated on the plan of this proposed improvement, for £200. Resolved, To inform Mr. Horsley that as the road cannot be widened throughout, the Council are obliged to abandon the scheme for widening it.

31-Building Plans—The Borough Surveyor laid before the Committee Notices and Plans which he had received from persons intending to erect new buildings, as follows, viz :

No. of Plan.	Name.	Description.
968	Mr. McVitie	Additions to Shop at No. 2, Portland Street.

989	G. Matthews	Additions to College View, St. Pauls.
990	G. E. Bendall	Two Houses in Langdon Road.
991	C. Huphnill	Two Houses in Ambrose Street
992	F. J. Waite	Studio at rear of Imperial Rooms
993	N. Bloodworth	New Office and Bakehouse in Chester Walk.
994	Rev. A. Armitage	17 Houses at upper end of Rosehill Street.
995	Mr. Bellamy	Three Houses in Naunton Lane.

Resolved, That Nos. 968, 993, 994, and 995 be disapproved, and that the others be approved. –

W. A. BAKER,

Chairman.

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 10th day of January, 1898—Present : Alderman Norman; Councillors Bence, M. Davis, Lenthall, Margrett, and Waghorne (Councillor Bence in the chair). –

1-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, 1 of Enteric Fever, and 4 of Diphtheria ; that 12 cases of Scarlet Fever had been sent into the Delancey Hospital, and 3 of Diphtheria into the General Hospital, and that the number of cases then in the Delancey Hospital sent in by the Corporation was 22.

2 -Wells at 8 to 13, 16, and 19 to 22, Corpus Street and Oxford Villa—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.

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3—Dairies, Cowsheds, and Milkshops Order The Medical Officer of Health reported the result of his inspection of the cowshed at Harthurstfield Farm, with reference to the application of Mr. Stephens to be registered as a Cowkeeper. Resolved, That the applicant be registered.

4-Overcrowding at 62, Duke Street, 8, Gunnell's Court, and 1, Angel Court The Medical Officer of Health reported that the above premises were so overcrowded as to be dangerous or injurious to the health of the inmates. Resolved, That the Committee being satisfied of the existence of a nuisance on the said premises Notices under Sec. 94 of the Public Health Act be served on the owners and occupiers thereof, requiring them to abate the same.

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 fixed ashpit may be constructed that form may be permitted.

7-Heyden Knoll Sewage Farm—A letter was read from Mr. John Lea, the Clerk to the Staverton Parish Council, asking that pipes may be laid in the open drains running through the pathway in the field known as the Breaches leading from the Valley Lane to Hayden. Resolved, To inform the writer that the Borough Surveyor will comply with his request.

8-Cleansing and Limewashing at Nos. 3 & 4, Gothic Cottages, Francis Street, No. 18, Corpus Street, and No. 1, Angel Court The Medical Officer of Health having certified under Sec. 46 of the Public Health Act, that the above-named dwelling houses were in such a filthy and unwholesome condition that the health of the inmates was affected or endangered thereby. Resolved, That Notice be given to the owners under the said Section requiring the houses to be cleansed and limewashed.

9— Nuisance from Drains, &c. at No. 29, Lansdown Place, No. 4, Lansdown Terrace, Nos. 11, 12 & 13, Corpus Street, Nos. 6, 7 & 8, Gunnell's Court, Oxford Villa, 373 & 411, High Street, and 3, Lansdown Terrace Mews 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.

10 - Insanitary Property at Nos. 1, 3 & 4, Gothic Cottages, Nos. 5 & 6, Gunnell's Court, Nos. 18, 19 & 20, Corpus Street, and 397 & 413, High 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 roofs, ceilings, walls, 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.

11-Destruction of Diseased Meat—The Medical Officer of Health reported that the carcass of a sheep badly affected by tuberculosis, found in a certain private slaughter-house had been seized, and with the consent of the owner it had been cremated at the Ash Destructor.

12-- Defective Sewer behind Nos. 11, 12, & 13, Corpus Street The Medical Officer of Health reported that complaints had been made of offensive smells from a Sewer behind Nos. 11, 12 & 13, Corpus Street, and that rats found a free entrance and exit to and from the sewer. On examination the sewer was found to be very defective, and it required to be at once replaced by a stoneware pipe sewer. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to do this.

13-- Insufficient W.C. Accommodation at Gunnell's Court, House in Mountpleasant, and Timber Yard, &c., Albion Street—The Inspector of Nuisances reported that the above-mentioned premises were without sufficient w.c. accommodation. Resolved, That Notices under Sec. 36 of the Public Health Act, 1875, be served upon the Owners requiring them to provide such accommodation.

14 Slaughter House Licenses-Letters were read from Messrs. Storr & Co., John Hastings, and E. C. Davis, for the renewal of their Slaughter-house Licenses. Resolved, That the same be granted for one year.

15-Supply of Sewage -A letter from Mr. F. W. Brown, of Arle Court Farm, asking to be supplied with Sewage to a meadow in his occupation, and the Borough Surveyor's report thereon, were read. Resolved, That the Committee regret they cannot comply with Mr. Brown's request.

16-Slaughter Houses, Closing of—A letter from Mr. Yarnold, the Lessee of the registered Slaughter-house, at No. 296, High Street, was read, stating that he would accept the sum of £75 as compensation for the closing of the Slaughter-house mentioned. Resolved, That the further consideration of the letter be adjourned until the owner's claim has been received.

17-Byelaws as to Houses let in Lodgings—Resolved, That the further consideration of these Byelaws be adjourned, the Medical Officer of Health in the meantime to obtain certain information from other Towns desired by the Committee.

18-Pollution of Stream below Pittville Park--With reference to the Resolution to Minute No. 25 of the proceedings of this Committee of date the 25th August last, the Town Clerk read a letter, dated the 10th ultimo, he had written to the Clerk to the Rural District Council again calling his attention to the question of the pollution of the stream below Pittville Park by the over-flow of sewage from a pond. A letter from Mr. Ticehurst in reply was also read, stating that the matter had been under investigation, and that no such pollution as alleged arising in the District of the Rural District Council could be traced to the brook, and that if the Medical Officer of Health for the Borough still thought that there was cause for complaint, they

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would be glad if he would place himself in communication with their Medical Officer of Health on the matter. The Medical Officer of Health having reported that he had already done this, Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to reply that the Council regret that no action has been taken by the Rural District Council in the matter to abate the nuisance complained of, which indirectly affects the health of the Borough, and that if steps are not shortly taken by the Rural District Council in the matter, the Town Council will feel it their duty to call the attention of the Local Government Board to the matter.

19-Sewer in Market Street—The Borough Surveyor reported that he had found it absolutely necessary in order to take the drainage of the houses now being built in Market Street to commence the relaying of the sewer there, Resolved, That the action of the Borough Surveyor be approved, and that the resolution to Minute No. 23 of this Committee's proceedings at their last meeting be rescinded accordingly.

20—Barn Farm With reference to the Resolution to Minute No. 30 of this Committee's proceedings of date the 22nd ultimo, the Town Clerk reported that he had forwarded the draft submission to arbitration to Mr. Corbett for his approval, but that Mr. Corbett had called upon him and objected to having to pay any expenses whatever in connection with the arbitration, and that the Corporation should pay the whole. Mr. Corbett attended before the Committee and eventually he agreed to accept the sum of £75 in full discharge of any claim for compensation or damages he might have against the Corporation. He complained that the tree lopping's on the Barn Farm had been hitherto taken by the Corporation, whereas he considered he was entitled to them. Resolved, That the above-mentioned sum be accordingly paid to Mr. Corbett in full settlement as aforesaid, and that in future he be permitted to have the tree lopping's of the pollard withies.

GEORGE BENCE,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, the 24th day of January, 1898—Present : Alderman Norman ; Councillors Bence, M. Davis, Gurney, Lenthall, Margrett, Moles, and Waghorne (Councillor Bence in the chair)

21-Zymotic Disease The Medical Officer of Health reported that there had been notified since the last meeting of the Committee, 16 cases of Scarlet Fever, 1 of Enteric Fever, and 3 of Diphtheria ; that 14 cases of Scarlet Fever had been sent into the Delancey Hospital, and that the number of cases then in the Delancey Hospital sent in by the Corporation was 28.

22-Wells at Nos. 13, 14, 15, 16, 17 and 23, Hanover Street, Hanover Cottage, and Whaddon Cottage—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-Nuisance from Drains, &c., at No. 14, Worcester Street, No. 404, High Street, No. 1, Belle Vue Lawn, No. 20, St. Paul's Street North, No. 197, High Street, and Cottages at Ark occupied by Messrs. Peart, Cox and others—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.

24---Overcrowding at a house in Arle occupied by G. Pearl and family--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.

25-House unfit for Human Habitation, viz., a Cottage in Cousen's Yard, Waterloo 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 under Sec. 32 of the Housing of the Working Classes Act, 1890, be taken to obtain Orders for them to be closed.

26-- Insanitary Property, viz. — Nos. 76,78, 401, 424, 429 and 430, High Street, Two Cottages at Ark occupied respectively by Messrs. Peart and Cox, Nos. 1 and 2, Wakefield Court, Bath Street, South Cambay Lodge, No. 95, Tewkesbury Road, Bricknells, Gloucester Place, and Elm Cottage, Pilley—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, 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, 1875, 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.

27-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.

28-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 fixed ashpit may be constructed that form may be permitted.

29-Cleansing and limewashing at No. Greville Terrace and two Cottages at Ark occupied respectively by Messrs. H. Peart and G. Cox—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.

30---Inspection of Bakehouses--The Medical Officer of Health reported that he had personally inspected all the Bakehouses in the Borough quite recently and had taken notes as to Notices required for limewashing and other amendments.

31-Workshops-The Medical Officer of Health reported that the list of workshops in the Borough furnished by the Factory Inspector had been largely amended and added to, and an amended list sent back to the Factory Inspector.

32-Byelaws as to Offensive Trades--A Letter from the Local Government Board was read with which they forwarded a copy of a letter they had received from Mr. G. M. Davis, Secretary to the Cheltenham and District Butchers' Association, criticising the Byelaws made by the Council for the regulation of certain offensive trades and asking for their modification in several respects, and requesting that the Board might be furnished with any observations which the Council might wish to make on the subject of that letter. The Medical Officer of Health read observations which he suggested should be forwarded to the Local Government Board. Resolved, That the observations of the Medical Officer of Health be adopted and that his suggestions be approved, but that the Local Government Board be informed that the Council will leave the matter in their hands to make such modifications as they may deem reasonable.

33-Smoke Nuisance at Mrs. Weaver's Laundry---The Medical Officer of Health reported that the residents in the neighbourhood of this Laundry had complained of blacks from its chimney soiling the clothes hung out to dry, but no black smoke had been observed. Resolved, That the Medical Officer of Health be instructed to recommend Mrs. Weaver to make use of coke or anthracite coal to obviate the cause of complaint, as if the nuisance continues the Council will be under the necessity of taking proceedings to abate the same.

34-Water Supply to No. 37, Hungerford Street-A Letter was read from Mr. R. Baglin, the owner of this house, asking to be allowed an extension of time to carry out the notice requiring him to lay on a supply of water to it from the Corporation main as he was not then prepared to meet the expense. Resolved. That Mr. Baglin be informed that the notice must be complied with.

35-Cottages at Hayden Knoll-Resolved, To instruct the Borough Surveyor to report as to the condition of the cottages at Heyden Knoll belonging to the Corporation, and to bring up a specification of the work required to be done.

36-Barnard's Row -.-A Letter was read from Mr. R. E. Steel, Solicitor for Mr. Edward Steel, enquiring what the Council required should be done to this property to make it fit for human habitation, and stating that it

the Council would purchase it his client would be willing to entertain such a proposal. A Letter from the Town Clerk in reply was read informing Mr. Steel to the effect that he must do whatever is necessary to make the houses fit for human habitation, but it is not for the Council to prepare a specification of the works necessary. Resolved, That the reply of the Town Clerk be approved ; that Mr. Steel be informed that the Borough Surveyor is of opinion that nothing short of rebuilding will make the property fit for human habitation ; and that Mr. Steel be asked to inform the Council what his client would be prepared to sell the property to them for.

37- Sewage Flooding of Meadow at Arts -A Letter was read from the Rev. W. Butt, stating that Mr. Brown, farmer at Arle, was desirous of obtaining the permission of the Council to flood one of his meadows with sewage water and expressing his opinion that no nuisance would be caused at this time of year. The Committee having paid a visit of inspection, Resolved, That permission be granted to flood the meadow with sewage water up to the 31st of March, and that the Resolution to Minute No. 15 of this Committee's proceedings at their last meeting be varied accordingly.

38-Slaughter House at back of No. 296 High Street-A Letter from Mr. G. W. Sadler, agent for Corpus Christi College, Oxford, the owners in fee of this property subject to a lease to Mr. H. T. "Yarnold for 10 years from October, 1892, at £35 a year, was read, claiming on their behalf the sum of £100 as compensation for the loss of the Registered Slaughter House.

39-Building Plans-The plans of such new buildings necessitating drainage as had been or were intended to be placed before the Street and Ilia by ay Committee for consideration, were laid before this Committee. Resolved, That so far as drainage the same be approved.

GEORGE BENCE,

Chairman.

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TOWN IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, the 26th day of January, 1898—Present : Aldermen Drew and Winterbotham ; Councillors Bence, Cooper, Dix, Lenthall and Macdonald (Alderman Winterbotham in the chair) –

1 —Kursaal—Architect's Charges—A letter was read from Mr. Robson, with which he forwarded Accounts of his charges for pre-paring plans, &c. of schemes for converting the Winter Garden into a Kursaal, and for erection of Municipal Offices and New Buildings for Kursaal, which were as follows :

First Scheme :—

To studying the building, measuring, and preparing plans, elevations, sections and perspective view for the utilization and ornamentation of the existing Winter Garden

£1,151 5 0

Second Scheme:

To preparing plans, elevations, sections, detailed drawings, perspective view, and specification for an entirely new building, and obtaining tenders

£1,506 7 0

£2,657 12 0

Received on Account

£ 500 0 0

£2,157 12 0

The following Account was also forwarded by Mr. Robson from Messrs. W. H. Barber & Son, Surveyors, 22, Buckingham Street, Adelphi, viz.:

Preparing Bills of Quantities	£699 0 0
Paid for Lithography	£ <u>58 5 0</u>
	£757 5

Resolved, That Mr. Robson be asked for further information as to his Account, and that the Town Clerk, in conjunction with the Chairman, be asked to report thereon.

2-Screening of North aspect of Wall of Queen's Hotel Stabling —A letter from Mr. T. Whittard, was read, suggesting the screening of this wall with some creepers, and that a flower bed be made to extend 3 or 4 feet from the base of the wall. Resolved, To inform Mr. Whittard that it has already been decided to screen the wall in manner suggested by him, and that the Borough Surveyor be instructed to bring up a sketch of rockwork to be placed at the base of the wall and planted with ferns, and estimate of the cost.

3—Repairing and Renovating Roof of Winter Garden Tenders for this work, according to the specification of the Borough Surveyor, were received, as follows :—

Horace Winning, 1, Northfield Terrace	£100 0 0
John Parslow, Victoria Place ..	£123 0 0
A. H. Stone, Cobden House, Regent Street	£148 10 0

Resolved, That the tender of Mr Winning be accepted, and that the Town Clerk be instructed to prepare the contract.

4--Home for Little Girls—A letter from Miss Sawyer from this Institution, was read, thanking the Council for the present of ducks at Christmas time.

5-Town Band Sunday Concert —A letter from Mr. J. Hall, Secretary of the Town Band, was read, thanking the Council for allowing the Band to make a collection on Sunday afternoon, the 9th instant, towards the cost of their uniform top coats, which amounted to £5 14s. 3d., which would pay of the debt and leave a balance for some new music.

6 -Sunshine Recorder— A letter from Councillor Ward-Humphreys, was read, with which he forwarded a copy of a quarterly weather report of the Southport Borough Meteorologist, at the foot of which was the following note ;—"As no Sunshine 46 Recorder has yet been acquired by Cheltenham, that Station will most probably be replaced in future Returns by " another Health Resort." Resolved, That the attention of the Borough Meteorologist be called to this, and to the fact that the purchase of a Sunshine Recorder has already been sanctioned by the Council.

7-Herbarium at Pittville—A letter from Mr. W. L. Mellersh, was read, making the following requests, viz. : that one gardener at Pittville be definitely told off to be taught to weed the Herbarium, and to work at the

beds on an average five hours a week March to August, and about two hours a week the remainder of the year. That a small sum be granted by the Council to be set aside to purchase anything necessary, such as tools, labels, border tiles, &c., and to empower two or three members of the Committee together to grant any small requests that may be necessitated later on between meetings of the committee Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be authorised to instruct one of the men employed at Pittville weed and keep the beds in order.

8.-Clarence and Wellington Square and Pittville Crescent Gardens Byelaws--The Town Clerk laid before the Committee prints of the proposed Byelaws for these Gardens. Resolved, That consideration of them be adjourned.

9-Manufacture of Salts. Resolved, That consideration of this matter be adjourned.

10-Dog Show at Winter Garden- -A letter from the Hon Secs. of the Cheltenham Dog Show Committee, was read, asking per-mission to place boards with notices of the Show, on the railings round the building. Resolved, That the application cannot be granted, but that permission be given to place two notice boards at the entrance not exceeding 8ft. by 4ft.

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11--Health Resorts of Europe—A letter was read from Mr. H. C. Grylls, editor of a publication with this title, offering to insert in it an advertisement of the Town, at the rate of £5 per page. Resolved, That the Council cannot incur the expenditure at present.

12—Winter Garden—Resolved, That a tender of Cavendish House to supply a felt curtain for 3s. 6d., to form a background for the orchestra be accepted, and that a collecting box or boxes or other fixed receptacle for receipt of contributions towards general expenses be fixed near the exits.

Caretaker--A claim was received from Mr. Adams for payment for overtime in attendance at Sunday Concerts. &c., amounting altogether to about 327 hours, and for rental incurred by him for about 12 months, during which the house was uninhabitable. Resolved, That he be paid £10 in discharge of all claims for extras.

Concert Sub-Committee—Resolved, That Councillor Dix be added to the Concert Sub-Committee.

JAS. B. WINTERBOTHAM,

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, the 31st day of January, 1898 Present : Alderman Drew ; Councillors Bence, Dix, Cooper, Mills and Lenthall (Councillor Bence in the chair).

13—Chairman—In the absence of the Chairman, Councillor Bence was appointed Chairman at this Meeting.

14-Winter Garden—An application was received from Mr. Norton, of No. 416, High Street, Ironmonger, to rent the Winter Garden for the purpose of a Cycle Show, for one week from the 21st to 28th proximo, with option to take it on for another week. Resolved, That as the Show would be incompatible with present arrangements, and it does not appear to be a general one, the Council must decline to entertain the application.

GEO. BENCE,

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Wednesday, the 2nd day of February, 1898 —Present : Aldermen Drew and Winterbotham ; Councillors Bence, Cooper, Dix, Macdonald, and Mills (Alderman Winterbotham in the chair)—

15—Imperial Square Road—Letters from Mr. C. A. Hacker, owner of No. 24, and Mr. C. M. Haward, owner of No. 28, Imperial Square, objecting to the proposed stopping up of the parts of the Eastern carriage drive and footpath proposed to be stopped up were read. Resolved, That the application to Quarter Sessions be proceeded with.

16— Montpellier Gardens--A Letter from Miss Carnegie was read, asking for the use of the Gardens for the Archery Club and the services of a man to set up and take down the targets for £11 as heretofore, and for the use of the room at the Lodge for 2s 6d for each meeting. Resolved, That the use of the Gardens from April to the end of October, except on occasions when the whole of the Gardens is required for public amusements, and subject to the arrangement with the Football Club as expressed in the Resolution of this Committee of the 23rd August last, be granted on the terms above-mentioned.

17- Winter Garden—The Borough Surveyor reported the receipt of an application from Messrs. Moon & Co., of Plymouth, for the use of the Winter Garden for one day for a high-class Concert. Resolved, That the Winter Garden be let for this purpose at a charge of £15 15s. for afternoon and evening to include lighting and heating.

Temporary Lettings—Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor in conjunction with the Concert Sub-Committee be authorised to arrange the terms for letting the Winter Garden.

18-Pittville Garden—An application from Mr. C. James, Leader of the Cheltenham Volunteer Band, for permission to was read. two concerts on the afternoon of Good Friday and Easter Sunday, and to be allowed to hold boxes at the gates, Resolved, That the permission asked for be granted.

JAS. B. WINTERBOTHAM,

Chairman.

WATER COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Wednesday, the 26th day of January, 1898 Present: Councillors Baker, Bence, Dix, Lenthall, and Margrett (Councillor Margrett in the chair)

1—Water Engineer's Report—The Water Engineer reported that the supply from the Hewletts and Northfield Springs was 212 gallons, the average for the last four years being 2645 gallons per minute; and the quantity of water in store at Hewletts and Leckhampton was 22,236,184 gallons.

On the 25th inst., the depth of water in Dowdeswell Reservoir was 29 feet 5 inches and the contents 86,681,246 gallons, which gave a total of 108,917,430 gallons, or about 134 days' supply, exclusive of the daily yield of the springs, which was then about 2,097,216 gallons.

That an application had been received for an extension to near the Oaklands, Prestbury Road, for a supply to six houses. The cost would be about £13 and the return would be ample.

With regard to the report on meters, he found that there was a new maker commencing who would supply meters practically identical with the one the Council had used for some years, and he suggested deferring consideration of this question for a month, and in the meanwhile he hoped to obtain a definite quotation, which would probably be lower than that in the past, the Patent rights having expired, and that the connection between the gin. and thin. mains in High Street, to enable increased pressure to be put upon the whole of the town mains, in case of fire, would be finished the next day. Resolved, That the report be approved and the suggestions and recommendations contained therein adopted, and that the main be extended along the Prestbury Road so as to supply the houses near the Oaklands.

2- Water Supply to Ashchurch Board School—A letter from Mr Badham, Clerk to the Ashchurch School Board, was read, stating that his Board must decline to take the water upon the conditions insisted upon by the Town Council, viz : That the agreement contain a clause restricting the use of the supply to the purposes of the Schools, and that the Board pay the usual meter rent in addition to the amount charged for the water.

3— Field at Sandford Pumping Station—A letter was read from Mr. J. Ferguson, of Belmore House School, enquiring whether the Corporation would let this Field as a playground for the pupils attending his School, and if so, upon what terms and conditions. Resolved, To refer Mr. Ferguson to Mr. Pates the tenant.

4-Trench for Water Main—London Road—A letter from the Clerk to the Charlton Kings Urban District Council was read, calling attention on behalf of his Council to the untidy state of the filling in of the trench in the London Road, made for re-laying the water main, and requesting that it should be properly levelled and rolled. Resolved, To inform the writer that the Borough Surveyor states that the filling in has been recently rolled by the steam roller ; further that the Borough Surveyor be instructed in future to have the filling in of all trenches made by the Corporation workmen properly rammed, levelled and rolled.

5—Re-stocking of Dowdeswell Reservoir with Trout With reference to a letter from the Town Clerk to Mr. Unwin, the lessee of Dowdeswell Court, enquiring whether he would be willing to share in the expense of re-stocking the reservoir with trout, and calling his attention to the desirability of cleaning out the ponds at the Court, a letter from Mr. Unwin was read, stating that he did not enter into possession until the 1st of March, and consequently if the Council wish for their own benefit to clean out the ponds referred to, they should obtain consent from Col. Beak Brown, and with regard to re-stocking that he would always be glad to do his share in keeping up the stock of trout, but thought the Council would not have asked him to contribute now had they known he did not enter into possession until the spring. Resolved, To allow the matter to remain in abeyance until Mr. Unwin shall have entered into possession.

6 -Damage to Dowdeswell Pike—A letter from Mr. E. H. Lloyd, from the Imperial Institute, was read, admitting liability for the cost of repairing the damage done to the Pike in transit from the Exhibition recently held at the Institute, but that it was impossible to forward a cheque until they should receive the amount from the Insurance Company. Resolved, To instruct the Town Clerk to apply for immediate payment.

7- Water Supply to the Electric Works—With reference to the resolution to Minute No 5 of the proceedings of this Committee at their last meeting, referred back for further consideration by the Council, Resolved, That in the opinion of the Committee each department should be credited with what it supplies and be

debited with what it is supplied, at the rate fixed by the Council, and that accordingly no alteration be at present made in the terms on which water is supplied to the Electric Lighting 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 Monday, the 31st day of January, 1898—Present : Alderman Norman ; Councillors Baker, Bence, Cooper, Steel and Waghorne (Alderman Norman in the chair)—

1— Electrical 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.
1898		
Jan. 8th	100 Volts	102.6 Volts
" 10th	"	101.5 "
" 20th	"	100.6 "
" 22nd	"	102.8 "
" 28th	"	<u>101.5 "</u>
Average		101.8 "

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

ILLUMINATING POWER.		PURITY—SULPHUR.	
1898		1898.	
Jan. 8th ..	15.98 candles	Jan.	Grains per 100 cubic ft.
" 10 th	17.43 "	8-9	11.65
" 20th	16.48 "		
" 22nd..	16.18 "	20-21	<u>13.42</u>
" 28th ..	<u>17.29</u> "		
Average..	16.67 "	Average..	12.53

3—Gas Inspector's Report—The Gas Inspector reported that the hourly average consumption of Gas per lamp during the previous month had been 4,953 cubic feet. —

4-Lamp, Book—This Book was produced and examined Lamps extinguished, 5 metered, 25 unmetered ; and 1 burning dimly.

5— Lighting of Gloucester Road, Streets in North Ward, Swindon Road, Langdon Road, near Ravenhurst, and Minnow Ditch—The following letters were read, viz : from R. Birt, of Lansdown, St. Marks, requesting that the better lighting of Gloucester Road should be again considered ; from Councillor Lenthall giving a list of localities in the North Ward where improvement in the lighting was required ; from E. Jordan and 13 other residents in Swindon Road, calling attention to the inadequate and unsatisfactory condition of the lighting of that road ; from J. E. Bendall applying for a lamp in Langdon Road, off Leckhampton Road ; from C. W. Smith applying for two gas lamps to be erected in the neighbourhood of Ravenhurst, Pittville, one in the lane at the bottom of it, and the other in Clarence Road by the front gate of his house ; and from Councillor Dix applying for two lamps to be placed on the footpath known as Minnow Ditch. Resolved, To adjourn consideration of these applications pending inspection by the Committee.

6-- Lighting of Pittville Circus Road--A letter from Mrs. Harrison, of Holmdale, Pittville Circus Road, was read, complaining of the removal of the lamp from opposite her front gate, and requesting that it should be restored. Resolved, To inform Mrs. Harrison that the positions of the lamps in the road were re-adjusted for the benefit of the general public, and that the Council is unable to comply with her request without further experience as to how far this object has been attained by the change.

7-Highbury Lane— With reference to the Resolution to Minute No. 4 of the proceedings of this Committee at their last Meeting, so far as related to this matter referred back by the Council to the Committee for further consideration, Resolved, That two lamps be erected in this lane.

8-Lighting of Hatherley Road-- Resolved, That a lamp be placed in this road opposite the footpath to Cloddimore.

9- Increase of Consumption of Street Can Lamps—With reference to Minute No. 7 of the proceedings of this Committee at their last Meeting, a letter from the Clerks to the Gas Company, was read, with which they forwarded a copy of a resolution of their Directors consenting to supply the Council with a new Guildhall Lamp at cost price. Resolved, To thank the Directors for their offer and to accept same, and that they be asked upon what terms they will supply and maintain incandescent burners to, say 20, of the ordinary gas lamps.

10-critical Engineer's Report - The Electrical Engineer reported that the two new boilers had been erected and subjected to a hydraulic test with satisfactory results ; that the first 220 kilowatt steam alternator had been practically completed, and that it would be ready for the steam trials on the 9th proximo. That good progress had been made with the building extensions during the past month, and with a continuance of the present mild weather, the Stores, Battery Room, &c., should be finished in about another month's time. That an application had been received from Miss C. H. James, of 12, Park Place, in which the wiring had been finished and she was anxious for electric supply at the earliest possible date. The best way of giving supply to residents in Park Place would be by means of a 200 volt main laid along it from Grafton Road to Suffolk Road, and not, at present, by means of a high-pressure cable from Montpellier as formerly contemplated. The sanction of the

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Local Government Board had been already received for the raising of a loan to cover the necessary works for giving electric supply in Park Place, and the above-mentioned extension—though a variant in detail from the plan submitted to the Local Government Board—would be properly regarded as a part of the larger scheme already approved. The cost of the above-mentioned low pressure cable would be £170. He anticipated receipt of applications from some residents in the Lansdown Road for electric supply to their premises, and in view of this and the known impetus given to private supply in any road by provision of good street arc lighting, he proposed at the next meeting to lay before the Committee an estimate of the cost of the works necessary for giving supply to private residents, and for lighting by arcs the Lansdown Road from Westal Green to the Castle. He anticipated that provision of a main along the Lansdown Road would prove very remunerative, as there were a number of very good houses in this road.

Resolved, That the extension to No. 121 Park Place be proceeded with in the manner suggested and that the report be approved and adopted.

11-Rating of Electric Undertaking —A letter from Mr. M. B. Ricketts, Assistant Overseer, was read, stating that the Overseers were of opinion that an increase in the assessment of the Electric Light Works was necessary, and that they proposed to make it £600 gross and £450 rateable. The Chairman reported that he had replied that he considered the assessment should not be increased until, at all events, the undertaking was being carried on at a profit, but that if the Overseers would agree to allow the assessment proposed above to stand for not less than two years, he would advise the Committee to agree to it. A further letter from Mr. Ricketts, was read, stating that the Overseers would agree to this. Resolved, That the terms proposed by the Chairman be agreed to.

12—No. 16, Ambrose Street—Resolved, That the rent of this house be paid by this Committee.

Chairman.

GENERAL PURPOSES AND WATCH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, the 25th day of January, 1898--Present : The Mayor ; Aldermen Norman and Winterbotham ; Councillors Baker, Bence, M. Davis, Hayward, Margrett, Mills, Moles and Steel (The Mayor in the chair)—

1-Muzzling Order—Superintendent McRae reported that since his last report 22 unmuzzled dogs had been seized, 8 were claimed, 13 destroyed, and 1 still remained in the Kennels ; 16 persons had been proceeded

against for offences under the Muzzling Order, and 3s had been paid by the owners of dogs claimed for their keep. He submitted for payment bills for expenses incurred in the detention of dogs up to the end of last year, viz.:-

Phillips, for poisoning dogs	£2 7 0
Ride & Co., Biscuits, &c.	£0 18 6 ½
W. dryer, examining Dogs for Rabies	£0 11 0

He further reported that during the same period £2 11s. 6d. had been received from persons whose dogs had been detained, which had been paid over to the Borough Accountant. Resolved, That the accounts above-mentioned be paid.

2-Diseases of Animals Acts- Superintendent McRae reported that since his last report there had been no outbreak of Swine Fever within the Borough, but there had been an outbreak of Sheep Scab amongst sixteen sheep, in a field at Naunton Lane, belonging to Mr. Cornelius Smith, all of them being diseased and still alive, but were being properly dressed and attended to be submitted for payment the following accounts :—

Donald McRae for eleven visits during the quarter ended 30th September, 1897, and for fourteen visits during October, November, and December, 1897, to premises of owners of diseased animals £1 17 6

W. Dryer. examining Horse for supposed Anthrax £0 10 6

Resolved, That the above-mentioned accounts be paid.

3- Retirement of Superintendent McRae— Resolved, That the Council desire to express their entire satisfaction with the manner in which Superintendent McRae has carried out his duties as Inspector under the Diseases of Animals Acts within the Borough, and to thank him for the same.

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4--Fire Brigade The Superintendent of the Fire Brigade reported that on the 6th inst., to test details, &c., at the Station, he called out the Brigade with the Bell, the result being very satisfactory. He submitted a list of appliances, &c., wanted, and prices and patterns of materials for Trousers for the men. Resolved, To refer these matters to the Sub-Committee.

5—Hackney Carriages—The Street Inspector reported that ten Hackney Carriages had been placed under repair during the month, and a new vehicle had been substituted in place of carriage No. 21, which was old and worn out. Mr. Cooke, the President of the Cabmen's Union, with Messrs. H. Sumner and Join Jones, Members, accompanied by Mr. Pattinson, of the firm of Messrs. Pattinson & Brewer, Solicitors for the Union, were received, and Mr. Pattinson was heard with reference to a contention that the drivers of carriages plying for hire at the Stations of the Railway Companies without being licensed were guilty of an offence directly the vehicles left the Station Yard and entered into the streets of the Borough with passengers, Resolved, That the further consideration of the matter be adjourned for the report and advice of the Town Clerk thereon.

Applications were received from Joseph Stroud and J. Phelps for permission to transfer respectively licenses for carriages Nos. 21 and 115, to other ones, and from W. Jones for permission to use a Brougham in place of

Landau No. 1, for a period of six weeks, for repairs to be done to the former. Resolved, That the applications be granted subject to the substituted vehicles being approved by the Chairman.

6—Drivers' Licenses—Applications for Drivers' Licenses were received from Walter Watts, of St. Edward's Cottage, Princes Street, James Preece, 4, Glendale Cottages, Leckhampton, William Organ, to, Chapel Street, and Ernest Edward Sims, of No. 17, Hanover Street, St. Paul's. Resolved, That the applications of Watts, Preece, and Organ be granted.

7-Bath Chair License—An application was received from Thomas Mantell for permission to change his Bath Chair. Resolved, That the application be granted subject to approval of the substituted one by the Chairman.

8--Crystal Palace—A letter from the Clerk to the Camberwell Vestry was read, inviting the Council to join in a movement to prevail upon the Government to acquire and maintain the Crystal Palace for the enjoyment of the people, and to appoint two representatives to attend a Conference to be held early in the year at the Mansion House, to consider the best method of promoting its acquisition.

9—Renovation and Alteration of Lavatory at the Municipal Offices—The Borough Surveyor laid before the Committee a plan and specification for the above-mentioned work. Resolved, That tenders be advertised for once in the Examiner and Echo for carrying out the work.

10- Advertising for Tenders—Resolved, That in future tenders be advertised for all work or materials estimated to cost more than £20, and that the Resolution to Minute No. 7, of this Committee's proceedings of the 29th April, 1889, approved by the Council, be varied accordingly.

11-Allotments—The Town Clerk reported that he had received an application from Mr. John Wixey of No. 34, Fairview Street, to rent two chains of the Allotment Ground for the East Ward at 17s per chain from the 25th of March next, subject to his being permitted to enter into immediate occupation. Resolved, That the application be acceded to upon the terms mentioned, and that the Resolution to Minute No. 7 of the proceedings of this Committee of the 21st September last be varied, so as to place Messrs. Pates & Sharpe upon the same footing as to rent and otherwise.

12- Official Hats for Councillors—A letter from Messrs. T. Plant & Co., Ltd., was read, suggesting that an official form of hat should be adopted for Members of the Council to wear upon ceremonial occasions with their robes, and with which they submitted for inspection a pattern of such a hat as they proposed, which they would be prepared to supply at 15s each.

RICHARD ROGERS,

Chairman.

BATHS AND RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 24th day of January, 1898 Present : Alderman Norman ; Councillors Baker, Ll. Davies, Hayward, and Lenthall (Councillor Lenthall in the chair)

1-Chairman -In the absence of the Chairman, Councillor Lenthall was appointed Chairman at this Meeting.

2-Montpellier Baths- A letter from Mr. G. H. Williams, Secretary of the Montpellier Baths Company, was read, offering on behalf of his Directors to sell the Montpellier Baths to the Council for £2,500 free of all expenses to the Company, and to hold the

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offer open for two months from the 21st inst, in the event of their not receiving a higher offer in the meantime from anyone else. A letter from Alderman Norman was read, expressing a hope that the Committee would not allow this opportunity to pass without giving the matter serious consideration. Resolved, To adjourn consideration of the matter pending a visit of inspection by the Committee.

J. S. LENTHALL,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Friday, the 28th day of January, 1898, Present—Councillors Baker, Ll. Davies, Hayward, Mills, Moles, and Lenthall ; with Councillor Bence present by invitation of the Chairman. (Councillor Mills in the chair).

3—Cricket Pitch at Naunton Park—A letter from the Rev. J. Mugliston, was read, repeating the application he made last year to allow a special pitch on the Naunton Park Ground to be reserved during the cricket season for the Naunton Park Club. Resolved, That the Committee regret they are unable to depart from their previous resolutions to Minutes No. 3 and 2 of the proceedings of this Committee of the 21st of June, and 19th of July last respectively, and that they are therefore unable to accede to the application, as they cannot, as Mr. Mugliston has been previously informed, reserve any portion of the ground for the exclusive use of any particular section of the Ratepayers.

4--Purchase of Montpellier Baths The letter from Alderman Norman suggesting the acquisition by the Corporation of these Baths was further considered. Resolved, That while favourable to the acquisition of the Montpellier Baths at the price of £2,500, the question be deferred for further consideration until the Borough Surveyor has reported as to the probable cost of converting the Baths into

(a) Ordinary Baths for the South and East Wards such as are now at Alstone.

(b) Superior class Baths.

GEO. H. MILLS, Chairman

BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Friday, the 28th day of January, 1898 Present : Aldermen Haddon and Skillicorne ; Councillors Cypher and Moles (Councillor Moles in the chair)

1-Superintendent's Report— The Superintendent reported that the rain came through the roof of the Lodge and through the - windows facing the South. Resolved, To instruct the Borough Surveyor to have done what is necessary to remedy the defect in the roof and to have the windows frames puttied and painted.

2-Superintendent's Security-With reference to Minute No. 4 of the proceedings of this Committee of the 16th of October, 1896, Mr. Pratley proposed in lieu of having to keep up the Guarantee of the Friendly Societies Guarantee Company that he should deposit the title deeds of Nos. 13 and 14 North Place which

belonged to him, and he estimated were worth about £800. The Town Clerk having reported that he had examined the deeds and found the title in order, Resolved, That the proposed deposit with Mr. Pratley's Bond for £250 be accepted in lieu of the Guarantee of the aforesaid Company.

3-- Designs-- Resolved, That the following designs be approved, viz :—Headstone to Rhoda and Joseph Cooper. First-Class Tomb to John Thomas Smith and Monument to Fanny Sarah Harrison. Account—The following Account for Wages was allowed :—

G. C. Pratley, Wages Account.. £16 1 0

V MOLES,

Chairman.

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FINANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 1st day of February, 1898—Present : The Mayor ; Aldermen Drew and Holliday ; Councillors Cooper, Gurney, Hayward, Macdonald, Margrett and Steel (Councillor Margrett in the chair)

1-Wages of Corporation Workmen—The Resolution of the Council passed at the last Monthly Meeting asking this Committee for its advice and opinion before coming to a decision on the recommendations of the Street and Highway Committee as to the wages of the workmen in the employ of the Corporation was read and considered, Resolved, That, having regard to the fact that any alteration in the rate of wages if fixed by the Council for one Department must necessarily extend to all the other Departments and involve a serious permanent increase in the rating of the town, and that the present rate of wages is, in the opinion of this Committee, a fair one under all the circumstances of the men's employment, the Committee cannot recommend any specific increase of the wages or alteration in the mode of payment, but that any increase or alteration in particular cases be left to the discretion of the Borough Surveyor.

2—Parliamentary Registration—The Town Clerk laid before the Meeting an account of the expenses of carrying into effect the provisions of the Acts for the Registration of Voters for the year 1897-8, amounting to £96 15s. 4d. Resolved, That the said amount be certified to be due to him, and be apportioned between the Parishes of Cheltenham and Charlton Kings as follows, viz. : —Cheltenham, £84 6s. 8d. ; Charlton Kings, £12 8s. 8d.

3—Proposed further issue of Corporation Stock- The Town Clerk reported that as requested by the Local Government Board he had forwarded to them a statement of the loans in respect of which it was proposed to issue Stock but had not as yet received any reply. Resolved, That the Borough Accountant do report to this Committee on the question of the equation of the Loans, and as to the best Loans to convert into Stock.

4- Glenfall Street (East end) Private Improvement Expenses -A Letter was read from Mr. Llewellyn Wakefield, asking to be allowed to pay the sum of £7 2s. 6d. due from him in respect of private improvement works at the East end of Glenfall Street, by two instalments, viz., £3 12s. 6d. in March next, and £3 10s. in June next. Resolved, That the application be acceded to, Mr. Wakefield to pay interest at the rate of 5 per cent.

5— General District Rate —The Report of the Borough Accountant of date the 1st inst., on the collection of the second instalment of this Rate, was read. Amount collected £9,625 14s. 2d., leaving outstanding £5,216 16s. 11d.

6-Water Rate-The Report of the Borough Accountant of date the 1st inst., on the collection of this Rate was read. Amount received £6,737 16s. 8d., leaving outstanding £3,456 7s. 4d.

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 £7,243 19s. 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 :—

In hand on the 28th Dec. last	£ 7,737 11 7
Received since that date	<u>£12,360 0 6</u>
	£20,097 12 1
Paid since that date	<u>£12,230 14 10</u>
In hand	£ 7,866 17 3

H. GEO. MARGRETT, Chairman

PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Friday, the 28th day of January, 1898—Present : Alderman Skillicorne ; Councillors Ll. Davies, Hayward, Moles, and Steel ; Dr. Davis, Messrs. A. Beckingsale, W. Cresswell and J. Whittard (Councillor Hayward in the chair)

1-Librarian's Report—The usual Monthly Report of the Librarian was read. Receipts £9 1s. 6d. He reported that there was an increase in the issues from the Reference Library of 6 per day, but a decrease of 4 per day in the Lending Library as 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:-

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Board of Trade	1 volume
W. J. Bedlam-Edwards	1 “
W. Walker Stephens	1 “
Friends Tract Association	2 “
University of Wales	1 “
Trustees of the British Museum	3 “

Annual Reports from the Libraries at Blackpool, Colchester, and Newcastle-under-Lyme.

2-Sub Committee's Report—The Sub-Committee recommended that the South Wales " Daily News " should be subscribed for. They reported that the fall pipe from the roof over the School of Science was defective owing to which the water leaked out on to the wall of the building. They placed before the Committee a list

of books which they recommended should be purchased out of the Technical Education Grant at an estimated cost of £30. They further reported that tenders for printing a Supplementary Catalogue had been received as follows, viz., from Mr. Poole 7s per page and from Messrs. Norman and Sawyer 8s 6d per page. That the Caretaker of Mrs. Price's sweet shop had made a hole in the fence between the premises of the shop and the surplus land on the East side of the Library buildings to enable poultry belonging to him to run over the land, and that he took no notice of requests made to him to discontinue the trespass ; and they laid before the Committee a letter from the Committee of the Emigrants Information Office, enquiring whether the Managing Committee of the Cheltenham Public Library would be willing to permit the exhibition of a board of the said office at the Library and distribute to applicants copies of their free circulars on Emigration.

Resolved, That, the Council being Landlords of the School of Science, the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have the fall pipe referred to repaired, that the tender of Mr. Poole for printing the Supplementary Catalogue be accepted ; that the Town Clerk be instructed to write to the Caretaker at Mrs. Price's sweet shop, requiring him to properly fill up the hole made by him in the fence and take such other steps as may be necessary to immediately discontinue the trespass complained of ; that the Librarian do write to the Chairman of the Emigration Office, pointing out that it will be necessary to have another Assistant whose business it would be to make himself fully acquainted with the matter if the proposed branch of the Emigrant Information Office is to be established at the Library, and to enquire if they would contribute £10 a year towards the cost ; and that the recommendations above-mentioned be approved and adopted.

Accounts—The following Accounts were examined and allowed :

W. Jones, Wages Account	£15 18 0
C. Westley, Newspapers	£ 1 13 0
“ Newspapers, Periodicals, and Magazines	£16 10 7
“ Books	<u>£ 6 4 1</u>
	£24 7 8
Norman, Sawyer & Co., Binding, Lettering and Stationery	£ 6 16 7
Cheltenham Gas Light and Coke Co., Coke	£10 16 0
Corporation Electric Energy	£12 0 0
J. S. C. Morris, Business Directory	£ 0 16 0
John Warren, Sawdust	£ 0 10 0

C. HAYWARD,

Chairman.

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, the 2nd day of February, 1898--Present : The Mayor; Councillors Cypher, Ll. Davies and Steel (Councillor Steel 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 618 names of absentee children had been extracted, all of whom had been visited. They also reported that the parents of 15 children had been summoned to attend before the Local Committees who had held 4 meetings. That 9 parents had been prosecuted, and 5 fined, but none of the fines had yet been paid.

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., Alice Barrett, No. 2, Moorend Cottages, Leckhampton, and Walter Neale, No. 2, Oxford Villas, High Street, and, under Sec. 11 of the Act of 1876, against the parents of John Sims, of The Fountain Inn.

3 -Meeting of Local Committee at St. John's Coffee Tavern—Resolved, That the Manager of this Tavern be paid 6d. for each occasion upon which firing is required for meetings there of the Local Committee.

4-Irene Davis-A Letter from the Bristol Institution for the Deaf and Dumb was read, stating that the terms for the board, education and clothing of this child would be the same as when the girl, F. F. Pates. was there, viz., 20 guineas per annum, and forwarding a Form of Application which when completed and returned, should be laid before the Committee of the Institution at their next meeting. That if elected the child would be received after the Midsummer Vacation, but the Application might be sent in as soon as completed. Resolved, That this be done as soon as possible.

JOHN D. STEEL, Chairman.

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MINUTES of the Proceedings of the Committees of the Town Council to be submitted for approval at a Monthly Meeting of the Council, to be held on Monday, the 7th day of March, 1898.

STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting vi this Committee, held on Monday, the 14th day of February, 1898 Present: The Mayor ; Councillors Baker, Bence, Cypher, Dix, Margrett and Mills (Councillor Baker in the chair)

1-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.
996	Committee of the Victoria Nurses' Home	Additions to the Home
997	C. H. Channon	Bath Room, &c. at No. 6, Rotunda Terrace
998	Mrs. Slade	Two Villas in College Road
999	Geo. Loveday	Two semi-detached Houses in Gloucester Road
1000	G. Hough	Bay Window at 1, Oxford Place
1001	G. Hough	Cycle Shed at No. 1, Oxford Place
1002	N. Bloodworth	Extension to Bakehouse in Chester Walk
1003	W. P. Mallam	Additions to Mr. Nixon's premises, Promenade Villas
1004	F. Dodwell	Additions to Nos.1 & 2, Oxford Passage
1005	Webb Bros. Limited	Additions to Battledown Brickworks
1006	H. Salisbury	Additions to premises in Birdlip Place, Bath Road

Resolved, That Nos. 1004 and 1006 be not approved, and that the other plans above-mentioned be approved.

W. A. BAKER,

Chairman.

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At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 28th day of February, 1898 Present : Alderman Haddon ; Councillors Bence, Cypher, Dix, Margrett and Mills (Councillor Bence in the chair)—

2—Chairman—In the absence of the Chairman Councillor Bence was appointed Chairman at this Meeting.

3--The View—The following Members attended the View Meeting on Saturday last, viz. :—The Chairman, Councillors Bence, Cypher, Dix, and Margrett.

4—Street Inspector's Report--The Street Inspector reported that the sign board at the Robin Hood Inn had not been removed as required by the Council but that the sign board put up by Mr. Crowther at the premises of Mrs. Hooper, St. James's Street, had been removed. Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to take proceedings to compel compliance with the order to remove the sign at the Robin Hood Inn if the same is not removed forthwith.

5—Report of the Borough Surveyor re Highways—The Borough Surveyor reported that the work done by the Highways Department from the 29th of January to the 25th of February, both inclusive, had been as follows :—

Repaired with Clee Hill Stone—North Place 1,516 super yards ; High Street 6,578 super yards; Warwick Place 378 super yards.

Patching- Market Street, Arle Road, St. George's Road, Henrietta Street, Mountpleasant, St. Luke's Road, Gordon Lamp, Gloucester Road, Bayshill Road.

Repaired with Gore Stone—Portland Street 1,556 super yards.

Footpath on the Gloucester Road from the Midland Station to the Castle, on the East side, had been relaid (2,500 feet.)

Footpaths repaired with Asphalte—Gloucester Road, Bath Road, and Bayshill Road.

Paving, Crossing, Kerbing and Channelling—Sherborne Street, Wellington Passage, High Street, Portland Street, Corpus Street, St. George's Road, . Suffolk Road, New Street, Montpellier Walk, Lypiatt Terrace, Parabola Road, Tewkesbury Road, Lansdown Place, Regent Street, King's Road, Columbia Street, Fairview Road, Bath Road, Mountpleasant, Promenade, Selkirk Street, Naunton Crescent, Hatherley Street.

Private Improvements—Queen's Retreat finished ; Rosehill Street finished 854 super yards.

Trees Pruned—All trees in Clarence Square and by Cambridge Villas in Promenade. Trees Planted—St. George's Road 11 limes, 10 planes, 4 elms, 1 birch—Gloucester Road 11 limes, 1 plane, 19 elms—Queen's Road 3 limes—Bayshill Road 2 limes, 2 planes—Parabola Road 1 lime, 1 plane—Priory Street 3 limes—London Road 1 lime, 1 plane, 1 elm—Clarence Square 3 birches—Promenade 1 oak, 3 planes College Road 3 limes, 1 birch—St. Luke's Road 1 Lime, 1 birch Oriel Road 2 oaks—Grosvenor Place South 1 oak.

Ashes Consumed at Destructor 790 tons 19 cwt. Ashes Collected—Van loads 919 ; Cart loads 196

6--Footpaths West Side of Regent Street, in Ormond Place, East side of Rodney Road, South side of Albion Street, from Promenade to Royal Well Lane, and West side of Royal Well Lane—Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to bring up a Specification of the Works required to be done by the abutting owners to channel and curb the footpath on the west side of Regent Street from Ormond Terrace to the South end of Regent Street on the West side and the footpaths on both sides of Ormond Place, to kerb, pave and channel the tariff part of the footpath on the East side of Rodney Road, the footpath on the South side of Albion Street from Hewlett Street to Berkeley Street, to asphalt, kerb and channel the footpath from the Promenade to Royal Well Lane, and the footpath on the West side of Royal Well Lane.

The Borough Surveyor was directed to give notices for lopping the trees in the Royal Crescent Garden overhanging the foot-path, and to do what is necessary in that direction.

7-Fairfield Road—Letters from Mr. Dix were read formally objecting as owner of this road to its being declared a highway unless an allowance be made to him which he suggested should be £65 of the amount of £79 claimed from him by the Corporation for Private improvement Works in respect of frontages to the road owned by him in consideration of his having had to buy land for widening the road and for the land given up by him for the same purpose opposite Nos. 1 and 16 which had never belonged to him, at the time the road was made. Resolved, To adjourn the matter for further consideration at the next monthly meeting of the Committee.

8-Overton Park Road —Private Improvement works—A Letter was read from Mr. H. J. Sheppard, of No. 23, Montpellier Terrace, was read objecting to pay the amount of £63 10s of the Private Improvement Works in this road apportioned in respect of the frontage of Wyborne on the ground that the chief frontage of the house was to St. George's Road and the repairs to the frontage to Overton Park Road were of no advantage to him. Resolved, To inform Mr. Sheppard that the Council is unable to make any reduction of their claim, as the cost of the works was fairly apportioned between himself and the other abutting owners according to the extent of the frontages of their respective properties.

9-Shelburne Road-A Letter from the Rev. G. P. Griffiths, Local Secretary of Dean Close School, was read stating that this road was in good repair as far as the school property abuts upon it, and that with regard to opening it to the public the School Committee would be glad to know the probable amount of the expenses that would be incurred either at the present time or after if they consented to such opening, and upon whom the expenses would fall. A Letter from the Town Clerk in reply was read. Resolved, That a conference on the subject between a deputation of this Committee, consisting of the Chairman, Councillor Bence and the Town Clerk, and the Committee of the School be proposed.

10-Power of Telephone Co. to carry Wires- A Letter from the General Post Office was read stating that the delegation to the National Telephone Co. of the Postmaster General's Statutory Powers of Wayleave in the Borough was complete so far as he was concerned, but the consent of the Urban Authority was necessary before the Company could exercise any powers under the Telegraph Acts; also a further letter from the Solicitor to the Company, claiming the right of the

Company to stretch wires across the streets, but that no occasion had arisen for him to consider what might be the position of the Company at some future time which was purely a question of construction. Resolved, To further adjourn consideration of the matter.

11-Trees in Wellington Square—A Letter from Alderman Winterbotham was read stating that he had a Letter from Mrs. Webb approving of the removal of the second lime tree from the corner on the pavement side on the south front of Amberley House, and advocating himself its removal and also the overhanging branch of the elm by the stable. Resolved, To draw Alderman Winterbotham's attention to the fact that the Council has passed a Resolution that no more trees shall be cut down this season and that the Committee are consequently unable to accede to his request, but that the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have the branch referred to cut off.

12--Suffolk Road Improvement—A Letter from Mr. Wade was read stating that his client would not entertain the proposal of the Corporation to purchase the corner of the garden of Roderic House required to throw into the road for £50, and that unless an advance be made the negotiation must be at an end. Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to ascertain from Mr. Wade what his client will sell the land in question for.

13—Stable in Rutland Street—Resolved, That notice be given to the owner of the stable at No. 36, Rutland Street, being a wooden building, to remove the same, and that the attention of the Public Health Committee be called to its insanitary condition.

14-Bicycle for Chief Assistant of the Borough Surveyor Resolved, That £3 per annum, commencing from the 1st of April last, be paid to Mr. Anderson towards the cost of hire of the bicycle used by him in connection with the work of the department.

15 -Pathways East side of Hatherley Road from Hatherley Hall to Coulter, and West side of same from Lansdown Road to bridge over Hatherley Brook—Specifications from the Surveyor, of date the 22nd day of February, with plans of the works required to be done to the above street were 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 to be edged, asphalted 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.

16-- Road in Liverpool Place—A Specification from the Surveyor, of date the 12th day of February, with plan, of the Works required to be done to the above street. was read and approved. Resolved, That the necessary estimates be prepared and notices be given under Section 150 of the Public Health Act, 1875, to the owners of the premises fronting, adjoining, or abutting upon the parts of the said street. requiring to be sewered, levelled, paved, metalled, flagged, channelled or made good; requiring them to do the specified works within 28 clays ; 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.

17-Footpaths at South end of Regent Street and in St. Margaret's Road—The Borough Surveyor reported that the costs of carrying out the Private Improvement Works ordered to be done to these footpaths amounted to £76 15s. 10d. and £279 5s. respectively which sums he had apportioned in each case between the abutting owners according to the frontages of their respective premises. Resolved, That the apportionments be approved and that notices thereof and of demand be served upon the owners.

18 - Urinal Guides—Resolved, To instruct the Borough Surveyor to have affixed in prominent positions guide plates to the urinals.

19—Church Road from Eight Bells to Clarence Street, and at backs of Nos. 11 to 20, Clarence Street—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 this road into proper repair.

20--Open Space at Junction of Ambrose Street, New Street and High Street—Resolved, To instruct the Borough Surveyor to bring up a plan and estimate for construction at this position of an underground urinal.

21- Building Plans—The Borough Surveyor laid before the Committee Notices and Plans which he had received from persons intending to erect new buildings, as follows, viz :-

No. of Plan.	Name	Description.
1007	John Warren	House and workshop in Market Street
1008	Mrs. Creek	Stables, Coach-houses, &c., at Cotswold, Thirlestaine Road.
1009	C. Winstone	4 Cottages in Winstonian Terrace, All Saints.
1010	J. Morris	House in Old Bath Road, Pilley.
1011	Stone and Selley	House in Leckhampton Road.
1012	Rev. A. Armitage	17 new houses at top of Rosehill Street.
1013	Mr. Bellamy	3 houses in Naunton Road.
1014	Mr. Yateman	Cottage in Charlton Lane.
1015	G. Bence	Additions to No. 30, Cambray.
1016	S. B. Dix	44 houses at Leckhampton.
1017	S. B. Dix	13 houses North side of Langdon Road.
1018	Barnby Bendall & Co.	Additional warehouses on site of Penrith House, St. James's Square.
1019	Saml. Carter	New Shop in Hewlett Street.
1020	T. Salt & Co.	New covered way at back of Cotswold Hotel, Portland Street.
1021	Mr. Rowland	Additions to his premises in Albion Street.

Resolved, That 1007 be disapproved, and that the remainder of the plans be approved.

GEORGE BENCE,

Chairman.

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 14th day of February, 1898—Present : Alderman Norman; Councillors Bence, M. Davis, Gurney, Lenthall, Margrett, and Waghorne (Councillor Bence in the chair).

1--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, 5 of Diphtheria, and 1 of Puerperal Fever ; that 7 cases of Scarlet Fever had been sent into the Delancey Hospital, and 1 into the College Sanatorium ; that the 5

cases of Diphtheria were being treated in the General Hospital, and that the number of cases then in the Delancey Hospital sent in by the Corporation was 26.

2—Nuisance from Drains, &c., at Woburn House, No. 2, Argyle Place, Nos. 5 and 35, Hanover Street, No. 12, Leamington Place, No. 4, Lypiatt Street, The Pittville Hotel, and No. 31, Whitehart 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 a room at No. 1, All Saints Buildings—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. 26, 27, 29 and 30, Dunalley Parade, Nos. 1, 8, 11 and 10, Hanover Parade, No. 58, High Street, and Nos. 18 and 19, Bath 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.

5-Insanitary Property, viz.-Nos. 136, 137, 138 and 139, Tewkesbury Road, No. 3, Grosvenor Street, and Nos. 1 and 2, Albert Cottage, Russell 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 defective yards, floors, ceilings, &c. 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, 1875, 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.

6—Dairies, Cowsheds and Milkshops Order—Applications to be registered as purveyors of milk were received from Mr. A. E. Townley, Marlborough House, Swindon Road, and Mrs. F. Elliott, No. 260, High Street. Resolved, That the applications be granted.

7-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.

8- 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 fixed ashpit may be constructed that form may be permitted.

9-Cleansing and Limewashing at No. 18, Bath Parade, Nos. 7, 10 and 11, Rutland Street, and Woburn House—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.

10 - Disinfecting outside District--The Medical Officer of Health reported that at the request of the Medical Officer of Health for the Rural District a house at Prestbury had been disinfected for the Rural Sanitary Authority by his officials. Resolved, That a charge of 15s. be made to the said Authority for the cost of the disinfecting.

11-Charge for Lairage at Abattoir --- The Medical Officer of Health reported that hitherto the charges authorised to be made for Lairage had not been levied which had given rise to a tendency to abuse the privilege thus accorded by keeping animals in contravention of the byelaws for too long a time before slaughtering, and that Mr. George Willis, Butcher, of Regent House. Swindon Road, was a great offender in this respect. Resolved, To instruct the Town Clerk to write to Mr. Willis to inform him that if further cause for similar complaint is given by him the byelaw will be strictly enforced against him.

12- Smoke Nuisance- The Medical Officer of Health reported that a nuisance had occurred from black smoke emitted from the chimney of Georges Limited at their premises adjacent to the High Street and Colonnade, three observations on different days having been noted. Resolved, That Notice under Sec. 94 of the Public Health Act be served upon the Company requiring them to abate the nuisance.

13- Report of Medical Officer of Health- The Medical Officer of Health presented his Annual Report and submitted Tenders he had obtained for printing it as follows, viz.

Horace Edwards ..	declined
Geo. F. Poole	4s 6d per page
James Barry	4s “
G. Norman.. .. .	4s “

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Resolved, That the Tender of Mr. H. G. Norman be accepted and that 250 copies of the Report be printed for distribution.

14-Barn Farm-A Letter from Mr. Corbett was read making a request to the Council to have the draining at the Barn Farm done at once before the grass begins to grow, and stating that he would be glad to cart the clinker for the new yard before his busy time began. Resolved, To instruct the Borough Surveyor to report as to the extent of the drainage required and the probable cost, and also with reference to a request made by Mr. Corbett for another shed, and that Mr. Corbett be informed he can have the clinker as soon as he likes.

15--Offensive Trades Byelaws—A Letter from Mr. G. M. Davis, of No. 4, Rotunda Terrace, was read, asking to be informed what the observations of the Medical Officer were which were to be forwarded to the Local Government Board. Resolved, That Mr. Davis be furnished with a copy.

16—Sanitary Requirements at No. 5, St. James's Terrace -A Letter from Mrs. C. Stevens, the owner of this property, was read, stating that she had not got the money to pay for carrying out the sanitary works which she had been required to do at the premises mentioned, but she was willing to pay £3 per quarter with 5 per cent. interest if the Council would do the work and charge her with the expense. Resolved, That the proposal be agreed to.

17-Smoke Nuisance at Mrs. Weaver's Laundry—A Letter from Mr. Dutton, of No. 26, St. Paul's Street North, was read, complaining of the nuisance arising from the emission of smoke from the chimney of this Laundry. Resolved, To inform Mr. Dutton that Mrs. Weaver has undertaken to burn coke instead of coal so as to abate the nuisance.

18— Sick Pay of Corporation Workman - A Letter from Mr. F. D. W. Smith was read, stating that he had been incapacitated from work for the past two months owing to an injury to his knee, and requesting that he might be allowed a portion of his pay during that period. Resolved, To instruct the Borough Surveyor to ascertain the circumstances under which the injury was received and report to the Committee at their next meeting.

19-- Sanitary Institute Congress—A Letter from the Secretary of the Sanitary Institute was read, informing the Council that this Congress would be held this year in Birmingham, commencing 27th September next, and inviting the Council to appoint two delegates to attend the Congress for whom tickets would be sent, and stating that tickets for other members of the Council who wish to attend or should be appointed additional delegates, would be supplied at 10s 6d each. Resolved, That the Chairman, Alderman Norman, the Medical Officer of Health, and Mr. Hudson be appointed Delegates to attend the Conference.

20—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.

GEORGE BENCE,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, the 21st day of February, 1898—Present : Councillors Bence, M. Davis, Gurney, Lenthall, Margrett and Waghorne (Councillor Bence in the chair).

21-Zymotic Disease--The Medical Officer of Health reported that there had been notified since the last meeting of the Committee, 5 cases of Scarlet Fever, 1 of Enteric Fever, and 2 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 26.

22-Overcrowding at No. 10, Kew Place, Bath Road, and No. 6, Exmouth Terrace— The Medical Officer of Health reported that the above premises were so overcrowded as to be dangerous or injurious to the health of the inmates. Resolved, That the Committee being satisfied of the existence of a nuisance on the said premises Notices under Sec. 94 of the Public Health Act be served on the owners and occupiers thereof, requiring them to abate the same.

- Cleansing and Limewashing at No. 36 Sun Street, No. 220a High Street, and No. 2, Phoenix Passage, high 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.

24 - Nuisance from Drains, &c. at York Cottage behind No. 82, High Street, and No. 7, St. Ann'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.

25-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.

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26--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 fixed ashpit may be constructed that form may be permitted.

27-- House unfit for Human Habitation, viz., Cottage behind No. 223, High 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 under Sec. 32 of the Housing of the Working Classes Act, 1890, be taken to obtain Orders for them to be closed.

28—Insanitary Property at Nos. 67, 68, 83, & 220a, High Street, and Belmont, Grosvenor 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 walls, roofs, &c. 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 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.

29- Notices not complied with—The Medical Officer of Health handed in a List of Notices which had been served to carry out sanitary requirements. ordered by the Council, which had not been complied with. Resolved, To instruct the Town Clerk to take proceedings to compel compliance with the Notices.

30-Destruction of Unsound Meat— The Medical Officer of Health reported that the carcass of a sheep dressed by a butcher at the Abattoir was destroyed on February 19th as being diseased and unfit for human food.

31--- Barnard's Row—With reference to the Resolution to Minute No. 36 of the proceedings of this Committee of the 24th of January last, a Letter from Mr. R. E. Steel was read on behalf of his client, Mr. E.

Steel, offering to sell this property to the Corporation for £500. Resolved. That the Council are unable to entertain the offer.

32-Sanitary Works at Cottage at Arle—A Letter from Capt. Welch was read stating that he had been unable to carry out the Sanitary Works at the cottages at Arle belonging to him, as one of the inmates was in a dying condition, and asking for an extension of time for a fortnight from the 26th inst. Resolved, That the application be acceded to.

33—Sick Pay of Employee—With reference to the application of Mr. F. D. W. Smith for an allowance during the time he had been in-capacitated from work through illness, Resolved, That consideration of the same be further adjourned until the next meeting.

34—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 as regards drainage and matters affecting health Nos. 1007 and 1012 be disapproved, and that the remainder be approved.

GEO. BENICE,

Chairman.

TOWN IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, the 21st day of February, 1898— Present : The Mayor ; Aldermen Drew and Winterbotham ; Councillors Bence, Cooper, Lenthall and Macdonald (Alderman Winterbotham in the chair)—

1-Kursaal : Architect's Charges—A Letter from Mr. L. Vizard, Secretary of the Ratepayers' Association, was read. Resolved, That a Special Meeting of the Committee be held on the 2nd proximo to consider the claim made by Mr. Robson.

2- Advertising in Holiday Tours—A Letter from Messrs. Thomas Cook & Son was read, offering to insert an advertisement of Cheltenham in their next summer edition of Holiday Tours for £12 per page or £7 for half a page. Resolved, That the Council cannot at present incur the expenditure

3.—Military Tournament at Montpellier Gardens—A letter was read from Quarter-Master R. C. Bastin of the Royal Gloucestershire Hussars, applying for the use of Montpellier Gardens for a Military Tournament and Firework Display to be held during the training of the Wiltshire Yeomanry Cavalry and the Royal Gloucestershire Hussars in May. Resolved, That subject to the galloping of the horses being confined to the broad gravel path and to all damage being made good at the expense of the Hussars, the application be acceded to on payment of 20 guineas for the day.

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4—Bowling Club ----A Letter was read from Mr. J. W. Gunning, Hint Sec. of the Cheltenham Bowling Club, asking if the Club can have the use of a portion of the lawn at the Winter Garden again this season, and if not, if they can have a portion of the Montpellier Gardens. Resolved, To inform Mr. Gunning that the Club can have the use of the lawn at the North end of the Winter Garden upon payment of £10 and 5s for each member of the Club in excess of forty in number.

5—Sunshine Recorder—A Letter was read from Mr. Tyrer, the Borough Meteorologist, stating that he had found a position in his garden where the Sunshine Recorder can be placed with a good exposure, but it would require on a stand about so ft. from the ground and a light ladder affixed. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have the stand and ladder required by Mr. Tyrer constructed.

6—Horticultural Society—A Letter was read from Mr. Geo. Tovey, Hon. Sec. of the County of Gloucester and Cheltenham Royal Horticultural Society, asking for the use of Montpellier Gardens on Saturday, May 28th, and Whit-Monday the 30th. and also the use of the Winter Garden for the Society's second show on September, the 21st. Resolved, That the application be acceded to upon payment for the Montpellier Gardens the same as last year, and for the Winter Garden of 5 guineas for the day inclusive of lighting.

JAS. B. WINTERBOTHAM,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Wednesday, the 2nd day of March, 1898—Present : Alderman Winterbotham ; Councillors Bence, Cooter. Dix, Macdonald, and Mills (Alderman Winterbotham in the chair

7—Swans at Pittville—The Borough Surveyor having reported that a dog supposed to belong to Mr. Agg-Gardner had killed one of the two black swans at Pittville ; a letter was read from Mr. Agg-Gardner regretting to hear of the loss of the swan, and stating that although the dog did not belong to him, he should be glad to be allowed to replace the swan. Resolved, That the offer be accepted with the thanks of this Committee for the same.

8---Montpellier Gardens -Military Tournament-With reference to the Resolution of this Committee at their last meeting granting the use of the Montpellier Gardens for a Military Tournament for the sum of £21, a letter was read from Quarter-Master Bastin, stating that he would notify the date as soon as fixed, but at the same time expressing the hope that the Committee would see their way to reducing the proposed charge of twenty guineas, especially as this would not be held on a Bank Holiday as the Athletic Meeting was, and that whatever surplus remained after paying expenses would go to form a fund to make the Tournament an annual event, and that they would take every care to keep the horses off the turf, Resolved, That under the circumstances the charge be reduced to fifteen guineas, and the previous resolution altered accordingly.

9—Lawn Tennis Courts—Resolved, That the Lawn Tennis Courts at the Montpellier Gardens be let this year on the same terms as last year, and as far as practicable to the same persons.

10—Article in " Quarterly Medical Journal " on Cheltenham—Resolved unanimously, That the best thanks of the Committee and the Council be given to Dr. Ward-Humphreys for his Nery able and interesting article on Cheltenham, and one so well calculated to enhance the reputation of the Town as a Health Resort, which has appeared in the a Quarterly Medical Journal."

11—Kursaal—Architect's Charges With reference to the Resolution to Minute No. 1 of this Committee's proceedings of date the 26th January last, the Chairman reported that he and the Town Clerk were not prepared to make their report at this meeting of the Committee, but that they hoped to be in a position to do so at the next meeting.

JAS. B. WINTERBOTHAM,

Chairman.

WATER COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Wednesday, the 23rd day of February, 1898 Present: The Mayor; Councillors Baker, Bence, Ll. Davies, Dix and Margrett (Councillor Margrett in the chair)

1—Water Engineer's Report The Water Engineer reported that on the 21st inst. the supply from the Hewletts and Northfield Springs was 166 gallons, the average for the last four years being 223 gallons per minute; and the quantity of water in store at Hewletts and Leckhampton was 17,254,681 gallons.

On the 22nd inst., the depth of water in Dowdeswell Reservoir was 31 feet and the contents 94,756,149 gallons, which gave a total of 112,010,830 gallons, or about 132 days' supply, exclusive of the daily yield of the springs, which was then about 820,464 gallons.

It appeared from the report that shortly before Christmas a 4-inch iron pipe near the pipe line from the spring at California which had been left so as to be available for repairs when the ground should become too wet to safely cart over it had been missed. The police reported that they had ascertained that a pipe answering to the description of the missing one had been some weeks ago conveyed by Mr. C. Randall, of Coxhorn Farm, to place under a roadway leading to the back of premises at East End, Charlton Kings, belonging to him. Mr. Randall said he found the pipe and some others of the same sort lying in a ditch on his farm years ago and that he had laid one of the same sort under a gateway in a field in his occupation at Dowdeswell about a year ago, and that as the pipes had been lying on his farm for so many years he thought himself justified in using them.

The Water Engineer further reported that the extension of the main at Arle was completed and the cottages were being connected. With regard to the water supply to the General Hospital he gave the readings of the meter since September 28th last which averaged 4,643 gallons per day, and with regard to an application he had received from the Trustees of the Delancey Hospital for the reduction of the charges made to them for the water supply to that institution he suggested that the charge be 1s per 1,000 gallons and not as then half an arbitrary amount with a portion at 1s 3d per 1,000 gallons by meter.

A Letter from Mr. H. T. Carrington, Hon. Sec. of the General Hospital, was read, stating that the cisterns had been refilled shortly before the meter was examined that it seemed impossible that the ordinary consumption could be at the rate of 100,000 gallons for 17 ½ days, requesting that the meter be again tested for the same length of time, now that their consumption was normal, and asking if there would be any objection to an officer of the Hospital being present when the meter was read.

Resolved, That Mr. Randall be charged 15s the value of the two pipes taken by him ; that Mr. Carrington be informed that the readings of the meter taken over the whole period since it was fixed show an average daily consumption of 4,643 gallons which works out at £105 8s. 9d. per annum, but that the charge will be reduced to 1s per 1,000 gallons, and that in addition to the 20 guineas subscribed by the Council a rebate be allowed on their water account of £29 per annum, provided the Hospital will grant to the Council additional patients' tickets as if for a donation of that amount, and that it be suggested to the hospital authorities that the Chairman of this Committee for the time being should be appointed on the Board of Governors of the Hospital ; also That the charge for the water supply to the Delancey Hospital be 1s for 1,000 gallons and that a rebate of £20 per annum be allowed on their water account.

2-Water Pressure to Christ Church Organ—A Letter from the members of the Christ Church Council was read complaining that the water pressure was insufficient to properly work the hydraulic machinery for working the organ at the church. Resolved, That the writers be informed that the Organ appears to have been erected and fitted with machinery which requires a higher pressure of water than the Corporation can possibly give, and therefore that the Committee regret they are unable to do anything to overcome the present difficulty as to the working of the Organ.

3—Dowdeswell Pike—The Town Clerk reported that the amount claimed from the Imperial Institute for the damage done to this pike had been paid.

4 —Theft of Boiler —With reference to a charge against a man named Spreag of having stolen from Barrett's Mill a boiler belonging to the Corporation in July, 1892, Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to attend at the hearing of the case before the magistrates in the interest of the Council.

5--Water Supply to Flushing Box--A Letter was read from Mr. W. Smith, of No. 12a, Norwood Terrace, stating that he was willing to comply with a notice which had been served upon him to fix a flushing box provided the same rate be charged him for the water supply as the adjoining houses, and no increase made in respect of his stabling for which he did not require details he had an abundant supply for that already. Resolved, To adjourn consideration of the matter to the next meeting in the absence of the Water Engineer on account of indisposition.

6--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 Thursday, the 24th day of February, 1898—Present : Alderman Norman ; Councillors Baker, Cooper, Dix, Margrett, Steel 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.	
1898		1898.	Grains per 100
Feb. 3rd..	16.21 candles	Feb.	cubic ft.
" 15th..	17.65 „	15-16	14.15
" 17th ..	16.60 „		
" 23rd ..	17.05 "	Average..	
Average..	16.73 "		

2--Gas Inspector's Report—The Gas Inspector reported that the hourly average consumption of Gas per lamp during the previous month had been 4.1923 cubic feet.

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

4—Lighting at Junction of Montpellier Terrace and Roads leading into Suffolk Square--A letter from Councillor Ward-Humphreys was read, representing the urgent need for a couple of Guildhall lamps at the junction above mentioned at its North-West corner. Resolved, To adjourn consideration of the matter pending inspection at the next view meeting of the Committee, and in the meantime the Electrical Engineer be instructed to report as to the means of improving the lighting of this area with an arc light or lights.

5---Electrical Inspector's Report—The Electrical 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.
1898 Feb. 22nd	100 Volts	103 Volts.

6— Electric Supply to the Ladies' College—A letter from the Secretary of the Ladies' College was read, complaining of the failure of the Electric light on the evening of the 21st of February, on the occasion of the annual Dancing Assembly in the New Hall of the College, causing great inconvenience and disappointment, as parents and friends had come from a distance for the occasion. The Electrical Engineer reported that the disaster arose owing to failure of the fuse through which the cable supplying current to the College is fed, causing the supply to the College to be cut off altogether. That he was unable to give a definite reason for the failure of the fuse, as there should have been a margin of safety of nearly 30 per cent. as appeared from tests made on the following morning. There was a very large number of lamps at the College and as regards the evening in question he understood that practically the lighting would be limited to the Great Hall. He believed, however, that the number of lamps in use was largely in excess of those in the Hall, and though this did not account for the failure of the fuse, it considerably reduced the factor of safety possible. Resolved, To send a copy of the Electrical Engineer's report to the Secretary of the College, and to inform him that the Council very much regret that there should have been such cause for complaint and that so much inconvenience was caused thereby.

7- - Electric Supply to St. Hilda's—A letter from the Secretary of the Ladies' College was read, complaining of the very large increase in the account for the electric supply to St. Hilda's for the last quarter, amounting to £40 2s. 4d. for 2,027 units; whereas the account for the corresponding quarter last year amounted to £28 7s. 8d. for 1195.23 units, although the number of lamps in use and the regulations with regard to them had been exactly the same, except that owing to the greater strength of the current they could not in passages, lavatories, &c., use lamps of such low candle power as before. He suggested that the meter could not be correct, and that unless the charge was reduced to a reasonable amount arrangements would have to be made to again use gas as the illuminating power. Further, he submitted that the charge of 1s per day for lighting of his office was excessive, and suggested that a credit allowance should be made. The Electrical Engineer reported that he had had the meters tested, and he was of opinion that the principal reason for the large increase was the lavish use of the lamps and want of care in switching them off when not required. That the amount of energy invoiced correspond to about 4 ½ to 4 ⅔ hours daily use of all the lamps, an amount for the October—December quarter not unreasonable at St. Hilda's if the lamps were carelessly left on. Resolved, That the account be allowed to stand over until the expiration of the current quarter for the purpose of comparison, and that in the meantime the meters be re-tested.

8-Electrical Engineer's Report---The Electrical Engineer reported that steady progress had been made with connection of customers to the mains. The total number of services connected was 241, and the equivalent number of 8 candle power lamps was He was daily expecting delivery of an additional Transformer for the Sub-station from which most of the customers at Montpellier were supplied, which would enable him to put in fuses with a considerably larger factor of safety, and pending this Transformer being fixed at Queen's Circus, it would be best to attempt to supply the whole of the Ladies' College on Wednesday evening. only. Resolved, That this suggestion be approved.

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9-Arc Light at the Spa Pharmacy—A letter from Messrs. Thomas Bros. was read, stating that the Arc light system of lighting in the Montpellier district had greatly reduced the value of their lamp outside Bayshill Lodge as an advertising medium, and they proposed to do away with it, but as it had been a great public boon and would be missed, they suggested that an Arc lamp should be erected at the corner of Rotunda Terrace outside the Spa Pharmacy, thus lighting Montpellier Street, Queen's Parade, and the open space opposite, and offering to hand over their lamp, if this be done, to the Council as a free gift. Resolved, To inform Messrs. Thomas Bros. that the Council cannot comply with this suggestion until the question of lighting Montpellier Street comes up for consideration.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, the 28th day of February, 1898 Present : Alderman Norman ; Councillors Cooper, Dix, Margrett, and Steel (Alderman Norman in the chair)

10—Accounts—The Borough Electrical Engineer was instructed to bring up a Trading Account as early in April as possible.

11—Electrical Engineer's Report—The Borough Electrical Engineer submitted the following estimate of the probable extensions to mains and plant, &c., for this year, in order that an application to the Local Government Board for sanction to the necessary loan might be made in good time.

Arc Lighting Extensions as per Schedule 1	£4805 0 0
Incandescence Lighting Extensions as per Schedule 1	£1440 0 0
Extra Switch Gear at Substations for both the above ..	£ 130 0 0
Extensions to Mains for Private Supply as per Schedule 3	£2225 0 0
Switch Boxes for L P Mains	£ 100 0 0
House Services—Meters £600 ; Joint Boxes, Cable and Labour £300	£ 900 0 0
Transformers for Stock	£ 600 0 0
Fixtures for Stores, Battery Room and Testing Room	£ 150 0 0
440 Kilowatt Steam Alternator and Accessories	£5300 0 0
33 Kilowatt Exciter and C I Combined Bed ..	£ 450 0 0
Switchboard Additions (not included in above) at Works	£ 100 0 0
Coal Bunkers outside Boiler House (approx.)	<u>£ 200 0 0</u>
	£16400 0 0
Contingencies 5 %	<u>£ 820 0 0</u>
Say £17200 0 0	£17220 0 0
Schedule 1—	No. of Arcs.

Gloucester Road, High Street to Lansdown Castle and thence along Lansdown Road to Westal Green	..	..	..	42
Christ Church Road from Christ Church to Lansdown Road .				11
Portland Street from Albion Street to Evesham House				8
Bayshill Road, St. George's Parade, and Royal Well Place (part of)				<u>9</u>
				70

Schedule 2—	No. of Lamps.			
North Street from Albion Street to Clarence Square and the whole of Clarence Square	20
Western Road and St. George's Road from Western Road to the Gloucester Road	17
Montpellier Street from St. George's Road to Queen's Parade, Queen's Parade from Montpellier Street to Overton Park and the whole of Parabola Road	<u>34</u>
				71

Schedule 3—

Lansdown Road from Westal Green to Lansdown Castle :
also 3 Street Transformers for ditto
Shelburne Road from Lansdown Road to Dean Close School
New Feeder from Works to Manchester Street Substation

He also reported that he had tested the new Steam Alternator No. 6, the first of the 220 Kilowatt size on Thursday last and obtained very satisfactory results except that the efficiency was a little below that named in his Specification. The Con-tractors are liable to a penalty of £15 on account of the defect in efficiency, which would be deducted from their first claim for payment on account of this set.

Resolved, That application be made to the Local Government Board for its sanction to a Loan for £17,200

GEO. NORMAN, Chairman.

GENERAL PURPOSES AND WATCH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, the 22nd day of February, 1898—Present : The Mayor ; Alderman Winterbotham ; Councillors Baker, Bence, M. Davis, Hayward, Margrett, and Steel (The Mayor in the chair)—

1—Swine Fever—Superintendent Hopkins reported that on the 30th January a case of Swine Fever occurred at Mr. F. Townsend's, Sunnymead, Hatherley, that one pig died and 25 others were slaughtered, the premises had been cleansed and disinfected and the carcasses of the diseased pigs destroyed at the Ash Destructor, that the provisions of the Swine Fever Order had been complied with, and that 3 more outbreaks of Swine Fever had been reported in the Borough since.

A Letter from the Board of Agriculture was read, with which they forwarded copy of an Order applying the Markets and Fairs (Swine Fever) Order, 1896, to (inter alia) the Borough of Cheltenham on expiry of the infected Areas Order. Resolved, That notice of the same be duly advertised.

2--Muzzling Order—Superintendent Hopkins reported that since the last report 18 unmuzzled dogs had been seized by the police, 9 were claimed, 7 destroyed, and 2 still remained in the kennels ; that 15 persons had been proceeded against for offences under the Muzzling Order, and 3s had been paid by owners of dogs claimed for their keep.

3--Fire Brigade— A Letter from the Superintendent of the Fire Brigade was read, stating that the Spring Meeting of the West Midland District National Fire Brigades Union would be held in Cheltenham on May 14th next, on which occasion the usual competitions for prizes and a tournament will be held, and requesting permission for the Brigade to take part in the same and to participate generally in the event. Resolved, To grant the permission asked for.

4-- Hackney Carriages—The Street Inspector reported that 5 hackney carriages had been placed under repair during the month, and a new vehicle had been used in lieu of pony carriage No. 107. A Letter from Mr. C. T. Arundell, of Leckhampton Mews, was read, stating that he had disposed of his landau No. 65 and requesting permission to transfer the license to another similar but better vehicle. Resolved, That subject to approval of the carriage by the Chairman the application be acceded to.

5—Transfer to County Councils of certain Powers, Duties and Liabilities of the Local Government Board -A Letter from the Association of Municipal Corporations was read with which they forwarded copy of a report of the Town Clerks of Morley and Darwen with reference to the proposed transfer of powers from the Government Departments to County Councils in which they expressed an opinion that it should receive the most strenuous opposition possible, and that a vigorous attempt should be made to exclude non-County Boroughs altogether from the proposed transfer. Resolved, That this Council fully concur in the opinion above stated and that the Town Clerk be instructed to prepare and forward to the Association of Municipal Corporations a statement showing the particular ways in which this borough will be adversely affected should the proposal be carried out.

6—Conference of National Union of Teachers—The Boroughs Surveyor laid before the Committee a Specification he had prepared of the requirements of the N.U.T. to render the Winter Garden convenient for the purposes of the Conference. Resolved, That the same be approved and that Tenders be advertised for to carry out the work, and that the chairs required in addition to those at present belonging to the Council be hired and included in the Specification.

7--Pawnbroker's License—A Letter from Messrs. Henry Higgins & Co., No. 326, High Street, was read applying for renewal of their Pawnbrokers' License and requesting that the fee for same might be lowered to 10s 6d as in other towns where he had made enquiries the fee did not exceed 5s. Resolved, That the application be granted and that the fee be reduced to 10s 6d

8----Opening of Diphtheria Block at Delancey Hospital—A Letter from Dr. Wilson was read inviting the Council to attend the ceremony of opening the new block for diphtheria patients at the Delancey Hospital on the 5th proximo. Resolved, That the invitation be accepted and that the Council do attend the ceremony in robes.

9--Andoversford and Stratford-on-Avon Railway —A Letter from Messrs. Devonshire & Co., Solicitors for the Promoters of the above proposed line, was read enquiring if they might count upon the support of the Corporation, and if so requesting that a resolution should be passed in support of the line and sent to them. Resolved, That this Council are satisfied that the line will be of undoubted advantage to a part of the country which has practically no railway accommodation in connection with this district and will supply a public want.

10-- Cheltenham Market—A Letter was read from Messrs. Castle & Pope, of Regent Street, stating that they had been asked by a large number of Farmers and Tradesmen in the district to re-open Cheltenham Market ; that they would be glad to take the sale yard if they could come to terms ; and that they would be pleased to meet the Committee for an interview with reference to the matter. Resolved, That Messrs. Castle & Pope be informed that the Committee will receive them at a meeting to be held on the 4th proximo.

RICHARD ROGERS, Chairman

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BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Friday, the 25th day of February, 1898 Present : Alderman Haddon; Councillors Cypher and Moles (Councillor Moles in the chair).—

1—Report of the Superintendent—The Superintendent of the Cemetery reported that Messrs. Channon & Son brought a hearse to the Cemetery at 3 o'clock for the funeral of William Simmons on the 17th of February, for which he demanded the fees of £61- Also that two large trees at the Cemetery had fallen, and he would be glad to have instructions as to their removal. Letters were read from Mr. Sims, of the Queen's Hotel Livery Stables, from whom Messrs. Channon & Son had the hearse, and from Messrs. Channon & Son, stating that it was sent as the shillibeers were engaged, and requesting that the lower fees should be accepted as had been done before under similar circumstances. Resolved, That the Superintendent be authorised this time not to insist upon payment of the higher fees for the hearse, and that the two trees be removed to the Central Depot.

2—Transfer of Crave Space No 3194, Section Q—A Letter from Miss M. M. Crawford, the owner of this grave space, was read, stating that she wished to transfer it to Ann Ronald, 18, Marle Hill Parade, for the immediate interment of her husband, William Ronald. Resolved, That the transfer be registered upon payment of 15s 6d for the cost of the stamp and new grant, and that the interment referred to be allowed on payment of half the original set of fees in accordance with Rule 21.

3--Recovery of Burial Fees—The Clerk having reported that there was a difficulty in recovery of arrears of burial fees, and that the practice of other Boards in consequence was to insist on prepayment in every case at the time of giving the notice. Resolved, That the Superintendent be instructed in future not to permit any interment to take place until the fees have been paid.

- Designs-The following designs were examined and approved, viz : Headstones to James Humby, Frances Eliza Webber, and Mary Prude. 5 account The following Account for Wages was allowed :—

G. C. Pratley, Wages Account £13 12 0

J. V. MOLES,

Chairman.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 1st day of March, 1898—Present : Councillors Cooper, Gurney, Hayward, Margrett and Steel (Councillor Margrett in the chair)—

1-Proposed Further Issue of Stock -The Town Clerk read a letter he had received from the Local Government Board, asking for detailed information with regard to the proposed further issue of Corporation Stock. Resolved, That the Town Clerk and the Borough Accountant do make the necessary returns to the Local Government Board, giving them the information they require.

2- General District and Water Rates on " Glencairn," Lansdown Road-A letter was read from Miss Hunt, of No. 7, Queen's Parade, stating that the General District and Water Rates on " Glencairn" had been paid to the 25th instant, and asking that as the house is now void and will probably be so for some time longer one month's rates should be refunded. Resolved. That the request cannot be acceded to.

3-Barn Farm-Resolved, That the Borough Accountant do make out an account of what is due from Mr Corbett, the Tenant of Barn Farm, in respect of rent, water supply, rent of cottages, percentage on sewerage works, &c., after giving him credit for the £75 granted to him by the Council as compensation, and that the Town Clerk do apply to Mr. Corbett for immediate payment of the amount appearing to be due from him.

4-Safe for Borough Accountant's Office -Resolved, That the Chairman and the Borough Accountant be authorised to purchase an - additional Safe for the keeping of books, &c., in the Borough Accountant's Office.

5-Repayments of Delancey Hospital Fees-. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor do present a report to the next Monthly Meeting of this Committee showing that demands have been made for repayment of Delancey Hospital fees, and with what results.

6-Special meeting- Resolved, That a Special Meeting of this Committee be held on the 15th instant, at 3 p.m., to be followed by a Special Meeting of the Council, in order to so far as possible pass for payment all Accounts then due, and prepare for the Budget Meeting.

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7-General District Rate —The Report of the Borough Accountant of date the 1st inst., on the collection of the second instalment of this Rate, was read. Amount collected £13,026 14s. 2d., leaving outstanding £1,815 16s. 11d.

8-Water Rate—The Report of the Borough Accountant of date the 1st inst., On the collection of this Rate was read. Amount received £9,116 13s. 11d., leaving outstanding £1,422.

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 £11,915 4s. 9d., ordered to be paid by the Borough Treasurer.

The Treasurer's Accounts at the Bank were examined and the balances found to be correct.

The following was the General Statement

In hand on the 1st Feb. last	£ 7,866 17 3
Received since that date	£ <u>9,088 10 11</u>
	£16,955 8 2
Paid since that date	£ <u>6,499 10 3</u>
In hand	£10,455 17 11

H. GEO. MARGRETT,
Chairman.

PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 22nd day of February, 1898—Present : Alderman Skillicorne ; Councillors Ll. Davies, Hayward, and Steel ; the Revs. R. G. Fairbairn and J. Mugliston ; Dr. Davis, Capt. Welch ; and Messrs. Cresswell and Whittard (Councillor Hayward in the chair)

1-Librarian's Report—The usual Monthly Report of the Librarian was read. Receipts £5 18s. 3d. He reported that there had been an increase of 6 per day in the issues from the Lending Library, but a decrease of 8 per day in the Reference Library as 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 :—

Trustees of the British Museum	3 Vols.
Williams & Norgate	1 Vol.
Sutton & Sons	1 Vol.
North British Association of Gas Managers	1 Vol.
University Correspondence College -	1 Vol.
Dr. Davis -	2 Vols.
Mrs. Kew	1 Vol.
S. Taylor	1 Vol.
G. H. Ward-Humphreys	6 Pamphlets
T. B. Browne Limited	1 Vol.

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

2-Sub-Committee's Report — The Sub-Committee recommended That new books selected from some sent on approval he purchased for 4s. ; That the books entered in the proposition book and initialled by the Chairman, be purchased ; That a second Library Card, to be called a " Student's Ticket," be issued to Teachers and Students at the discretion of the Librarian ; that the sums of £10 be expended on new works of Fiction.

Resolved, That the recommendations of the Sub-Committee be approved and adopted, the choice of the works of Fiction to be purchased to be left to the Chairman and Librarian.

3—Book-plates—The Librarian reported that in accordance with his promise he had had two plates made from the design of Mr. Eadie Reid and 2000 copies struck off at his own expense for the acceptance of the Committee. Resolved, That the thanks of the Committee be tendered to Mr. Jones for his generous and useful gift to the Library.

4—Sunday Opening—The question of opening the News Room and Reference Library on Sunday having been discussed, Resolved, That the further consideration of the matter be adjourned.

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5-Accounts—The following Accounts were passed for payment :-

C. Westley, Books —	£17 5 9
W. Jones, Wages —	£15 18 0
Cawthorn & Butt, Books	£ 3 14 3
John W. Pink, Books	£ 2 16 0
Thomas Thorp, Books	£ 0 16 6
William Norton, Books	£ 1 16 0

C. HAYWARD,

Chairman.

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, the 2nd day of March, 1898--Present : Alderman Haddon Councillors Cypher, Ll. Davies, Mills, and Steel (Councillor Steel 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 the schools, from which 740 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 7 meetings, and that 2 parents had been prosecuted and fined.

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., Ernest and Elsie Eden, 26, Bloomsbury Street, and that proceedings under Section 12 of the Act of 1876 be taken against the parents of Frederick and William Stevens, 2 Millbrook Cottages, and Thomas Veale, Albion Place, for non-compliance with attendance orders, and also under the same Section against the parents of Albert Wilson, late of St. Peter's Place, Alfred Barter, Bruton Cottage, Portland Street, and Charles Haines of Young's Court, Rutland Street, with a view to their being sent to Industrial Schools.

A letter was read from Mr. J. P. Cook, of St. Luke's School, stating that the boy John Sims, against whose parents a summons was ordered at the last Meeting of the Committee for irregular attendance, had attended 187 times out of a possible 201, and that during the period covered by these attendances there had been several reasonable excuses for absences in his case from school. The Attendance Officer reported that the boy's mother would not attend the meeting of the Local Committee, and was very defiant. Resolved, That the Town Clerk write to the boy's mother and inform her that unless she apologises for her conduct and sends the boy to school regularly she will be summoned.

3-- Irene Davis--The Town Clerk reported that Charles Davis, the father of the deaf and dumb child Irene Davis, had proposed to pay the sum of 2s per week on an average, by quarterly payments, towards the maintenance of his child. Resolved, That this offer be accepted and that an agreement to this effect be

prepared by the Town Clerk for his signature. Also Resolved, That the Town Clerk be authorised to sign the agreement with the Bristol Institution for the reception of the child in question on behalf of the Council.

JOHN D. STEEL,

Chairman.

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 April, 1898.

STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 8th day of March, 1898—Present Alderman Haddon ; Councillors Baker, Bence, Cypher, and Margrett (Councillor Baker in the chair)—

1-Great Western Railway (General Powers) Bill—A Letter was read from Mr. R. R. Nelson, the solicitor to the Great Western Railway Company, suggesting that a conference on the subject of the petition presented by the Corporation might facilitate an arrangement, and asking whether it would be convenient to have such on an early date.

The Town Clerk placed before the Committee the evidence he had obtained on the subject, which went to show that a right of way of the user of the road in St. James's Square for carriages, and on foot by the public did exist.

Resolved, That the Chairman of this Committee, the Mayor, the Town Clerk and the Borough Surveyor be empowered to conk; with the Company with a view to a settlement being arrived at and the petition withdrawn on the basis of the Company giving up the piece of land at the back of St. James's Square in the road to the Knapp and if possible to their giving up sufficient land to enable Workhouse Lane to be widened at the top so that carriages could turn round in it.

WILLIAM A BAKER,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 14th day of March, 1898—Present : Alderman Hadden; Councillors Baker, Boat, Cypher, and Margrett (Councillor Baker in the chair)

2-Great Western Railway (General Powers) Bill—The Town Clerk reported that the Chairman, the Mayor, himself, and the Borough Surveyor attended at Paddington on the 11th instant, and had a conference with the Secretary and other officials of thy Company with a view to the withdrawal of the Petition of the Corporation against the Company's Bill upon the terms

proposed by this Committee. The Company would agree to give up the piece of land in the road from St. James's Square to the Knapp, New Street, for the purpose of widening that road and to consider the question of widening the Workhouse Lane at the South end so as to allow carriages to turn in it.

The Town Clerk also reported that he had since received a letter from the Solicitor to the Company with draft Memorandum of Agreement arrived at the conference which also pledged the Corporation to endeavour to get the Cabmen's petition withdrawn, and failing that being secured to their giving such support to the Company's Bill as their Solicitor may require, but making no mention of the proposed widening of the South end of Workhouse Lane. Resolved, That subject to the insertion of words in the Memorandum dealing with this and to the insertion of a clause in the Bill as to the public right of footway as agreed by the Company, the opposition to the Bill be withdrawn, but that the Corporation cannot take any action whatever in regard to the Cabmen's Petition.

3— New Buildings—The Borough Surveyor laid before the Committee Notice and Plan received by him from the following person intending to erect new buildings, viz. :—

No. of Plan.	Name.	Description.
1021	G. Stockwell	Two Houses in Eldorado Road.

Resolved, That the same be disapproved.

WILLIAM A. BAKER,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Thursday, the 17th day of March, 1898—Present : The Mayor ; Alderman Haddon; Councillors Baker, Bence, Dix, M. Davis and Margrett (Councillor Baker in the chair)—

4 —Great Western Railway (General Powers) Bill—The Town Clerk read a letter he had addressed to the Company's Solicitor, of date the 14th, and the latter's reply of the 15th inst., in which he stated that the question of the turning place at the South end of Workhouse Lane must be considered independently of the present arrangement and must take some time to enquire into, and he must ask the Corporation to accept his assurance that any suggestion the Corporation might desire to make with regard to it should receive the Directors' best consideration. Resolved, That the Agreement be approved as altered by the Town Clerk, with a further alteration confining the obligation on the Corporation to make up and drain the road to the land given up by the Company, and that the assurance given in respect of the Workhouse Lane be accepted, it being understood that if the Council do not approve of the agreement come to the non-appearance of the Corporation on their petition in the Commons shall not prejudice them in the Lords, if a petition be presented against the Bill when in that House.

WILLIAM A. BAKER,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 28th day of March, 1898—Present: The Mayor ; Alderman Haddon; Councillors Baker, Bence, M. Davis, Dix, and Margrett (Councillor Baker in the chair).

5—View Meeting—The following members attended the View Meeting on Friday last, viz. :—Councillors Baker, Bence, M. Davis, Dix, and Margrett.

6—Street Projections—The Street Inspector reported that three cycle wheels had been fined in front of the premises of Messrs. J. Whewy and Co., No. 1 Promenade Place, Clarence Street, without permission of the

Council having been first obtained, and that the sign at the Robin Hood Inn, St. James' Street, had not been removed, as required by the Council. A letter from Messrs. Wheway and Co. was read, asking permission to permanently exhibit the aforesaid sign of three cycle wheels, which they had had temporarily fixed in position for inspection. Resolved, That the permission be granted, and that consideration of matters relating to the sign at the Robin Hood Inn be adjourned until the next monthly meeting of the Committee.

7—Billposting Station, Bath Place—A letter from Mr. C. H. Rainger was read, stating that a Billposting Station had been established on a wall adjoining his premises, which was a nuisance and annoyance to the public and a source of damage to the adjoining property, and enquiring whether there was any Bye-law in existence dealing with such matters. Resolved, To inform Mr Rainger that at present the Council have no power to deal with the matter, but that the possibility of being able to make a Bye-law to do so is under consideration.

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8-Pavement of Lauriston House, Lansdown, and Pathway Back of Queen's Parade —A letter from General Macdonald was read, stating that the residents of Queen's Parade complain of the state of the narrow strip of pavement and pathway above mentioned. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have the necessary repairs to the paving carried out.

9-Crossings in Lansdown Road A letter from Mr. G. L. Owen, of Glen Owen, was read, again calling attention to the danger of the crossings at the top of Lansdown Place, and suggesting that refuges should be provided for foot passengers in the middle of each crossing. Resolved,, to inform Mr. Owen that the Council contemplate the erection of a Urinal in the vicinity, and that when that work is being carried out his suggestion will receive attention.

10-Loan of £982-The Town Clerk reported that he had received the sanction of the Local Government Board to raise the loan of £982, required for works of Street Improvement in Sherborne Street, Upper Park Street, and Rosehill Street.

11-Accident to Pedestrian Falling on Crossing - A letter from Mr. George Henderson, of No. 48, St. George's Street, was read, claiming compensation for an accident sustained by him from falling over an alleged obstruction, or refuge, in the middle of a crossing at the north-east corner of Imperial Square, which resulted in his left arm being broken. Resolved, To inform Mr. Henderson that the Council cannot admit that any liability in the matter attaches to it.

12-Crossing in North Place Resolved, That a Crossing be laid down in North Place from the corner of the paving opposite Livorno Lodge to the. corner Of the paving at the east end of St. Margaret's Terrace.

13-Ditch South Side of Harp Bill Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have this ditch piped and covered over and a footpath lot med above it.

14-Crossings in Leckhampton Road - Resolved, That crossings in Leckhampton Road be constructed at the west ends of the Ewlyn and Fairfield Roads.

15-Report of the Borough Surveyor re Highways--The Borough Surveyor reported that the work done by the Highways Department from the 26th of February to the 25th of March, both inclusive, had been as follows :

Repaired with Clee hill stone---Tewkesbury Road (proceeding), Depot yard 336 yards, Queen's Parade 334 super yards, Montpellier wide opening 317 super yards.

Patching-Hewlett Street, Park Place, Hatherley Road, Sherborne Street, back of Lansdown Crescent, Naunton Crescent, High Street.

Repaired with Wickwar stone --Naunton Crescent. Grafton Road (proceeding).

Patching- Queen's Retreat, Sherborne Street, Montpellier Street.

Repaired with gore stone --Montpellier wide opening 1627 super yards.

Paving, Crossing, Kerbing, Channelling—Naunton Crescent, High Street, King's Road, Clarence Street, Bath Street. Norwood Road, Gloucester Road, Winchcombe Street, Sherborne Street, Park Place, Vittoria Walk, Andover Road, Bath Road, Crescent Place, St. George's Place, Clarence Parade, Hale's Road, Sandford Street.

A new gully and drain had been put in ill Gloucester Road by Roman Road. New concrete channel had been put down in the Bath Road near the Montpellier Baths and the footpath was being relaid.

Private Improvements-Beckingsale's Passage finished 569 super yards, North Place finished, Henrietta Street (proceeding). Trees Pruned—Pittville Crescent, Cemetery Road, London Road, Hewlett Road, College Road. Ashes collected--Van loads 892, cart loads 141. Consumed at Destructor 939 tons 4 cwts. 2 qrs.

16-Road at back of Nos. 11 to 20, Clarence Street, Lane at rear of North Place, and Footpaths in Oxford Street-Specifications from the Surveyor with plans of the works required to be done to the above streets and footpaths were read and approved. Resolved, That the necessary estimates be prepared and Notices be given under Section 150 of the Public Health Act, 1875, to the owners of the premises fronting, adjoining, or abutting upon the parts of the said streets and footpaths 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.

17-Road from Church Street to Clarence Street and Footpath in Ormond Terrace-The Borough Surveyor laid before the Committee plans and specifications of the works required to be done to this street and footpath at the expense of the Council. Resolved, That the same be approved and the works carried out by the Borough Surveyor.

18-Footpaths, south side of Hatherley Road from Warden Hill Road to Alma Road ; in Albion Street between Berkeley Street and Hewlett Street ; in Ormond Place ; opposite Linden Terrace, Cleveland Street ; between Promenade and Royal Well Lane ; in Highbury Lane ; and on the East side of Royal Crescent Garden—Specifications from the Surveyor with plans of the works required to be done to the footpaths above mentioned were 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 said footpaths requiring to be repaired, flagged, paved, edged and channelled ; requiring them to do the specified works within 28 days, and that if such notice is not complied with the Surveyor do proceed to execute the works mentioned or referred to therein ; and that the expenses thereof be recovered in the manner provided by the Act, and the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1889.

19 --Insurance against Claims under Workmen's Compensation Act, 1897-Resolved, That insurance be effected against claims under the Workmen's Compensation Act, 1897, by employees of the Surveyor's

Department, and that the General Purposes and Watch Committee be requested to make the necessary arrangements.

20-Building Plans The Borough Surveyor laid before the Committee Notices and Plans which he had received from the following persons intending to erect new buildings, as follows, viz :-

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No. of Plan.	Name.	Description.
1021	Geo. Stockwell	Two houses in Eldorado Road
1022	W. Betteridge	New workshop at back of No. 55, Winchcomb Street.
1023	Benj. Combe	Extension to bar of Hanover Inn, Hanover Street.
1024	H. Salisbury	Additions to his premises in Bath Road.
1025	Pearce and Sons	Six houses in St. Stephen's Road.
1026	Trustees of Delancey Hospital	Additions to Administrative Block.
1027	W. Buckle	Additions to back of his premises in Bath Road
1028	G. Loveday	Two houses in Gloucester Road.
1029	H. Hodgkins	Bay window at Upperton, Eldorado Road.
1030	J. Warren	House and Workshop in Market Street.

Resolved, That No. 1030 be disapproved and that the others be approved.

WILLIAM A. BAKER,

Chairman.

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 14th day of March, 1898—Present : Alderman Norman ; Councillors Bence, M. Davis, Gurney, Lenthall, Margrett, Moles and Waghorne (Councillor Bence in the chair).

Zymotic Disease— The Medical Officer of Health reported that there had been notified since the last meeting of the Committee, 14 cases of Scarlet Fever, 1 of Puerperal Fever and 2 of Diphtheria ; that 13 cases of Scarlet Fever had been sent into the Delancey Hospital, and 1 of Diphtheria into the General Hospital, and that the number of Corporation cases then in the Delancey Hospital was 24.

2— Cleansing and Limewashing at Nos. 8 and 9, Moorend Street, No. 12, Albert Street, St. Peter's, and No. 15, Upper Bath 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.

3— Nuisance from Drains, &c., at Marion Cottage, Moorend Street, No. 25, Duke Street, No. 4, Swindon Terrace, Nos. 1 to 5, Denmark Cottages, and No. 2, Cyprus Cottages—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-- Wells at Nos. 12, 13, 15, 19, 20, 21, 22. 23, 21, 25 and 28, Dunalley Parade, and Nos. 13 and 14, Carlton 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.

5-Overcrowding at Nos. 1 and 5, Exmouth Terrace—The Medical Officer of Health reported that the above premises were so overcrowded as to be dangerous or injurious to the health of the inmates. Resolved, That the Committee being satisfied of the existence of a nuisance on the said Premises, Notices under Sec. 94 of the Public Health Act be served on the owners and occupiers thereof requiring them to abate the same.

6--W.C's without Flushing Apparatus—The Medical Officer of Health handed in a list of houses having w.c's without flushing apparatus. Resolved, That Notices under Section 28 of the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1889, be given to the owners requiring them to provide the necessary flushing apparatus, and to the occupiers to lay on a proper supply of water thereto, and that in default of compliance with such notices proceedings be taken for the penalties.

7-Houses without proper Ash Receptacles-The Medical Officer of Health handed in a list of houses which had no proper ashpits or ash receptacles. Resolved, That the necessary Notices be given to the respective Owners under Sec. 36 of the Public Health Act, 1875, and Sec. 27 of the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1889, requiring them in each case to provide a moveable ash receptacle of such size, pattern, and construction as may be approved by the Borough Surveyor on behalf of the Corporation.

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8-Houses unfit for Human Habitation, viz., a Room over a Stable in Hermitage Street occupied by Mrs. Pearce, and a Room over a blacksmith's shop in New Street, occupied by Mr. Waive—The Medical Officer of Health having certified that these houses were in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to health, and unfit for human habitation, Resolved, That proceedings under Sec. 32 of the Housing of the Working Classes Act, 1890, be taken to obtain Orders for them to be closed.

9—Dairies, Cowsheds and Milkshops order An Application was received from Ellen A. Gregory, of Norwood House, Great Norwood Street, to be registered as a purveyor of milk. Resolved, That the application be granted.

10—Treatment of Diphtheria and Typhoid Fever —The Medical Officer of Health called attention to the fact that provision had been made at the Delancey Hospital for treatment of diphtheria and typhoid fever cases, and he was of opinion that such cases are more safely treated in a Special Hospital than in a general one. Resolved, That in future Corporation cases of these diseases be sent to the Delancey Hospital as far as they can be accommodated in preference to the General Hospital, and that the Resolution to Minute No. 30 of the proceedings of this Committee of date the 10th day of November, 1895, that as many cases of enteric fever as can be received there be sent to the General Hospital be varied or altered accordingly.

11-Ambulance for Diphtheria and Typhoid Cases—Resolved, That the present ambulance used for these cases be inspected by the members of this Committee on the Delancey Trust, and if it appears to them to be sufficiently commodious and repairable that it be properly repaired and done up so as to make it efficient for

the purpose of conveying diphtheria and typhoid patients to the Delancey Hospital, and that they do report as to the provision of shedding for the ambulances at the Delancey Hospital.

12 — Pollution of Brook below Pittville Lake The Medical Officer of Health reported that he had inspected the field and pond from which the pollution found its way into the stream and he had found the pond in the field so grossly polluted as to be an undoubted nuisance and the water in it rendered dangerous by the reception of sewage which came through a culvert from the direction of the houses on Marle Hill immediately above, and that there was an overflow from the pond at that time that discharged into the brook, but only a little of it appeared to reach the brook as it was mostly absorbed by the soil of the field *en route*. A Letter was read from Mr. R. Ticehurst, Clerk to the Cheltenham Rural District Council stating that there seemed to be a misapprehension on the part of the Town Council as to the nuisance having been already pointed out by the Medical Officer of Health of the Town Council to the Medical Officer of Health of the Rural District Council as the latter had distinctly stated that such was not the case, and that his Council were consequently at a loss to know what the complaint was about as neither their Medical Officer of Health or Inspector of Nuisances could find any foundation for it, that the pond referred to had been inspected by a Committee of the Rural District Council and was found not to be a nuisance or the cause of one, but that it was possible it might become so and a strict watch would be kept on it. Resolved, That the Medical Officer of Health be requested to arrange a meeting between himself and the Medical Officer of Health of the Rural District Council to point out to the latter the desirability of impressing upon his Council the necessity of their taking steps to cause abatement of the nuisance,

13-Offensive Trades Byelaws-A Letter was read from Mr. G. M. Davis, Secretary of the Cheltenham and District Butchers' Association, a copy of which he had sent to the Local Government Board criticising the proposed byelaws against offensive trades, and suggesting in what respects they should be modified. Resolved, That it be left to the Local Government Board to decide what modifications, if any, should be made.

14-Smoke Nuisance at Georges Limited—A Letter was read from the General Manager of Georges Limited stating that measures had been taken to comply with the notice which had been served upon the Company to abate the nuisance caused by the emission of smoke from their chimney at the back of No. 366, High Street, but as the necessary alterations could not be completed by the expiration of the time allowed requesting that it might be extended for 14 days. The Town Clerk reported that he had intimated to the Manager that the request would be granted. Resolved, That the reply of the Town Clerk be approved.

15-Smoke Nuisance from Mrs. Weaver's Laundry—A Letter was read from Mr. Dutton, of No. 26, St. Paul's Street North, the land-lord of property in the vicinity of this laundry, complaining that this nuisance had been in no way abated and was greater than ever. Mrs. Cummings, of No. 38, and Mrs. Cook, of No. 39, Sun Street, attended the meeting of the Committee and produced articles of clothing with black smuts thereon which they alleged had been emitted from the chimney of the Laundry and had lodged on the clothing which had been hung out to dry after washing. Resolved, That the Medical Officer of Health be instructed to have further observations made and report as to the result.

16-Flushing Box, ace., at No. 23, Hungerford Street—A Letter was read from Mr. M. Doxsey stating that he could not comply with the notice which had been served on him to provide a flushing box and lay on the water as he had only 2s 6d a week to live on and was 79 years of age so that he could not do any work. Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to inform Mr. Doxsey that the notice must be complied with.

17-Complaint against Corporation Officials—A Letter was read from Mr. E. W. Sharland, of Ambro House, complaining of the treatment he had received from the Officials of the Corporation in serving him with notices, &c., to carry out sanitary requirements ordered by the Council.

18-Sick Pay of Employee—With reference to the application of Mr. F. D. W. Smith for an allowance during the time he had been incapacitated from work through illness, Resolved, That for the present he be granted half wages from the 6th of February, the date of his application, such services as may be within his power to be rendered by him.

19-Congress of British Institute of Public Health--A Letter was read from the Lord Mayor of Dublin stating that the Annual Congress of this Institute would be held this year in Trinity College, Dublin, from August 18th to August 23rd, and inviting the Council to appoint delegates to be present and take part in the deliberations. Resolved, That consideration of the matter be adjourned.

20-Hayden Farm.--The Town Clerk reported that Mr. Wood, jun., called on him with the draft Agreement for the tenancy of Heyden

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Farm and objected to the clauses against mowing, underletting and not turning out from the 1st December to 1st March. Resolved, That the Council cannot consent to any variation of the Agreement as regards the clauses above referred to, and that any dispensation or relief from them at any time that can be properly given must be left to the Borough Surveyor.

21- - Sewer Connections—A Letter from Mr. J. D. Bendall, builder, Leckhampton Road, was read complaining that when recently he had had to make connections with the main sewers in Pilley, Leckhampton and Evelyn Roads he had been required by the Borough Surveyor to take out pipes and put in a junction, which he considered unjust, as he knew of cases where other builders had been allowed simply to cut a hole in the side of the sewer and insert a pipe, and he contended that the same regulation should be enforced upon all builders alike and each be supplied with a copy of such regulation. Resolved, That the regulations which the Borough Surveyor had already drafted be printed and a print thereof be furnished to each member of the Committee previous to consideration of them at a future meeting.

22--Corpus Street Sewer—The Borough Surveyor having reported that it would be necessary to enter upon and open the gardens of Nos. 1 to 13, Corpus Street for the purpose of laying this sewer. Resolved, That the notice required by Sec. 16 of the Public Health Act be served upon the owners or occupiers of the said premises informing them of the intention of the Council to exercise the powers of entry, &c., conferred on them by the said section.

23 —Urinal in High Street—With reference to Minute No. 20 of the proceedings of the Street and Highway Committee at their last meeting the Borough Surveyor reported that it would be practicable to build a urinal at the site fixed upon by that Committee which would not be more than about 18 inches in height above the level of the ground. Resolved, That this Committee regards the resolution to the said minute merely as a consent by the Street and Highway Committee to construction of a urinal at the junctions of Ambrose, New and High Streets, and that the Borough Surveyor be instructed to bring up the plan and estimate therein referred to this Committee.

24-Tivoli Sewer—The Borough Surveyor reported that the cost of this sewer was £12 0s. 4d. Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to communicate with Messrs. Winterbothams & Gurney with reference thereto.

25— 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 Nos. 1021 for two houses in Eldorado Road for Mr. G. Stockwell, which be disapproved.

GEO. BENCE,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, the 21st day of March, 1898—Present : Councillors Bence, M. Davis, Gurney, Lenthall and Margrett (Councillor Bence in the chair).

26-Zymotic Disease—The Medical Officer of Health reported that there had been notified since the last meeting of the Committee, 5 cases of Scarlet Fever, and 2 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 26.

27-House without a proper Water Supply, viz., Brookside Cottage, off Leckhampton Road—It appearing on the Report of the Borough Surveyor dated the 21st March, 1898, 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 Water Acts. Resolved, That Notice be given under Sec. 62 of the Public Health Act, 1875 to the owner, requiring him or her to obtain such a supply and do all such things as may be necessary for the purpose.

28-Wells at Nos. 2, 5 and 6, Hawarden Parade, and Nos. 2, 3, 7, 8, 9 and 11, St. Paul's terrace—The Medical Officer of Health re-ported 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.

29-- 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 watt; thereto, and that in default of compliance with such Notices proceedings be taken for the penalties.

30-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.

31-Cleansing and Limewashing at No. 16, Albert Street, St. Paul's, and Avenall Cottage—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

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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.

32—Dairies, Cowsheds and Milkshops Order—Applications to be registered as purveyors of milk were received from J. W. Cox, No. 2, Suffolk Road, and from James Phelps, No. 32, Tivoli Street. Resolved, That the applications be granted.

33— Nuisance from Drains, &c. at Nos. 1, 3, 4, 5 and 6, Rockford Terrace, Tivoli, Nos. 30, 31, 32 and 33, Cambray, Duke of Sussex Inn, Swindon Road, and 3, Carlton Place--The Inspector of Nuisances having made written application under Sec. 41 of the Public Health Act, stating that the drains, &c., on or belonging to the above-named houses were in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to health. Resolved, That authority be given to the Inspector of Nuisances to open the ground, examine the drains, and, if necessary, give the notices and act as provided by the said section.

34—Leckhampton National Schools—The Medical Officer of Health reported that the w.c. accommodation at these schools was defective and insufficient. Resolved, That authority be given to the Inspector of Nuisances to open the ground and examine the drains if necessary and act as provided by Sec.,41 of the Public Health Act, and that Notice under Sec. 36 of the same Act be served on the School Managers requiring them to provide sufficient and effective closet accommodation at the schools.

35-Pollution of Wyman's Brook—The Medical Officer of Health reported that this brook was polluted by drainage from Glen Cottage in Folly Lane and from some old culverts. Resolved, To adjourn consideration of the matter pending a visit of inspection to be paid by the Committee on the 23rd inst.

36—Heyden Farm The Town Clerk reported that he had had another interview with Mr. Wood who said he would agree to the terms of the draft as drawn if he be allowed to turn out sheep, cattle, or horses up to the end of December and is relieved from the obligation to mow one-third of the pasture in each year. Resolved, That he be allowed to turn out until the end of December each year unless the wetness of the season renders it in the opinion of the Surveyor inadvisable, but that the clause as to mowing must remain with power however to the Surveyor to waive it in any year if he thinks he can properly do so, and that the resolution of the Committee on this subject passed at their last meeting that they could not consent to any variation in the terms of the draft as drawn be varied accordingly.

37-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 and matters affecting public health the same be approved.

GEORGE BENCE,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, the 23rd day of March, 1898—Present : Councillors Bence, M. Davis, Gurney, Lenthall, and Margrett (Councillor Bence in the chair)—

38-Alleged Pollution of Wyman's Brook—The Committee, accompanied by the Medical Officer of Health and the Borough Surveyor, proceeded to inspect the sewerage and drainage arrangements so far as relates to the disposal of sewage from that part of the District of the Rural Authority adjoining Wyman's Brook.

Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be directed to remove the iron culvert crossing the Wyman's Brook near Glen Cottages and that the Medical Officer of Health be instructed to trace the discharge of sewage into the brook by suitable tests and to report thereon to this Committee.

Also Resolved, That the attention of the Town Improvement Committee be called to the desirability in the interests of Public Health and on other grounds of extending the borough boundaries in the direction of the adjoining parishes of Prestbury and Swindon.

GEORGE BENCE,

Chairman.

TOWN IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, the 21st day of March, 1898 Present Aldermen Drew and Winterbotham ; Councillors Bence, Cooper, Dix, Lenthall, Macdonald and Mills (Alderman Winterbotham in the chair)

1—Mr. Robson's account-The Town Clerk read the Report of Alderman Winterbotham and himself on the subject of Mr. Robson's Account for the Schemes for the proposed Kursaal and relating to his charges for the work which had been done by him. Resolved, That the Report be Printed and copies supplied to each member of the Committee, and that consideration thereof be adjourned until the next meeting of the Committee.

2-Winter Garden-A Letter was read from Messrs. H. G. Norton & Co., complaining of the treatment which they had received by the refusal of the Council to accept their offer to hire the use of the Winter Garden for their Cycle Show.

3—Montpellier Gardens.-The Electrical Engineer attended the meeting to ascertain from the Committee whether they would pay the Capital cost of the lighting of the band stand by electricity last summer less £35 which had been received from the Jubilee Fund, or whether the fittings should be removed. Resolved, That the fittings be retained and that the balance due be paid out of the fund authorised by Sec. 59 of the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1889.

4—Sunshine Recorder-Letters from the Borough Meteorologist were read with reference to the different kinds of Sunshine Recorders and the position in which the one decided upon should be fixed and suggesting that if the instrument could be efficiently attended to by one of the men employed at the Pittville Gardens, the top of the dome of the Pump Room would undoubtedly be a better site for it than any position in his garden could be. Resolved, That it be left to Mr. Tyrer to obtain such kind of instrument as he shall consider best and that the Borough Surveyor be instructed to arrange with him as to the position in which it can best be fixed having regard to the attention required.

5- -Coal Store in back road East side of Clarence Square-A Letter was read from Mr. Henry Wilkins, of No. 35, Clarence Square, calling attention to the fact that a stable in the road above-mentioned had been let by Messrs. Engall, Cox & Co. to a Mr. Collins for a coal store to and from which coal was taken in a waggon for retail in the streets, and that being a private road for the use of residents in the square the practice should be put a stop to. Resolved, To instruct the Town Clerk to write to Mr. Collins to inform him that he must cease to use the road in the manner complained of.

6-- Football Grand Stand, Montpellier Gardens—A Letter from Mr. F. Wilks, Hon. Sec. of the Athletic Society, was read asking if the Grand Stand at Montpellier Gardens could be allowed to remain until after the Sports on Easter Monday. Resolved, That the Council have no objection to its remaining up subject to the Society being responsible for its removal within two days after the Sports and to the conditions upon which the Football Club were allowed to erect it being strictly observed and carried out.

7-Town Band—A Letter from Mr. J. Hall, Secretary of the Town Band, was read asking if the Council will require the services of the band for the summer months. Resolved, That the Letter be referred to the Concert Sub-Committee, which be made General for band purposes, to deal with and report to this Committee.

8-Military Tournament at Montpellier Gardens —A Letter was read from Quarter-Master R. C. Bastin, stating that Lord Worcester had fixed Wednesday, May 18th, for the Tournament, and requesting that the gardens should be reserved for that date at the price agreed upon, viz., 15 guineas.

9-Damage by Peacocks—A Letter from Mrs. Parr, of Saxham, Pittville, was read complaining of damage which had been done in her garden by the peacocks from Pittville Park. Resolved, That the Council very much regret that Mrs. Parr should again have cause for complaint in this respect, and to inform her that endeavours are being made to capture the birds and prevent any recurrence of the complaints.

10-Black Swan—A Letter from Mr. Agg-Gardner was read expressing his thanks to the Council for their resolution of the 7th inst. with reference to his gift of a black swan.

JAS. B. WINTERBOTHAM,

Chairman.

WATER COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Wednesday, the 23rd day of March, 1898 Present: Councillors Bence, Ll. Davies, Al. Davis, Dix and Margrett (Councillor Margrett in the chair)—

1-Water Engineer's Report—The Water Engineer reported that on the 22nd inst. the supply from Hewletts and Northfield was 119 gallons, the average for the last four years being 200 gallons per minute ; and the quantity of water in store at Hewletts was 17,341,281 gallons.

On the 21st inst., the depth of water in Dowdeswell Reservoir was 29 feet 11 ½ inches and the contents 89,402,315 gallons, which gave a total of 106,943,596 gallons, or about 130 days' supply, exclusive of the daily yield of the springs, which was then about 561,024 gallons.

The Water Engineer laid before the Committee correspondence he had had with the Vicar of Christ Church with reference to the pressure of the water to the Organ, and the Chairman reported that he had instructed the Water Engineer to have the supply from Hewletts turned on at the new Junction Valve in the London Road during hours of Service on Sundays, which had proved entirely satisfactory.

The Water Engineer further reported that he was at that time requiring a quantity of Turf for use at the Winter Garden, and having also had an application for garden ground, he had arranged to give the present tenant of the land at Sandford notice to terminate his tenancy,, and proposed to re-let the land in future as garden ground, by which means the return will be doubled. Resolved, That the Report be approved, and proposals and proceedings therein mentioned confirmed and adopted.

2—Water Supply to General Hospital—A letter from Mr. Carrington, Hon. Sec. of the General Hospital, was read, stating that the Rules of the Hospital did not allow the Board to adopt the suggestion of the Water Committee relative to placing the Chairman of the Committee on the Board. The Town Clerk laid before the Committee the draft of a letter which he proposed to write in reply, that the principle of representation of the Corporation on the governing bodies of the Grammar School, the Cleeve Hill Common Conservators and the Delancey Hospital, to the funds of which institutions and bodies the Corporation contributes, has been fully and freely recognised. That the Rules of the Hospital provide that donors of 50 guineas and annual subscribers of 10 guineas shall be *ex-officio* members of all Boards of the Hospital. That the Corporation being, therefore, annual subscribers of 20 guineas at present, and of £50 as proposed, would be entitled to be an *ex-officio* Governor if an individual, and inasmuch as the Corporation cannot in their Corporate capacity sit and vote as Governors, except by a representative or nominee, it is usual in such cases to place their nominee upon the governing body, That, under those circumstances, he was directed by the Council to express the hope that the Rules will be altered, if necessary, to allow of this being done. Resolved, That the proposed reply of the Town Clerk be approved.

3-Water Supply to Flushing Box—With reference to the letter read at the last meeting of the Committee from Mr. W. Smith, of No. 12A Norwood Terrace, stating that he was willing to comply with a Notice which had been served on him to fix a Flushing Box, provided the same rate be charged him for the water supply as the adjoining houses, and no increase made in respect of his stabling, for which he did not require it. Resolved, That he be charged upon the gross value of the house only.

4-Pipes at Coxhorne Farm Belonging to the Corporation Used by Mr. Randall—With reference to the resolution to Minute No. 1 of the proceedings of this Committee at their last meeting relating to this matter, a letter from Mr. Randall was read, stating that he did not understand why he should be charged for the pipes which he was alleged to have taken, as he had taken none from Dowdeswell, but had some theft that were on the Farm nine years ago, and he had not sold any ; and that if there were any belonging to the Waterworks Department he requested that they should be fetched away. A letter from the Town Clerk, in reply, was read, explaining that there were two pipes in question, one of which it appeared had been put under a gate roadway to carry water along the ditch, and the other had recently been given by him to the roadmen in the employ of the Highway Surveyor to form a similar channel in the roadway to a gate leading on to his farm, and that unless the pipes are taken to the Dowdeswell Works of the Corporation. or the value of them paid, within a week from that date, he (the Town Clerk) would be under the necessity of commencing proceedings against him. Resolved, week reply of the Town Clerk be approved.

5-Water Rate on Nos. 21 and 22, Hungerford Street and Nos. 33 and 34, Lower Park Street--A letter from Mr. John Blake, owner of these premises, was read, asking to be allowed to compound for the Water Rates upon them. Resolved, That the application be acceded to.

6-Arrears of Water Rates—The Collector laid before the Committee a list of Water Rates which were in arrears. Resolved, to give to the Collector a general authority to take proceedings for recovery of arrears of Water Rates, as he has been accustomed to do for recovery of arrears of the General District Rate.

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

H. GEO. MARGRETT,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 29th day of March, 1898, Present Councillors Baker, Bence, M. Davis, Ll. Davies, Dix, and Margrett (Councillor Margrett in the chair).

8-Water Pressure to All Saints' Organ —A Letter was read from the Rev. G. Gardner, complaining of the defective water pressure for blowing the organ in All Saints' Church. The Borough Surveyor explained that owing to the increase in the number of houses on the line of the main to the church the draught upon it was so great that full pressure could not be maintained. Resolved, That a separate 4-inch main be laid from Hewlett's Road down to the church for supply to the organ and fire hydrants only at an estimated cost of about £100.

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provisional Order for Loan of £30,000 The Town Clerk read the draft of the Provisional Order for the Loan which he had received from the Local Government Board but which he could not recommend the Committee to approve in its present form as under it every expenditure of capital, however small, could only be made with the sanction of the Local Government Board, and it did not even empower the Council to raise the capital necessary for the wants of the Corporation in the near future, or the £8,000 for which plans and estimates were laid before the Inspector at the Inquiry. The Town Clerk read the amendments he proposed to insert in the draft, and a letter he proposed to write to the Local Government Board explaining the reasons for making them. Resolved, that the amendments and letter of the Town Clerk be approved.

H. GEO. MARGRETT,

Chairman.

LIGHTING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, the 28th day of March, 1898—Present : Alderman Norman ; Councillors Baker, Dix, Margrett, and Steel (Alderman Norman in the chair)

1—Electrical Inspector's Report—The Electrical 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.
March 8th	100 Volts	101.6 Volts.
" 10th	"	101.6 Volts.
" 18th	"	102.0 "
"25th	"	<u>101.6</u> "
Average 101.7 Volts.		

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

ILLUMINATING POWER.		PURITY—SULPHUR.	
1898		1898.	Grains per 100 cubic ft.
March 8th..	16.55 candles	March 8 th -9 th	9.22
" 10th ..	16.95 "		
" 18th ..	16.55 "		
" 25th..	<u>15.28</u> "		
Average..	16.33 "	Average..	—

3-Gas Inspector's Report—The Gas Inspector reported that the hourly average consumption of Gas per lamp during the previous month had been 4.1633 cubic feet.

4—Lamp Book—This Book was produced and examined. Lamps extinguished, 6 metered, 15 unmetered; and 5 burning dimly.

5- Incandescent Street Lighting—A letter was read from the Clerks to the Gas Co. with reference to the resolution of the Council enquiring upon what terms the Company would supply and maintain incandescent burners to say 20 of the ordinary gas lamps, with which they forwarded a resolution of their Directors informing the Council that before quoting terms the Company are desirous of making experiments with a new form of incandescent burner for street lighting to be brought out shortly, and hope at an early date to communicate the result to the Council.

6 -Electrical Engineer's Report—The Electrical Engineer reported that an arrangement was required for a further supply of New Bowson Slack Coal to the Electric Works for twelve months. Resolved, That Tenders be advertised for, specification and particulars to be obtainable on application to the Electrical Engineer.

7-Electric Lighting Loan of £20,667 —A letter was read from the Local Government Board with which they forwarded their formal sanction to borrow the sum of £20,667 for purposes of Electric Lighting, and requesting that the Board might be furnished with a map of the Borough showing in different colours mains originally laid and the subsequent extensions. Resolved, That the Electrical Engineer be instructed to furnish the plan required.

8-Electric Supply to Ladies' College-A letter was read from the Secretary to the Ladies' College with reference to Minute No. 6 of the proceedings of this Committee of the 24th of February last. alleging that the Electrical Engineer was incorrect in his belief that the number of lamps in use at the Ladies' College on the 21st ulto.

was largely in excess of those in the hall, as the lighting was limited to the new hall and three or four lamps in his office, and all the lamps in the hall were not in use.

9-Electric Supply to St. Hilda's - A letter was from the Secretary of St. Hilda's, repeating that Miss Lumby, the lady principal of St Hilda's. was quite sure that lamps had not been carelessly left on and lavishly used as suggested.

10-Damage to Electric Light Standard-With reference to Minute No. 10 of the proceedings of this Committee of the 22nd of December last, and the resolution thereto, the Town Clerk reported that he had written to Mr. Jackson, of Cubberley, the owner of the cart that did the damage, claiming the cost of repair, amounting to £7 1s. 3d., that Mr. Jackson had been to see him, and alleged that the accident occurred owing to the unskilful guidance of the wagon by one of the Corporation workmen who was assisting to back it into a yard, and requesting that some abatement of the amount demanded might be made. Resolved, That the claim be reduced to £5 if paid at once.

11-Lighting of Brighton Road, Late Leckhampton-A letter from Mr. G. B. Dale and seven other owners and occupiers of property in this road was read, applying for the provision of a lamp in it. Resolved, To adjourn consideration of the matter for the Committee to view, and to call the attention of the General Purposes and Watch Committee to the fact that there are two Brighton Roads within the Borough.

12— Lighting of Bloomsbury Place-A letter was read from Mr. James Roylance complaining that by the removal of the lamp from the High Street corner of Bloomsbury Place his side door and the whole of the footpaths on either side had been turned into a urinal after dark, and made use of as a closet. Resolved, To adjourn consideration of the matter for the Committee to view.

13-Lighting near Hatherley Schools---A Memorial from the Rev. G. P. Griffiths and others was read, suggesting the need of a gas lamp to light the road near the Hatherley Schools. Resolved, To adjourn consideration of the matter for the Committee to view.

14-Insurance against Claims under the Workmen's Compensation Act, 1897 Resolved. That insurance be effected against claims by the employees of this department under the Workmen's Compensation Act, 1897, and that the General Purposes and Watch Committee be requested to make the necessary arrangements.

GEO. NORMAN,

Chairman.

GENERAL PURPOSES AND WATCH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, the 4th day of March, 1898--Present : The Mayor ; Aldermen Norman and Winterbotham ; Councillors Bence, Hayward, Margrett, Mills, and Steel (The Mayor in the chair)

1-Cheltenham Market-With reference to Minute No. 10 of the proceedings of this Committee at their last meeting, Mr. Caslle, of the firm of Castle and Pope, Auctioneers, &c., Regent Street, Cheltenham, attended this meeting and discussed the question of taking the Market with the Committee. A letter from Mr. J. G. Villas, hoping that he would have an opportunity of renting the Market, was read. Resolved, That the Market Tolls be advertised to be let by Tender for 3 or 5 years, information as to the receipts, &c., for the past five years to be obtained on application to the Borough Accountant.

2-Teachers' Conference, 1898 -With reference to the resolution to Minute No. 6 of this Committee's proceedings at their last meeting, the tenders for the fitting up. &c., of the Winter Garden and the Imperial Rooms sent in in response to the advertisement were opened and found to be as follows :-

Messrs Smith Bros. . . .	£118
Messrs. is Lance and Co.	£235

Resolved, That the tender of Messrs Smith Bros. be accepted, and that the Town Clerk do prepare a contract accordingly.

RICHARD ROGERS, Chairman.

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At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 22nd day of March, 1898—Present : Councillors Bence, M. Davis, Hayward, Margrett, and Moles (Councillor Margrett in the chair)

3—Chairman —In the absence of the Chairman, Councillor Margrett was appointed chairman at this meeting.

4- Diseases of Animals Acts—Superintendent Hopkins reported that since the last meeting nine unmuzzled dogs had been seized by the Police ; six were claimed and three destroyed. That 27 persons had been proceeded against for offences under the Muzzling Order. That 1s had been paid by the owner of a dog claimed for its keep ; and that with reference to the out-break of Scab amongst 16 sheep belonging to Mr. Cornelius Smith at Arolf, Leckhampton Road, the animals had all completely recovered, the premises had been thoroughly disinfected, and were free from infection.

5--Muzzling Order— A letter was read from the Town Clerk to the Board of Agriculture suggesting that the Muzzling Order should be withdrawn from Cheltenham and neighbourhood, and pointing out the inconsistency of its only being applicable to certain areas, to which a letter from the Board in reply was read, to the effect that they would not feel justified, in view of the length of the period of incubation of this disease, in withdrawing the regulations at the present time.

6—Fire Brigade—The Superintendent reported that the Brigade was called to extinguish a fire on the 27th ulto. at No. 2 Montpellier Avenue, resulting in damage estimated at £5 ; that the property was insured in the Liverpool, London and Globe Office, to whom the account for the extinction expenses had been forwarded.

7—Sub-Committee's Minutes---Resolved, That the Minutes of the proceedings of the Fire Brigade Sub-Committee, at their meeting of date the 4th inst., be approved and confirmed.

8— Power of Board of Agriculture to issue Regulations Affecting Dogs—A letter from Sir E. Lee and others was read calling attention to the introduction into Parliament of a Bill to extend the power which the Board of Agriculture already has of issuing regulations affecting dogs over the heads of Local Authorities, who have to bear the trouble and cost of carrying them out, and urging the necessity of the Bill being watched to prevent its being rushed through without discussion. Resolved, To forward the letter to the Member for the Borough with a request that he will be so good as to give the matter his attention.

9- Hackney Carriage Drivers' Licenses—Applications for drivers' licenses were received from Robert Fowles, of No. 13, Henrietta Street, and Henry Russell, of No. 4, New Street. Resolved, That the applications be granted.

10—Hackney Carriages—A letter was read from Mrs. Eliza Gregory, of No. 27 Henrietta Street, stating that her husband, who had held a Carriage License for 25 years, had recently died, and requesting that she might continue working the carriage for her own benefit and support until the next annual licensing day, when she trusted a license would be granted to her in her own name, as she had no other means of gaining a living. Resolved, That she be granted a license to work the carriage until the next licensing day, and that the fee for the same be remitted.

A letter from Mr. C. Cooke, Secretary of the Cab Drivers' Union, was read, demanding payment of the costs incurred in defending a prosecution of a driver by the Police, which had been dismissed. Resolved, To inform Mr. Cooke that there is no liability on the part of the Council, and that they have no power to make the payment.

11-- Grammar School Representation—Resolved, That the Council be recommended to appoint Councillor Margrett as a representative of the Council on the Board of Governors of the Grammar School in place of Colonel Thoyts, whose term of office has expired.

12-Bye-Laws for Regulation of Roundabouts, &c. —A letter was read from Mr. E. J. Burrow, of the Grosvenor Studios, reminding the Council of their resolution to make Bye-Laws for the repression of such nuisances as roundabouts in Hampton's Gardens. Resolved, to inform Mr. Burrow that the draft of the Bye-Laws is in course of preparation.

13- Local Authorities' Officers' Superannuation Bill—A letter was read from the Chairman and Hon. Secretary of the Superannuation Conference, convened by the Municipal Officers' Association, calling attention to the above Bill, and suggesting that the Council should pass a resolution in favour of the Bill. Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to bring up a report as to the general effect of the Bill.

14—Whaddon Lane—A letter from Messrs. Bubb and Co., solicitors for Mr. Skillicorne, was read calling attention to the damage being done to the road in Whaddon Lane by the hauling of ashes in the Corporation carts to the allotment land, and that if the Council cause damage to the road by excessive user they must pay for it. Resolved, That the Council cannot admit that there has been any excessive user, and to inform Messrs. Bubb and Co. that the hauling of ashes has ceased.

15-Borough Arms--A letter was read from Mr. H. W. Stubbin, of No. 18, Windsor Street, requesting permission for the Cheltenham Popular Angling Association to use the Borough Arms on their members' cards. Resolved, To inform Mr. Stubbin that the Council have no objection to the proposed use of the Borough Arms.

16-Bronze Fountain—A letter was read from Mr. Marshall, requesting that the Bronze Fountain which he gave to the Corporation in 1895 should be returned to him, as it was not being used. Resolved, To adjourn consideration of the matter until the next meeting of the Committee. Tenders for Renovations at Municipal Offices—Tenders for alterations and renovation of the Lavatory, Offices of the Medical Officer of Health, and Office of the School Attendance Officers, according to the Specification of the Borough Surveyor, were received as follows, viz. :—

W. C. Channon	£85 13 0
John Parslow	£65 0 0
James Moore ..	£58 12 6

Resolved, That the Tender of Mr. Moore be accepted.

H. GEO. MARGRETT, Chairman.

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FIRE BRIGADE SUB-COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Friday, the 4th day of March, 1898 Present : The Mayor ;
Councillors Bence, Margrett, and Mills (the Mayor in the chair)

1--Rules and Regulations—Resolved, That the further consideration of the draft Rules and Regulations, submitted by the Superintendent and referred to this Sub-Committee, be adjourned, and that prints of them be sent to the members of the General Purposes Committee in the meantime.

2—Trousers for Men—The Superintendent laid before the Committee the prices and patterns he had obtained for the supply of Trousers for the Brigade from the following, viz. :—H. Salisbury and Son, J. Salisbury, T. S. Bastin and Son, and Bryant and Co. Resolved, That 20 pairs of trousers, at the price of 17s 6d per pair and of the material selected, be ordered of Messrs. T. S. Bastin and Son.

3 Appliances—The Superintendent submitted a list of the appliances he required for the use of the Brigade, as follows :-

6 100ft. lengths 2 ½ Canvas Hose and Couplings

6 Extra Couplings

2 Breechings

3 Connecting pieces

1 Branch Pipe with 7/8 in., 1in., and 1 ¼ in. Jets

6 Hose Clamps (3 to each pattern)

2 Pairs Brigade Scaling Ladders

1 Basket Strainer for Engine

2 Small Shovels for Hose Carts

2 Screw Wrenches

20 Enamelled Plates—"Fireman"—at a cost of 1s 6d each

To meet the altered conditions of the Fire Station re-joint existing side levers of Manual Engine at a cost of £6

Also provide one pair of new Pole Chains to ditto at a cost of 7s 6d

Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor do obtain the same.

RICHARD ROGERS,

Chairman.

BATHS AND RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 21st day of March, 1898—Present : Alderman Drew; Councillors Ll. Davies, Hayward, and Lenthall (Councillor Lenthall in the chair)—

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

2-Alstone Swimming Bath— Resolved, That this Bath be re-opened on the 1st of April next, and that tenders be obtained from Messrs. Lance and Co., Limited, Dicks and Son, and Cavendish House Co., Limited, for the supply of 15 dozen towels and 15 dozen drawers.

3-Montpellier Baths—The Town Clerk reported that he had received notice from the Local Government Board that an Enquiry would be held on the 1st prox., at 10.30 o'clock in the morning, with reference to the application of the Council for a Provisional Order to enable them to purchase the Montpellier Baths and to borrow money therefor.

A letter from the Local Government Board was read, with which they forwarded copy of a letter they had received from Councillor Margrett objecting, for reasons therein stated, to the proposed Order, A letter from the Town Clerk in reply was read, stating that the resolution in favour of the purchase was carried by a majority of twelve votes to two, Alderman Winterbotham and Councillor Gurney not voting, and that the correctness of the other statements made by Councillor Margrett could be best tested at the Enquiry. Resolved, That the reply of the Town Clerk be approved.

A letter from Messrs. Winterbothams and Gurney was read, with which they enclosed a letter they had received from the Secretary of the Company, stating that his Directors had had a letter from a London agent respecting the sale of the Baths, and requesting to be informed if they would be justified in opening negotiations with anyone for the sale of the pro-

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perty before the contract for the purchase by the Corporation had been obtained. A letter from the Town Clerk in reply was read, expressing an opinion that they would not be justified in so doing. Resolved, That the reply of the Town Clerk be approved. The Town Clerk submitted the draft of the Contract for the purchase of the Baths from the Company which he had received from Messrs. Winterbothams and Gurney. Resolved, That subject to slight alterations and amendments made therein by the Town Clerk, the same be approved.

4--Cleansing Baths—The Town Clerk reported that he had received the sanction of the Local Government Board to borrow £550 for the provision of these Baths, to be repaid in 28 years. Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to obtain execution of the contract by Messrs. Collins and Godfrey, whose tender for construction of the Baths for £493 10s. was accepted at the meeting of this Committee in September last ; that they be requested to commence the work immediately the contract has been completed, and that the Finance Committee be requested to make the necessary arrangements to obtain the loan.

J. S. LENTHALL,

Chairman.

BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Friday, the 25th day of March, 1898 Present : Alderman Haddon ; Councillors Baker, M. Davis, and Moles (Councillor Moles in the chair)

1- Superintendent's Report The Superintendent reported that the principal roads in the Cemetery required to be repaired, and that he would be glad if the Committee would pay a visit to the Cemetery, so that he might receive directions as to the ground to be used for purchased graves in the Established Church portion in the near future. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor do have the roads repaired, and that the Committee meet at 10 a.m. on the 22nd prox. for the purpose of visiting the Cemetery.

2-" Non-Parishioner " Fees Letters were read from Mr. H. Smith, undertaker, and Mr. E. J. Webber, with reference to the fees as for a " non-parishioner " charged on the purchase of a grave for, and the interment of, Miss Frances Eliza Webber, on the 12th January last, from which it appeared that the deceased had resided in Cheltenham for more than 12 months immediately preceding her death. Resolved, That the extra fees charged (£3 7s. 0d.) be repaid accordingly.

3-Designs—The following designs were examined and approved, viz :—Headstones to Ellen Jane Powell, Eliza Strain and Alfred Godfrey, Arthur and Amelia Guinness, and Susannah Williams. Kerbing to Julia Ann Thompson. Memorial to John William Frederick Bean.

4-Account —The following Account for Wages was allowed :

G. C. Pratley, Wages Account £11 18 0

J. V. MOLES,

Chairman.

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FINANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 15th day of March, 1898—Present : Aldermen Holliday and Drew ; Councillors Cooper, Gurney, Hayward, Margrett, Macdonald, and Steel (Councillor Margrett in the chair)—

1—Borough Rate The Committee went through the Borough Fund Account with the view of estimating the amount which will be required for the Borough Rate for the ensuing year. Resolved, That so far as the Committee are able to judge at present, the probable amount required by the Corporation from the Overseers will be £8,500, and that the Assistant Overseer be so informed.

2—Accounts—Resolved, That the Mayor be requested to call a Special Meeting of the Council for the 30th instant, at 3 p.m., to pass the accounts previously submitted to this Committee for payment.

H. GEO. MARGRETT, Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Saturday, the 26th day of March, 1898—Present : Councillors Macdonald and Margrett.

A quorum of members not being present, no business was transacted.

E. T. BRYDGES, Town Clerk.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 29th day of March, 1898—Present : The Mayor : Alderman Holliday ; Councillors Cooper, Gurney, Hayward, Macdonald, Margrett, and Steel (Councillor Margrett in the chair) —

4—Leighton Road Private Improvement Works —A letter was read from Mr. J. Bastin, of Amberley, London Road, asking for relief from payment of interest on the amount apportioned of the cost of the Private Improvement Works in the Leighton Road in respect of property belonging to him in that street, and that time might be given him to pay what remained due from him in respect of No. 15, Princes Street without interest. Resolved, That if Mr. Bastin pays within a month all that is due from him of the principal money, the interest be remitted.

5—District Rate of No. 15, Pittville Villas—A letter from the Rev. L. A. Lyne, of Glenfall Lodge, All Saints, was read, applying for a return of half the Rate paid by him when residing at No. 15, Pittville Villas, which he left a week before Christmas. Resolved, That a proportionate allowance be made off the next rate payable by Mr. Lyne in respect of his present residence.

6—Fairfield Road Private Improvement Works—A letter was read from Mr: Thomas Jenkins, of Victoria Place, Bath Road, requesting to be permitted to pay by instalments the apportioned amount of the cost of the Private Improvement Works in respect of property owned by him in Fairfield Road. Resolved, That payment be allowed by four quarterly instalments with interest at 5 per cent, the first payment to be made on the 24th June next.

7—Repayment of Loan of £1,000—With reference to a notice on behalf of Mrs. Annie Hall, dated 3rd September last, requiring payment of £1,000 lent by her to the Corporation, part of the water loan of £10,000, Resolved, That application be made to Lloyd's Bank to lend the amount required for this payment on the same terms as previous loans.

8—Electric Lighting Loan—Resolved, To apply to Lloyd's Bank for an advance of £10,000 on account of this loan on the same terms as previous loans.

9—Street Improvements Capital-- Resolved, That £5,000 of the Capital in hand on this account be transferred to the Loans Fund Account.

10—General District Rate --The Report of the Borough Accountant of date the 25th inst., on the collection of the second instalment of this Rate, was read. Amount collected £13,924 14s. 2d., leaving outstanding £917 16s. 11 ½ d.

11—Water Rate --The Report of the Borough Accountant of date the 26th inst., on the collection of this Rate was read. Amount received £9,498 8s. 8d., leaving outstanding £1,062 5s. 4d.

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 £11,728 12s. 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.

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The following was the General Statement :—

In hand on the 1st March last	£10,455 17 11
Received since that date	£ <u>3,497 15 9</u>
	£13,953 13 8
Paid since that date	£ <u>6,270 17 7</u>
In hand	£ 7,682 16 1

PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 22nd day of March, 1898--Present : Councillors LI. Davies and Hayward ; the Rev. J. Mugliston the Baron de Ferrieres, Dr. Davis, Mr. W. Cresswell and Mr. T. Whittard (Councillor Hayward in the chair)

1-Librarian's Report—The usual Monthly Report of the Librarian was read. Receipts £5 18s. 1d. He reported that there had been a decrease of two per day in the issues from the Lending Library, and a decrease of 10 per day in the Reference Library when 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 :—

Lady Cook 1 Volume.
Baron de Ferrieres 2 Volumes.

Annual Reports from the Libraries at Hove, Baltimore, and Philadelphia.

2--Sub-Committee's Report--The Sub-Committee recommended that two gross of Cotton's patent Noiseless Chair-pads be obtained at a cost of about £2 10s. 0d ; that the News Room be kept open until 10 p.m. permanently ; and that the Reference and Lending Departments, the Book Stores, Corridors, and Lavatories be painted and decorated. They reported that Mr. M. H. Reay, of No. 14, Bath Parade, would decorate and paint the Reference Library for £15, as offered by him in 1896, and stated in Minute No. 2 of the proceedings of this Committee of the 21st of July, 1896, That they considered the resolution thereto impliedly authorised them to have the work carried out by him in any subsequent year when they should consider best ; That they had accordingly instructed him to commence the work, which he had done ; and that as he was doing this work they recommended that he be employed to do the rest of the work mentioned, which he had agreed to do for a sum not exceeding £35 (the specification for the work in the Reference Library to be applicable to the whole), and to take payment by two equal instalments, the last one to be paid in the year commencing April, 1899, with interest at five per. cent. from completion of the work until payment. resolved, That the Report and the recommendations of the Sub-Committee be approved, and that the Magazine Room be permanently kept open until 9 p.m.

3---Lighting of Entrance to Library—Resolved, To draw the attention of the Lighting Committee to the want of a lamp, or lamps, properly placed to light the entrance to the Library.

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

	£ s d
W. Jones, Wages Account	16 8 0
W. Downing, Books ..	3 5 0
S.H. Harris and Co., Coal ..	1 19 10
Norman, Sawyer and Co., Binding, &c.	21 13 0
C. Westley, Newspapers and Periodicals	12 17 10
Magazines ..	3 15 9
Newspapers (Leckhampton)	1 11 5
"Books	15 12 3
Gas Company, Coke ..	9 12 0
W. Jones, Petty Cash .	5 0 0
	£ s d
British Financial Corporation, Limited, Indicator Books	1 7 8
A. C. and S. Billings, Repairs ..	0 16 6
Electric Light Department, Electric Energy	12 0 0
J. W. Pink, Books	1 11 0
James Miles, Books • •	1 4 9
T. Miles and Co., Books	1 4 11
S. Palmer, Books .	0 7 6

C. HAYWARD,

Chairman.

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SCHOOL ATTENDANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, the 30th day of March, 1898--Present : Alderman Haddon ; Councillors Cypher, LI. Davies, Moles, and Steel (Councillor Steel en 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 43 schools, from which 973 names of absentee children had been extracted, all of whom had been visited. They also reported that the parents of 127 children had been summoned to attend before the Local Committees who had held 8 meetings. That 6 parents had been prosecuted ; that 3 were fined, and that Albert Wilson, Charles Haines, and Alfred Barter had been sent to an Industrial School at Stockport,

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., Annie Lawrence, Carlton Place, Lilian Hart, late of Providence Square, Martin Dennis, of No. 10, Leighton Road, and Ashley Bryant, of No. 2, Fairview Street. That proceedings under Sec. 12 of the Act of 1875 be taken against the parents of Arthur Charles Minett, Folly Lane, Nellie Page, Pantile Row, and Charles Bunting, of Millbrook Terrace, for non-compliance with Attendance Orders, and that Arthur Minett be sent to the Workhouse.

3-Attendance at Trinity Schools—A resolution of the Managers of the Trinity Schools was read calling attention to several cases of bad attendance of children attending the schools and urging the Committee to take steps to compel them to attend regularly. A report of the Attendance Officer in whose district the children resided was read, from which it appeared that the bad attendance in 4 out of the 5 cases referred to by the Managers was in consequence of bona fide illness and the other was due to the boy having been away from the town. Resolved, That a copy of the Report be sent to the Managers.

4--Absentees from St. Peter's-A Letter was lead from Mr. A. G. Wheeler stating that there was some 40 or 50 boys per day absent from St. Peter's Schools, and specially referring to 13 of them by name. Reports from the School Attendance Officers with reference thereto were read. Resolved, To inform Mr. Wheeler that the cases have been and are being inquired into by the Attendance Officers and the Local Committee.

5-- Irene Davis-With reference to Minute No. 3 of the proceedings of this Committee at their last meeting and the resolution thereto the Town Clerk laid before the Committee the draft agreement with the father of the child. Irene Davis, by which he was to contribute at the rate of 2s per week towards the expense of maintaining the child in the Bristol Institution for the deaf and dumb, Tyndall's Park, Bristol. Resolved, That the same be approved, and the Common Seal of the Corporation affixed to the agreement.

JOHN D. STEEL,

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 Quarterly Meeting of the Council, to be held on Monday, the 2nd day of May, 1898.

STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 12th day of April, 1898-Present: Councillors Baker, Bence, Cypher, Dix and Margrett (Councillor Baker in the chair)

1- Estimate of Expenditure—Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be directed to bring up an estimate of what his Department will require in respect of the Highways and Scavenging during the ensuing year, so that this Committee may inform the Finance Committee of the probable amount required.

2-Supply of Materials—Resolved, That Tenders for a twelve months' supply of cement, stoneware pipes, and blue brick curbing, channelling, &c., be advertised for.

3-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.
1031	C. S. Holliday.	Additions to Stables, Spa Buildings Road.
1032	J. Fisher.	Additions to Premises at 249 High Street.
1033	G. Chick.	7 Houses in Leckhampton Lane.

Resolved, That Nos. 1031 and 1032 be disapproved, and that No. 1033 be approved.

WILLIAM A. BAKER,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 25th day of April, 1898—Present: The Mayor ; Alderman Haddon ; Councillors Baker, Cypher, Davis, Dix and Margrett (Councillor Baker in the chair)

4—The View—The following members of the Committee were present at the View Meeting on the previous Friday, viz.:—Alderman Haddon ; Councillors Baker, Bence, Cypher, M. Davis, Dix, and Margrett.

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5-Street Projections The Street Inspector reported that at No. 68, High Street, a small advertising board had been put up by Mr. Poulston, hairdresser. That at No. 107, Tewkesbury Road, a hairdresser's sign pole had been put up by Mr. J. Fennell and that the sign at the Robin Hood Inn, St. James Street, had been removed.

A letter from Mr. A. Davis, of Western Coffee Tavern, Manchester Street, was read, asking permission to put up a sign board over his shop, at a height of 11ft. 6in from the ground, size of boards 2ft. 11 ½ in. by 2ft. 8in.. and in shape according to sketch enclosed. Resolved, That Mr. Poulston be ordered to remove his sign ; that Mr. Fennell be informed that his sign must be removed if it projects more than 18 inches from the facade of the building ; and that the application of Mr. Davis be acceded to.

6--Report of the Borough Surveyor re Highways--The Borough Surveyor reported that the work done by the Highways Department from the 26th of March, to the 22nd of April. both inclusive, had been as follows.

Repaired with Clee Hill Stone--Tewkesbury Road 9,000 super yards, North Place 856 super yards.

Patching--Swindon Street, St. George's Place, Oriel Road, Lansdown Parade, Lansdown Place,, Old Bath Road, Gloucester Road.

Repaired with Wickwar Stone Grafton Road 3,611 super yards ; Naunton Crescent proceeding.

Paving, Crossing, Kerb and Channelling--Bath Road, Gloucester Road, Market Street. Winchcomb Street, High Street, Naunton Crescent, Prestbury Road, Tewkesbury Road, Gloucester Place, St. Paul's Street, Suffolk Parade, Montpellier Street, Barnett's Row, Queen's Parade, Rotunda Terrace, Townsend Street, Sandford Road, Warwick Place.

Crossings had been relaid in the Promenade from the Fountain to 25, Promenade Villas and at the end of Sandford Street with McDougall's bricks.

Private Improvements Henrietta Street (proceeding), Bath Terrace (proceeding), Rodney Road (finished), Bath Parade (proceeding).

One gully in Tewkesbury Road had been rebuilt and one new gully in Henrietta Street. The Contract for Provender will expire on the 1st June.

Ashes Collected Van loads 817 ; Cart Loads 106. Consumed at Destructor 974 tons, 11 cwt.

Complaint had been made by Mr. Villar on behalf of Mr. Smith, of Moor's Farm, that the Corporation had encroached on his land near the Electric Lighting Station. Some few years ago the late Mr. Smith removed the hedge which formed the boundary between his garden and the field belonging to the Corporation. At one end the boundary line was very irregular and Mr. Smith is now taking advantage of this to claim more than in the Surveyor's opinion he is entitled to. At the same time the amount in dispute was so small it would be well if it could be settled without recourse to legal proceedings, and he suggested that the Council arrange to purchase the strip of land so that the boundary in future may be from the wall of the Corporation, which would avoid any disputes in future. Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to write to Mr. Villar to inform him that in order to avoid litigation the Council would be willing to purchase from Mr. Smith the strip of land referred to if he would accept a reasonable price for it and to enquire what he would be willing to sell it for.

Fodder-Resolved. That tenders for the supply of fodder for 6 months from the 1st June be advertised for, the hay and oats to be English.

7 -Billposting Station in London Road -A Memorial from Mr. William Phillips and 26 other residents in the vicinity again complaining of the nuisance caused by the Billposting Station in the London Road, near the Beaufort Arms, and requesting the Council to intervene and protect them from a continuance of the nuisance was read. Resolved, To inform the Memorialists that the Council very much regret that as yet they have been unable to obtain power to compel its removal, but hope that they will eventually be successful in obtaining it when the matter shall at once receive attention.

8-Postal Pillar Box in Lansdown Road—A Letter was read from the Postmaster asking permission to have a postal pillar box placed in Lansdown Road at the edge of the pathway near a lamp on the town side of a house called Pallas, on the right hand side going up the road and about midway. Resolved, That the permission be granted.

9-Private improvement Works to Footpath in Road from Regent Street to Rodney Road—A Letter was read from Mr. J. T. Ireland, of Rodney House, asking for an allowance to be made him from the cost of the edging, flagging and channelling of this footpath, apportioned in respect of the frontage of his house thereto, amounting to £14 12s. 4d., as the footpath and curbing had been laid by previous owners to the satisfaction of the Highway Authority when the street was declared a Highway, and the footpath was in good condition and did not need repair, as the Borough Surveyor admitted. Resolved, That an allowance of £7 10s. be made in respect of the work previously done.

10-Cyclists' Caution Boards for Hills-A letter from the Secretary of the Cyclists' Touring Club was read, stating that Caution Boards for dangerous hills would be supplied by the Club gratis and carriage paid to any Corporation willing to erect them on receipt of a requisition on one of the forms of which he enclosed a supply. Resolved, That the Secretary be thanked for the offer, but be informed that there are no dangerous hills within the Borough.

11-Application of Telephone Co. to lay Underground Wires-The Town Clerk read a letter he had written to the Solicitor to the Telephone Co., that having regard to the discussion on the general subject of the relations of the Company with Municipalities which took place in the House of Commons on the 1st instant, and to the decision of the Government to appoint a select Committee to enquire into the matter, he did not think it likely that the Council would enter into any agreement at present. Resolved, That the letter of the Town Clerk be approved.

12-Accident to Pedestrian falling on Crossing- A further letter from Mr. Henderson was read, asking the Committee to reconsider their previous resolution that the Council cannot admit any liability to compensate him for his accident. Resolved, That there is no sufficient reason for its rescindment or variation.

13--Electric Trolley System for Trams-A Letter was read from Mr. R. Bickerdike, of Montreal, applying for a franchise to

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construct and operate a line or system of lines for electric cars, forming a complete service for the town on the principle at the American Trolley system, and undertaking if the Council are favourable to immediately put the system in operation the town on terms which he was sure would be acceptable. Resolved, To inform Mr. Bickerdike that if he likes to make a proposition the Council will consider it.

14-Extension of Shop Front of Mr. C. J. Davies in Suffolk Road-A Letter from Mr. Davies was read, stating that he had had no reply to the application he had made at the beginning of last year for permission to extend the frontage of his shop as compensation for encroachment on his property of the electric lighting sub-station other than a notification that the committee would locality premises. Resolved, To inform Mr. Davies that Committee regret that they had not the yet inspected the locality and premises with a view to dealing with his application, but they will pay a visit of inspection when their view meeting takes place next month.

15-Crossing and Gulley near Lansdown Station-A Letter from Mr. W. Hodgson, Southern Divisional Engineer of the Midland Railway Co., Derby, was read, asking if any decision had been come to with regard to the proposed improvement at that place. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to bring up a Specification of the Works required to be done by the abutting owners to pave, edge and channel the footpath from the bridge over the Great Western Railway to the entrance to the Midland Railway Station.

16- Shelburne Road—The Chairman reported that he and Councillor Bence with the Town Clerk and the Borough Surveyor had met a deputation from the Committee of Dean Close School, consisting of the Rev. G. P. Griffiths, Mr. D. T. Woodward, and Mr. R. Ley Wood. It appeared that the deputation had no definite instructions from their Committee on the subject and would communicate with the Council again after the next meeting of their Committee.

17-Paving in York Passage--Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have this passage laid with McDougall's bricks.

18-Repairs to Upper Park Street--A Letter from Councillor Bence was read asking why the work ordered to be done to the footpaths in Upper Park Street had not been advertised for tender in accordance with the resolution of the Council that all work and materials required estimated to exceed £20 should be advertised for tender. The Town Clerk read a letter he had written in reply that the Borough Surveyor intended to have the work done by the Corporation men, and he apprehended that the resolution referred to was not intended to apply to cases where the work was intended to be done by the Corporation workmen. Resolved, That this particular work be submitted to tender.

19-- Fairfield Road Private Improvement Works-Resolved, To further adjourn consideration of Councillor Dix's application for abatement of the demand made upon him in respect of the cost of these works pending another visit of inspection by the Committee.

20-Private Improvement Works Expenses--Resolved, To instruct the Town Clerk to take steps to obtain immediate payment of all amounts due from abutting owners in respect of Private Improvement Works, and especially those due from Mr. Smith Resolved, further, that the Borough Accountant be instructed to and Mr. Baylis in respect of the Works in Folly Lane. prepare an account showing the receipts and expenditure of the Council during the last four years in respect of Private Improvement Works to be laid before the Committee at their next meeting.

21-Ormond Terrace and Promenade Villas, Queen's Retreat, and York Terrace Apportionments—The Borough Surveyor reported that the costs of carrying out the Private Improvement Works ordered to be done to the roadways and footpaths in these streets and retaining wall at back of York Terrace amounted respectively to £35 9s. 2d., £129 0s. 4d., and £451 7s. 2d., which sums he had in each case 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 upon the owners.

22-Watering of Thirlestaine Road-- Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have this road more frequently watered than hitherto.

23-Henrietta Street Improvements----Resolved, That application be made to the Local Government Board for sanction to borrow the sum of £282 12s. 4d., the estimated cost of the proposed improvement of this street.

24-Footpaths East side of Rodney Road and in Lane from St. James's Square to New Street— Specifications from the Surveyor, of date the 16th and 20th days of April, 1898, with Plans of the Works required to be done to the said footpaths in the above streets were read. 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.

25-Lane front St. James's Square to Nov Street--A Specification from the Surveyor, of date the 20th April, 1898, with Plan of the works required to be done to the above street was read and approved. Resolved, That the necessary plan, sections, and estimates he prepared and notices be given under Section 150 of the Public Health Act, 1875, to the owners of the premises fronting, adjoining, or abutting upon the parts of the said street requiring to be sewered, levelled, paced, 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.

26-Maining of Roads—A Letter was read from the County Surveyor informing the Council that in future all applications for mauling of roads will be considered in October instead of February as heretofore, and that applications (made out on the proper form and accompanied with a portion of the one inch ordnance map showing the road) should reach his office not later than 1st July. Resolved, To instruct the Borough Surveyor to bring up a report at the next meeting as to what roads he suggests application should be made to the County Council to declare Main Roads.

27-Building Plans—The Borough Surveyor laid before the Committee Notices and Plans which he had received from the following persons intending to erect new buildings, as follows, viz.:—

No. of Plan.	Name	Description.
1031	C. Holliday	New w.c. and additions to stables in Spa Buildings Road
1032	G. Chick	Seven houses in Leckhampton Lane
1033	S. Fisher	Addition to rear of No. 249, High Street
1034	Committee of Cambray Chapel	New Lecture Room, &c., at rear of Cambray Chapel
1035	Mr. Newcombe	Wood and iron stable, &c., at Pilley
1036	G. F. Bick	Addition to No. 7, Rotunda Terrace
1037	Mary Preece	House at Langdon Road
1038	C. Hayward	Workshop at the British School

Resolved. That No. 1034 be disapproved, and that the other plans be approved.

28-Expenditure for the current Year-Resolved, To estimate the net expenditure of this Committee for the 12 months ending 31st March next at £11,630.

WILLIAM A. BAKER,

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 12th day of April, 1898—Present : Alderman Norman; Councillors Bence, M. Davis, Gurney and Margrett (Councillor Bence in the chair).

1- Zymotic Disease— The Medical Officer of Health reported that there had been notified since the last meeting of the Committee, cases of Scarlet Fever ; that 10 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 23.

2-- Wells at Nos. 1 to 4, Waterloo Place, Nos. 7, 12, 16 to 21, 26 and 38, Waterloo Street, and 261 & 381, High 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.

3-Common Lodging-House—Cumberland Villa, Grove Street—An application was received from Auguste Alphonse Meulbronck to be registered as the keeper of the Common Lodging-house, Cumberland Villa, Grove Street. Resolved, That the applicant be registered.

4- -WC'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, 188g, requiring them in each case to provide a moveable ash receptacle of such size, pattern, and construction as may be approved by the Borough Surveyor on behalf of the Corporation.

6-Overcrowding at No. 6, Exmouth Terrace —The Medical Officer of Health reported that the Notice served upon the occupier of No. 6, Exmouth Terrace, to abate the nuisance caused by overcrowding had not been complied with, and that the time given in the notice had expired. Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to take proceedings to compel compliance.

7-Dairies, Cowsheds and Milkshops Order—An Application was received from Charles W. Baylis, Montpellier Dairy, 8, Rotunda Terrace, to be registered as a dairyman. Resolved, That the applicant be registered.

8-Closing of Parish Church Infants' School--The Medical Officer of Health reported that on March 24th last, in consequence of the prevalence of measles, he had advised the closing of the Parish Church Infants' School, and that this had been on and the matter duly reported to the Local Government Board.

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9-Alleged Pollution of Wyman's Brook—The Borough Surveyor reported that as instructed at the last meeting of this Committee, he had had the iron culvert crossing the Wyman's Brook near Glen Cottages removed, and the Medical Officer of Health informed the Committee that at the next meeting he would present his report on the matter.

10—Closing of Slaughter Houses—Resolved, That the further consideration of the claims made in this matter be again adjourned.

11—Cleansing and limewashing at House in Grafton Passage, No. 4, Carlton Place, West, No. 7, Columbia Street, Nos. 7, 16, 17, 18, and 19, Waterloo Street, No. 1, Waterloo Place, and No. 10, Kew 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.

12- Nuisance from Drains, &c., at Rodway House, Battledown, No. 1, Fairfield Villas, Leckhampton, Elm Villa Stables, and No. 26, Rutland 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—Destruction of Diseased Meat—The Medical Officer of Health reported that on the 6th instant, he had had destroyed, as unfit for human food, the carcase of a sheep that had been killed to prevent it dying a natural death. The butcher on whose premises the meat had been found had agreed to its destruction.

14-Sewer in Hatherley Street The Town Clerk presented the following Report with reference to the sewer in Hatherley Street :—

" PRIVATE SEWERS AT TIVOLI AND LANSDOWN.

The only provision in force within the Borough relating to such of these sewers as are under Public Highways is Section 40 of the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1852, which section provides that in case any private sewer, that is, any sewer saved from vesting in the then Commissioners, requires to be cleansed, re-constructed, or repaired, the Commissioners shall cause written notice requiring the Proprietors of the sewer to do the necessary works to be advertised twice consecutively in some newspaper published in the Borough, and if default is made in complying with the notice the Commissioners are to execute the works, and the expenses of doing so, if not repaid by the Proprietors of the sewer, shall be declared Private Improvement Expenses to be defrayed by a rate on the owners and occupiers of premises in the street or part of the Borough which the Commissioners deem benefitted by such works, and such owners and occupiers are, if they have not consented to any alienation of the rent charges, entitled to deduct from any rent charges they may be liable to pay for the repair or use and repair of the said sewer the following contributions until they are repaid the amount of the rate, viz :—

If the rent charges are reserved in respect of the sewers alone the whole of the rent charges.

If for such purpose and some other purpose such as the repair of private roads, one-half, and if for such purpose and several other purposes such as repair of roads and the maintenance of pleasure grounds, then 1/10th.

All Sewers in the Borough not made for profit are vested in the Corporation. The particular sewer in respect of which a question has now arisen is one said to belong to Messrs. Winterbotham, situate in Hatherley Street which is a Public Highway, and extending from Tivoli Place to a point about 34 yards from Princes Street, and being a sewer for the use or use and repair which rent charges are reserved it must be deemed to be a sewer made for profit and one therefore which does not vest in the Corporation.

This Sewer serves to drain the houses in Hatherley Street on both sides. At the back of Nos. 15 and 17, Hatherley Street are three houses called Fairlight Cottages, which may be liable to pay a rent charge but do not actually do so. They were without sufficient drainage and the private sewer in Hatherley Street not being within 100 feet of these houses it became necessary to extend the same for a distance of 122 feet at a cost of £12 0s. 4d.

This was an urgent matter and the Borough Surveyor executed the work by direction of the Public Health Committee.

Had Hatherley Street been a private street the owners of the premises abutting thereon could under Section 46 of the Improvement Act of 1852, been compelled to extend the sewer, and would have a right to deduct from their rent charges the expenses paid by them in doing so in the proportions mentioned in that section; not being so there was no alternative but either to make the extension or oblige the owners of the private road at the back of these houses to make a new sewer.

The private Sewer in Hatherley Street joins another private sewer belonging to Messrs. Winterbothams in Tivoli Road, that sewer in its turn enters into a public sewer at the Westal Green, which ultimately joins the Hatherley Brook Sewer.

This Sewer is one typical of most of the private sewers now existing in Cheltenham, and unless any sewer is in a sufficiently bad state to require reconstruction the parties having the right to use such sewer would have no power to withhold payment of the rent charges."

Resolved, That the Town Clerk do apply to Mr. Winterbotham for repayment of the expense of repairing and unstopping the sewer in Hatherley Street incurred some time since by the Corporation, and the cost of the extension necessary for the proper drainage of Fairlight Cottages.

15—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 Nos. 1031 and 1032 be disapproved as regards drainage and matters affecting health, and that the remainder of the plans be approved.

GEORGE BENICE,

Chairman.

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At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, the 18th day of April, 1898 Present : Councillors Bence, M. Davis, Gurney, .Lenthall, Margrett, Moles and Waghorne (Councillor Bence in the chair)

16—Zymotic Disease —The Medical Officer of Health reported that there had been notified since the last meeting of the Committee, 2 cases of Scarlet Fever ; that the 2 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 23.

17— Wells at Nos. 46, 47, & 54, Waterloo Street, Grafton Cottage, Grafton Passage, and Cottage in Grafton Passage—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—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.

20—Dairies, Cowsheds and Milkshops Order—An application to be registered as a Dairyman was received from William Wiggett, of No. 14, Northwick Terrace, Suffolk Road. Resolved, That the application be granted. Cleansing and Limewashing at No. 7, Vulcan Terrace, No. 9, Walton Terrace, No. 63, Rutland Street, and Nos. 4 & 5, 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 Notices be given to the owners under the said Section requiring the houses to be cleansed and limewashed.

22 - Nuisance from Drains, &c. at Nos. 1 & 2, Burton Street, and No. 5, Worcester 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-Insanitary Property at No. 64, Rutland Street, Northfield Cottage, Vine Cottage, No. 17, Northfield Terrace, Collett's Brewery, Rutland Street, and No. 5, Clarence Parade—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, yards, drains, damp walls, &c. 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, 1875, 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.

24—Smoke Nuisance from Mrs. Weaver's Laundry—The Medical Officer of Health reported that further complaints had been received as to smuts from the chimney of this Laundry soiling the washed linen of the neighbours when hung out to dry. Resolved, That Notice under Sec. 91 of the Public Health Act, 1875, be served upon Mrs. Weaver requiring her to abate the nuisance.

25-Barnard's Row—The Medical Officer of Health reported that the Notice served upon Mr. Steel on the 11th January last had not been complied with, the time given having expired. Resolved, That the Town Clerk do take steps to obtain a Closing Order.

26-Polluted Pond at Marle Hill The Medical Officer of Health reported that a letter had been received from the Clerk to the Rural District Council asking him to make an appointment with the Medical Officer of the District Council to together inspect this pond. That he had written to the Medical Officer of Health to the District Council asking for an appointment, and that he would report upon the matter after the meeting had taken place.

27—Complaint against Corporation Officials—A further letter from Mr. E. W. Sharland, was read, with reference to the treatment he had received from the Officials of the Corporation in serving him with Notices to carry out the sanitary requirements ordered by the Council.

28—Rivers Pollution Prevention Bill The Town Clerk laid before the Committee a Bill which was intended to be introduced into Parliament to prevent amongst other things anyone from allowing liquid sewage (of which there is no definition in the Bill) to flow into any stream or river, but as it did not contain any saving clause as in the existing Act, that it should not be deemed to be an offence against the Act if the Authority showed to the satisfaction of the Court that it is using the best practicable and available means of rendering such sewage matter harmless, he recommended that a Petition from the Council as on the previous occasion of the introduction of the Bill should be presented praying for insertion in the Bill of a similar clause. Resolved, That the recommendation of the Town Clerk be approved and adopted, and that the Committee be authorised to settle and affix the Common Seal to such Petition. Estimate of Expenditure-Resolved, To

estimate the expenditure of this Committee for the current year at the same amount as last year, viz., £1,360.

30—Building Plans—A plan numbered 1034, from the Committee of Cambray Chapel, for additions to the Chapel was laid before the Committee. Resolved, That so far as regards sanitary matters the same be approved.

GEORGE BENCE,

Chairman.

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TOWN IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE.

At a meeting of this Committee, held on Wednesday, the 30th day of March, 1898, Present—The Mayor ; Aldermen Drew and Winterbotham ; Councillors Bence, Cooper, Dix, Macdonald and Mills (Alderman Winterbotham in the chair)

1-Pittville Park—Peacocks— A letter from Mrs. Parr, suggesting that in order to lessen the noise another Pea Hen should be pro-cured, and that she would not wish the birds to be shut up on her account, was read.

2-Kursaal, Mr. Robson's Account—The Report of the Chairman and the Town Clerk was considered. Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to write to Mr. Robson, with a copy of the report, informing him that if he is prepared to accept £1909 12s. 0d., making, with the sum of £500 already paid on account, the sum of £2,409 12s. 0d., in discharge of his and the quantity surveyor's accounts, the Committee will recommend the payment by the Council of that sum, all to be without prejudice and on the understanding that the Plans are handed over to the Council.

JAS. B. WINTERBOTHAM,

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, the 5th day of April, 1898—Present : Aldermen Drew and Winterbotham ; Councillors Bence, Dix and Macdonald (Alderman Winterbotham in the chair)

3-Montpellier Gardens—Letters were read from Miss D'Argent and Colonel Leir, asking for the use of the Montpellier Gardens for a Bicycle Gymkhana on Saturday, the 14th May next, in aid of the Nurse's Fund of the Eye Infirmary. Resolved, That the application be acceded to on the same terms as last year.

4-Stopping up of Road on the East side of Imperial Square—The Town Clerk reported that he had instructed counsel to make the application at the Quarter Sessions on the 6th instant for the enrolment of the certificate, and that he had received no statutory notice of objection to the proposed stopping up of the road. Resolved, That the Town Clerk be authorised to undertake that no buildings, except an entrance lodge or lodges, will be erected on the part of the highway proposed to be taken in, that the trees will be retained, and that the land taken in will be used for ornamental purposes only.

5-Winter Garden—Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to procure two flagstaffs and flags, at a cost not exceeding £10, for erection on the two towers of the Winter Garden.

6-Pittville Park—The Borough Surveyor reported that he had been in communication with representatives from the Cheltenham College with reference to the proposed use of the Pittville Park Lake for boating

practice by the College boys, but that another boat would be required, arrangements to be made for this boat to be at the disposal of the College on certain afternoons during the week. The Borough Surveyor laid before the Committee prices he had obtained for the boat required from two boat builders. Resolved, That the College be charged £5 5s. 0s. per term for the use and hire of the boat when obtained, that sum to include admission to the Park for those using the boat ; that the matter being urgent, a boat be procured from Mr. Foster, Boat Builder, Cambridge, at a cost of £24, the boat to be of mahogany.

JAS. B. WINTERBOTHAM,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 18th day of April, 1898 Present : The Mayor ; Aldermen Drew and Winterbotham ; Councillors Bence, Cooper. Dix and Macdonald (Alderman Winterbotham in the chair)—

7—Band —The Sub-Committee reported that the Town Band, consisting of 12 performers, offered to place themselves at the disposal of the Council every evening, and on Sunday afternoons, from the 1st of May to the 30th September, for £10 per week. Resolved, That the offer be accepted.

A letter was read from Mr. J. P. Hatton offering his services to organise or conduct a Band during the ensuing summer. Resolved, to inform Mr. Hatton that arrangements have been made with the Town Band.

8-Military Tournament at Montpellier Gardens--Quarter-Master Sergt. Bastin having attended the Committee to ask them to reconsider their decision not to allow galloping of the horses otherwise than on the broad gravel path, Resolved, That the resolution to Minute No. 3 of the proceedings of this Committee of the 21st of February last be varied as follows, viz. :—The competitors be permitted to gallop their horses on a strip of the turf of the Archery ground 12 feet wide, on condition that the same be covered with a coating of tan not less than three inches deep ; that the Tennis Courts be fenced off, and no one allowed to stand upon or move over them ; and that the Hussars undertake to make good all damage done to the turf.

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9—Filling up of Settling Pond, East End of Pittville Lake —A letter was read from Mrs. E. L. Daubeny, suggesting that this pond should be fined up. Resolved, To inform Mrs. Daubeny that the Council regret they are unable to accede to her suggestion, as the pond was constructed for the express purpose of acting as a settling pond for the mud carried down by the stream.

10-Bowls at Winter Gardens— A letter from Mr. J. W. Gunning, Hon. Secretary of the Bowling Club, was read, asking permission to make use of one of the old lawns to play on until the new ground is in fit condition, and requesting to know if a room could be allocated for the use of the Club to keep the bowls in and to retire to in case of storm. Resolved, That the Club be allowed the use of the lawn opposite the Queen's Hotel until the new ground is ready, and that a room in the building be found for their use as before.

11—Road East Side of Winter Garden—The Town Clerk reported that the Court of Quarter Sessions had made the Order empowering the Council to stop up this road. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to commence the proposed improvement by first constructing the new footpath on the West side of the Eastern of the two roads, and to stop up the portion of the Western of the said roads intended to be stopped up at the North and South ends thereof.

12-Extension of Borough Boundaries in direction of Prestbury and Swindon—With reference to the resolution of the Public Health Committee to Minute No. 38 of their proceedings of the 23rd of March last, Resolved, That the Committee is of opinion that the time has hardly arrived at which it would be politic to apply again for an extension of the Borough Boundaries with a view to increase of the population of the Borough ; and as regards the pollution of Wyman's Brook, it appears that the Health Committee have sufficient power in another manner to deal with the cause of complaint.

13 -Volunteer Band Concert—A letter was read from Mr. C. James, on behalf of the Volunteer Band, asking permission to give two Concerts in Pittville Park on the afternoons of Yeomanry Sunday and Whit Sunday, and to be allowed to hold boxes at the gates, as the Concerts on Good Friday and Easter Sunday had been failures. Resolved, That the application be acceded to.

14-Sunday Concerts at Winter Garden Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to write a letter of thanks to each of the ladies and gentlemen who had so kindly assisted at these Concerts.

15---Greenhouses at Pittville Park--The Borough Surveyor laid before the Committee Plans for two new Greenhouses, as instructed by the resolution to Minute No. 11 of the proceedings of this Committee of the 21st of December last, to be erected in Pittville Park, the cost of which he estimated at £500, or for one of them £300. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to obtain tenders for construction of one of them, the cost to be defrayed out of revenue.

16-Estimate of Expenditure for the Current Year Resolved, That the expenditure of this Committee for the current year be estimated at £4,050.

JAS. B. WINTERBOTHAM,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Thursday, the 28th day of April, 1898—Present : Aldermen Drew and Winterbotham ; Councillors Cooper and Macdonald (Alderman Winterbotham in the chair)

17—Mr. Robson's Account—The Report of the Chairman and the Town Clerk of date the 21st March last, and a Supplementary Report of date the 28th inst., having been considered, Resolved, That with a view of avoiding litigation the offer of Mr. Robson to accept £2,740 15s. (which includes his liability to his Quantity Surveyors) in settlement of his claim for £3,414 17s., the Plans to be the property of the Council, be accepted, that the Seal of the Council be affixed to an Agreement with Mr. Robson embodying these terms, and that application be made to the Local Government Board for sanction to borrow the amount.

JAS. B. WINTERBOTHAM,

Chairman.

WATER COMMITTEE.

At a meeting of this Committee, held on Wednesday, the 20th day of April, 1898—Present: The Mayor ; Councillors Baker, Bate, Davis, Dix and Margrett (Councillor Margrett in the chair)—

1-Water Engineer's Report—The Water Engineer reported that on the 20th inst. the supply from Hewletts and Northfield was 101 gallons, the average for the last four years being 153 gallons per minute ; and the quantity of water in store at Hewletts was 16,758.666 gallons.

On the 19th inst., the depth of water in Dowdeswell Reservoir was 28 feet 4 inches and the contents 81,318,898 gallons, which gave a total of 98,077,564 gallons, or about 106 days' supply exclusive of the daily yield of the springs, which was then about 659.520 gallons.

He reported that he had received an application from Mr. Burke, the purchaser of the copper stolen from Barrett 's Mill, to be allowed to have it. That to accommodate the increasing demand for water supply in the district of Leckhampton, an additional 6-inch main should be laid between the Norwood Arms and the Ladies College Sanatorium. That the mains near the Great Western Railway Station were too small for affording an adequate supply in case of fire, and he advised that a 5-inch main be laid from the junction of Ambrose Street and Manchester Street to the corner of St. James's Place and St. George's Place. That he had received a letter from Mr. Badham, Clerk to the Rural District Council, asking if it was correct that the Corporation are willing to lay down mains and supply Elmstone Hardwicke with water at the rate of 3d. per 1,000 gallons, the repayment of the cost of the mains to be extended over 47 years, and to be informed what lengths of piping would be required, what is the estimated cost of laying the main, including cost of pipes, what rate of interest would be charged on the outlay, what scale of repayment would be required, and who would have to be responsible for the payment. Resolved. That Mr. Burke be informed he has no right to the copper, which will be retained by the Council. That a 6-inch main be laid from the Norwood Arms to the Ladies College Sanatorium. That a 5-inch main be laid from the junction of Ambrose and Manchester Streets to the corner of St. James's and St. George's Places ; and that Mr. Badham be informed that the price for the water supply to Elmstone Hardwicke would be 5d., not 3d., per 1,000 gallons, and that replies to the other questions contained in his letter must remain in abeyance pending-information as to what points it is desired the main should be laid, and that the Borough Surveyor be instructed to prepare a plan of the district and send the same to Mr. Badham and request him to mark the points upon it.

2 —Provisional Order Amending Corporation Water Act —A letter from the Local Government Board was read, forwarding copies of the Provisional Order they had issued for altering the Corporation Water Act 1881, and stating that the usual practice of the Board must be adhered to, that their sanction must be obtained to raise any Loans required under the Order.

3-Water Supply to Ashchurch Board Schools—A letter from Mr. Badham, Clerk to the Ashchurch School Board, was read, enquiring whether the Council Intend to adhere to the form of Agreement restricting the supply to the purposes of the Schools, and requiring the Board to pay for the rent of the meter, as if so the Board would at once make other arrangements for the supply of water. Resolved. To inform Mr. Badham the Council do intend to adhere to the form of the agreement sub-mitted to him.

3—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 21st day of April, 1898—Present: The Mayor ; Alderman Norman Councillors Baker, Cooper, Dix, Margrett, Steel and Waghorne (Alderman Norman in the chair)

1—Electrical Inspector's Report—The Electrical 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.
April 11th	100 Volts	101.5 Volts.
April 18 th	“	<u>101-5</u> “
		Average 101.5 Volts.

2-Gas Examiner's Report—The Monthly Report of the Gas Examiner. as

ILLUMINATING POWER. PURITY—	SULPHUR.
1895 April 9th 16.45 candles	1898 Grains per 100 cubic ft.
“ 16th.. 15-93 “	April 16 th -17 th 10.25
Average.. 16.19	Average.. _

4-Gas Inspector's Report—The Gas Inspector reported that the hourly average consumption of Gas per lamp during the previous month had been 4.2073 cubic feet.

5-Lamp book—This Book was produced and examined. Lamps extinguished, 10 metered, 8 unmetered; and 5 burning dimly.

6-Lighting of Town Clock—Resolved. To inform Mr. Ralph that the Town Clock now being lit by the electric light, his services for attending to the lighting of it are no longer required. a-Electrical Energy, Generating Stations and Supply—Letters from the London Chamber of Commerce and the Association of Municipal Corporations were read. stating that a joint Committee of the two Houses of Parliament been appointed to consider and report whether power:, should be given in any cases for acquiring land compulsorily for generating stations, for breaking up streets between the station and boundary of area of supply, for supply, of energy over an area including districts of numerous local authorities and as to what conditions should be imposed, and suggesting, in the letter first referred to, that the various Municipalities interested in electric lighting be asked to support the principles contained in the reference to the joint Committee. Resolved, To refer the letter to the Electrical Engineer to report upon.

7--Lighting of Entrance to the Public Library—Resolved. To adjourn consideration of this matter pending a view by the Committee.

8-Report of the Electrical Engineer—The Electrical Engineer reported that the new steam alternator No. 6 had been started, and had ran very satisfactorily for about ten days on the town mains ; the buildings were nearly complete. and he hoped to get the battery of accumulators into place shortly. He recommended that a small part of the extension to the arc lighting mains included in his estimate of extensions laid before the Committee in February should be carried out, the extension being from Manchester Street Substation to the bottom of North Street, where the mains join the Winchcomb Street arc lighting circuits, the cost of which

would be about £120 laid complete. That an application had been received for electric supply to Marston Lodge, and he recommended that he be authorised to lay this when required, but he would lay an estimate of the cost of this and the small Regent Street extension, authorised at the last meeting, before the Committee at the next meeting.

That in view of the large increase in the price of coal. due to the Welsh Coal Strike, he recommended that the advertisement for tenders for the supply of small coal to the works be delayed for the present. and that he be authorised for the present to do the best he could as regards obtaining coal at the lowest prices possible, consistent with economy.

That in consequence of two faults on high pressure cables on Saturday evening last the town supply was interrupted for periods of eight and eighteen minutes respectively, at about 7.20 p.m. and 10.50 p.m. The earlier lank was due to break-down of a rubber insulated cable forming a service in Lansdown Terrace, and the second fault occurred on one of the two main feeders and at the junction of the St. George's and Gloucester Roads. At this place the cable had been several times disturbed by openings made by the Gas Company, the Highways and the Waterworks Departments, and he thought it likely it had suffered some rough usage ; the fault, however, was very much burnt up and at that time he could give no definite opinion as to the cause of the trouble. Both faults had been repaired, and. except for the temporary cessation of the light generally for the times mentioned, very few customers had been inconvenienced. Resolved, That the report be approved, and the recommendations of the Electrical Engineer adopted.

9—Cost of the Electric Light Installation In the Municipal Offices—The bill for the cost of this installation having been referred back by the Finance Committee for revision. Resolved, That the Chairman and Councillor Waghorne be requested to ascertain with the assistance of the Electrical Engineer, whether or not the charge made is unreasonable, and report thereon to the Finance Committee.

10-Electrical Engineer's Bond—The Town Clerk laid before the Committee the Bond of the Electrical Engineer, duly executed by himself, and his father and Alderman Norman as sureties.

11-Estimate of Expenditure on Street Lighting for the Current Year—Resolved. To estimate this expenditure at the sum of £3,750 for gas and £2,550 for electric lighting (Total £6,300).

GEO. NORMAN,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committees held on Friday. the 22nd day of April, 1896. Present—Alderman Norman; Councillors Baker, Cooper, Dix, Margrett, Steel and Waghorne (Alderman Norman in the chair).

12-Street Lighting--The Committee proceeded to view the localities referred to in various applications for improved lighting.

Resolved, That one new lamp be fixed in the back lane upon the stable of Dorset Villa ; that one new lamp be fixed near the gate of Ravenhurst, Pittville ; and that one be removed to the triangular space at the bottom of Cleeve Path Drive that one 10ft. Guildhall lamp be fixed opposite the Sussex Arms, and another such lamp in the open space at the junction of St. Paul's and Swindon Roads, and one of the present lamps be moved to opposite Maidenhorn Cottage. That the lamps in Swindon Road be re-arranged, with four additional ordinary

lamps. That an additional lamp be fixed near the Lansdown Inn, three additional ones in the path adjoining the Minnow Ditch, one additional lamp in the new road at Leckhampton, and another in Hatherley Lane near the Schools.

With reference to the lighting of Tewkesbury Road and Gloucester Road, as to which complaint had also been made, Resolved, That in the opinion of the Committee the lighting of Tewkesbury Road from the Trafalgar Lamp to the High Street Railway Station, and Gloucester Road from the Trafalgar Lamp to the Lansdown Castle, should be by arc lamps, and that the Electrical Engineer be directed to submit a plan of the same with alternative estimates for lighting from side standards and by hanging the lamps over the centre of the roadway.

GEO. NORMAN,

Chairman.

GENERAL PURPOSES AND WATCH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, the 19th day of April, 1898--Present : The Mayor ; Aldermen Norman and Winterbotham ; Councillors Baker, Bence, M. Davis, Hayward, Margrett, Mills, Moles and Steel (The Mayor in the chair)

1-Muzzling Order—Superintendent Hopkins reported that eleven unmuzzled dogs had been seized by the Police ; seven were destroyed and four claimed ; and that 21 persons had been proceeded against for offences under the Muzzling Order.

2 -Fire Brigade Rules and Regulations—The Town Clerk laid before the Committee printed proofs of these rules and regulations. Resolved, That they be referred to the Sub-Committee to settle and report upon.

3 --Report of Superintendent of Fire Brigade—The Superintendent of the Fire Brigade reported that on the 16th inst. the Brigade had been called to extinguish a fire at Hatherley Manor, which caused damage estimated at £150 ; that the property was insured in the Manchester and British Law Fire Offices, to whom the account of the extinction expenses, amounting to £7 13s 6d., had been sent. On the 11th inst. the Brigade was called to extinguish a fire at No. 146, High Street, which caused damage estimated at £350 ; that the property was insured in the Phoenix Office, to which the account of the extinction expenses, amounting to £4 11s. 6d., had been sent. Resolved, That the residence of the Superintendent be placed in Telephonic connection with the Fire Brigade Station, and that it be referred to the Sub-Committee to decide how this could be best done.

4-Drivers' Licenses—An application was received from Arthur J. F. Paul, of No. 1, Hartley Place, to be licensed as a Hackney Carriage Driver. Resolved, That the application be acceded to.

5-Licensing of Hackney Carriages—Resolved, That the Annual Meeting for Inspection of Hackney Carriages be held at the Central Depot on the 3rd of June, at 9.30 in the morning, and that the Annual Licensing Meeting be held at the Municipal Offices on the 10th of June at noon.

6-Transfer of Hackney Carriage Licenses—A letter was read from Mrs. Hannah Davis, of No. 1, Corpus Street, stating that she was negotiating for the sale of her business, and requesting that the Hackney Carriage Licenses held by her might be transferred to the purchaser. A letter from Mr. F. G. Baldwin, of No. 12, Keythorpe Street, Leicester, was read, stating that he was the purchaser referred to, and requesting to be

informed if the Licenses held by Mrs. Davis might be transferred to him. Resolved, To inform Mrs. Davis and Mr. Baldwin that as this appears to be a bona-fide sale of the whole business outright the Licenses will be allowed to be transferred with the business.

Letters were read from Mr. W. T. Smith, of Montpellier Mews, and Mr. R. Suite, of Berkeley House Stables, Pittville, requesting permission, respectively, to transfer Hackney Carriage Licenses Nos. 31 and 118 to new carriages. Resolved, That the applications be acceded to.

7-Hackney Carriages--The Street Inspector reported that 11 Hackney Carriages had been placed under repair during the past month, and a new Carriage had been taken into use in place of No. 72. That the undermentioned Licensed Drivers had been twice convicted within 12 months of offences against the Bye-Laws, viz., George Page, William Smith, and Henry John Tilley.

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8-Letting of Market Tolls—Resolved, That the advertising for tenders for rental of these Tolls be confined to the local papers.

9-Drinking Fountain Presented by Mr. Marshall—Resolved, to inform Mr. Marshall that the Council propose to make use of this Fountain at Montpellier.

10-Bristol Train Service—A letter was read from Mr. J. F. Biggs, of Merton, Leckhampton Road, complaining that there was no train from Cheltenham to Bristol until 9.30. though one starts from Gloucester at 8 a.m., and asking the Council to interest themselves in the matter Resolved. That a Memorial from the Council be presented to the Midland Railway Company asking that a train may be started from Cheltenham, or further up the line, calling at Churchdown (if practicable), in sufficient time for connection at Gloucester with the train starting from there at 8 a.m.

11—Steam Roundabouts, &c., at Hampton's Gardens A letter was read from Mr. E. J. Burrow, stating that he had been unable to recover the costs incurred by him in obtaining an injunction against the proprietors of the Steam Roundabouts at Hampton's Gardens to suppress them, and that he would have to pay £35 out of his own pocket in consequence, and asking the Council to reimburse him, as what he had done was as much for the public benefit as for himself. Resolved, That the Council regret they have no power to make any such contribution as suggested.

12—Insurance Against Claims under the Workmen's Compensation Act—Letters were read from Mr. Lewis Vizard, agent for the Railway Passengers' Assurance Co., Mr. A. E. Pearson, agent for the Builders' Accident Insurance, Limited, and the General Accident Assurance Corporation, Limited, and Messrs. Engall, Cox and Co., Agents for the Employers' Liability Assurance Co., requesting to be allowed to offer quotations on behalf of the Companies mentioned for insurance of the Council against claims by their workmen under the Workmen's Compensation Act. Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to obtain quotations from substantial Companies willing to cover the risk, and lay the same before the Committee at their next meeting.

13-Remuneration of Caretaker of Municipal Offices Resolved. that having regard to the increase of the caretaker's work by the addition of Nos. 2 and 3, Church Street for the purposes of the Health and Electric Light Departments, the remuneration of Mrs. Cowley be increased to 25s. per week, commencing from the 3rd proximo, to include such assistance as she may require.

14—Communication with No. 2, Church Street--Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have communication made between the basement of these offices and the Electric Lighting Department, the estimated cost of doing so being about £4 0s. 0d.

15—Alteration of Polling Districts—Resolved. That the Council be requested to constitute a Special Committee. consisting of the Mayor, Alderman Drew, Councillors Baker, Bence, M. Davis, Margrett, Mills, Steel, and Waghorne, to consider and recommend what alterations, if any, should be made in the boundaries of the Polling Districts in the several Wards of the Borough.

16--Estimate of Expenditure for the Current Year—Resolved, That the Expenditure of this Committee for the current year be estimated at £380 out of the General District Rate and £230 out of the Borough Fund.

RICHARD ROGERS,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, the 27th day of April, 1898, Present—Alderman Norman ; Councillors Baker, M. Davis, Margrett and Steel (Alderman Norman in the chair).

17-Chairman—In the absence of the Mayor, Alderman Norman was appointed Chairman at this Meeting.

18-Yeomanry Drill Ground--Resolved, That Tenders for the right of supplying Refreshments on the Drill Ground during the training of the Yeomanry be advertised for, and that the Committee be authorised to deal with and accept the Tenders, and make all other necessary arrangements. Resolved. That the Tariff for admission of carriages be as follows :—

One Horse Carriages	2s 6d
Two do. do.	5s
Three do. do.	7s 6d
Four do. do.	10s

No Vehicle without springs to be admitted.

Further Resolved, That Mr. Gilding be employed to collect subscriptions towards the rental and other expenses of providing the ground ; That Councillors Bence, M. Davis, and Margrett be a Sub-Committee for making any arrangements that may be necessary to be made during the Training that the Committee do not deal with ; and That Mr. F. Wright be permitted to send his Cigar Box on the ground on payment of £1 1s. 0d.

GEO. NORMAN, Chairman.

BATHS AND RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 18th day of April, 1898—Present : The Mayor ; Alderman Drew: Councillors Baker, Dighton, Hayward, Lenthall, Mills and Moles (Councillor Mills in the chair)

1---Alstone Baths-The Borough Surveyor reported that the Alstone Baths were opened on the 1st inst., and that the number of bathers from that date up to the 16th inst. had been 664, representing a revenue of £7 4s. 9d. That four season tickets at 10s. 6d. had been issued, and that the cash receipts had been £4 0s. 2d.

Tenders for Towels and Bathing Drawers were received as follows, viz. :

Cavendish House Company, Limited

Towels	9s 1d1 per doz.
Drawers	6s 1d “

Lance and Co., Limited—

Towels	7s 11s “
Drawers	6s 6d “

Dicks and Sons

Towels, with woven name	10s 9d “
Drawers, Red	7s 11d “
“ White	5s 9d “

Resolved, That the tender of Messrs. Lance and Co. for Towels and Drawers be accepted.

A letter from Mr. H. T. Carrington, President of the Gordon League, was read, asking for permission for the members of the League to play Water Polo at the Corporation Baths on Thursdays during the summer months, commencing the first Thursday in May, from 8.30 or 9 p.m., for one hour. Resolved, That permission be granted, subject to payment of 2s 6d on each occasion in addition to the ordinary charges, to pay for the extra consumption of gas and extra remuneration of 1s to the custodian.

2- Old Cemetery—A letter was read from Mr. C. Marshall, requesting a renewal of the grant of £10 made by the Council towards the expense of keeping open this ground for the use of the inhabitants residing in the neighbourhood. Resolved, That the request be acceded to, and that it be suggested that some more seats would be much appreciated.

3-Loan of £550 for Recreation Grounds—A letter was read from the Local Government Board, stating that an Inquiry will be held as soon as the engagements of the Inspectors will permit, and requesting to be furnished with particulars of the sums over-drawn on Capital Account in respect of the Naunton and Agg-Gardner Grounds, stating that the sum realised by the sale of surplus land must be applied in accordance with the provisions of Sec. 175 of the Public Health Act 1875, and drawing attention to the Barbed Wire Act 1893, with reference to the proposal to use barbed wire in fencing Naunton Park. Resolved, To instruct the Town Clerk to supply the particulars required.

4-Football and Cricket at Agg-Gardner Recreation Ground-Letters were read from Mr. S. Durham, Secretary of St. Paul's United Association Football Club and United Cricket Club, requesting that the Football Club might have the use of the Association Goal Posts at the Agg-Gardner Recreation Ground for next season on Saturday afternoons from 2.30 till 5.15 to play football matches on, and that the Cricket Club might pick one of the cricket pitches and have it for its own use only on Saturday afternoons, from 2.30 till 6.30, to play cricket matches on, and every evening from 4 o'clock till the ground closed. Resolved, That the Council cannot take into consideration the application with reference to football at this season of the year, and that they are unable to accede to the application with reference to the cricket, as they cannot reserve any part of a public recreation ground for the exclusive use of any particular section of the ratepayers.

5-Drill of Volunteer Engineers at the Agg-Gardner Recreation Ground-An application was received from Colonel Rogers for permission to use the Agg-Gardner Recreation Ground from 7.30 to 9 o'clock on

Wednesday evenings during May and June for drilling the 1st Gloucestershire Volunteers Royal Engineers. Resolved, That the application be acceded to.

6-Early Morning Cricket Practice at Agg-Gardner Recreation Ground-A letter was read from Mr. F. W. Mold, Hon. Secretary of the Wesley Cricket Club, asking for a renewal of the privilege granted last year to the Club to practice cricket on the ground in the early mornings at 6 o'clock. Resolved, That the application be acceded to.

7-Disorderliness at the Agg-Gardner Recreation Ground-Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to write to the Superintendent of the Police to inform him that complaints had been received of disorderly conduct of persons at the Agg-Gardner Recreation Ground, and to request him to make arrangements for a policeman to be stationed there.

8-Estimate of Expenditure for the Current Year--Resolved, That the expenditure of this Committee for the current year be estimated as follows :—

Agg-Gardner Recreation Ground	£130
Naunton Park	£150
Grove Street	£ 20
Alstone Baths, Working Expenses	<u>£500</u>
	£800

GEO. H. MILLS,

Chairman.

BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Friday, the 22nd day of April, 1898—Present : Alderman Haddon; Councillors Baker, Cypher, M. Davis and Moles (Councillor Moles to the chair)

1-Inspection of Cemetery—The Committee having paid a visit of inspection to the Cemetery, Resolved that ground indicated to the superintendent be used for grave and vault spaces ; that the Superintendent be instructed to make a list to be laid before the Committee at the next meeting of grave and vault spaces purchased, but not yet made use of ; that the ground hitherto reserved for vaults only be allowed to be used for grave spaces at the same price as charged for vaults ; and that a Shelter and Tool House be erected at the top end of the new part of the Cemetery, and that the Borough Surveyor be instructed to bring up a plan of it and estimate of the cost.

2—Estimate of Expenditure for Current Year—Resolved, That the expenditure for the current year be estimated at the same amount as last year.

3— Designs--The following designs were examined and approved, viz : Headstones to Edward Easterfield, Joseph Richards and Elizabeth Furness ; Monuments to Alfred Parmiter and Elizabeth Fencott James.

4--Account—The following Account for Wages was allowed :—G. C. Pratley £14 6 0

J. V. MOLES, Chairman.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 26th day of April, 1898—Present: Aldermen Drew and Holliday ; Councillors Cooper, Gurney, Hayward, Macdonald, Margrett, and Steel (Councillor Margrett in the chair)—

1-Electric Lighting Loan--Offers were received from the Directors of the Cheltenham and Gloucestershire Permanent Mutual Benefit Building Society, and Mrs. Margrett, each to lend £3,000 for three months, and afterwards at three months' notice at 3 ¼ per cent. interest.

Letters were read from Mr. Howard Lloyd, General Manager, Lloyds Bank, dated the 13th instant, stating that Lloyds Bank could not lend any more money at less than 3 ½ per cent. at the present time, and as regards existing loans, giving notice for their repayment in accordance with the terms of agreement upon which they were advanced, such notice being given not to incommode the Corporation as to repayment, but to enable the Bank to revise the rate of interest if it should be necessary ; and from Mr. F. F. Leaver, the local Manager, dated the 25th instant, stating that the Bank could not grant a temporary overdraft at less than 4 per cent. as a fixed charge, or as an alternative at Bank of England rate. Resolved, That the offers of the Directors of the Building Society and Mrs. Margrett be accepted on account of the Electric Lighting Loan, and that the Treasurer be requested to allow the Corporation to overdraw for the balance required on the terms mentioned in Mr. Howard Lloyd's letter of the 13th instant.

2-Voluntary Church Rate— An application for a sum of £3 3s. 0d. to the Voluntary Church Rate towards the expenses in connection with the Parish Church and Church yard, was received. Resolved, That a donation of three guineas be made towards the expenses of keeping the Parish Churchyard in good order.

3-Budget Meeting—Resolved, That the Budget Meeting of this Committee be held on Tuesday next, the 3rd proximo, at 3 p.m., and that the Mayor be requested to summon a Special Meeting of the Council for Monday, the 9th proximo, to confirm or Otherwise the minutes of the proceedings thereat.

4—Street Improvement Capital-Resolved, That consideration of the question of transferring the balance on this account referred back by the Council to the Committee be adjourned.

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 £7,185 15s. 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.

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The following was the General Statement :—

In hand on the 29th March last	£ 7,682 16 [?]
Received since that date	£ <u>3,423 17 2</u>
	£13,106 13 3
Paid since that date	£ <u>13,235 9 7</u>
Overdrawn	£ 128 16 4

H. GEO. MARGRETT, Chairman.

PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 19th day of April, 1898—Present : Alderman Skillicorne ; Councillors Hayward, Moles and Steel ; Messrs. Beckingsale, Butler, Cresswell and Darter ; Dr. Davis and Capt. Welch, R.N. (Councillor Hayward in the chair)

1-Librarian's Report The usual Monthly Report of the Librarian was read. Receipts £6 9s. 1d. He reported that there had been an increase of 34 per day in the issues from the Lending Department, but a decrease of 10 per day in the Reference Department, compared with the corresponding month last year.

Over 100 applications had been made for Students' Tickets. He also reported that the following gifts had been made to the Library during the past month, viz :-

Baron de Ferrieres	4 Volumes.
Trustees of the British Museum	2 “
F. H. Dougall and Co.	1 “
Crown Agents for the Colonies	1 “
Dr. J. H. Garrett	1 “

Annual reports from the Libraries at Cripplegate Foundation, Dundee and Liverpool.

2 — Sub-Committee's Report—The Sub-Committee recommended that a list of books submitted be purchased at a cost of £9 2s. 6d. That a tender of Mr. G. F. Poole to print 500 copies of the Annual Report for £2 15s. 0d. be accepted. That one of the fall-pipes in the Tower, which is defective, be examined and repaired, and that the Librarian be empowered to give orders for urgent repairs required at the Library not involving large outlay, to be carried out forthwith, and report to the Committee at the next meeting. Resolved, That the recommendations of the Sub-Committee be approved and adopted.

3 - Annual Report—The draft of the Annual Report was considered by the Committee. Resolved, That the same be approved and adopted, and that 500 copies thereof be printed as last year.

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

W. Jones, Wages Account	£20 14 0
C. Cotton and Co., Chair Pads	£ 2 10 0
J. Tinkler, Brooms	£ 1 1 0
B. Norton, Books	£ 0 10 0

C. HAYWARD,

Chairman.

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, the 27th day of April, 1898—Present : Alderman Skillicorne: Councillors Cypher Macdonald, Moles, and Steel (Councillor Steel 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 27 schools, from which 195 names of absentee children had been extracted, all of whom had been visited. They also reported that the parents of 26 children had been summoned to attend before the Local Committees who had held 3 meetings. That 7 parents had been prosecuted ; that 6 were fined, the other case being adjourned for a week for an Industrial School to be named for the boy to attend.

2—Local Committees---The Minute Books of the several Local Committees were gone through and examined. Resolved, That proceedings be taken against the parents of the following children, viz., Blanche Sallis, Sherborne Street ; Annie Poytress, 2, Marlborough Place, Duke Street ; William Langston, 31, Sherborne Street; and Grace Allen, Green's Place, Tewkesbury Road, in respect of the non-attendance of such children.

3-Attendance at St. Peter's Girls' School—Letters were read from Miss Pidgeon, Head Mistress of St. Peter's Girls' School, stating her intention not to send in the Duplicate Registers again, as the attendance she found got worse instead of improving, and that several girls had left through attendance papers being supplied so freely. The Town Clerk read a letter he had written in reply, that it was not for the Head Mistress to decide whether or not duplicate registers should be sent in, that if this were not done the attention of the Education Department and the Managers would be called to such neglect, and that the forms of certificate as to previous due attendance were given out when the applicants were entitled to demand them. A further letter from Miss Pidgeon, was read, calling attention to the attendances in Standards IV., V. and VI., as justification for her dissatisfaction. Resolved, That the reply of the Town Clerk be approved.

4- Maria Smith-A Letter was read from the Bristol District Institution for the Deaf and Dumb, informing the Committee that Maria Smith would attain the age of 16 years on the 17th of September next, and that it would be hardly worthwhile for her to return to school for the few weeks remaining after the midsummer vacation unless the Committee wished it. Resolved, That the suggestion be agreed to.

JOHN D. STEEL, 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 6th day of June, 1898.

STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 9th day of May, 1898—Present : Alderman Haddon; Councillors Baker, Bence, Cypher, Dix and M. Davis (Councillor Baker in the chair)—

1-Ashes Collection--Resolved, That a Special Meeting of this Committee be called for Monday, the 16th inst., at 3 p.m.. to consider the question of the Ashes Collection, with a view to an improvement therein.

2- New Buildings—The Borough Surveyor laid before the Committee Notices and Plans received by him from the following persons intending to erect new buildings, viz. :—

No. of Plan.	Name.	Description.
1039	The Committee of Cambray Chapel	Addition to Cambray Chapel.
1040	Felton and Son.	Addition to Premises in Winchcomb Street.
1041	C. Saunders.	New Shed in Evelyn Road.
1042	T. Wilkins.	Addition to No. 7, Montpellier Terrace.
1043	W. Buckle.	Addition to Shop in Bath Road.
1044	T. J. Haskoll.	New Gymnasium at Brandon House.

Resolved, That the same be approved.

WILLIAM A. BAKER, Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 16th day of May, 1898—Present : Alderman Haddon ; Councillors linker, Bence, Cypher, Dix, M. Davis, and Mills (Councillor Baker in the chair)—

3 - Ash Collection-- councillor Bence laid before the Committee a statement showing that the present cost of Ash Collection, sic., came to 5s 5 ½d per load for collection and disposal, and for collection alone 3s 10 ½d per load. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be requested to organist as an experiment, to be continued for four weeks, a collection based on the employment

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of 10 hired carts and men and 10 ashmen. Each side of the town—the High Street for this purpose dividing it—to be served by a gang of five carts and drivers and five ashmen. No ashman to go to the Destructor. Each gang to work from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. The Borough Surveyor, if necessary to serve particular cases, to employ such additional carts and men as he may find necessary.

WILLIAM A. BAKER, Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, the 27th day of May, 1898. Present The Mayor; Alderman Haddon ; Councillors Baker, Bence, M. Davis, Dix, and Mills (Councillor Baker in the chair).

4---The view-The following Members attended the View Meeting held previously, viz ;---Alderman Haddon ; Councillors Baker, Bence, M. Davis, and Dix.

5-Street Projections-A, Letter was read from Mr. F. Sollors, of No. 8, Henrietta Street, asking permission to move his barber's pole from No. 8 to No. 6, Henrietta Street ; also one from Mr. James Villar, on behalf of Messrs. Flower & Sons, Brewers, Stratford-on-Avon, asking permission to erect a new sign board in front of the Robin Hood, St. James' Street, as shown on the accompanying elevation of the building, the sign to project 18 inches, as shown on the plan. Resolved, That the applications be acceded to.

6—Private Improvement Expenses-- Resolved, That in future a separate account be kept by the Borough Surveyor of all receipts and expenditure in respect of Private Improvement Works received from and chargeable to abutting owners.

7 -Borough Surveyor's Report re Highways--The Borough Surveyor reported that the work done by the Highways Department from the 23rd April last to the 20th instant, both inclusive, had been as under :—

Repaired with Clee Hill Stone— Bath Road, 2,000 super yards.

Patching—St. George's Road, Gas Lane, Burton Street, Gloucester Road, London Road, Prestbury Road, Hatherley Road, Granville Street, Dunalley Street, Queen's Road, Regent Street, Lypiatt Terrace, Evesham Road, Hewlett Road, High Street, Clarence Street, Ambrose Street, New Street, Cambray, Bayshill Road, Back of Lansdown Place, St. George's Place, St. Paul's Road, Swindon Road, High Street, Sherborne Street, Portland Square, Spa Buildings, back Montpellier Terrace, Royal Well Lane, Hale's Road, Montpellier Street, Lansdown Crescent, All Saints' Road, Pittville Circus, Malvern Road, Wellington Street, Albion Street, Mountpleasant, Western Road, Hewlett Street.

Repaired with Wickwar Stone—Naunton Crescent 3,438 super yards. Francis Street 1,467 super yards.

Patching—Keynsham Road, Pittville Street, College Road.

Paving, Crossing, Kerbing, and Channelling---- Naunton Crescent, Clarence Street, Montpellier Street, Sandford Road, Bath Road, Lansdown Crescent, North Street, High Street. Regent Street, Francis Street, Promenade, Winchcomb Street, Larput Place, Montpellier Villas, Exmouth Street, Back of Lansdown Place, North Place, Gloucester Road, Albion Street, Queen's Road, Pittville Street, Winchcomb Street, Promenade, Swindon Road, Portland Street, Rodney Road, Suffolk Road.

The footpath in Sandford Road had been repaired with fine asphalt.

The improvement in Imperial Square had been commenced.

Private Improvements—Bath Terrace and Bath Parade—proceeding.

Ashes Collected Van loads 869; Cart loads 116. Consumed at the Destructor 1,098 tons, 16 cwt., 1 qr. ; also 1 beast and 35 pigs.

8-Maining Roads- -The Borough Surveyor laid before the Committee a Plan on which were marked the roads in the Borough which he suggested ought to be declared main roads. Resolved, That the same be approved and that application be made to the County Council to declare the said roads, as follows, Main Roads:—

	Miles	Furlongs	Yards
Queens Road	0	3	190
Tivoli Place Road, and Painswick Lawn	0	3	100
Bath Road from High Street to the Norwood Arms	0	6	140
Sandfield Road (Arle Road)--from Gloucester Road to the Borough Boundary	1	1	110
Swindon Road from the Borough Boundary through Malvern Street to High Street	0	4	110
High Street—from the High Street Station of the Midland Railway to the Hale's Road	1	5	140
Millbrook Street, Great 4Western Road, and New Street ..	0	4	30
Ambrose Street .	0	0	155
St. James' Square-from Ambrose Street through Royal Well Place to Promenade	0	2	110
Pittville Street, Portland Street, and Evesham Road to the Borough Boundary.	0	5	90
Winchcomb Street and Prestbury Road to the Borough Boundary .	0	5	200
Road from Collum End Farm, Leckhampton, through Chariton Lane, across Old Bath Road to the Borough Boundary	0	5	115

9-- Fairfield Road, Private Improvement Works—Resolved, That in consideration of the land which he had given up to form the road and of the material put on to it by him, Mr. Dix be allowed an abatement of £50 off the amount apportioned to be paid by him in respect of the cost of the Private Improvement Works in Fairfield Road.

10—Shelburne Road—A letter from the Rev. G. P. Griffiths, was read, stating that the suggestions of the Council as to opening this road to the public were still engaging the attention of the Committee of the Dean Close School.

11—Folly Lane—With reference to Minute No. 15 of the proceedings of this Committee of the 27th of September last, a letter from Messrs. Ticehurst & Sons, was read, with which they enclosed on behalf of Mr. Smith, their cheque for the £85 mentioned in their letter to the Borough Surveyor of the 24th of September last, in which they recapitulated and accepted the terms suggested by him for settlement, and suggested that there was no reason why the negotiations between the Council and Mr. Baylis should be allowed any longer to delay the settlement arrived at between the Corporation and their client, and that they would be prepared on his behalf to deal with the objections (if any) which Mr. Baylis might at any time have to make. Resolved, That the Council cannot accept the cheque on the terms referred to.

12—Entrance from London Road to Upper Park Street—A Memorial was received from Charles Humphris and 34 other Householders of or Residents on property in Upper Park Street, praying the Council to use their best endeavours to have a communication made from the top of the street into the London Road by the Beaufort Arms Inn, and to have the pavement in the street repaired. Resolved, To inform the Memorialists that the Council regret they are unable at present to carry out the suggestion.

13—Private Improvement Works opposite Rodney House—A letter from Mr. Ireland, was read, stating that he was not satisfied with the reduction of £7 10s. which had been made from the amount apportioned to be paid by him of the cost of these works, as he contended that the footpath had been previously edged as well as paved and channelled. Resolved, That consideration of the matter be adjourned pending further enquiry.

14—Swindon Road Private Improvement Works—A letter was read from the Rev. H. L. C. de Candole, on behalf of the Committee of the Training College, asking that the College should be exonerated from having to contribute to the expense of carrying out these works on the ground that it is supported by voluntary contributions, that the Students are in many cases drawn from the poorer classes, that it is a Public Institution doing a most important work and bringing a large amount of money to the town, and that it is as much as the Governing Body can do to make both ends meet. Resolved, That the application cannot be acceded to, but in order to reduce the cost the paving be laid a width of 4ft. instead of 5ft., and that the Resolution to Minute No. 23 of date the 24th December last be amended accordingly.

With reference to the Resolution to Minute No 27 of the proceedings of this Committee of the 26th of February, 1889, a letter was read from Mr. Amos Wilson that the Council agreed at that time to relieve him and other adjoining owners who had given up land to widen the footpath, in consideration of their so doing, from liability to pay towards the cost of paving. &c. Resolved, That as the facts stated by Mr. Wilson appear to be correct, he and the other abutting owners similarly circumstanced be relieved from payment of the cost of the works to be executed opposite their premises.

15- Guard Stones and Pathway, St. Margaret's Road—A letter was read from Mr. James Smith, of No. 1, Monson Terrace, with reference to the Private Improvement Works opposite his house, asking that the curbing should be continued at the angle, and a guard stone fixed, and calling attention to the bad and dangerous condition of the old tariff work opposite the yard of the Original Brewery. Resolved, To inform Mr. Smith that as soon as the Henrietta Street Improvement Works are completed, the works opposite the Brewery Co.'s property will be proceeded with.

16—Footpath in Gloucester Road—A letter was read from Mr P. Desages, of Rowanfield House, calling attention to the state of the pavement from the Railway Station to that house on the left side. Resolved, To inform Mr. Dosages that the matter shall receive attention.

17-Tenders for Private Improvement Works—Resolved, That tenders for all Private Improvement Works, and work of paving, edging and channelling estimated to cost £20 and upwards, be advertised for.

18-Extension of Shop Front of Mr. C. J. Davies, Suffolk Parade—With reference to the letter from Mr. Davies on the subject of the proposed extension of the frontage of his shop in Suffolk Parade, Resolved, That Mr. Davies be requested to furnish a plan showing the proposed bringing forward.

19-Coal Shoot at 58, St. Paul's Street, North—A letter was read from Mr. Arthur Cother applying for permission to construct a coal shoot in the footway in front of No. 58, St. Paul's Street, North. Resolved, To permit Mr. Cother to construct a shoot not exceeding 16 inches square.

20----Tree opposite Creville House—A letter was read from Miss Hamilton asking for the removal of the sycamore tree, which she alleged overhung the front gate and steps of her house, damaged the paint and stones, and choked up with leaves the water outlets on the roof of the portico. Resolved, That the Council regret they are unable to accede to the request.

21-Tree in College Road opposite Brookland Villa—A letter was read from Messrs. Griffiths, Ryland & Co., on behalf of Miss Goddard the tenant of this house, requesting the removal of the sycamore tree on the edge of the path outside, or that so much of it as overhung the premises should be lopped. Resolved, That the Council regret they are unable to accede to the request. –

22-Damage to Crossing in Christ Church Road—With reference to a claim made against Mr. G. F. Butcher, Steam Hauling Con-tractor, of Westgate Bridge, Gloucester, for compensation for damage done to a crossing in the Christ Church Road by one of his traction engines, a letter from him, was read, offering in settlement of the claim, and the Borough Surveyor having reported that the amount had been received, Resolved, That the amount offered in settlement be accepted.

23-Accident to Mr. C. Henderson—A letter from Mr. Henderson, was read, acknowledging receipt of a copy of the resolution of the Council that they cannot admit any liability to compensate for injury received by his falling on a crossing, and stating that he should take proceedings unless the Council pay his Doctor's bill of three guineas, and give him employment. Resolved, That the Council see no reason to alter their previous decision.

24-Street Kiosks- letter was read from the Secretary of the Provincial Street Syndicate, Limited, stating that they were prepared to erect and maintain in suitable spots, under the direction and control of the

Corporation and its Engineer, Street Kiosks Resolved, That the Council have no power to entertain the proposal.

25—Improvement Borough Surveyor laid before the Committee a Plan of Additions to the Destructor of two of the cells for producing a steam blast in aid of combustion, as in operation at Longsight near Manchester. Resolved, That consideration of the matter be adjourned until the next monthly meeting of the Committee.

26—Verges South-side of Montpellier Gardens Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to form a grass verge along the south-side of Montpellier Gardens, with sufficient gullies and drain to carry off the surface water.

27-Channelling North-side of Mountpleasant---Resolved, To instruct the Borough Surveyor to bring up a specification of the work required to be done by the abutting owners to channel the footpath on the north-side of Mountpleasant.

28—High Street Improvement—A letter was read from Mr. R. Wyllie, Manager of the Original Brewery Company, with reference to the proposed widening of the High Street by taking into it part of the site of the Red Lion Inn, stating that he would bring the matter before the Directors at their next meeting, but as the Company had expended nearly £200 on improving the house within the last year, the Directors would expect some compensation, as 6ft. taken off the bar parlour would materially affect the value of the house, and the Trustees of the Baptist Society, to whom the house belongs, would also have to be consulted ; also one from the Town Clerk in reply that the Council expected to have to pay some compensation, but as the improvement would very materially benefit the premises leased by the Company he hoped it would be light. Resolved, That the reply of the Town Clerk be approved.

29-- Footpath froth Pittville Circus Road to Entrance to All Saints' Church—Resolved, That the Tariff work along this footpath be removed, and replaced with Wickwar chippings. Upper Park Street The following Tenders for carrying out the Improvement Works in this street were received and opened, as follows :—

Harry Packer & Henry Griffin, Townsend Place, Tewkesbury Road	£539
Charles Young, Kings Arms, Bath Road	£552
Mark Williams, 10, Granville Street	£586

Resolved, That the Tender of Messrs. Packer & Griffin be accepted, and that a Contract with them to be prepared and settled by the Town Clerk be executed.

31-Ash Collection—Resolved, That Councillors Bence, NI. Davis, Dix and Mills be appointed a Sub-Committee to supervise the Ash Collecting.

32- Roadway at Beckingsale's Passage The Borough Surveyor reported that the cost of carrying out the Works ordered to be done to put in order this roadway amounted to £66 9s. 1d., which sum he had apportioned between the several abutting owners according to the frontage of their respective premises. Resolved, That the apportionment be approved and that Notice thereof, and of demand, be served upon the owners.

33—Building Plans---The Borough Surveyor laid before the Committee Notices and Plans which he had received from the following persons intending to erect new buildings, as follows, viz.:

No. of Plan.	Name	Description.
1045	Mrs. L. Creek	New Paddock Boxes at Cotswold.
1046	Mrs. Bradshaw	Four Houses in Winstonian Terrace.
1047	G. H. Roberts	Four Cottages in Winstonian Terrace.
1048	F. Neale	Villa in Eldorado Road.

Resolved, That the same be approved.

WILLIAM A BAKER,

Chairman.

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PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 9th day of May, 1898, Present : Alderman Norman; Councillors Bence, M. Davis, Gurney, Lenthall, Moles and Waghorne (Councillor Bence in the chair)-

1 --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 ; 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.

2-Nuisance from Drains, &c., at Atherstone, Hale's Road, 43, Winchcomb Street, 5, Worcester Street, 3, Priory Terrace, 1, Chats-worth Villas, Old Bath Road, the Plough Hotel, 334, High Street, 44, 45 and 46, Rutland Street, Rowanfield House, and 2 and 3, Winchcomb 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. 23, Brunswick Street, 13, Brunswick Terrace, and 7, 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.

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.

6-Urinals in an Insanitary Condition-The Medical Officer of Health reported that the Urinals at Plough Hotel Yard, The Cooperage, Lower High Street, and 184. High Street were, owing to want of flushing apparatus, so foul or in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to health, Resolved, That Notices under Section 94 of the Public Health Act, 1875, be served on the owners requiring them to abate the nuisance.

7-Destruction of Diseased Meat-The Medical Officer of Health reported that on the 21st ultimo a carcase of pork, reported by the butcher, was inspected at a private slaughterhouse and destroyed as being diseased, and on the 5th inst. a carcase of beef, killed at the Abattoir, was seized and destroyed on a Magistrate's Order for a similar reason. 8-Cleansing and Limewashing at 49, Fairview Street, 46 and 52, Stanhope Street, 4, Exmouth Court, Rose Cottage, Stanhope Street, 15, Townsend Place, 11 and 12, Greville Terrace, 47 and 49, Worcester Street, and 23, Brunswick 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 lime-washed

9-House Unfit for Human Habitation, viz.-House in Albion Gardens, Gloucester Road. 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 under Sec. 32 of the Housing of the Working Classes Act, 1890, be taken to obtain an Order for it to be closed.

10--Insanitary Property at Nos. 47 and 43, Worcester Street, 2, Pantile Row, Outhouses at Royal Oak, and 2, Cleveland Passage. 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, ceilings, yard pitching, &c. 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, 1875, 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.

11-Wells at Nos. 48, 49, and 55, Waterloo Street, No. 49, Stanhope Street, 195 and 303 High Street, and 15, Townsend 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. 75 of the Public Health Act be taken to obtain Orders for these wells to be closed.

12-Alleged Pollution of Wyman's Brook-With reference to Minute No. 38 of this Committee's proceedings of the 23rd March last, the Medical Officer of Health presented the following Report on the matter :- Your Medical Officer of Health and Inspector of Nuisances, accompanied by Mr Bence, inspected the above-mentioned pond on March 23rd, when the following notes were taken:-

(1) The nature of the water seen discharging into the pond at its East end was that of strong sewage that had under-gone some sedimentation. It was very turbid, and had a strong sewage odour. Submitted to analysis, it was found to have the characteristic composition of sewage.

(2) The condition of the pond at the end where the above-mentioned water is led into it was very foul. The bottom consisting of foetid black mud, and the whole pond bore signs of great pollution, and its water was

crowded with microscopic growths, particularly of one organism which coloured the whole bulk of the water green.

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(3) The amount of water coming into the pond, as above, was upon this day considerable, as much as would be expected from the drainage of four or five houses.

(4) A minor discharge of sewage into the pond was also noticed at the opposite or West end of the pond from a drain that had apparently been stopped up. Here a little polluted water was oozing through the soil, and this end of the pond bore similar signs of great pollution.

(5) Where the water found exit from the pond a stream 9 ½ inches wide and one inch deep was falling over a permanent built unmovable weir. The quantity of water passing was roughly estimated by eye at about 100 gallons per minute. The water as it fell had a greenish tint, due to the living organisms mentioned above, and made some considerable froth. The quantity of water discharging from the pond was greater than had been before observed, and greater in amount than the amount of sewage observed coming into the pond. There had been recent rain, and probably the pond receives a considerable amount of surface water from the neighbouring land.

(6) At Wyman's Brook, opposite Glen Cottages, Folly Lane, a stream of water was observed issuing into the brook from under a large old arch. This water was of the same green colour as that which had been seen to leave the pond, and its colour was due to the same green organisms as was the colour of the pond water. The water discharged into the brook was about equal in amount, so far as the eye could judge, with the amount falling over the discharge weir at the pond. A bottle of strong dye was put into the water at its point of discharge at the pond, and the stream coming from under the culvert into Wyman's Brook was watched, and in due course the dye was observed in the water as it entered the brook.

(7) The general character of the water entering Wyman's Brook was that of the pond, and yielded to analysis evidence of sewage pollution.

I further have to report that in accordance with the request expressed in a letter received from the Clerk to the Rural District Council, and the instructions of the Public Health Committee, I visited the pond and the brook, &c., in company with Dr. Johns, Medical Officer of Health of the Rural Authority, and discussed with him the several points of Sanitary interest connected with the matter, and Dr. Johns will doubtless make representations to the Rural District Council in accordance with the view he takes of the matter.

The drainage of Marle Hill House, as at present done, will be sure to bring much additional pollution to Wyman's Brook when the house comes to be occupied."

Resolved, That a copy of the Report be sent to the Rural District Council.

13-Sewer in Hatherley Street—With reference to the resolution to Minute No. 14 of this Committee's proceedings of date the 12th ult., a letter was read from Mr. James B. Winterbotham stating that it should be clearly understood that the work of extending the sewer was done by the Corporation illegally, and neither by his desire nor for his advantage, and that on that basis and on the clear understanding that the addition to the sewer belonged solely to him and in no way to the Corporation he was willing to pay the cost of it. He also wished it to be made plain that the owner of Fairlight Cottages would in any event have no right

to open any communication with the extended sewer unless the latter shows he has a right to or is willing to arrange terms with the owner. Resolved, That the understanding mentioned in Mr. Winterbotham's letter be agreed, and that payment be accepted on the understanding named.

14-Public Health Acts Amendment Bill A letter was read from the Town Clerk of Wolverhampton, forwarding draft of a Petition in favour of the Public Health Acts Amendment Bill, and expressing the hope that the Council would authorise their Common Seal to be affixed thereto without delay. The Town Clerk read a correspondence he had had with the Town Clerk of Wolverhampton on the subject of some amendments suggested by the former. Resolved, That the Town Clerk do communicate with the Member for the Borough with a view to the Bill being amended (1) so as to make the same adoptable by sections instead of by parts, (2) by providing therein that Section 19 of the Public Health Acts Amendment Act, 1890, shall be read and construed as if the words " belonging to different owners " had been omitted therefrom.

15-Sanitary Work at 7, Hawarden Parade—A letter was read from Mr. James Smith, of No. 7, Hawarden Parade, asking that on account of his age and infirmities and poverty the requirements of the notices served on him in respect of his residence should not be insisted on. Resolved, That the further consideration of the application be adjourned pending a Report from the Inspector of Nuisances as to the work in respect of which notices have been served.

16—Sanitary Work at Nos. 15 and 16 Victoria Street and 25 and 26 Hungerford Street—A letter was read from Mr. Joseph Dutton, owner of Nos. 15 and 16, Victoria Street and 23 and 26, Hungerford Street, asking that compliance with the notices served on him to lay on the Corporation water and fix flushing apparatus to the w.c's at the houses named might be postponed for twelve months, on the ground that he had in the past most assiduously complied with the requirements of the Council in respect of fourteen other houses belonging to him, and that his only source of income was his rents, and he had great difficulty in making his income meet his expenditure. Resolved, That the Committee regret they cannot do more than extend the time given in the notices by one month, and that Mr. Dutton must make arrangements with the tradesman employed by him as to payment.

17-Sanitary Work at No. 6, Hawarden Parade—A letter from Mrs. Brushfield, owner of No. 6, Hawarden Parade, was read, asking whether the Corporation would have the water laid on and flushing apparatus fixed, in respect of which she had had notice, and allow her to repay the cost of the same by half-yearly instalments, as she had not the ready money to pay for the work being done at present. Resolved, That Mrs. Brushfield be informed that she must carry out the work and make her arrangements as to payment with the tradesman she employs.

18-Flushing Boxes and Sewer connections-A letter was read from Mr. John Parslow complaining of the action of the Water Department in allowing flushing boxes to be fixed which were not efficient, and calling attention to an alleged clashing of the Health and Surveyor's Departments at Pomfret House, Winchcomb Street, in the matter of connecting with the sewer. Resolved, That the writer be informed that the Corporation do not guarantee the efficiency of any box, but that owners

are required to provide efficient ones, and that the Committee regret the misunderstanding that has arisen in connection with Pomfret House.

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

GEORGE BENCE,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, the 23rd day of May, 1898 Present : Alderman Norman ; Councillors Bence, M. Davis, Gurney, Lenthall, 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, 12 cases of Scarlet Fever and 1 of Diphtheria ; that the 12 cases of Scarlet Fever and the one of Diphtheria had been sent into the Delancey Hospital, and that the number of cases then in the Delancey Hospital sent in by the Corporation was 23.

21—Wells at Nos. 56 and 61, Waterloo Street, Nos. 252 and 259, High Street, and the Early Dawn Inn 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.

22-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.

23-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.

24—Cleansing and Limewashing at No. 49, Waterloo Street, Nos. 21, 23, and 25, Russell Street, Nos. 212 and 219, High Street, Nos. 2, 14, 15, 17, 18, and 19, Swindon Place, No. 44, Upper Norwood Street, No. 33, Bloomsbury Street, No. 2, Edward Terrace, and No. 31, Albert Street, St. Peter's—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.

25-Nuisance from Drains, &c., at No. 7, Hatherley Place, Gordon Cottage, North Street, No. 67, Brighton Road, and Great Western Hotel—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.

26-Insanitary Property at No. 307, High Street, Nos. 2 and 3, Edward Terrace, Red Lion Inn, and the Royal Oak, High 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 roofs, ceilings, floors, &c., and as regards the Red Lion and Royal Oak Inns from the insanitary condition of the urinals owing to want of water supply, &c. 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, 1875, 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.

27—Pollution of Pond near Rowanfield-The Medical Officer of Health reported that a pond behind Rowanfield House, Gloucester Road, was polluted by the drainage from that house passing into it, and the overflow from the pond would flow in the direction of Alstone Ditch. Resolved, That Notice under Sec. 23 of the Public Health Act be served upon the owner, requiring him or her to make a covered drain, or drains, emptying into the Sewer.

28-Sanitary Work at No. 7, Hawarden Parade—With reference to the Resolution to Minute No. 15 of this Committee's proceedings at their last meeting, Resolved, That the Medical Officer of Health be authorised to extend the time for doing the work in his discretion.

29--Passage between Greville Terrace and Edward Street-The Medical Officer of Health reported that inspection of this passage had been made, and nothing was found requiring the action of the Sanitary Authority.

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30-Notices Complied with-The Medical Officer of Health handed in a list of notices to carry out Sanitary requirements which 30, notices not Complied not been complied with. Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to take proceedings to compel compliance with the notices

31—Hatherley Street Sewer—A letter from Mr. Winterbotham was read, stating that he would send a cheque for £12 18s. 10d., the cost of extending and unstopping this Sewer, as soon as the Council had confirmed the resolution of the Committee consenting to his condition that it should be clearly understood that the extension belonged to him, and to acknowledge that the work of extension had been done by the Council illegally, and not by his desire nor for his advantage, and requesting to be informed whether any order had been made upon the owner of No. 3, Fairlight Cottages to connect the drains of the house with the sewer, and whether, the Council had power to make such order when the only sewer within 100 feet of his property was one not belonging to them ; also one from the Town Clerk in reply, that no order had been served, and the Council do not contend that they have power to compel compliance with any such order. Resolved, That the Town Clerks reply be approved.

32—Public Health Acts Amendment Bill—The Town Clerk reported that as directed he had written to General Russell, Member of Parliament for the Borough, suggesting certain provisions for insertion in the Public Health Acts Amendment Bill and had received a letter from General Russell in reply that he was informed that there was no chance of the Bill passing this Session, and that if it should come up for discussion it would be referred to a Select Committee.

33-Lavatory and Conveniences in High Street opposite St. George's Square—The Borough Surveyor laid before the Committee a plan of the above-mentioned scheme, the cost of which he estimated at about

£400. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to bring up the Specification at the next meeting to enable the Committee to fully consider the matter.

34—Building Plans —The plans of new buildings necessitating drainage as had been or were intended to be laid before the Street and Highway Committee for approval were laid before this Committee. Resolved, That the same, so far as regards drainage and sanitary matters, be approved.

GEORGE BENCE,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, the 1st day of June, 1898 Present : Councillors Bence, M. Davis, Gurney, and Moles (Councillor Bence in the chair)

35-Barnard's Row--With reference to the application pending for a closing order in respect of Nos. 1 to 9, Barnard's Row, the Town Clerk reported that at the request of Mr. Heath, Mr. Steel's solicitor, he had agreed to adjourn the hearing of the complaint until the 9th instant, and a letter from Mr. Heath was read asking for an interview with the Committee. Resolved, That the request be acceded to, the interview to take place at the meeting of this Committee on the 13th instant, and that the hearing of the complaint be further adjourned to the 16th instant.

GEORGE BENCE,

Chairman.

TOWN IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held On Monday, the 23rd day of May, 1898, Present--Alderman Drew ; Councillors Bence, Dix, Lenthall, MacDonald and Mills (Councillor Macdonald in the chair)—

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

2-Kursaal - Mr. Robson's Account- A letter from the Local Government Board, of date the 9th May, was read, stating that they were

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not prepared to entertain an application for their sanction to borrow the sum of £2,740 15s. 0d. for payment of the amount at which Mr. Robson had agreed to settle his account for Architect's fees, and a further letter from the Board, of date the 19th May, inst., in reply to one from the Town Clerk, stating that the Board's sanction was not required to the payment of the fees to the Council. Resolved, That the amount agreed to be paid to Mr. Robson, viz. £2,740 15s. 0d, be transferred from the Water Surplus Account to the Borough Fund Account, and that an Order on the Borough Fund be made to pay the balance of £2,240 15s. 0d. due to Mr. Robson, and that the amount already paid to him, £500, be debited to the Borough Fund Account. and credited to the Winter Garden Capital Account.

3-Photographs of the Town in Midland Railway Carriages-A letter was read front the General Manager of the Midland Railway Co., stating that they were fitting the compartments of their new rolling stock with coloured photographs of places of interest reached by their line and its connections, which are produced b)

the Photochrom Company, and that if the Council care to supply 100 copies of each of the following, viz.: No, 10,728 on the Photochrom Company's list, Pittville Gardens, and No. 10,726, the Promenade, he would include them in some of the compartments along with the other views.

The Town Clerk submitted copies of these Photos, which he had obtained from the Photochrom Company, the price of which were 1/- each. Resolved, That the offer of the General Manager of the Midland Railway Company be accepted, and that 100 of each of the Photos referred to be ordered from the Photochrom Company to be sent to him.

4-Lecture in Winter Gardens for Trade Unions-A letter was read from the President and Secretary of the Cheltenham and District Trade and Labour Council, stating that the Trade Unions of Cheltenham were desirous of having a Lecture by Mr. Tom Mann on Poverty and Combination amongst the Workers as the most Effectual Means of its Removal, and asking the Council to grant the free use of the Winter Garden for its delivery, the date to be such as would not clash with any other engagement there. Resolved, That the application be acceded to.

5-Terrier Show at Winter Garden-A letter was read from Mr. J. C. Tinne, of Bashley Lodge, Lymington, asking if the Fox Terrier Club could have the Winter Garden for a Show on the 16th and 17th of November, with half days on the 15th and 18th for getting in and out. Resolved, That the application be granted upon the same terms as arranged with the Committee of the last Dog Show.

6- Montpellier Studio-A letter from Mr. Waite was read, again appealing for further compensation for his having had to remove his Photographic Studio from Montpellier Gardens, on the ground of his having been a tenant of the Council for 16 years, during which time he had built up a business which will in all probability be greatly injured by his removal, and he estimated his loss therefrom at £100. Resolved, That the terms and conditions under which Mr. Waite left having been settled, and the arrangement concluded, the Committee are now precluded from making any addition to the compensation made to Mr. Waite.

7-Barbed Wire at Montpellier Gardens—A letter was read from Mr. S. M. Cornelius complaining that barbed wire had been placed in the Montpellier Gardens in such positions that he feared damage must inevitably be caused to children and others. A letter from the Borough Surveyor to Mr. Cornelius was read, alleging that no injury was at all likely to occur except in the case of boys attempting to rush through the shrubbery. Resolved, That the Council see no sufficient reason to interfere with the arrangements made by the Borough Surveyor.

8-Fireworks in Cricket Week-A letter from Messrs. W. and J. Wilder, of Birmingham. was read enquiring whether the Council would let them the Montpellier Gardens for two Displays of Fireworks, to take place in Cricket Week on two days to be decided upon later. Resolved, That the application be acceded to, at a rental of five guineas for the two days, subscribers to be admitted free.

9-Boating at Pittville Park by Members of the letter was read from the Secretary of the Young Men's Christian Association offering for the use of the boats at Pittville by the members of their Boating Club to purchase for half the usual charges a book of tickets admitting to the Gardens free, each member to be provided with a card of membership, to be shown at the gate on entrance. Resolved, That the suggestion cannot be acceded to, but that tickets will be supplied to the Club for 6d. each to include admission and use of a boat for an hour, provided that not less than 50 tickets be purchased at a time, and that the same be only issued to and used by members of the Association.

10-Damage to Trees in the Promenade- A report from the Superintendent of Police was read, stating that two boys, named Thomas Hawker, of No. 9, Bath Terrace. and Walter Sallis, of No, 1, Exmouth Court, were observed by Constable Gabb, on the 21st inst., stripping the bark from a tree opposite the Winter Garden, the part stripped being about one foot by 9 or 10 inches. Resolved, That the boys be prosecuted.

11-Shelters—Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to bring up a Report as to the cost of providing Covered Seats :about the town and its outskirts, and recommendations as to where they should be placed.

JOHN MACDONALD.

Chairman.

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WATER COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Wednesday, the 25th day of May, 1898—Present : Councillors Baker, Bence, M. Davis, At and Dix. (Councillor Bence in the chair)

1—Chairman—In the absence of the Chairman, Councillor Bence was appointed Chairman at this Meeting.

2 -Water Report—The Water Engineer reported that on the 24th inst. the supply from Hewletts and Northfield 199 gallons, the average for the last four years being 147 gallons per minute ; and the quantity of water in store at Hewletts was 19,171,469 gallons.

The depth of water in Dowdeswell Reservoir was 29 feet 8 inches and the contents 87,836,124 gallons, which gave a total of 107,007,593 gallons.

The Water Engineer laid before the Committee correspondence he had had with Mr. Badham with reference to a letter he had written enquiring as to cost, &c, of laying on a water supply to Elmstone Hardwick, and requesting other particulars from which it ultimately appeared that he had had no instructions to apply to the Corporation to lay on the water either at Elmstone Hardwicke or Stoke Orchard, but the object of his letter was only to ascertain whether certain statements which had been made to him were correct or not.

The Water Engineer laid before the Committee correspondence he had had with Mr. James Wall, the latter having complained that after he had paid 1s for building supply at No. 6, Oriel Terrace the water had not been laid on. The Water Engineer explained that the Inspector found the water fittings were defective when he went to turn on the water, and that he had properly refused to turn it on until they were put right, and that the water had been turned on as soon as this had been done. Resolved, That the action of the Inspector be approved.

He further reported that on the 15th ultimo, he saw a boy from the shop of Mr. Haslam, Cabinet Maker, at the back of St. James' Square, fetching water from the Central Depot for use at the shop, and the same day he wrote to Mr. Haslam advising him to have water laid on, that no reply had been received to it, but on two occasions since the same boy was seen taking water from the Fire Brigade Station for use at the same premises. Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to write and caution Mr. Haslam that the Council will prosecute without further notice should there be any repetition of the offence. He also reported that within the last few days the wall of No. 3 Reservoir at Hewletts had moved over two feet out of position, and he

anticipated that a collapse might occur at any moment, but in any case it must be entirely rebuilt. The Committee having paid a visit of inspection, Resolved, That no action be taken in the matter until the next meeting of the Committee and that the Borough Engineer do then report to the Committee on the cause of the movement.

3-Inspectors' Uniforms - Resolved, That a Notice inviting tenders for the summer uniforms for the Inspectors be affixed on the board outside the Municipal Offices.

4-Water Supply at the General Hospital—A letter was read from Colonel Croker-King, President of the Hospital, stating that the Board of Governors wished to draw the attention of the Council to the fact that though a meter was fixed on the 28th September last, no intimation was given to any official of the Hospital till the 4th of February last, and having regard to what the Hospital had done for the Council in cases of epidemic and during the last three years, and to the benefit derived by the inhabitants of the Town generally, the Governors trusted that a largely increased charge for water would not be made, but that the Council would continue the arrangement made in May, 1888, to pay to the Hospital an annual subscription equal in amount to the Water Rate for the time being paid by the Hospital. The Water Engineer stated that he frequently put on meters to check consumption, in which cases it was not the practice to inform the consumers, and he produced sheets for two successive days from a recording meter which plainly showed excessive waste had occurred, it appearing from one of the sheets that a tap had been shut off at 4.45 in the morning that had been left open all night. Resolved, That Councillor Dix, with the Water Engineer, be instructed to have an interview with Colonel Croker-King, and that the matter be allowed to remain in abeyance until after it has taken place.

5-Crossing over Stream below Hewletts--A letter from Mr. Bradfield, Clerk to the Prestbury Parish Council, was read, asking per-mission to place a crossing over the stream running below the Hewletts Reservoir forming the boundary between the Parishes of Cheltenham and Prestbury. The Committee having paid a visit of inspection, Resolved, That the Committee see no objection to the proposed bridge or crossing.

6-Additional Main at Tewkesbury--A letter was read from Mr. Badham, Town Clerk of Tewkesbury, requesting the Council to lay a 3-inch main at the back of Swilgate, with the necessary hydrants, but before commencing the work to furnish him with an estimate of the cost. The Town Clerk reported that he had written to Mr. Badham to say that an estimate could not be furnished until particulars had been received of the length of main, number of Hydrants, &c. required. Resolved, That the reply of the Town Clerk be approved.

7-Loan Provisional Order for Amending Water Acts—A letter from the Local Government Board, was read, with reference to the application of the Council for sanction to borrow £8,060, pointing out that no loan could be sanctioned until the Order had been confirmed by Parliament. A letter from the Town Clerk in reply, was read, informing the Board that since the Enquiry the committee had been considering whether it would not be more economical to pump the unfiltered water from the Severn to the Dowdeswell Works where the filter beds could be added to at a less this is decided upon the plans and estimates will require revision and the application may have to be amended, by which time probably the Order will have been confirmed. Resolved, That the reply of the Town Clerk be approved.

8-WaterTroughs at Whithorne, Charlton Kings—A letter was read from Mrs. Holmes, asking that Water Trough near her house might be altered by removing it a short distance so as to provide access to the trough by another field. Resolved, That the Water Engineer be instructed to comply with the request.

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

GEORGE BENCE.

Chairman.

LIGHTING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, the 26th day of May, 1898---Present: Alderman Norman: Councillors Baker, Dix, and Steel (Alderman Norman in the chair)—

1—Electrical Inspector's Report—The Electrical 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.
April 28th	100 Volts	104 Volts.
May 21st	"	104 "
" 24th ..	"	<u>104 "</u>
		Average 104 Volts.

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

ILLUMINATING POWER.		PURITY—	SULPHUR.
1898		1898.	Grains per 100 cubic ft.
April 28th..	16.45 candles	(May 19th & 20th)	12.95
May 21st..	17.02 "		
" 24th..	<u>16.23 "</u>		
Average..	16.42 "	Average..	—

3-Gas Inspector's Report—The Gas Inspector reported that the hourly average consumption of Gas per lamp month had been 4.2506 cubic feet.

4—Lamp Book—This Book was produced and examined. Lamps extinguished, 8 metered, 9 unmetered : and 2 burning dimly.

5--Lighting in North Ward--Resolved, That a gas lamp be fixed half way down the lane between Victoria Street and Albert Street, St. Paul's, and one half way down the lane between Albert Street and Hungerford Street. St- Paul's.

6-Lighting of Langdon Road—Resolved, That two gas lamps be fixed in Langdon Road, and that it be left to Councillor Baker and the Borough Surveyor to determine their positions.

7-Unused Gas lamp Posts—Resolved, To inform the Gas Co. that the Council cannot allow the posts opposite their offices in North Street to remain unless the lamps are lighted, and that the Street and Highway Committee be requested to order the removal of the unused gas lamps and posts at the top of Montpellier Avenue.

8-Report of the Electrical Engineer--The Electrical Engineer reported that, in accordance with the Committee's instructions, he begged to submit the following estimates of the costs of providing Arc Lamps for Lighting the Gloucester Road from the High Street to the Lansdown Castle, and the Tewkesbury Road from the Gloucester Road to the High Street Railway Station :—

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1. Gloucester Road, 27 Arcs 76 yards apart.		
(a) 26 arches and one centre pillar	..	£2550 0 0
(b) 26 side pillars and one centre pillar	..	£2050 0 0
2. Tewkesbury Road, 12 Arcs, 72 yards apart,		
(a) 12 arches	..	£1150 0 0
(b) 12 side pillars	..	£ 875 0 0
3. Gloucester Road, Tewkesbury Road and Lansdown Road (from Lansdown Castle to Westal Green) 15 Arcs on arches in Lansdown Road, 37 on side pillars in Gloucester Road and Tewkesbury Road and one on a centre pillar at the Lansdown Castle. The estimate assumed that the arc lighting cables along Lansdown Road are laid at the same time as the private supply cables for this Road ; if these cables were not laid as described the extra cost would be about £80	..	£3855 0 0

He recommended Scheme 3 which involved an application for an additional loan of £875 beyond the loan last applied for and not yet granted. The additional Switch Gear for the street lighting circuits at Manchester Street Substation, which was included in the last application for a loan would be required as soon as the Bath Road and Lansdown Place arc lamps were ready for use, and he asked for authority to order the same.

Two houses at the Lansdown Castle end of the Lansdown Road had been already wired and he understood that a third would shortly be wired also ; it would therefore be necessary to lay down the cables included in his estimate of 28th February last, but in the first instance only one of the three transformers estimated for would be required. Also the expenditure now would be £785 instead of £985.

In addition to the small extensions along Regent Street and to Marston Lodge, which were recently authorised by the Committee, other small extensions would be required to supply Dr Abbott in Bath Street, two houses in Carlton Street and probably the Lansdown Inn. At the next meeting he would lay before the Committee estimates of the costs of all these extensions and of other extensions which would probably be necessary very soon, but in the meantime he asked for authority to lay the short length of cable required in Bath Street.

Resolved, That the report be confirmed, and the proceedings and recommendations therein contained approved and adopted, that the Electrical Engineer be authorised to make the necessary arrangements for carrying out Scheme 3, that the private lighting main in Lansdown Road be laid at the same time as the main for street lighting, that application be made to the Local Government Board for sanction to increase the Loan for which application to borrow is now pending by the sum of £875, and that the Electrical Engineer be authorised to order the Switch Gear required for the arc lighting circuits in Manchester Street.

9-Lighting of Entrance to Library--Resolved. That current to the three proposed additional lamps at the Library for lighting the entrance be supplied free of extra charge on condition that the consumption of the lamps inside shall be reduced so as to compensate for the current consumed by the lamps first referred to.

10-Montpellier Gardens Band Stand—Resolved, That the Electrical Engineer be instructed to make arrangements for lighting the Band Stand in Montpellier Gardens and to take instructions from the Chairman of the Town Improvement Committee.

GEO. NORMAN,

Chairman.

GENERAL PURPOSES AND WATCH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, the 8th day of May, 1898--Present : Alderman Norman; Councillors Baker, Bence, M. Davis, Hayward, Mills, and Moles (Alderman Norman in the chair)—

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

2-Yeomanry Drill Ground—The following Tenders for the right of supplying Refreshments to the public on the Yeomanry Drill Ground sent in in response to the advertisement and being the only Tenders received were opened :—

	£	s.	d.
E. H. Waghorne, Cotswold Hotel	5	5	0
F. E. Cole, Bell Hotel	5	5	0

Resolved, That the Tender of Mr. Cole be accepted, on the understanding that the amount of the Tender is paid forthwith.

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A letter was read from Mr. F. Stephens, of Eastington, requesting to know if he could have a coconut pitch during the training, and on what terms. Resolved, That permission be not given.

Sub-Committee—Resolved, That the Deputy Mayor, Alderman Norman, be added to the Drill Ground Sub-Committee

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, the 24th day of May, 1898, Present—Councillors Baker, M. Hayward, Moles and Steel (Councillor Moles in the chair)—

3--Chairman-In the absence of the Chairman, Councillor Moles was appointed Chairman at this meeting.

4- Swine Fever--Superintendent Hopkins reported that an outbreak of Swine Fever had occurred on premises at Alstone in the occupation of Mr. Thomas David Boote, from which 3 store pigs died, and 16 had since been killed by direction of the Board of Agriculture, that he had served the necessary Forms on adjoining Pig-keepers and reported the case to the Board of Agriculture. He also reported that Mr. Boote removed by License three sows to the premises of Mr. Silas Wasley, Gloucester Road, for breeding purposes, and in consequence of the outbreak 22 pigs on the premises of Mr. Wasley had also been killed by direction of the Board of Agriculture, and that the premises, as well as those of Mr. Boote, were being properly cleansed and disinfected.

5— Muzzling Order-Superintendent Hopkins reported that between the 19th of April and the 3rd inst., from which date the Muzzling Order was revoked, one dog had been seized and destroyed, and eight persons had been proceeded against for offences against the Order.

6— Fire Brigade—The Superintendent of the Fire Brigade reported that on the 25th ult. the Brigade was called to extinguish a fire at No. 16, North Place, by which damage was caused estimated at £150. That the property : was insured with the Sun Life Insurance Co., who had paid the extinction expenses of £3 1s. 0d.

7—Drivers' Licenses—An application was received from Charles Spaggett, of No. 2, Ann's Terrace, Mountpleasant for a Hackney Carriage Driver's License. Resolved, That the application be granted.

8-Hackney Carriages The Inspector reported that 35 Hackney Carriages had been placed under repair the new vehicle had been taken into use in place of Pony Carriage No. 118.

Letters were received from Frederick Jones (1st on list), Charles Cooke (2nd), and John Beamish reminding the Committee that they had made applications for Licenses in case any more should be granted.

Applications were received from Arthur Spreadbury, Harry Warner, and Henry Workman for transfer of the licenses held by them for Landaus to Pony Carriages.

A letter was read from E. T. Phillips, of Suffolk Mews, applying for transfer of the license for Hackney Carriage No. 81 from the name of Mary Elizabeth Phillips to the names of Edward Thomas Phillips and Arthur Henry Marsh, who had taken over the business.

A letter from Mr. G. E. English, Manager of the Cheltenham Omnibus Co., was read asking that their Buses and Char-a-Bancs might be inspected at their Yard on the 3rd prox. before 9 o'clock, as it would be very inconvenient for them to be at the Central Depot for Inspection on that day at 9.45.

Resolved, To inform Messrs. Jones, Cooke and Beamish that there is no vacancy at present, and the Council have no intention of issuing any additional Pony Carriage Licenses, and that their applications will be considered in their turns on the list as vacancies arise. That Messrs. Spreadbury, Warner and Workman be informed that their applications cannot be acceded to, as the Council have decided that they will not increase the number of Pony Carriage Licenses, but the Committee intend to consider the practicability of allowing more than one kind of carriage to be used alternately under the same license. That the purchase appearing to be a bona-fide one of the whole business, the application of Mr. Phillips be acceded to, and that Mr. English be informed that the Chairman or some member, or members, of the Council will make an inspection at the Company's Yard of their Omnibuses and other vehicles as requested to obviate their bating to be brought to the Central Depot.

9-Re-naming of Roads-Resolved, That Brighton Road in the Middle Ward be re-named, and that Mr. Dale be requested to choose a name for it, also that the Borough Surveyor be instructed to report what Streets in the Borough bear the same name as any other street, with a view, if necessary, to their being re-named, so as to prevent confusion.

10-Market Tolls--Tenders for renting these Tolls were received from Mr. John G. Villas and Messrs. Castle and Pope. Resolved, That consideration of them be adjourned until the next meeting of the Committee, to enable a Sub-Committee, consisting of Councillors Davis. Moles and Steel, to report on what conditions the Tolls should be let.

11-Municipal Offices-Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to bring up a Specification for col wring out and repairing the basement of the Offices, and for providing new Linoleum for the floors of the rooms in the building where required.

J. V. MOLES

Chairman.

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POLLING DISTRICTS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Thursday, the 12th day of May, 1898—Present : Alderman Drew; Councillors Baker, Bence, M. Davis and Steel (Alderman Drew in the chair)—

1-Chairman, Resolved That Alderman Drew be appointed Chairman of this Committee.

2-Afteration of Polling Districts-The Committee having discussed suggestions for alteration of the polling districts, Resolved, That further consideration of the matter be adjourned.

J. W. DREW,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, the 27th day of May, 1898—Present : Councillors Baker, Bence, M. Davis, Mills and Steel (Councillor Bence in the chair)

1-Chairman----In the absence of the Chairman Councillor Bence was appointed Chairman at this Committee. Alteration of Polling Districts Councillors Dix and Lenthall attended this meeting at the instance of the Committee with reference to the Polling Districts in the North and South Wards, and the suggestions for alteration of the Polling Districts having been further considered, Resolved, That the North Ward be divided into three Polling District as follows, viz .:

No. 1 Polling District—That portion of the Ward lying on the East side of Townsend Street, the South side of Maidenhorn Lane and the East side of Folly Lane.

No. 2 Polling District—That portion of the Ward lying on the West side of Townsend Street, the North side of Maidenhorn Lane and the West side of Folly Lane.

No. 3 Polling District—That portion of the Ward lying on the South side of the High Street and Tewkesbury Road. That the Central Ward Districts remain as at present.

That the East Ward be divided into three Polling Districts as follows, viz. :

No. 6 Polling District-That part of the Ward lying to the North and North-West of Hewlett Street, Hewlett Road and the Cemetery Road.

No. 7 Polling District-That part of the Ward which lies to the South and South-east of Hewlett Street, Hewlett Road and Cemetery Road and to the North of Sydenham Road and West of Sydenham Villas Road and West of Hale's Road.

No. 8 Polling District-The remaining part of the Ward.

That the South Ward Districts remain as at present.

That the Middle Ward be divided into three Polling Districts as follows, viz.:—

No. 11 Polling District That part of the Ward which lies to the North of Montpellier Terrace and Queen's Parade.

No. 12 Polling District That part of the Ward which lies to the South of Suffolk Road to Park Place and on the East side of Park Place and Park Road to the Minnow Brook, thence on the East side of Park Place to Woodleigh and from thence to the Hatherley Brook.

No. 13 Polling District—The remaining part of the Ward.

That the West Ward remain as at present.

GEORGE BENCE,

Chairman.

BATHS AND RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 23rd day of May, 1898—Present : Alderman Drew ; Councillors Baker, E. Ll. Davies, Dighton, Hayward, Lenthall, Mills and Moles (Councillor Mills in the chair)

1-Alstone Baths—The Borough Surveyor reported that the number of bathers for the season up to and including the 21st inst., exclusive use of ticket holders, had been 3,018 ; the fees received, including 840 special tickets for the Training College, 720 for Christ Church Schools, and 278 for the Gordon Boys' Brigade, amounted to £44 6s. 4d. That no additional Season Tickets had been issued, but the Bath had been used on two occasions by the Gordon League for the purpose of playing Water Polo, at a charge of 2s 6d on each occasion.

Workhouse Children--A letter was read from Mr. F. Ticehurst, Deputy Clerk to the Board of Guardians, asking the Council to allow the boys from the Elms to use the Alstone Swimming Bath free of charge. Resolved, That tickets of admission be supplied to the Board of Guardians for the boys referred to upon the same terms as those issued for children attending the Elementary Schools.

An application was received from Mr. Wallich, of Inholmes School, Pittville Circus Road, for the use of the Alstone Bath on three days each week, from the present time until the end of July, for the use of the boys attending his School, between 12 and 1 p.m. on each occasion. Resolved, To inform Mr. Wallich that the exclusive use of the Bath cannot be granted, but that tickets be issued for his boys upon the same terms as granted to other Schools.

2-Agg-Gardner Recreation Ground—A letter from Admiral Christian was read stating that he had given direction for the nuisance complained of outside this ground to be put a stop to.

3- Montpellier Baths—The Town Clerk laid before the Committee the Provisional Order that had been issued by the Local Government Board authorising the purchase of the Baths, but pointed out that under Art. II. the effect was to limit the borrowing power to the balance remaining unborrowed authorised by Art. V. of the Order of 10th May, 1892, as the Board had omitted an addition he had made to the draft of the Order that the purposes of it should be deemed to be purposes for which the Corporation might borrow money under Sec. 118 of the Improvement Act of 1889, and he read a letter he had written to the Board asking that this addition should be inserted in the confirming Act, so as to enable the Council, if necessary, to borrow more than the amount aforesaid with the sanction of the Board. Resolved, That the letter of the Town Clerk be approved.

The Borough Surveyor laid before the Committee plans for alteration of, and additions to, the existing Baths, showing three alternative modes of dealing with them, viz. :

Scheme A-To retain all the existing arrangements, and carry out such repairs as would render them available at an estimated cost of £2,500.

Scheme B —Showing alterations to the Swimming Bath, reconstructing the present arrangements for the Baths, with divisions for 1st, 2nd and 3rd class Baths, and additional ones on a second floor over part of the site, at an estimated cost of £3,600.

Scheme C-An entire reconstruction of the whole of the Baths at an estimated cost of £12,500. These Plans were accompanied by an explanatory Report, a copy of which accompanies these Minutes.

In Schemes A and B it was proposed to retain the existing apparatus for the Manufacture of Salts, with such repair as would render them effective for a limited output. Resolved,

That Scheme B affords a practicable, and, in point of expenditure, a reasonable solution of the question of utilizing and adapting the existing buildings, and that it be therefore adopted. That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to prepare such plans and specifications as may be necessary to support an application to the Local Government Board for sanction for a loan under the Provisional Order about to pass through Parliament. That such application be made for sanction to borrow such an amount as may be necessary for the purpose of carrying out the said Scheme, not exceeding £4,000. and that consideration of a recommendation contained in the Report with reference to the boring for Brine be adjourned until the next meeting.

GEO. H. MILLS,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, the 1st day of June 1898—Present : Alderman Drew
councillors Baker, Ll. Davies, Hayward, Lenthall, and Moles (Councillor Lenthall in the chair)

4-Chairman In the absence of the Chairman, Councillor Lenthall was appointed Chairman at this Meeting.

5-Fatal Accident at Alstone Bath—The Coroner's Inquest in the matter of the fatal accident at Alstone Bath, on the 28th ultimo, having been adjourned to to-day, Resolved, That the Town Clerk do appear at the adjourned inquest as representing the Corporation, and render every assistance to the Coroner in his power.

T. S. LENTHALL, Chairman.

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BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Wednesday, the 25th day of May, 1898—Present : Aldermen
Haddon and Skillicorne; Councillors Baker, Cypher, M. Davis and Moles (Councillor Moles in the chair)—

1-Superintendent's Report - The Superintendent submitted, in accordance with his instructions, a list of grave and vault spaces purchased and not made use of, being 94 on the Church portion and 30 on the Nonconformist portion. He reported that a person named Margaret Thirkel, residing at Mr. Barron's, Winchcomb Street, was on the 11th of May found picking flowers from the graves at the Cemetery. That he required two pairs of garden shears for the use of the workmen for cutting the grass, and another cask of weed killer, and that the bedding plants should then be put in.

A letter from Mr. Barron was read, appealing on behalf of Mrs. Thirkel, for lenient treatment, as she was over 70 years of age, and the flowers were picked by her from the grave of a friend when she was visiting the grave of her husband to retain them as mementoes, and did not intend to commit any wrong by so doing. Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to withdraw the summons he had issued against Mrs. Thirkel, on payment of the costs. That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to obtain for use at the Cemetery two pairs of garden shears and another cask of weed killer. To furnish from Pittville each year the necessary bedding-out plants, at a charge to this Committee of £4, and to purchase for the Cemetery, a Pansylvanian Mowing Machine. That the Superintendent be instructed to make a return of the vault spaces which have not been used or purchased, and which can be used as grave spaces, in accordance with the recommendation of this Committee of 22nd April last.

2-Shelter and Tool House—The Borough Surveyor laid before the Committee Plans of the Shelter and Tool House to be erected at the Cemetery, the cost of which he estimated at about £20. Resolved, That the same be approved, and that Tenders for carrying out the work be advertised for.

3-Alterations to Chapel, &c.—Resolved, To instruct the Borough Surveyor to make an additional step at the entrance to the Chapel, to remove the asphalte and replace same with gravel.

4--Designs—The following designs were examined and approved, viz.:—Kerbing to grave of Anne Perrin ; Headstones to graves of Thomas Tickell and Edward Arthur Tickell, Harry Wilcox, William Ronald, Annie Gwilliam and Sidney Parker Gwilliam, Frederick Batters, and Francis James Gregory ; Memorials to Richard 'Williams, William Powell Dobson, and C. A. Chapman.

5-Account—The following Account for Wages was allowed :—G. C. Pratley £18 19 0

J. V. MOLES, Chairman.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 31st day of May, 1898—Present: Councillors Cooper, Gurney, Hayward, Macdonald, and Steel (Councillor Gurney in the chair)—

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

2-Mr. Robson's Account—With reference to the resolution to Minute No. 2 of the proceedings of the Town Improvement Committee at their last meeting providing for payment of this liability, Resolved, that the Committee consider that the method of payment of Mr. Robson's account should have been left to this Committee to deal with, but this Committee nevertheless approves the recommendation of the Town Improvement Committee, and Resolves that the sum of £2,740 15s. 0d. be transferred from the Surplus Funds Account of the Water Undertaking to the Borough Fund Account, and that an order be drawn on the Borough Fund Account for £2,240 15s. 0d., the balance of the amount agreed to be paid to Mr. Robson in settlement of his account, the £500 already received by him being debited to the Borough Fund Account and credited to the Winter Garden Capital Account.

3-Repayment of £1,000 Secured on Heyden Farm-A letter was read from Mr. J. W. Drew, Solicitor for the Executors of Thomas Budding, deceased, giving notice that they require the Council to repay within six months from the 29th ult. the principal and interest secured to the deceased on the Heyden Farm.

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4-Bank Overdraft-A letter was read from Mr. F. F. Leaver, Manager of the Local Branch of Lloyds Bank, Limited, stating that he was authorised to quote $\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. under Bank Rate for interest on the overdraft of the Council, but not less than $3\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. as a minimum.

5-BarnFarm Rent:- The Borough Surveyor reported that £122 15s. 10d. was due from Mr. John Corbett for arrears, rent due up to larch last, and that he had taken no notice of a letter he had written to him asking for payment. Resolved. That the Town Clerk be instructed to write a letter before action, and take proceedings to recover the amount if the demand for payment to be made therein is not complied with.

6-Electric Light Loan—Councillor Margrett having intimated that Mrs. Margrett would not advance the £3,000 offered by her previously to the last monthly meeting of the Committee, and offers having been received from Messrs. Winterbothams and Gurney. Solicitors on behalf of Major-Gen. H. Shewell and W. A. Cookson, Esq., to lend £1,000 for three months, and afterwards, at three months' notice. at $3\frac{1}{4}$ per cent. ; from the Trustees of the Loyal Beaufort Lodge of Oddfellows to lend £1,000 upon the same terms; from Miss Eliza Badham to lend £100 ; and from Miss Alice Jane Badham to lend £100 upon the same terms. Resolved, That the offers be accepted, and that Debentures be issued therefor.

7-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, £45, leaving outstanding £17,094 12s. 3d.

8- Water Rate—The Report of the Borough Accountant of date the 31st inst. on the collection of this Rate, was read. Amount received, £877 4s. 2d.. leaving outstanding £8,457 15s. 9d.

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 £6,218 6s. 11d., ordered to be paid by the Borough Treasurer. The Treasurer's Accounts at the Bank were examined and the balances found to be correct.

The following was the General Statement :

Overdrawn on the 26th April last	£ 128 16 4
Paid since that date ..	<u>£8,758 4 6</u>
	£8,887 0 10
Received since that date ..	<u>£4,577 3 5</u>
Overdrawn ..	£4,309 17 5

W. GERALD GURNEY,

PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 24th day of May, 1898—Present : Alderman Skillicorne ; Councillors E. L. Davies, Hayward, Moles and Steel; Rev. J. Mugliston and Dr. Davis ; Messrs. A. Beckingsale, Evan Butler, and T. Whittard (Councillor Hayward in the chair)

1-Librarian's Report—The usual Monthly Report of the Librarian was read. Receipts £9 15s. 10d. He reported that there had been an increase in the issues of 23 per day from the Lending Library, and a decrease of 17 per day in the Reference Library, this Department having been closed during painting operations. There had been 149 Students' Tickets issued to date. The third Supplementary Catalogue had been issued, and 98 Copies sold. He also reported that the following gifts had been made to the Library during the past month, viz.:—

Board of Trade	1 Volume.
C. Hayward	1 “
W. E. Peck	1 “
Dr. W. Davis	1 “
E. A Dicks	1 “

and Annual Reports from the Libraries at Clapham, St. Martin in the Fields, Doncaster, Great Yarmouth, Kingston-upon-Thames, Liverpool, and St. Martin in the Fields

The Librarian further reported that the following Lists of Books for Tradesmen and Workshops were in preparation, Viz.:-

	No. of Copies.
Engineering	10
Architecture and Building Construction	8
Decoration, Applied Art, &c.	12
Printing and Bookbinding	20
Plumbing and Sanitary Engineering	27
Electrical Engineering	7
Cabinet Making, Carpentry, &c.	18
Metal Work	5

and that Lists of Books on the following subjects were being prepared for distribution to Schools :

British History to Edward I.	English Literature.
English Language and Grammar.	Arithmetic.
English Dictionaries.	Music. Education.
Geography of the British Isles.	French Language and Literature.

2- Sub-Committee's Report—The Sub-Committee reported as follows, viz. : That the following monthly accounts were examined and allowed :—

W. Jones, Wages Account	£16 8 0
C. Westley, Books	£10 7 0
T. Miles and Co., Books	£ 0 17 9
T. Thorp, Books	£ 0 8 11
W. H., Smith, Books. • •	£ 0 12 2
G. F. Poole, Printing Annual Report	£ 2 15 0
R. E. & C. Marshall, Electric Lamps, &c	£ 2 4 6
Gas Company, Coke	£ 3 0 0
London Supply Co., Cleaning Materials	£ 0 11 0
Wakefield, 3 Index Boxes	£ 0 18 0

And they recommend that the fastenings of the Lightning Conductor, which had come out, be replaced, and a on an outside wall, which was falling, be made good ; that a pair of Platform Interlocking Library Step Ladders obtained at a cost of 21s 6d ; that S. Poulston be engaged as a Junior Assistant, at 7s per week, in place of F. W. Smith, resigned ; that the Librarian advertise for an Apprentice Assistant for a term of four years at a commencing salary of 5s per week, increasing 1s per week for every year of service ; that the Librarian be authorised to obtain a "Periodical Rack" at a cost not exceeding £10 ; that the List of Worn-out Books submitted by the Librarian be approved, be replaced at a cost of about £20 ; that the List of New Books submitted by the Librarian be purchased at a cost of £9 9s. 0d. ; that the Tender of Messrs. R. E. and C. Marshall for fixing three Electric Lights in the entrance sum of £3 17s. 0d. be accepted, if the Lighting Committee will supply the current without any additional the Reference and Lending Departments be closed on June 11th, the day of the Corporation Outing. report be confirmed, and the recommendations therein contained be approved and adopted.

C. HAYWARD, Resolved. Chairman.

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this committee held on Wednesday, the 1st day of June, 1898—Present : Aldermen Haddon and Skillicorne Councillors Cypher, Ll. Davies, Moles, and Steel (Councillor Steel 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 994 names of absentee children had been extracted, all of whom had been visited. They also reported that the parents of 85 children had been summoned to attend before the Local Committees who had held 8 meetings. That 4 parents had been prosecuted ; and all were fined.

2-Local Committees—The Minute Books of the several Local Committees were gone through and examined. Resolved. That Proceedings be taken against the parents of the following children, viz., Edward Leonard, and Alice Barrett.

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No. 1, Gothic Cottages, Exmouth Street, in each case; James and Annie Hall, of No, 1, Moorend Cottages in each case ; Bertie Trust, Providence Cottage, Great Norwood Street ; Florence Watts, at Mrs. Smith's Shop, Moorend Parade ; Percy Peacey, Little's Court ; George Stevens, Alstone Croft ; Charlotte Sallis, 10, Hewlett Place ; Ada Midwinter, 26, Sidney Street ; Nellie Chapman, No. 2, Marlboro' Place, Duke Street ; and Maud Dyer, 13, Providence Square; and That proceedings under Sec. 11 of the Act of 1876, be taken against the parents of Kate Court, No. 22, Corpus street.

3-Fines Unpaid-The Attendance Officers reported that fines which had been imposed upon William Page, Pantile Row ; Jane E. Wilson, late of Berkeley Avenue ; Francis Henry Ponting, of No. 2, Millbrook Terrace ; Thomas Lawrence, of Carlton Place ; Thomas Veale, late of Albion Place ; and Elizabeth Shellam, of No. 5, Carlton Place, had been due for a consider-able time and remained unpaid. Resolved, That the Attendance Officers be instructed to apply for Distress Warrants to enforce payment in each case.

4-- Irene Davis-A letter was read from Mr. W. B. Smith, of the Bristol District Institution for the Deaf and Dumb, stating that this child would be admitted to the Institution on the firth August, subject to the usual condition, that no candidate is fully admitted until he or she has been seen or examined by the Master, and if necessary by the Surgeon of the Institution.

5 - Harold Leslie Barrett-(Aged 5 years), of No. 23, Naunton Crescent. A letter was read from Mr. F. Ticehurst, Deputy Clerk to the Cheltenham Board of Guardians, with which he enclosed a letter from the Bristol District Institution for the Deaf and Dumb, stating that they could not admit this boy until he attained 7 years of age, according to their Rules, and re-requested that this Committee should find a suitable Institution for the child's education. Resolved, That as this Committee is not aware of any similar Institution that will admit the boy at his present age, they are unable to provide for his education until he shall have attained 7 years of age.

6—Special Examination The result of the Special Examination of Children, held on the 28th instant, was reported to the Committee as follows :

BOYS :—Number examined, 65. Number passed in Standard V. 32 Number failed in Standard V 33

GIRLS :—Number examined, 59. Number passed in Standard V. 41 Number failed in Standard V. 18

Total Number passed	73
Total failed	<u>51</u>
Total Number examined	124

A letter from Mr. F. F. Wheeler, was read, stating that the Managers of the Parish Church Schools considered that a fee of 10s should be paid to them each time the Schoolroom is used for a Special Examination. Resolved, That the suggestion be acceded to.

7-East Ward Local Committee --A letter was read from Mr. Clifford Nash suggesting that another gentleman should be appointed to serve on the East Ward Local Committee who would be able to attend. Resolved, That Councillor Steel be appointed a member of that Committee he having kindly consented to act.

JOHN D. STEEL,

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 Oil Monday, the 4th day of July, 1898.

STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 13th day of June, 1898—Present : The Mayor ; Alderman Haddon Councillors Baker, Bence, Cypher, and M. Davis (Councillor Baker in the chair)—

1—Forage— The following tender from Mr. Elijah Snowsell, for supply of forage for the six months from the 1st instant, being the only one received, was laid before the Committee:

Best Clover Hay, per ton	£3 10 0
“Meadow “ “	£3 5 0
Black Oats, per quarter ...	£1 2 6
White “ “(No. 1)	£1 4 6
“ “ “(No. 2) ..	£1 3 6
English Beans, per bushel of 64lbs.	£0 4 5
Wheat Bran, per 112bs	£0 3 9
Linseed, per bushel	£0 6 6
Wheat Straw, per ton	£2 12 6

All Goods to be English grown, and delivered free at Central Depot. Resolved, That the tender be accepted for the supplies required of Clover and Meadow Hay, Black Oats, Beans, Bran, Linseed and Straw.

2-Chaff Cutting and Corn Crushing—Resolved, To instruct the Borough Surveyor to bring up a recommendation and estimate of cost for providing means of cutting chaff and crushing corn by power at the Central Depot.

3New 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
1049	Winterbothams & Gurney	Additions to No. 3, Bayshill Villas.
1050	Allsopp & Sons	Additions to their premises in the High Street.
1051	G. Robinson	Additions to Glendronach, Christ Church Road.

WILLIAM A. BAKER, Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 27th day of June, 1898—Present : Alderman Haddon; Councillors Baker, Bence, Cypher, Dix, M. Davis, and Margrett (Councillor Baker in the chair)—

4 - Street Projections —The Street Inspector reported that Mr. J. S. Friskney had put up at Nos. 23 and 24, Pittville Street a sign of a fish suspended from the fittings to the outside trade lamp without having first obtained permission from the Council.

A letter was read from Mr. A. G. Sanders, asking permission on behalf of Messrs. Marks and Spencer, of Cheetham, Manchester, to fix two 100 candle-power electric lamps outside the shop recently occupied by Mr. Organ, in Winchcomb Street Resolved, That Mr. Friskney's projection be allowed to remain, and that the application of Mr. Sanders be granted upon the usual conditions.

5 - Borough Surveyor's Report re Highways --The Borough Surveyor reported that the work done by the Highways Department from the 21st May to the 24th June, both inclusive, had been as follows: -

Repaired with Clee Hill-Oriel Road 4455 yards super, Leckhampton Road (proceeding)

Patching-Old Bath Road, Lypiatt Terrace, Hales Road, Brandon Terrace, London Road, Gloucester Road, Alstone Road, Montpellier Terrace, Promenade, Lower High Street, Hatherley Lane, Queen's Road, Selkirk Street, Hatherley Road, Suffolk Square, Tivoli Street, Painswick Road, Moorend Street, Suffolk Road, Thirlestaine Road, Park Place, Bath Road, and Post Office Lane.

Paving, Kerb, Crossing and Channelling-North Street, Promenade, Oriel Road, Gloucester Road, back Lansdown Place, Montpellier Walk, Swindon Road, Larput Place, Great Norwood Street, Moorend Street, Granville Street, Suffolk Road, Thirlestaine Road, Francis Street, Exmouth Street, Bath Road Bath Street, Montpellier Parade, Gordon Lamp, Sherborne Street, Andover Street, Tivoli Road, Lansdown Crescent, Cambray, St. George's Place, Malvern Road, Portland Street, Marle Hill Parade, Rodney Road, York Street, Malvern Street, Victoria Street, Warwick Place, Pittville Circus Road, Henrietta Street, Brunswick Street, Leckhampton Road.

Crossings had been relaid with McDougall's patent bricks at the end (South) of Winchcomb Street, in Rodney Road, and in High Street, at the Plough Hotel Yard, and at entrance to Fairfield Road.

The kerb and channelling adjoining Montpellier Gardens in Montpellier Spa Buildings Road had been fixed, and two gullies had been reconstructed.

Private Improvements- Bath Place (finished), Bath Parade (finished as regards the kerb, channelling and paving.) The road improvement in Imperial Square was proceeding.

Trees had been pruned in the following places —Battledown Approach, Hales Road, Cemetery Road, Albion Street, Hewlett Road, King's Road, Prestbury Road, Pittville Circus, Selkirk Street, All Saints' Road, Pittville Circus Road.

Ashes Collected-Van loads, 1396 ; consumed at Destructor, 1,291 tons 18 cwt. 2 qrs.

Resolved, That in future no roads be re-faced without previous sanction of the Committee. and that at each monthly meeting of the Committee the Borough Accountant do lay on the table a statement of the

expenditure incurred during the past month for highways and other roads, including wages, chargeable to the General District Rate.

6- Ashes Collection-Letters were read from the Rev. F. W. Parker, of Bicknor, Suffolk Square, and Col. Thoys, of The Abbots, Pittville, complaining of the imperfect way in which the ashes from their houses have been collected, the latter complaining that the men came in at his front gate, and suggesting that probably the new system inaugurated by Councillor Bence was to blame for the want of promptness in removal. Resolved. That the Committee regret that the men should have annoyed Col. Thoys by entering at his front gate and that he should have made any personal reference in his letter, and that the question of ash collection be fully considered by the Committee at their next meeting to be held on the nth proximo.

7-Tenders for Street Works in Rosehill Street and Monson Avenue--Tenders were received from Messrs. H. Packer and H. Griffin for executing the works required in these streets as follows, viz., Rosehill Street £154 7s., and Monson Avenue £80. Resolved, That these tenders being the only one: received be accepted, and that in future tenders for street works be advertised in the Cheltenham Mercury as well as the Examiner and Echo.

8- Private Improvement Works opposite Rodney House-A Letter from Mr. Ireland was read submitting that he should not be charged anything for these works as he could prove that the pathway opposite his house had been edged as well as paved and channelled before the new work was carried out. Resolved, That as it appears that the edging, paving and channelling opposite Rodney House had been previously done the whole cost of the new work charged to Mr. Ireland be remitted.

9- Henrietta Street Improvement-The Town Clerk reported that he had received notice from the Local Government Board of their intention to hold an Enquiry on the following day with reference to the application to borrow £283 to meet the expense of carrying out this improvement.

10Fairfield Road Private Improvement Works -A Letter from Mr. S. B. Dix was read withdrawing all opposition to Fairfield Road being declared a highway.

11---Trees opposite Greville House-A Letter was read from Miss Hamilton offering to pay £5 for the removal of two of these trees, or 50s for one. Resolved, That the Council regret they cannot consent to the removal of any of the trees upon any terms.

12—Swindon Road Private Improvement Works--A Letter from Messrs. A. Dagley, W. Wollen and C. Curtis was read asking permission to substitute blue Stafford diamond faced paving for the cement concrete paving required by the notices served upon them. Resolved, That the request be acceded to and the resolution to Minute No. 23 of the 24th December last altered accordingly.

13—Paving in Winchcomb Street-- A Letter from J. Huber and 30 other persons having business premises in Winchcomb Street, was

read complaining of the bad state of the footways in the street. Resolved, To inform the Memorialists that the paving will be repaired where required.

14 —Sydenham Villas Road— A Letter from Mr. R. J. Webb was read calling attention to the wretched state of repair of this road and footpaths and expressing a hope that the Corporation would take it over without

throwing any additional burden on those who have already paid the road-repair charges made by the Town Council.

15-Queen's Retreat Road-A memorial from W. Fitzroy Fowles and five other owners of property in Queen's Retreat was read, asking the Council to reduce the charges made to them for repairs in this street, and submitting that the old system of repair with local stone would have been good enough for this road owing to the small amount of traffic passing over it, and asking that it should be declared a highway. Resolved, To inform the memorialists that no reduction can be made in the charges, as the system of repair suggested is not applicable for roads which are to be declared highways ; that the road be declared a highway, and the necessary notices thereof posted.

16--Tree in College Road opposite Brookland Villa- A letter was read from Messrs. Griffiths, Ryland and Co., stating that their client, Miss Goddard, would probably find it necessary to cut such portion of this tree as overhangs her premises, and that if the Committee wish she will employ the Corporation gardeners to do the work. Resolved, That the Council are obliged for Miss Goddard's courtesy, but they cannot consent to the employment of the Corporation workmen for the purpose suggested.

17 --Pipe under Footpath at South Bank and Barrett's Mill -A letter from Messrs. Young and Gilling, on behalf of the trustees of the late C. L. Harford, was read, stating that a pipe had been found under this footpath which had been placed there without con-sent of the trustees, and requesting its removal, or that the Corporation give an acknowledgment on similar terms to that given by the General Post Office and National Telephone Co. regarding poles erected by them on the path. A letter from the Town Clerk in reply was read, informing Messrs. Young and Gilling that the Corporation are not in the same category as the Post Office Authorities and Telephone Co., and that the Corporation have full power to lay pipes under highways for all public purposes. Resolved, That the reply of the Town Clerk be approved.

18—Electric Trams—A letter from Mr. R. Bickerdike, of Montreal, was read, stating that he would build, equip, and operate a system of lines of electric railways on the trolley plan, forming a complete service for the town and suburbs, free of charge, on the following conditions

- (1) That the Council will accord to his Company the exclusive right to do so. The Council to select the streets.
- (2) The speed of the cars to be regulated by the Council.
- (3) The rate of fares to be mutually arranged, but suggested aid. for continuous trip.
- (4) The Company's cars and plant to be free from taxation.

Also one from Mr. T. Nevins, stating that he was prepared to renew the application previously made by him for power to construct an electric tramway between Cheltenham and Winchcomb upon the following terms, provided he received the support of the Council, viz. :—The line to be at least from the Great Western Railway Station, along Clarence Street, North Street, Portland Street, and Prestbury Road to the Rising Sun, with any further extension in the town desired by the Council and agreed upon, and to Winchcomb through Bishops Cleeve, provided the consent of the County Council is obtained. The agreement between the Council and himself previously come to be adopted as it now stands. If the Council are prepared to accept his proposal he would make the application forthwith and commence construction of the line as soon as the necessary powers are obtained. Resolved. That subject to what may be done by the Council at its next meeting with reference to these letters the further consideration thereof be adjourned.

19--Shamrock Tavern, St. George's Place—A letter from Messrs. Ticehurst and Sons, Stewards of the Manor of Cheltenham, was read, stating that as Mary Ann Thompson, the last tenant on the Court Rolls of this Copyhold property, was dead, and that the same was purchased by the Corporation some years ago for street improvements and pulled down, they would be glad to receive the conveyance for enrolment and arrange terms for its enfranchisement. Resolved, To adjourn consideration of the matter pending investigation by the Town Clerk.

20-Hanover Street—A letter was read from Mr. J. J. Morgan, of 2, Dunalley Parade, calling attention to the bad state of the channelling and guttering opposite Nos. 21, 22, and 23, Hanover Street. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have it repaired.

21—Refuges at Montpellier—A letter was read from Major Cunningham suggesting that street refuges should be placed—one mid-way on the crossing from Montpellier Terrace to Montpellier Exchange, and another in the middle of the crossing from the Spa Pharmacy to the end of Queen's Parade, and that the lamp posts and foundations removed from the top of Montpellier Avenue should be used for the purpose. Resolved, That the Council cannot approve of the suggestion.

22— Crossing in Promenade—A letter was read from Mr. J. C. Cooper, Managing Director of Cavendish House Co., Limited, asking for replacement of the crossing removed some time ago which extended from Messrs. Engall and Co.'s, corner of Clarence Street, to the opposite side of the Promenade. Resolved, That the crossing be relaid.

23—Trees near Leahoo, Hewlett Road, Resolved, That the Council consider there is no reason to interfere with these trees.

24-High Street Improvement--Letters were read from Mr. G. W. Sadler, on behalf of the Trustees of Pate's Charity, stating that No. 312, High Street belonged to them, and is let on lease to Mr. Tapp for 10 years, from October, 1895, at £30 per annum. That the Trustees were not anxious sellers. and would not name a price, but would consider an offer, but as a guidance he mentioned they were in receipt of a net rental of £30, and could only re-invest in Consols, and he suggested the best way would be for the Corporation to treat for the whole of the property.

A letter from the Manager of the Original Brewery Co. was read, stating that the Company might become purchasers of the Red Lion Inn, and he would be in a better position in a day or two to say what compensation would be required for the

portion of the frontage required for the improvement. Resolved, To adjourn consideration of the matter pending inspection of the locality by the Committee.

25-Footway North Side of Nos 14, Promenade-A letter from Mrs. Drake was read protesting against having to put this pathway into repair, and requesting to be relieved from payment of the cost. Resolved, That the Council regret they are unable to accede to the application.

26-Rosehill Street Private Improvement Works Apportionment-The Borough Surveyor reported that the cost of carrying out the Private Improvement Works ordered to be done to the roadway and footpaths in this street amounted to £169 18s. 7d., which sum he had apportioned between the abutting owners according to

the frontages of their respective premises. Resolved, That the apportionment be approved, and that notices thereof and of demand be served upon the owners.

27-Building Plans-The Borough Surveyor laid before the Committee Notices and Plans which he had received from the following persons intending to erect new buildings, as follows, viz.:-

No. of Plan.	Name	Description.
1052	Committee of Dean Close School.	Dining Hall and Sanatorium.
1053	Mr. Webb.	Additions to No. 14, Fairview Street.
1054	Mr. Turk.	Additions to Almora, Gloucester Road.
1055	Mr. Long.	Workroom at No. 1, Clare Villas, Sandford Road.

Resolved, That No. 1053 be approved, subject to the Bye Laws being complied with as regards the thickness of the walls, and that the remaining Plans be approved as shown.

WILLIAM A. BAKER,

Chairman.

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, the 13th day of June, 1898 Present : Councillors Bence, Davis, Lenthall and Waghorne (Councillor Bence in the chair)

1 -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, 1 of Enteric Fever, and 4 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 28 of Scarlet Fever and 2 of Diphtheria.

2-Wells at Nos. 4, 5, 6, 8, and 9, Wellington Grove, Thurston Villa, and Hazledale, Marle Hill Parade, Nos. 1 and 2, Lawson Villas, Nos. 1 and 2, Barnsley Villas, Nos. 104, 105, 106, and 207, High Street, Knapp Cottage, New Street, and St. George's Wine Vaults-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.

3-Cleansing and Limewashing at No. 1, Fountain Cottages, No. 15, Albert Street, St. Peter's, No. 2, Llewellyn Cottages, No. 23, Dunalley Parade, No. 31, 7crscy Street, No. 24, St. James's Street, No. 3, jersey Cottages, No. 5, Wellington Grove, Thurston Villa, and No. 2, Glendale 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.

4 -Nuisance from Drains, &c., at Nos. 140, 141, 142, and .143, Tewkesbury Road, and two Cottages adjoining, House in Clarence Parade occupied by Mr. A. G. Sanders, No. 2, Moorend Cottages, Nos. 6, 7, 8, 9, and 10, Vulcan Terrace, No. 14, Brunswick street, Blenheim Cottage, and St. George's Wine Vaults-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 ground, examine the drains, and, if necessary, give the notices and act to the Inspector of Nuisances to open the as provided by the said section.

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5—Overcrowding at No. 6, Mount Pleasant, and a Room at No. 24 St. James's Street, occupied by William Hayes and others—The Medical Officer of Health reported that the above premises were so overcrowded as to be dangerous or injurious to the health of the inmates. Resolved, That the Committee being satisfied of the existence of a nuisance on the said Premises, Notices under Sec. 94 of the Public Health Act be served on the owners and occupiers thereof requiring them to abate the same.

6-W.C's without Flushing Apparatus The Medical Officer of Health handed in a list of houses having w.c's without flushing apparatus. Resolved, That Notices under Section 28 of the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1889, be given to the owners requiring them to provide the necessary flushing apparatus, and to the occupiers to lay on a proper supply of water thereto, and that in default of compliance with such notices proceedings be taken for the penalties.

7--Houses without proper Ash Receptacles—The Medical Officer of Health handed in a list of houses which had no proper ashpits or ash receptacles. Resolved, That the necessary Notices be given to the respective Owners under Sec. 36 of the Public Health Act, 1875, and Sec. 27 of the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1889, requiring them in each case to provide a moveable ash receptacle of such size, pattern, and construction as may be approved by the Borough Surveyor on behalf of the Corporation.

8—Closing of Schools —The Medical Officer of Health reported that, acting on behalf of the Sanitary Authority according to general instruction, the following Schools were closed on his advice for three weeks on account of the prevalence of measles, viz., May 26th, Baker Street Schools ; June 10th, St. Peter's Schools ; and that the matter had been duly reported to the Local Government Board.

9--Destruction of Unsound Meat and Fruit— The Medical Officer of Health reported that on May 24th, 8 Sieves of Cherries, about 1 cwt., and on June 3rd, a fore quarter of beef, were reported by the owners as being unsound, and being so adjudged were destroyed at the Destructor.

10 —Bakehouse not in accordance with Sec. 27 of the Factories and Workshops Act, 1895 --The Medical Officer of Health reported that the bakehouse started anew by Mr. W. J. White at No. 8, Grosvenor Street was underground, and consequently contravened Sec. 27 of the Factories and Workshops Act, 1895. Resolved, That Notice be served upon the occupier of the premises requiring him to cease using them as a bakehouse forthwith, and that if he fail to comply therewith that proceedings under Secs. 81 and 89 of the Factories and Workshops Act, 1878, be taken against him.

11-Dirty Workrooms at No. 4, Birdlip Place, No. 4, St. Mark's Emporium, No. 27, North Place, Swiss Cottage, No. 20, Portland Street, No. 6, Promenade Villas, No. 320, High Street, and No. 8, St. Luke's Place—The Inspector of Nuisances having certified that the Workrooms at the premises above mentioned were in such a dirty condition as to render the limewashing and cleansing of the walls and ceilings necessary for the health of the inmates, Resolved, That Notice under Sec. 4 of the Factories and Workshops Act, 1891, be served on the owners or occupiers of the said premises to limewash, cleanse, or purify the same as the cases require.

12-Public-House Urinals at Royal Hotel Vaults, Albion Street, and Somerset Inn, Moorend Street---The Medical Officer of Health reported that the Urinals at these premises were in such a state from want of water supply, &c., as to be a nuisance or injurious to health. Resolved, That Notices under Section 94 of the Public Health Act be served upon the owners or occupiers of the said premises requiring them to abate the nuisances within a time to be specified therein, and to execute such works and do such things as may be necessary for that purpose.

13-Barnard's Row—With reference to the resolution to Minute No. 35 of the proceedings of this Committee at their last meeting, Mr. Steel, with his Solicitor, Mr. Heath, attended this meeting to lay before the Committee the following proposition, viz. That if the Committee would on payment of the costs of the summons by Mr. Steel withdraw the proceedings which had been instituted to obtain an Order for closing of Nos. 1 to 9, Barnard's Row, Mr. Steel, the owner, would undertake that the three older and most dilapidated of the houses should henceforth cease to be used as dwelling houses, and that the remaining six houses should, under the direction and supervision and to the satisfaction of the Medical Officer of Health and the Borough Surveyor, be at once repaired by Mr. Steel and rendered fit for human habitation. The Committee having paid a visit of inspection, Resolved, That the proposal be agreed to, and that the Town Clerk be instructed to withdraw the summons upon the undertaking in the terms mentioned above being given by Mr. Steel, or Mr. Heath on his behalf, and on payment by Mr. Steel of the costs of the summons, &c.

14—Slaughterhouse at back of No. 278, High Street —A letter was read from Messrs. Ley Wood and Rickerby, Solicitors for Mr. N. W. Olive, stating that the compensation required by the owners for the closing of this Slaughterhouse was £625.

15- Complaint against Inspector of Nuisances—A letter from Mr. Gunning was read on behalf of his niece, Mrs. Felton, of Atherstone, Hales Road, who had been served with notice to do certain alterations to the drains, &c., enquiring whether Mr. Hudson had the power to previously enter upon the premises with a man and dig up and disturb the paving and soil and throw it back in a careless manner without first consulting her, as owner of the property. A letter from Mr. Hudson was read, explaining that he acted by authority of the Council, specially granted under Section 41 of the Public Health Act, that the ground was opened in only two places and carefully filled in again and left in as good condition as before it was opened, that the Health Department had been set in motion as regards this property by Mrs. Evans, the occupier, and that his investigations satisfied him that Mrs. Evans was justified in complaining. Resolved, That the explanation of Mr. Hudson is entirely satisfactory, and that Mrs. Felton does not appear to have had any reason for complaint.

16--Barn Farm—The Town Clerk reported that Mr. Corbett had declined to pay at present the £25 10s. 10d. charged him for 3 per cent. on cost of extension to Rule Meadow Patch to 25th December, 1897, and £2 5s. 0d. for the quarter's percentage on the said extension to 25th March, 1898, as he said the Committee had not been down to inspect the Farm as promised with reference to an application made by him for certain improvements to be carried out. Resolved, to pay a visit of inspection to the Barn Farm the following afternoon.

17-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 were laid before this Committee. Resolved, That so far as regards drainage and sanitary matters the same be approved.

GEORGE BENCE, Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, the 20th day of June, 1898—Present : Alderman Norman ; Councillors Bence, M. Davis, Gurney, Lenthall, and Moles (Councillor Bence in the chair)—

18—Zymotic Disease—The Medical Officer of Health reported that there had been notified since the last meeting of the Committee, 3 cases of Scarlet Fever and 2 of Diphtheria ; that the cases of Scarlet Fever had been sent into the Delancey Hospital, and that the number of cases then in the Delancey Hospital sent in by the Corporation was 29.

19— Houses without a Proper Water Supply, viz., No. 13, Bayshill Terrace, Nos. 38 and 39, Victoria Street, St. Paul's, and the Catholic Repository, Manchester Street—It appearing on the Report of the Borough Surveyor dated the 20th June, 1898, 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, 1875, to the owners, requiring them to obtain such a supply and do all such things as may be necessary for that purpose.

20—Wells at Nos. 7, 10, 11, and 15, Wellington Grove, and No. 2 Wellington View—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.

21— Dirty Workshops, viz., Workrooms at Woodstock Cottage, No. 19, Montpellier Street, No. 10, Promenade, No. 4, Promenade Villas, Premises of Mr. Mathews, Rose and Crown Passage, No. 22, North Place, Nos. 94, 155, 130, and 381, High Street, Premises of Messrs. Dale and Forty, Regent Street—The Medical Officer of Health having certified that the Workrooms situated as above were in such a dirty condition as to render the limewashing and cleansing of the walls and ceilings necessary for the health of the inmates, Resolved, That Notice under Sec. 4 of the Factories and Workshops Act, 1891, be given to the owners and occupiers to limewash, cleanse and purify the same as may be required.

22—Overcrowding at No. 3, Clare Cottages, Clare Place—The Medical Officer of Health reported that the above premises were so overcrowded as to be dangerous or injurious to the health of the inmates. Resolved, That the Committee being satisfied of the existence of a nuisance on the said premises, Notice under Sec. 94 of the Public Health Act be served on the owner and occupier thereof requiring them to abate the same.

23—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.

24—Houses without proper Ash Receptacles The Medical Officer of Health handed in a list of houses which had no proper ashpits or ash receptacles. Resolved, That the necessary Notices be given to the respective owners under Sec. 36 of the Public Health Act, 1875, and Sec. 27 of the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1889, requiring them in each case to provide a moveable ash receptacle of such size, pattern, and construction as may be approved by the Borough Surveyor on behalf of the Corporation.

25—Urinal at Trusty Iron Works—The Medical Officer of Health reported that this Urinal was in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to health. Resolved, To serve Notice upon the owners or occupiers under Sec.

94 of the Public Health Act to abate the nuisance, within a time to be therein mentioned, and to execute such works and do such things as may be necessary for that purpose.

26—Cleansing and Limewashing at Augustus Cottage, Erin Cottage, and No. 3, Clare Cottages—The Medical Officer 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 —Nuisance from Drains, &c., at Nos. 2 and 3, Malvern Cottages—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.

28-Holidays in Health Department-Resolved, That the Medical Officer of Health be authorised to arrange for the usual holidays in his Department for himself and the Inspectors.

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29-Barnerd's Row—The Town Clerk reported that he had received the undertaking from Mr. Steel in the terms set out in the Minute of this Committee relating to this matter at their last meeting, that the costs of the summons had been paid, and he had therefore withdrawn it as instructed.

30—Public Health Acts (Amendment Bill)—A letter was read from the Town Clerk of Wolverhampton, stating that this Bill had been withdrawn, as it had just missed passing the second reading and being referred to a Select Committee owing to an objection taken by Sir F. Powell at the last moment, but it was his intention next year to bring the subject forward again, also one from the Town Clerk in reply expressing surprise at the course taken by Sir F. Powell. Resolved, That the reply of the Town Clerk be approved.

31 - Closing of Slaughterhouses—Resolved, To consider the claims received for compensation for closing of slaughterhouses at a special meeting of the Committee.

32—New Buildings— Plans for new buildings which necessitated drainage, and which were intended to be laid before the Street and Highway Committee, were laid before this Committee. Resolved, That as regards drainage and sanitary matters the same be approved, subject as regards No. 1053 to the drain under the house being constructed of iron pipe with lead joints.

GEORGE BENICE, Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, the 24th day of June, 1898, Alderman Norman; Councillors M. Davis, Gurney, Margrett, Moles and Waghorne (Councillor Benice in the chair).

33-Insanitary Property at No. 143, Tewkesbury Road, and Cottage adjoining. -- 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 roof, walls, floors, &c. 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, 1875, 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.

34—Bicycle for Inspector of Nuisances—The Medical of Health reported that the bicycle bought 4 ½ years ago for Mr. Seth Lewis had served a very useful purpose for that time, and a new one was required for Mr. Hudson. Resolved, That Mr. Hudson be authorised to obtain a bicycle the cost to be charged to the Public Health Department.

35---Nuisances from Drains, &c. at Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 & 7, Linden Terrace, Cleveland Street— The Inspector of Nuisances having made written application under Sec. 41 of the Public Health Act, stating that the drains, &c., on and 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.

36—Lavatory and Conveniences in High Street opposite St. George's Square—In accordance with the resolution to Minute No. 33 of the proceedings of this Committee of the 23rd ulto., the Borough Surveyor laid before the Committee the specification above-mentioned. he had prepared of the works to be done by the Contractor for construction of the Lavatory and conveniences Resolved, That as amended by the Committee the same be approved, that tenders for carrying out same be advertised for, and that application be made to the Local Government Board for sanction to a loan of sufficient amount to defray the cost of the construction and all incidental expenses.

37— Water Supply to Cottages at Barn Farm—Resolved, That the water rate on these cottages amounting to £2 1s. 3d. be paid by the Corporation, and be not charged to the tenant of the Barn Farm.

GEORGE BENCE, Chairman.

TOWN IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting held on Monday, the 22nd day of June, 1898, Present—The Mayor ; Councillors Bence, Cooper, Dix, Macdonald and Mills (The Mayor in the chair)—

1-Chairman [?] Ill the absence of the Chairman, The Mayor was appointed Chairman at this meeting.

2-Winter Califon An application from Mr. Winning, the contractor for putting the roof of the Winter Garden into a watertight condition, for payment of the balance of the amount of his contract, was received, the Borough Surveyor having declined to certify for payment of it owing to his having failed to render the roof drop dry, as required by the specification which he had contracted to carry out. Resolved, That Mr. Winning be required to complete his contract, and that payment of the balance of the consideration money he withheld until that is done.

3-Advertisement in " London Society "--A letter, was read, from the Advertisement Manager of this Magazine, offering to reserve a half-page for an advertisement of the town for £3 per insertion. Resolved, That the Council are unable to accept the offer at the price quoted.

4- Football in Montpellier Gardens- A letter from Mr. W. Sawyer, Secretary of the Cheltenham Rugby Football Club, was read, asking the Committee to receive a deputation on the above subject. Resolved, To receive a deputation at the next meeting of the Committee.

5-Barbed Wire at Montpellier Gardens --A letter was read from Mr. Cornelius, expressing gratification that it had been decided to remove the barbed wire at these gardens, and suggesting that a second row of plain wire placed under the present row would form a more effectual barrier.

6- Aquatics at Pittville-- - A letter from Mr. A. Maule, Hon. Sec. of the Cheltenham Swimming Club, was read, applying for per-mission for the Club to give an aquatic display on some Wednesday, at Pittville. Resolved, That the application be acceded to.

7—Telephone Pole at Winter Garden—An application was received from the National Telephone Company, for permission to erect a pole in the Winter Garden near the New Club. Resolved, That the Council regret they are unable to accede to the application, as alterations are in progress there.

8-Fireworks at Pittville Park and Montpellier Gardens—A letter, was read, from James Pain & Sons, of Walworth Road, London, offering their services for the supply of fireworks, &c., in connection with any Fete that may be held at Pittville Park or Montpellier Gardens this season.

9-Urinals at Montpellier Cantons --The Borough Surveyor laid before the Committee a plan showing a mode of conversion of the Urinals for men for use by men having access thereto from the street ; and of the Urinals for women, for use by men having access thereto from the Gardens, the accommodation at the Lodge being deemed sufficient for women, the cost of which he estimated at £50. Resolved, That the suggested conversion be carried out, the cost to be charged to Capital.

10—Marble Fountain at Montpellier Gardens-The Borough Surveyor laid before the Committee an estimate for repair and renovation of this fountain. Resolved, That consideration of the matter be adjourned until the next monthly meeting of the Committee.

11-Fishing at Pittville- Resolved, That half-day fishing tickets be issued at 6d.

12- Band Concerts with Illuminations—Resolved, That weekly Band Concerts be given at the Montpellier Gardens as soon as the arrangements for the Electric Lighting of the Band Stand are ready, and that the Band Sub-Committee be empowered to make the necessary arrangements and to engage vocalists.

13-Pittville Park---Oliver's Wages-Resolved, That Oliver's wages at 18s be continued although he does not attend on Sundays.

14-Keys Resolved, That the charge for keys to the Gardens be reduced to 6d. each.

RICHARD ROGERS.

Chairman.

At a meeting of this Committee, held on Saturday, the 25th day of June, 1898 Aldermen Drew and Winterbotham ; Councillors Bence, Cooper, Macdonald and Mills (Alderman Winterbotham in the chair).

15- Montpellier Gardens----With reference to Minute No. 4 of this Committee's proceedings at their last Meeting, the Cheltenham Rugby Football Club having applied for the use of the Montpellier Gardens for the next football season, Resolved, That the same be granted on the same terms as last year, but that no stand be erected in the Gardens, and that the Town Clerk (It) prepare an agreement accordingly.

16-- Band Concerts—With reference to the resolution to Minute No. 12 of this Committee's proceedings at their last Meeting, Resolved, That Mr. Gilding's services, as vocalist, be engaged for 12 weeks to sing four songs at two concerts each week for £1 1s. 0d. per week.

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17-Pittville Park--The Cheltenham Rifle Band having intimated their willingness to play at Pittville on Sunday Afternoons if they are allowed the privilege of having boxes at the gates.—Resolved, That the offer be accepted, the boxes from the Winter Garden to be put at the gates, and that when such Band is at Pittville, the Town Band do play at Montpellier.

18-Band Concerts by Band of the Royal Horse Guards (Blue)—A letter was read from Mr. Cecil Barth, of the Concert Agency, London, offering to bring the Band of the Royal Horse Guards Blue to this town on the 26th August next, to give two open-air concerts, one in the afternoon and one in the evening of that day, the Band taking 70 per cent. of the gross with a minimum guaranteed by the Corporation, the Corporation providing the Gardens, advertising, and illuminations and taking 30 per cent. of the gross receipts. Resolved, That the offer be accepted, but with no guarantee as to a minimum sum, the concerts to be held in the Montpellier Gardens if fine, and if wet in the Winter Garden, subscribers to the former, if held there, to be admitted free.

19—Time of Closing of Pittville and Montpellier—Resolved, That for the month of July the Pittville Park be closed at 9.30 p.m., and Montpellier Gardens at 10 p.m.

20-Promenade Fountain—Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to asphalt the recessed spaces in front of this fountain for the reception of plants and shrubs in pots or vases.

JAS. B. WINTERBOTHAM,

Chairman.

WATER COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Wednesday, the 22nd day of June, 1898—Present : Councillors Bence, Ll. Davies and Dix. (Councillor Bence in the chair)

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

2—Water Engineer's Report—The Water Engineer reported that on the 20th inst. the supply from Hewletts and Northfield was 130 gallons, the average for the last four years being 109 gallons per minute ; and the quantity of water in store at Hewletts and Leckhampton was 12,897,962 gallons.

On the 20th inst. the depth of water in Dowdeswell Reservoir was 29 feet 6 inches and the contents 87,199,872 gallons, which gave a total of 100,097,834 gallons, or about 105 days supply exclusive of the daily yield of the springs which was then about 839,904 gallons.

With regard to the Hewlett's Reservoir and the wall of No. 3 a small portion of it had fallen in and the remainder was still moving but very slowly and he was therefore at present unable to ascertain the cause of the failure.

He further reported that Mr. A. H. Smith had made an application for a supply of water for cleaning purposes at Keynshambury House, but on the Inspector visiting the house he found the supply pipe to the bath was not in accordance with the regulations and he had therefore refused to authorize the water to be turned on until the fittings were altered, and a correspondence between him and Mr. Smith on the matter was read.

He also reported that the specification for the supply of cast iron pipes was ready and the advertisements could be issued immediately. He anticipated the quantity that would be required this year would be 150 tons. That in connection with the waste inspection he had obtained two fireman's lamps from Messrs. Merryweather quoted in their price list at 10s each but they had sent an invoice charging 30s each, and on their attention being called to the matter they said the amount stated in the price list was a misprint.

Resolved, That the action of the Water Engineer in the matter of the water supply to Keynshambury House be approved, that tenders be advertised for the supply of 150 tons of iron pipes, and that Messrs. Merryweather be informed that the lamps will be returned unless they are prepared to accept their list price which was the inducement for the order being given.

3—Water Trough at Whithorne Farm—A Letter was read from Mrs. Holmes expressing her thanks to the Council for complying with her request to alter the position of the water trough in the field near her house.

4 - Water supply to Hospital—A Letter was read from Col. Croker-King stating that he would lay the copy resolution of the Council on this matter, passed at their last meeting, before the Board of Governors at their meeting on the 14th of June, and afterwards would be glad to arrange an interview with Councillor Dix and the Water Engineer.

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5—Horse and Agricultural Show—A Letter was read from Mr. J. G. Villar on behalf of the Committee of this show requesting the Council to grant a supply of water for the Show Yard and permit a service pipe to be taken from the main in the Old Bath Road, opposite the Show Yard to carry the water service to it, the Committee undertaking to do the work and replace the ground opened, &c., to the satisfaction of the Borough Surveyor ; also requesting the use of two water carts for carrying water to various parts of the Show Yard on the 25th, 26th, 27th and 28th days of July, the Committee undertaking to make good any damage the carts might sustain to the satisfaction of the Borough Surveyor. Resolved, That the application be acceded to except as regards the water carts the use of which can only be granted so far as may be possible having regard to their being required for use in the town.

6-- Clauses in Water Bills—A Letter was read from the Town Clerk of Brighton on the subject of the proposal of the President of the Local Government Board to move the insertion in certain Water Bills before Parliament of certain clauses with reference to the obtaining of samples of water by individuals and the examination of the sources of pollution of water supply.

7 -Smoke Nuisance at Tewkesbury Water Works—A Letter was read from Mr. H. A. Badham, of Tewkesbury, complaining of the nuisance caused to him by the emission of black smoke from the chimney of the Water Works at Tewkesbury which blew into his house when the wind was in the direction of it. A letter in reply from the Town Clerk was read stating that the Water Engineer would take all possible means to abate or mitigate the nuisance, and a further one from Mr. Badham acknowledging its receipt and stating he would be very reluctant to have to take proceedings against the Council which he would have to do unless the nuisance is abated. Resolved, That the Water Engineer be instructed to use Welsh steam coal or anthracite

at the Tewkesbury Works if the same can be obtained until the furnaces have been reconstructed, and that the Letter of the Town Clerk be approved.

8—Flushing Boxes at 16, Granville Street—A Letter was read from Mr. W. H. Pearce, of Messrs. Pearce & Sons, Builders' Merchants, asking why he had been required to take down a flushing box which had been passed in many other buildings in the town. Resolved, To inform Mr. Pearce that the kind of box fixed at the premises above-mentioned has never been approved by the Water Department in that or any other building in the town, and it must be removed and replaced by one of an approved kind.

9—Arrears of Water Rate in respect of No. 54, St. George's Place—A Letter was read from Mrs. E. Beams for James Midwinter with reference to the two summonses which had been taken out against the latter to recover arrears of water rate due from him in respect of the premises above-mentioned, stating he had no means to pay, that he was over 80 years of age, and the property was fully mortgaged, and that he wished to have the supply discontinued as there was a well and the town supply was therefore not required. Resolved, That in this case the arrears be remitted on the ground of the extreme poverty of the consumer and the summonses be withdrawn.

10—Tewkesbury Water Rating—The Town Clerk read correspondence he had had with Messrs. Hedley, Mason & Hedley with reference to their valuation of the Waterworks, &c., of the Council at Tewkesbury, and the mains, &c., at Ashchurch and other adjacent parishes which they had assessed for Poor Rate purposes in Tewkesbury at an annual value of £767, but which they offered to reduce to £700 if that valuation would be accepted by way of compromise and without prejudice. Resolved, That in the opinion of the Committee even that amount is much too high and that it ought not to be more than £500.

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

GEORGE BENCE, Chairman.

LIGHTING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, the 23rd day of June, 1898—Present : Alderman Norman ; Councillors Baker, Cooper, Dix, Margrett and Steel (Alderman Norman in the chair)—

1—Electrical Inspector's Report—The Electrical 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.
June 16th	100 Volts	103 Volts.

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

ILLUMINATING POWER.	PURITY—	SULPHUR.
1898	1898.	Grains per 100 cubic ft.
June 16th .. 16.73 candles	June 16th & 17 th	15.11
Average.. —	Average..	—

3—Gas Inspector's Report—The Gas Inspector reported that the hourly average consumption of Gas per lamp during the previous month had been 4.2293 cubic feet.

4 Lamp Book—This Book was produced and examined Lamps extinguished, 4 metered, 2 unmetered ; and 3 burning dimly.

5— Report of the Electrical Engineer—The Electrical Engineer reported that all work, both of extensions and running, had been satisfactory during the past month. The Bath Road arc lighting extension had been completed, and the lighting effect was considered very good. The building extensions at the works were practically finished ; and the work of connecting up the new boilers, steam pipes, &c., was complete.

He submitted the following estimates of the cost of various extensions to mains then in hand or about to become necessary, of which the first four had been already sanctioned by the Council, viz.:—

Ormond Terrace Extension		£ 30 0 0
Marston Lodge	"	£340 0 0
Bath Street	"	£ 45 0 0
Lansdown Inn	"	£120 0 0
Hewlett or Berkeley Street Extension		£365 0 0
All Saints' Road	"	£250 0 0
London Road	"	£485 0 0
Arc Lamp in Bath Street		<u>£ 65 0 0</u>
		£1,700 0 0

He reported that in consequence of the recent rise in the prices of copper and lead, it would be necessary to increase the amounts of his recent estimates of the costs of the Gloucester, Lansdown and Tewkesbury Road arc lighting extension from £3,855 to £3,980, and of the Lansdown Road extension for private supply from £985 to £1,035. That street-box transformers would be required for supplying Hewlett Street, All Saints' Road and London Road extensions before-mentioned ; and in the application for a further loan, it would be wise to allow £500 for these and for extensions in the existing sub-stations, which would almost certainly be required before the end of the year at the present rate of progress.

He further reported that the Committee of the Training College had decided to make an extensive installation of the electric light during the summer vacation the equivalent number of 8-candle power lamps to be provided exceeded 500, and provision—as regards the main wiring—was to be made for supplying at a later date the three masters' houses, the chemical laboratory and the workshops. The Training College load would exceed, with the probable extensions mentioned, what he formerly estimated it to be, and he would need to lay before the Committee a new estimate of the cost of the necessary extension to give the College supply : meantime he estimated that the total cost would be about £200, and he recommended that he be authorised to proceed at once with this work, as very little time remained before supply will be required.

Resolved, That the report be approved and the recommendation therein adopted ; that application be made to the Local Government Board for sanction to borrow a further sum of £3,000 to cover the outlay referred to in the report, and that application be made to the Board of Trade to extend the electric lighting area to the Borough boundaries, and confer upon the Council power to borrow £25,000 for the purpose of extending the undertaking. Lighting in Croat Norwood Street—Resolved, That an arc lamp be established near the Railway Inn, at the upper end of Great Norwood Street.

7-- Lighting of Winchcomb Street—A memorial from Joseph Huber and others was read, urging the Committee to carry out immediately the lighting of the arc lamps in this street. Resolved, That the

memorialists be informed that the delay has occurred owing to the non-delivery of the necessary plant by those from whom it had been ordered, and that everything possible will be done to expedite the matter.

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8-Lighting of Bath Parade - Resolved, To take into consideration the lighting of this street at the next view meeting of the Committee

GEO. NORMAN,

Chairman.

GENERAL PURPOSES AND WATCH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, the 21st day of June, 1898--Present : The Mayor ; Alderman Norman ; Councillors Bence, Ll. Davis, Hayward, Mills, Moles and Steel (The Mayor in the chair)

1-Diseases of Animals Acts Superintendent Hopkins reported that, with the exception of premises which were in quarantine, the Borough was entirely free from contagious diseases amongst animals.

2 --Fire Brigade—The Superintendent of the Fire Brigade reported that the Brigade was called to extinguish a fire at Strawberry Villa, Leckhampton, on the 12th inst., which caused damage estimated at £50. The contents were uninsured, but the buildings were insured in the Liverpool, London and Globe Fire Office, to whom he had forwarded the account of extinction expenses, amounting to £3 17s. 6d.

3-Driver's License—An application was received from Arthur George Gough, of No. 42, Rosehill Street, to be licensed as a hackney carriage driver. Resolved, That the application be acceded to.

4—Hackney Carriage Licenses—The Street Inspector reported that on the 9th inst., No. 23 hackney carriage, belonging to F. Jeanes, of 15, Albert Street, St. Peter's. was brought before the Inspecting Committee, with a complete set of new cushions and linings, but on the afternoon of the following day these new fittings had been removed and old ones substituted. Mr. Jeanes attended the meeting, and explained that the new cushions were too large, and he had returned them to the maker and had refused to keep and pay for them. The new cushions, however, were not forthcoming for re-inspection and the carriage being subsequently inspected by the Committee with the old fittings in it, Resolved, That the same be passed.

Applications for Hackney Carriage Licenses were received from Frederick Jones, of Portland Mews, and G. H. Fowles, of Lansdown Stables, for Landau Licenses ; from F. Paynter, of 9, Swindon Street. George Clifford, of 12, Queen Street, John Beamish, of 35, Exmouth Street, Josiah Jones, of No. 31, North Place, C. A. Hill, of 241, Lower High Street, Joseph Williams, of 10, New Street, H. Winters, of 4, St. Philip's Street, Bath Road, and John Morgan, of 28, Mount-pleasant, for Hackney or Pony Carriage Licenses. Resolved, That the applicants be informed that the Council are unable to grant them Licenses as they have previously decided not to increase the number now issued, and there are not at present any vacancies.

A Letter was read from John Jones, Secretary of the Cheltenham Branch of the Amalgamated Association of Tramway, Hackney Carriage Employees and Horsemen in general, soliciting the aid of the Committee in carrying out a resolution passed some time ago by the Council that no new licenses be granted to those who had not been in the trade 5 years. Resolved, To inform Mr. John Jones that the Committee are not aware of any such resolution as that referred to by him.

Letters were read from J. Tilley, of Wellington Mews applying for permission to use a carriage in proper order in lieu of No. go which was out of repair for one month and which he would replace by a new one, and from Wm. Powell of Lansdown Hotel Stables stating that he had disposed of his business to Mr. Roebuck and applying for the transfer of his License No. 7 to the purchaser. Resolved, That the applications be acceded to.

5-Carriage Stand South East Side of Imperial Square—The Street Inspector called attention to the fact that the closing of the :cad on the south east side of Imperial Square would cause the abolition of the stand there for 6 Hackney Carriages. Resolved, That the Stand near the New Club be increased to accommodate 3 more carriages and a Stand for 2 be established on the south side of the road opposite Cambray Spa Photographic Studio.

6-Game Licenses—Applications for renewal of Licenses to deal in Game were received from Messrs. Hall & Son, 92, High Street, Messrs. T. B. Woodard, No. 1, Montpellier Avenue. H. Harris, No. 1, Winchcomb Street, Olive & Olive, No. 4, Colonnade, Mrs. S. A. Wilks, No. 372, High Street, Mrs. L. A. Morris, Columbia House, Winchcomb Street, C. Barnett, 86 High Street, and Messrs. Charles Samuel Holliday and George Henry Mills, Trustees of the will of John Moore, deceased, No. 25, Montpellier Walk Resolved, That the applications be acceded to.

An Application for a License to deal in game at No. 18, Winchcomb Street, was received from Mr. B. Steptoe. Resolved, That subject to the Medical Officer of Health finding the premises satisfactory the application be acceded to.

7-Market Tolls—Resolved. That the Market Tolls be for the present retained by the Council in their own hands and that the Present tolls be reduced one-half until further notice.

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8-Brighton Road- late Leckhampton-A Letter from Mr. G. B. Dale was read stating he had re-named this road Gordon Road Resolved, That the same be approved.

9- Use of Borough Arms-A Letter from Mr. B. Combe of the Grafton Brewery, was read, asking permission to use the Borough Arms on his business invoices and labels. Resolved, That the Council have no objection to Mr. Combe making use of the arms for the purpose mentioned but he cannot be allowed to register them as a trade mark.

10--Police Committee of the County Council-Resolved, To appoint Councillor Bence as a representative of the Council in place of Mr. E. H. Parsonage to act with the Mayor upon the Police Committee of the County Council.

11--Renovation of Basement of Municipal Offices-The Borough Surveyor laid before the Committee a Specification of the work required to be done to renovate the basement of the Municipal Offices. Resolved, That the same be approved and that Tenders for the work be advertised for.

RICHARD ROGERS, Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Friday, the 24th day of June, 1898—Present : The Mayor; Alderman Norman Councillors Baker, Bence, M. Davis, Margrett, Mills, Moles and Steel (The Mayor in the chair)—

12—Accident Insurance--The Town Clerk read a Report he had prepared dealing with the subject of claims by workmen against employers for compensation for accidents at Common Law, under the Employers Liability Act, 1880, and the Workmen's Compensation Act, 1897, so far as affected the Town Council. Resolved, That the same be printed for distribution to members of the Council and to Insurance Offices tendering to indemnify the Council against such claims ; that rates for insurance be invited to cover all cases of claims that may be made either at Common Law or under the Acts referred to in the Town Clerk's statement, and that this Committee be empowered to accept the lowest responsible offer received.

13—Yeomanry Drill Ground-The Borough Surveyor reported that Mr. Burroughs, the tenant of Prestbury Park Farm, claimed to be entitled to £100 for the use by the Yeomanry this year of the drill ground as it appeared the whole of the ground had been open instead of the portion usually reserved when the Royal Gloucestershire Hussars are training alone. Resolved. To inform Mr. Burroughs that he is only entitled to £80 as the Council are not responsible for the omission to rail off the portion not required when the Gloucestershire Hussars are in training alone, and which under the agreement with him would only be required when the regiment referred to is in training together with the Wiltshire Regiment in which case only would he be entitled to the amount claimed.

RICHARD ROGERS,

Chairman.

BATHS AND RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Wednesday, the 8th day of June, 1898 Present : Alderman Drew ; Councillors Baker, E. Ll. Davies, Lenthall, Moles and Mills (Councillor Mills in the chair)—

1-- Fatal Accident at Alstone Swimming Bath—A letter from Mr. A. H. Smith, on behalf of the parents of the lad, Frederick Pryer, so unfortunately drowned at the Bath on the 28th ult., enquiring if the Corporation the on intend to offer any compensation and what to the parents of the deceased, was read. Hart attended this meeting. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to provide and fix a grid of such form and fixed in such a manner present as to little obstruction as possible to the free outflow of the water. That the Caretaker be instructed to conform strictly to the printed regulations printed regulations as to the ringing a bell ten minutes before the closing of the Bath, and to see that all the bathers are clear of the Bath premises before the outlet sluice is opened, and that the further consideration of Mr. Smith's letter he adjourned until the next meeting of the Committee.

GEO. H. MILLS;

Chairman.

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At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, the 20th day of June, 1898-Present: The Mayor; Councillors Baker, Dighton, Hayward, Lenthall, Mills, and Moles (Councillor Mills in the chair)

2 Bath—The Borough Surveyor reported that the number of bathers for the season up to and including the 15th inst., exclusive of ticket holders, had been 4,916 ; the fees received, including special tickets for the Training College and Christ Church School and from 522 Gordon Boys amounted to £61 9s. 10d.

He further reported that, in accordance with the resolution passed at the last meeting, he had had a grating 3ft. square fixed in front of the outlet pipe at the Bath. That the Contractors, Mews, Collins and Godfrey, had completed the foundations for the new Baths, and the walls were then 7ft, above the ground. That, unfortunately, there would be some extra cost for increased depth of foundations. The drawings had been prepared in accordance with the depths shown on the original plans, but on examination it proved that the footings had been placed at a greater depth than was shown, and a drain which was shown to be 6 ½ ft. from the filter proved to be 9ft., bringing it exactly along the position at which one of the new walls was to be built, and it had been taken out and relaid in its original intended position.

3-Cricket at Agg-Gardner Recreation Ground—A letter was read from Mr. W. Ansell, Captain of the Echo Cricket Club, asking per-mission for the Club to play cricket on the Agg-Gardner Recreation Ground from 6 a.m., instead of 7 a.m., the usual hour at which the ground is opened. Resolved, That the application be acceded to.

4—Camp on Recreation Ground—A letter was read from Colonel Gildea, Officer Commanding the 6th Battalion Royal Warwickshire Regiment, expressing his thanks to the Council for granting him the use of either of the Recreation Grounds on the evening of the 11th and morning of the 12th prox., for a Camp for his Regiment and a free supply of water.

5-Donors of Flowers to the Naunton Park Recreation Ground—Resolved, That a letter of thanks be written to the following donors of flowers for the Naunton Park Recreation Ground, viz.: Rev.. J. Mugliston, Mrs. Creek, Mrs. St. Clair Ford, Mrs. Cox, Messrs. Workman and Amos, Mr. J. Cypher, Mr. H. Young, Mr. J. Wood, Mr. Mayo, Mr. H. Carter, and Mr. H. Bartlett.

GEO. H. MILLS,

Chairman.

BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Friday, the 24th day of June, 1898—Present : Alderman Haddon ; Councillors Baker, Cypher, M. Davis, Moles and Waghorne (Councillor Moles in the chair)

1- Superintendent's Report—The Superintendent of the Cemetery laid before the Committee a list of the vault spaces which it had been decided to make use of as grave spaces. He reported that he had received an excellent supply of bedding plants from Pittville, a Pennsylvania Lawn Mower and a cask of weed killer. He further reported that the weight of the steam roller had buried the iron work that holds the bolt of the intermediate gates at the Cemetery and consequently they could not be locked at night except by means of a chain and padlock. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have the defect remedied.

2-Shelter and Tool House at Cemetery—Tenders were received for erection of the shelter and tool house referred to in Minute No. 2 of the proceedings of this Committee at their last meeting from Messrs. Malvern & Sons and Messrs. A. C. & S. Billings. Resolved, That it is desirable to modify the proposal for erection of the shelter and tool house the cost being considerably more than anticipated, and that the Borough Surveyor be instructed to bring up a plan and estimate for construction of a shelter only.

3-Designs-The following designs were examined and approved, viz.: Memorial Stone to Blanche Marion Bainbridge, Monuments to Harriette Pincke Lonsdale and Annie Macbeth ; Headstones to Charles James

Osborn, Caroline Joyner, Daniel Gardner, Emma Roche, Ann Hobbs, Archelaus Williams and James William Shepard ; and Kerbing and Corner Stunts to Sarah Hill.

4-Accounts— The following Accounts were passed for payment :--

G. C. Pratley, Wages .. .	£17 6 0
E. Bradfield, Poor Rate	£ 8 11 0
Cheltenham Gas-Light and Coke Co., Gas for Lodge	[£0] 8 11

J. V. MOLES, Chairman.

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FINANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 28th day of June, 1898—Present : Councillors Gurney, Macdonald, Margrett and Steel (Councillor Margrett in the chair)—

1--Public Pleasure Grounds Loan—With reference to a Letter from the Town Clerk to the Local Government Board drawing their attention to the fact that the amount of the loan for public pleasure ground purposes for which they had given their sanction was £500 whereas the application was for £550, and he presumed the Board was willing to give consent under Sec. 126 of the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1889, to the application of the money to be received from the sale of the land not required at the Agg-Gardner Recreation Ground to the cost of the works, a Letter from the Board in reply was read that they were not prepared to consent to the application of the sum of £50 the estimated proceeds of sale of the surplus land at the Agg-Gardner Recreation Ground towards defraying the cost of the works as they were of opinion that the sum should be applied in accordance with the provisions of Section 175 of the Public Health Act, 1875, but if the Council would return the sanction referred to in the letter of the Town Clerk with a statement that no money had been borrowed under its authority, the Board would be prepared to cancel it and issue a fresh sanction for a loan of £550. Resolved, That the suggestion of the Local Government Board be complied with.

2—Debts due to the Council-The Town Clerk laid before the Committee a list of debts due to the Council for which several applications for payment had been made without success. Resolved, That he be instructed to take proceedings to recover the same.

3-Waterworks Capital-Resolved, To borrow from the Oxford Corporation,£1000 for three months certain and afterwards at three months notice, to replace the amount paid off to Mrs. Annie Hall, at a rate not exceeding per cent.

4-Tenders for Printing Accounts-Tenders for printing the Accounts of the Corporation for the year ending 31st March last were received as follows :—

Geo. F. Poole ..	1s 8 ½d per page
G. H. Devereux	1s 7d “
H. G. Norman	1s 7d “

Resolved, That the tender of Mr. G. H. Devereux be accepted.

5—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 £3242, leaving outstanding £13897 12s. 3d..

6- Water Rate—The Report of the Borough Accountant of date the 28th inst. on the collection of this Rate, was read. Amount received, £2,488 18s. 6d., leaving outstanding £7,867 6s. 0d.

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 £8,503 5s. 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 :—

Overdrawn on the 31st May last	£4,309 17 5
Paid since that date	<u>£9,187 18 6</u>
	£13,497 15 11
Received since that date	<u>£10,049 2 5</u>
Overdrawn	£ 3,448 13 6

H. GEO. MARGRETT,

Chairman.

TECHNICAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Friday, the 10th day of June, 1898 Present : Councillors Al. Davis, Gurney, Hayward, and Steel (Councillor M. Davis in the chair).—

1-School of Cookery-A Letter was read from Mrs. Wethered, President of the School of Cookery, stating that the Committee of the School desired to lay before this Committee a proposition which had been made to them by the Committee of the Girls'

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Training Institution that they should rent from the latter a very large room next door to the institution in question and that the two schools or institutions should be worked in connection with each other, each however retaining their own name and their own committee and keeping their finances quite separately. The advantages of this to the School would be that the School of Cookery would have a much larger room than at present and at less rent, and that other subjects such as laundry work might be taught, that the loss on cooked food would be obviated as the Girls' Training Institution would take it, and that no caretaker would be needed as at present. The Letter asked that a Sub-Committee from the School might have an interview at as early a date as possible with this Committee on the matter. Resolved. That the Committee see no objection to the proposals contained in Mrs. Wethered's letter and are quite prepared to receive and confer with a Deputation as suggested, but it must be understood that so far as pecuniary aid is concerned the Committee are unable to do more for the School of Cookery out of the amount placed at their disposal by the County Council than they have hitherto done. Further Resolved, That this Committee meet on Wednesday next at 12 noon to receive the deputation if convenient to the latter.

2— Wood Carving Class—Letters were read from Mrs. Grigg and Canon Childe bringing to the notice of the Committee the claims of the Christ Church Wood Carving Class to a grant out of the amount received from the County for Technical Education. Resolved, That the writers be informed that the application will be considered when the next allotment of the funds received from the County Council is made by this Committee.

M DAVIS. Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Thursday, the 23rd day of June, 1898—Present : Councillors M. Davis, Hayward, and Steel (Councillor Davis in the chair) —

3- School of Cookery—A deputation from the Cheltenham Branch of the Gloucestershire School of Cookery consisting of Mrs. Wethered, Mrs. Haddon, and Miss Baddeley, Hon Sec. of the Gloucestershire School, attended the meeting and explained that the suggestion referred to in Minute No. 1 of the proceedings of this Committee could not be carried out unless this Committee would guarantee a continuance of the grant hitherto made to the Cheltenham Branch of the School out of the amount received by them from the County Council for Technical Instruction purposes. Resolved. That the Committee quite approve of the suggestion being carried out ; they cannot however give the undertaking asked for, but they have no reason to anticipate that the grant hitherto made will not be continued, or that it will be reduced at all events in the near future.

M. DAVIS, Chairman.

PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 21st day of June, 1898—Present : Councillors E. Ll. Davis and Hayward ; Dr. Davis ; Messrs. A. Beckingsale, Evan Butler, W. Cresswell, and T. Whittard (Councillor Hayward in the chair)—

1- Librarian's Report—The usual Monthly Report of the Librarian was read. Receipts £25 12s. 8d. He reported that there had been an increase in the issues from the Lending Library of 21 per day, and a decrease of 1 per day in the Reference Library, when compared with the corresponding month last year. The number of Students' Tickets issued in the Lending

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Library was 176 an advance of 29 upon last month. He also reported that the following gifts had been made to the Library during the past month, viz. :—

A. W. Tuer	2 volumes
Baron de Ferrieres	1 “

Annual Reports from several Public Libraries.

2-Sub-Committee's Report The Sub-Committee reported as follows, recommending That—

The tender of Messrs. Norman, Sawyer, and Co., for the binding of books at the same price as last year, be accepted.

The tender of Messrs. Westley and Co. for the supply of literature at the same price as last year, be accepted.

The list of new books submitted by the Librarian be purchased at a cost of about £11.

The list of new technical books be purchased for £6 14s. 6d.

The books sent on approval from B. Norton be purchased for £2 2s.

The advertisement sheets of the Birmingham Daily Post be posted up on a movable board on the area railings in St. George's Place, as soon as they arrive, for the use of those who are seeking situations.

Hector A. J. Fraser be engaged as a junior assistant at 6s per week, as from June 13th.

The Librarian be authorised to attend the Annual Conference of the Library Association, to be held at Southport on August 23rd and three following days.

The Librarian advertise for an apprentice-assistant at a commencing salary of 5s per week, increasing by 2s per week in the second and third years, and 3s per week in the fourth year. The following accounts were examined and allowed :—

W. Jones, Wages Account	£22 12 0
Westley and Co., Books	£31 11 6
J. Webb, Books	£ 1 6 0
Library Bureau, Furniture and Fittings	£ 1 1 6
Phillimore and Co., Books	£ 0 10 6
Bristol and Gloucestershire Archaeological Society, Books	£ 0 10 6
S. H. Harris and Co., Coals	£ 1 15 10
W. Jones, Petty Cash	£ 5 0 0
Poole, Printing	£34 18 6
B. Norton, Books	£ 2 2 0
E. W. Blake, Income Tax on Rent of Schools of Art and Science for 1897 and 1898	£ 6 7 10

Resolved, That the proceedings mentioned in the Report be approved and confirmed, and the recommendations therein contained adopted.

3-Mutilation of Newspaper—The Librarian reported that on Monday, the 13th June, the Cheltenham Mercury was mutilated by George Harry Fern, of No. 8, Corpus Street, who tore off the back sheet and carried it away out of the Library. Resolved, To inform Mr. Fern that he must attend a meeting of the Sub-Committee at the Library to-morrow at six o'clock and offer a suitable apology, otherwise the Committee will consider the necessity of prosecuting him for the offence.

4—Lighting of Electric Lamps at Entrance—With reference to the resolution of the Lighting Committee to supply electric current to the three new lamps at the entrance if a corresponding reduction is made in consumption of current for lamps inside, Resolved, That the Chairman be requested to inform the Lighting Committee that there has already been great economy exercised in the consumption of current at the

Library, and it was in consideration of this that this Committee hoped the Lighting Committee would supply the lamps at the entrance with current, and that no additional economy would be required.

C HAYWARD, Chairman

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SCHOOL ATTENDANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, the 29th day of June, 1898—Present : Aldermen Haddon and Skillicorne : Councillors Ll. Davies and Steel (Councillor Steel 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 673 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 7 meetings. That 12 parents had been prosecuted ; that 8 were fined, and Attendance Orders were made against Kate Court, Alice Barrett, Florence Watts and Bertie Prust. They further reported that on account of epidemic sickness St. Peter's and Baker Street Schools had been closed for 3 weeks by medical authority. but the last mentioned schools were then re-opened.

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

Resolved, That proceedings under the Byelaws be taken against the parents of the following children, viz.:— May Excell and Alexander Page, but as regards-the latter only by direction of two members of the Committee after further enquiry ; and That proceedings under Sec. II of the Act of 1876, be taken against the parents of Charles Hyde, Lizzie Howell, and Eugene Nicholls, and under Sec. 12 against the parent of Jane Newman.

3—Medical Certificates—Resolved, That forms of medical certificates be printed and furnished to the Attendance Officers for signature by medical men in cases of absence from school of children owing to illness.

JOHN D. STEEL, Chairman.

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Borough of Cheltenham

MINUTES of the Proceedings of the Committees of the Town Council to submitted for approval at a Quarterly Meeting of the Council, to be held on Tuesday, the 2nd day of August, 1898.

STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 11th day of July, 1898—Present : Councillors Baker, Bence, Dix, Margrett and Mills (Councillor Baker in the chair).

Ashes Collection---The Chairman read a Report on the subject of the Ashes Collection prepared by the Borough Surveyor. Borough Surveyor also submitted a form of notice he proposed to have printed to send to anyone who refuses to allow ashes to be removed when called for, calling attention to the provisions of Section 42 of the Public Health Act, Resolved, That the further consideration of the subject of the Ashes

Collection be adjourned, that a copy of the Borough Surveyor's Report be sent to each member of this Committee, and that the form of notice submitted by the Borough Surveyor be approved.

Destructor Resolved, That this Committee, with the Borough Surveyor, pay a visit to Manchester to inspect, Destructor there.

2 --New Buildings---The Borough Surveyor laid before the Committee Notices and Plans received by him from the following persons intending to erect new buildings, viz. :—

No. of Plan.	Name.	Description.
1056	J. Warren.	House and Shop in Market Street.
1059	C. Westley.	New Shop Front, Promenade Villas.
1060	Mrs. Chaplin.	Addition to No. 27, Ambrose Street.
1061	F. Wright.	Two Houses in Gloucester Road.

Resolved, That No. 1056 be approved, that Nos. 1059 and 1060 be adjourned for the Committee to view. and that No. 1061 be not approved.

WILLIAM A. BAKER.

Chairman.

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At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 26th day of July, 1898—Present: Alderman Haddon; Councillors Bence, Cypher, Dix, Margrett and Mills (Councillor Dix in the chair)—

3—Chairman—In the absence of the Chairman, Councillor Dix was appointed Chairman at this meeting.

4—The View—The following members attended the view meeting of the Committee on the previous Friday, viz.:—Councillors Bence, Cypher, Dix, and Margrett.

5—Street Projections—A letter from Mr. J. Wall was read asking leave to fix a gas rail for the London Meat Supply Co. at No. 177, High Street 7ft. 9in. from the ground and projecting 16 inches from the blind box. Resolved, That the application be acceded to subject to the rail being fixed not less than 8ft. in the clear from the ground.

A letter from Mr. J. E. Causier, of No. 80, Winchcomb Street, was read asking permission to fix a small dyers's sign-board projecting from his premises. Resolved, That consideration of the application be adjourned for the Committee to view, and that in the meantime Mr. Causier be requested to furnish a sketch of the proposed sign.

6—Borough Surveyor's Report re Highways—The Borough Surveyor reported that the work done by the Highways Department from the 25th June to the 22nd July, 1898, both inclusive, had been as follows :—

Repaired with Glee Hill Stone—Leckhampton Road, Brown Stone, 1004 yards; Clee Hill, 3111 yards.

Patching—Ark Road, Winchcomb Street, Promenade, St. James's Square, Ambrose Street, New Street, Bath Street, Bath Road, Clarence Street.

The Road Improvement in Imperial Square is proceeding.

Paving, Crossing, Kerb, and Channelling—St. Paul's Road, Malvern Street, High Street, St. Ann's Terrace, Brunswick Street, Hanover Street, Evesham Road, Bath Road, Vittoria Walk, Leamington Place, Selkirk Street, Oriel Road, Dunalley Street, Lansdown Road, King's Road, Cleveland Street, Bayshill Road, St. Margaret's Road, Hungerford Street, Winchcomb Street, Lansdown Place.

Two crossings in North Street between the Liberal Club and the Gas Company's Offices, had been relaid with McDougall's bricks.

A new crossing opposite Cavendish House had been laid with McDougall's bricks.

One in High Street, near Clarence Street, and one in Dunalley Street had been relaid with McDougall's patent bricks.

Private Improvements Bath Parade (proceeding). Rosehill Street and Upper Park Street were being proceeded with by the contractors.

Trees had been Pruned in the following Roads and Streets—Keynsham Road, College Road, High Street, Promenade, Queen's Road, Christ Church Road, Overton Road. Parabola Road, Montpellier Street, Lansdown Place, Imperial Square, Bayshill Road, Oriel Road, Rodney Road, Vittoria Walk, Montpellier Parade, Terrace, and Spa Road, St. George's Road, Gloucester Road, Lansdown Road, Tivoli Road, The Park, Painswick Road, Moorend Park Road, Leckhampton Road, Brandon Terrace.

Ashes Collected Van loads, 868. Consumed at Destructor, 753 tons 3 cwt.

He had received an application from Mr. Halliwell for an increase of salary, his present rate being £2 10s. per week, and he received no extra payment for night work. Resolved, That Mr. Halliwell's Salary be increased to £3 3s. 0d. per week.

7—Ash Collection--A letter on this subject was read from Col. Thoyts.

8—Trees in front of No. 3, Oriel Terrace and No. 2, Bayshill Lawn—Letters from Mr. T. M. Fisher and Mr. E. H. Parsonage were read, requesting that these trees should be lopped. Resolved, to instruct the Borough Surveyor to have the trees in front of No. 3, Oriel Terrace lopped, and the tree in front of No. 2, Bayshill Lawn lopped and topped

9 - Footpath in front of Hamilton Place, St. Paul's-A letter from Mr. T. E. Healing was read, calling attention to the dangerous state of this footpath. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to bring up a specification of the works required to be done by the abutting owners.

10- Drive to Holland House-A letter from Mrs. McLachlan was read, complaining of the state of this drive. The Borough Surveyor reported that it had been repaired since the letter was received.

11--Sydenham Villas Road-A letter from Mr. R. J. Webb was read, expressing his dissatisfaction with the state of the road, and requesting to be informed if the Corporation propose to enforce the order already made on the abutting owners to relay the footpaths, or if they will make a fresh one as to the repair of the road itself, and if they will consider as to whether or not all the Sydenham Estate roads cannot be declared highways.

Resolved, To adjourn consideration of the matter for the Committee to view, and that Mr. Webb be invited to attend.

12-Highbury Lane -A letter was read from Mr. Burrow petitioning the Council to take into account, in apportioning the cost of carrying out the private improvement works in this street, the extra amount of use made of the road by one abutting owner in comparison to that of the others. Resolved, To inform Mr. Burrow that in settling the apportionment regard will be had to the greater or less degree of benefit to be derived by any premises from the works.

13-Road in Liverpool Place --A Letter was read from Mr. H. T. Carrington, the owner of No. 6, Liverpool Place, expressing a hope that the work of putting this road in repair will be carried out and that he would willingly bear his share of the cost. Resolved, To instruct the Borough Surveyor to have the notices to do the work served upon the abutting owners, and that Mr. Carrington be informed that the work will be proceeded with as soon as possible if the notices are not complied with.

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14—Fence in Road to Destructor—A Letter was read from Mr. E. J. Rose, Surveyor, Oxford, on behalf of Jesus College, calling attention to the fact that the fence enclosing the roadway leading to the Destructor was in a somewhat dilapidated condition, and as the road had from time to time been raised, and being now at a much higher level than the land adjoining, the fence would not bear the strain put upon it. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have the road supported in manner suggested by him to the Committee when inspected by them on the view.

15-Moors Farm Boundary—A letter from Messrs. Ticehurst and Sons was read, stating that they had the boundary marked out with whitewashed pegs, so as to be distinguishable from those erected by the Corporation officers, by Messrs. J. G. and James Villar, and requesting the Corporation to remove within 7 days from the 9th inst. the soil which they had deposited on their client's land as defined by the pegs referred to, and to otherwise abstain from trespassing on their client's property. Further that their letter was intended as notice of their intention to issue a writ against the Corporation in the event of their request not being complied with. Resolved, To instruct the Town Clerk and the Borough Surveyor to confer with Messrs. J. G. and James Villar on the spot with a view if possible of arriving at an amicable settlement of the dispute.

16—High Street Improvement--A letter from the Secretary of the Cheltenham Original Brewery Co, Ltd., was read, asking £750 as compensation for altering the frontage of the Red Lion Inn in accordance with the scheme for this improvement, and in addition requiring the Corporation to compensate their tenant for the disturbance of business which must result from the alterations. Resolved, That these terms are too prohibitive for consideration. Also Resolved, That the property of the Corporation be put up for sale by public auction with a proviso that the purchaser or purchasers shall enter into a Covenant to set back the frontage to a line level with the shop frontage of Messrs. Maule and Son, and that the Committee be empowered to fix the reserve price.

17- Road from Pittville Circus to Wellington Square--Resolved, That this road throughout be named Wellington Road, and name-plates be fixed at the corners at each end.

18--Road from Winchcomb Street (opposite Warwick Place Road) to Hewlett Road — Resolved, That this road be called throughout Fairview Road, and the houses be renumbered and nameplates be fixed at the corners at each end.

19-Opening of Road without Notice—The Borough Surveyor reported that the road and path in front of No. 13, Lansdown Parade had been opened by Mr. R. R. Skemp without giving notice, and damage had been done to the electric light mains. Resolved, That the draft regulations prepared by the Borough Surveyor and issued to the members of the previous Committee be reprinted and issued to the members of this Committee for consideration at the next meeting with a view to their adoption.

20--- Extension of Shop Front of Mr. C. J. Davies, Suffolk Road--With reference to Minute No. 18 of the proceedings of this Committee at their meeting of date the 27th of May last, in pursuance of the resolution thereto Mr. Davies submitted a plan showing the proposed extension of his shop front in Suffolk Parade. Resolved, That the same be approved.

21- -Oxford Street Improvement—A letter from Mr. Minett was read offering to convey to the Corporation the strip of land at the top of Oxford Street on the following terms and conditions, viz. :—

That free of expense to him the Corporation make the road and footpath according to the specification of the Borough Surveyor in any and every part of the said street and the roads leading out of it and to release him and his successors for ever from any expense in respect of the carriage way and footpath so far as relates to any of his properties whether the street be declared a highway or not, and that the Corporation accept the title as conveyed to him, bear all expenses relating to the conveyance, pay him the clear sum of £50 on completion of the conveyance, and afterwards throw open the street and deliver the iron railings and plinth at his house, Cedar Lodge, as his property.

The above offer to be conditional that all arrangements can be made satisfactory to the Council and himself, and to remain open for one month from the 22nd inst. Resolved, That the Committee recommend the acceptance of the above terms, and that the necessary notices thereof be given for the monthly meeting of the Council in September.

22—Footpaths East Side of Henrietta Street and at Bath Terrace—The Borough Surveyor reported that the cost of carrying out the works ordered to be done to put in order these footpaths amounted respectively to £108 8s. 11d. and £85 9s. 9d., which sums he had apportioned, as regards the first mentioned amount to the Cheltenham Original Brewery Co. according to their frontage, and as regards the other amount between the several 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 upon the owners referred to.

23-Entrance Doors at Premises in Upper Park Street---The Borough Surveyor reported that at several premises in Upper Park Street there were entrance doors which opened outwards over the footway. Resolved, To instruct him to give notice to the owners requiring them to have the doors altered so as to open inwards within eight days from service of the notices.

24-Private Improvement Works in Queen's Retreat—The Borough Surveyor reported that the Manager of the Gas Co. had verbally objected to him to the amount apportioned to be paid by the Gas Co. in respect of these works, and that the time for giving formal objection had expired. Resolved, That the Council see no reason for the objection which cannot now be considered.

25-Tenders for Stoneware Pipes, Cement and Castings — The following tenders were received for supply of the above for the year ending 31st March next

STONEWARE PIPES.

George Skey & Co., Ltd., Tamworth	25 per cent. discount of Midland List		
Hosea Tugby & Co., Moira, near Ashby-de-la-Zouch	22 ½ “	“	“
Midland Stoneware Pipe Co., Ltd., Polesworth	33 ½ “	“	“
Doulton & Co., Lambeth	15 and 7 ½	“	“
H. R. Mansfield, Church Gresley	20	“	“
Gibbs and Canning, Ltd., Tamworth	27 ½	“	“

Resolved, That the tender of Messrs. Gibbs and Canning be accepted.

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CEMENT.

David T. Lansley, Gloucester and Cheltenham 46s 11d per ton.

Watts, Powell & Co., 37 and 38, Mark Lane London 38s “

Resolved, That neither tender be accepted, but that the Borough Surveyor be instructed to obtain the cement required from Penarth as hitherto at 36s 6d per ton.

CASTINGS.

	Gully Grates & Frames	Gully Grates only	Manhole and Frames	Manhole Covers only
	each	each	each	each
Hardy and Padmore Ltd Worcester	7s 9d	2s 10d	42s 3d	16s
Tingle Bros, Cinderford	7s 6d	2s 9d	39s 6d	-
	Per cwt	Per cwt	Per cwt	Per cwt
Teague, Chew and Fleming, Cinderford	9s 6d	9s 6d	9s 6d	9s 6d
	each	each	each	each
Edward White, Redditch	8s	3s	42 6d	-
A. and W. Longsdon, Poole	7s			
John Needham, Stockport	6s			
			Per cwt	
Meats and Co. Ltd. Cheltenham	8s 9d	4s 3d	38s 6d	6s 9d

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	Manhole Buckets galvanised sheet iron	Hydrant Covers	Stop Tap Boxes	Street Name Plates
	each	each	each	each
Hardy and Padmore Ltd Worcester	14s	6s 9d	2s 3d	3 ½ d
Tingle Bros, Cinderford	-	5s 6d	1s 9d	6d
Teague, Chew and Fleming, Cinderford	-	4s 6d	1s 9d	4d
Edward White, Redditch	45s	4s 3d	1s 3d	3d
A. and W. Longsdon, Poole	7s	4s 6d	1s 6d	3d
John Needham, Stockport	7s	4s 3d	1s 3d	3d
Meats and Co. Ltd. Cheltenham	23s 6d	4s 6d	1s 7d	7d

Resolved, That the tender of Mr. John Needham be accepted.

26—Building Plans-The Borough Surveyor laid before the Committee Notices and Plans which he had received from the following persons intending to erect new buildings, as follows, viz.:—

No. of Plan.	Name	Description.
1056	J. Warren.	Shop and House in Market Street.
1059	Westley & Co.	New shop front to their premises in Promenade Villas.
1060	Mrs. Chaplin.	Additions to No. 27, Ambrose Street.
1061	F. Wright.	Two houses in Gloucester Road.
1062	T. G. Smith.	Alterations to property in Providence Terrace.
1063	Jos. Bendall.	Addition to Prospect Villa, Shurdington Road.
1064	C. J. Davies.	New shop front in Suffolk Parade.

Resolved, That No. 1062 be disapproved, and that the other Plans mentioned be approved as shown.

S. B. DIX,

Chairman.

ELECTRIC TRAMWAYS COMMITTEE.

At a meeting of this Committee, held on Friday, the 8th day of July, 1898—Present : Aldermen Drew and Norman Councillors Bence, Cooper, Dix, Hayward, Macdonald, Margrett, Mills, and Steel (Alderman Norman in the chair)—

1-Chairman -Alderman Norman was appointed Chairman of this Committee.

2-Electric Tramways---Letters from Mr. R. Bickerdike, of Montreal, the Secretary of the Electric Works Co., the British Electric Traction Co., and Mr. Nevins, offering to construct and work a Light Railway, as regards the latter upon the same terms as his offer of last year, were read. Resolved, That the Committee go to Kidderminster on Wednesday next to inspect the line constructed by the British Electric Traction Co., now in work, and, time permitting, to Coventry also.

GEO. NORMAN, Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 25th day of July, 1898—Present : Alderman Norman ; Councillors Baker, Bence, Cooper, Dix, Hayward and Mills (Alderman Norman in the chair)-

3-Electric Tramways The Chairman reported that the following members of the Committee, accompanied by the Town Clerk, the borough Surveyor and the Electrical Engineer, viz., The Chairman, Councillors Baker, Bence, Cooper, Dix, Hayward, Macdonald, Margrett, Mills and Steel, went to Kidderminster on the 13th inst. to inspect the Electric Tramway of the British Electric Traction Co., and were much pleased with it. The Committee were received by the Town Clerk of Kidderminster in the absence of the mayor, by Mr. Raworth, one of the Directors of the Company, the Local Superintendent, and other officials of the Company, and the Committee desire to thank them for the attention shewn and the information given to the Committee.

Having regard to proceedings in this matter last year and the abortive result of them through no fault of Mr. Nevins, and the way in which he met the requirements of the then Committee, this Committee consider they can do no less than give him the preference in considering the several applications before them at the present time. Mr. Nevins in his letter proposes to adopt the agreement and arrangements come to last year prior to the hearing before the Light Railway Commissioners. The Committee propose to adopt the Provisional Order and clauses for insertion therein as settled last year and that a copy thereof be sent to Mr. Nevins for his approval, subject to the following alterations in and additions to the route then agreed on and as otherwise expressed in this minute, that is to say, one route to commence in the Gloucester Road at the Lansdown Castle, thence along the Gloucester Road to the Midland Railway Station, thence along the Queen's Road, Lansdown Place to the Gordon Lamp, thence round Queen's Parade and along Bayshill Road, crossing St. George's Road, and along St. George's Place and through St. James's Square to the Great Western Railway Station, thence through Manchester Street and Clarence Street to the High Street, crossing the High Street, along North Street into Albion Street by the Gas Company's Office. along Albion Street to Portland Street, along Portland Street to Wellington Road, along Wellington Road to Pittville Circus, thence along the Prestbury Road to the Borough Boundary, and so on to the Rising Sun on the Winchcombe Road.

Another route between the Midland Railway Station and the G.W. Railway to be along the Gloucester Road to Market Street, along Market Street and New Street to the junction therewith at The Knapp of the road from St. James's Square to The Knapp, along the said last mentioned road to St. James's Square, with the option of adopting both or either of the aforesaid routes as may be arranged with Mr. Nevins.

The Committee consider that whoever constructs an Electric Tramway should take the power from the Electric Lighting Station of the Corporation, and that the pitching or paving in the Borough which the Promoter has to lay down and maintain should be either of Australian or other hard wood blocks or of the MacDougall bricks as the Corporation may determine.

GEO. NORMAN, Chairman.

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting if this Committee held on Monday, the 11th day of July, 1898---Present : Alderman Norman ; Councillors Bence M. Davis, Margrett, and Gurney (Councillor Bence in the chair)

1—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 ; that 12 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 27.

2-Wells at Nos. 1a, 5 and 13, Swindon Street, Nos. 1 and 2, Hereford Cottages, Hanover Inn, Nos. 1, 2, 3, and 4, College Terrace, No. 1, Bickbury Cottages, No. 8, Clevecland Buildings, and No. 37, 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. 10 of the Public Health Act be taken to obtain Orders for these wells to be closed.

3-Dairies, Cowsheds, and Milkshops Order - An application to be registered as a Purveyor of Milk was received from Elizabeth Cooper, of Wentville, Shurdington Road. Resolved, To accede to the application subject to slight improvements required in trapping of the drains being first carried out to the satisfaction of the Medical Officer of Health.

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4-Cleansing and Limewashing at No. 40, Burton Street, No. 2, Newent Place, No. 46, Queen Street, No. 7, Townsend Place, No. 22, Clevecland Street, No. 1, College Terrace, and No 2, Hereford 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.

5-Nuisance from Drains, &c., at Oswald Villa, Swindon Road, Nos. 66 and 67, Rutland Street, and No. 8, Portland 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.

6—Insanitary Property at Nos. 66 and 67, Rutland Street, No. 22, Cleveland Street, and No. 10, Carlton 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 defective roofs, walls, floors, &c. 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, 1875, 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.

7--Pantile Row—The Medical Officer of Health presented a Report he had made at the request of the Mayor on the condition of the houses in Pantile Row, and the same was read.

8—Overcrowding at No. 7, 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, Notice under Sec. 94 of the Public Health Act be served on the owner and occupier thereof requiring them to abate the same.

9---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.

10-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.

11- Slaughterhouse in Prestbury Road-A letter was read from Mr. J. Page, the owner of the slaughterhouse in Prestbury Road, stating that it was now vacant, and suggesting that advantage should be taken of this to have it closed, as there would only be compensation to the owner to provide Resolved, That Mr. Page be asked to inform the Committee what amount of compensation he expects.

12-Conference of Sanitary Inspectors' Association—A letter was read from this Association asking the Council to send the Inspector of Nuisances to their Annual Meeting and Conference at Newcastle-upon-Tyne on August the 5th and 6th next Resolved, That as the Inspector is authorised to attend the Sanitary Institute Congress at Birmingham it will be unnecessary for him to attend the meeting at Newcastle.

13-Urinals without sufficient Water Supply-The Medical Officer of Health reported that Urinals at The Union Inn, Union Street, and Hanover Jun, Hanover Street, were so foul for want of water and other requirements as to be a nuisance and injurious to health. Resolved, That Notices under Section 94 of the Public Health Act, 1875, be served upon the owners or occupiers of the premises to abate the nuisances and to execute such works and do such things as may be necessary for that purpose.

14-Notices not compelled with -The Medical Officer of Health reported that Notices under Section 41 of the Public Health Act had been served upon the owners of Nos. 1 to 7, Linden Terrace to relay a common drain, &c., but owing to disagreement among themselves the notices had not been complied with, and the nuisance existing requires to be abated without delay. Resolved, That Notice be given to each owner that unless the work be done forthwith the Council will proceed to execute the work and recover the expense incurred by them in so doing in a summary manner as provided by the said section.

The Medical Officer of Health further reported that a Notice which had been served three months ago to provide a proper water supply to Nos. 38 and 39, Victoria Street, St. Paul's, had not been complied with. Resolved, To instruct the Town Clerk to take proceedings to compel compliance with the Notice.

15-Pollution of Wyman's Brook-A letter was read from Mr. R. Ticehurst, Clerk to the Cheltenham Rural District Council, stating that this matter has been and will continue to be under the observation and serious consideration of the Rural District Council, who had not up to that time been able to find that the Brook was in any way contaminated by the overflow of the pond in the field at Marle Hill lately belonging to Mr. Margrett. Resolved, That this Committee again urge the Town Improvement Committee to apply for such an extension of the Borough Boundary on the South side of the town as shall at least include the houses on Marle Hill and contiguous to Pittville and as far as the Oaklands on the Prestbury Road as the only satisfactory means of applying to these Urban Districts the sanitary control of the Borough.

16-Closing of Schools— With reference to a notification made to them by the Medical Officer of Health that he had recently ordered St. Peter's schools to be closed on account of the prevalence of Measles amongst the pupils, acting on behalf of the Sanitary Authority in pursuance of their general instructions, a letter from

the Local Government Board in reply was read stating that it did not appear to the Board that a Medical Officer of Health was entitled to act in the matter of school

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closure in the place of the Sanitary Authority, as Art. 88 of the Code of the Education Department contemplates that the action shall be taken by the Authority or by any two members thereof acting on the advice of the Medical Officer of A letter from the Town Clerk in reply was read referring the Board to the resolution of this Committee dated the 16th December, 1892, authorising the Medical Officer of Health to take action in the matter of excluding particular scholars, and that he reported to the Committee at the next meeting the action taken by him with regard to closing. The medical Officer of Health read a correspondence he had had with the Local Government Board on the subject. Resolved, That the Board be informed that in future the terms of the Memorandum of the Medical Department of the Board of date July, 1897, will be complied with.

17--Building Plans—The Borough Surveyor laid before the Committee the Plans of such new buildings necessitating drainage as were intended to come before the Street and Highway Committee for their consideration. Resolved. That the same be approved as shown so far as regards this Committee. Permission to connect with the town sewers in the case of Plan No. 1058 (Mrs. Gretton) being granted subject to the payment of the usual rate.

GEORGE BENCE,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, the 18th day of July, 1898 Present : Alderman Norma ; Bence, M. Davis, Gurney. Lenthall, and Waghorne (Councillor Bence in the chair)

18-Zymotic Disease—The Medical Officer of Health reported that there had been notified since the last meeting of the Committee, 5 cases of Scarlet Fever and 1 case of Puerperal 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 22.

19-Wells at Nos. 1, 3, and 4, St. Margaret's Parade, 26 and 27, Manchester Street, Shirley House Stables, Banbury House, Oswald Villa, Swindon Road—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.

20-Notices not Complied with—The Medical Officer of Health submitted a list of Notices which had not been complied with. Resolved, That the Town Clerk do take the necessary steps to compel compliance in each case.

21- Sewerage Loan—A letter from the Local Government Board was read with reference to the application to borrow £13,310 for the purposes of sewerage and sewage disposal, stating that the Board would direct an Inquiry to be held on the subject. including the propriety of the work intended to be executed outside the district to which objection had been made, and adding that it would be contrary to the practice of the Board to sanction a loan for works of ordinary repair.

22--Nuisance from Drains, &c., at No. 53, Union Street, Fairview—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 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--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, 1859, be given to the owners requiring them to provide the necessary- flushing apparatus, and to the occupiers to lay on a proper supply of water thereto. and that in default of compliance with such notices proceedings be taken for the penalties.

24--Houses without proper Ash Receptacles —The Medical Officer of Health handed in a list of houses which had no proper ashpits or ash receptacles. Resolved, That the necessary Notices be given to the respective Owners under Sec. 36 of the Public Health Act, 1875, and Sec. 27 of the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1889, requiring them in each case to provide a moveable ash receptacle of such size, pattern, and construction as may be approved by the Borough Surveyor on behalf of the Corporation.

25--Cleansing and Limewashing at 8, Upper Norwood Street, 85, Stanhope Street, 2, Elm Street, 1, Newent Place, 18, Marsh lane. 2, Parker's Cottages, and 47, 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.

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26--Bye-Laws as to Houses let in lodgings--With reference to Minute No. 17 of this Committee's proceedings of date the 10th January last, the Medical Officer of Health laid before the Committee the information he had obtained from other places on the subject of the proposed Bye-Laws for houses let in lodgings, which had been returned by the Local Government Board with suggested amendments in certain respects. The Medical Officer of Health also brought before the Committee the amendments he suggested should be made in the draft Bye-Laws. The Bye-Laws were gone through by the Committee and the draft amended and settled, Resolved, That the same as now settled be again forwarded to the Local Government Board.

27—Collection of Fish Offal, Fruit Refuse, &c. The Medical Officer of Health recommended that the Council should undertake the collection of fish offal, fruit and other refuse which is likely to become a nuisance if not frequently and regularly removed, either gratuitously or at a small charge to cover the expense of so doing. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor report as to what arrangements can be made with the tradesmen concerned in order to carry out the recommendation of the Medical Officer of Health.

28—Barn Farm--Mr. John Corbett, the tenant of this farm, attended this meeting of the Committee to complain that the pipe laid down at his request for the supply of sewage to Rule Meadow Patch was inefficient and did not supply the quantity of sewage he expected to get, and he therefore objected to pay the amount due from him under the agreement on the cost of laying down the pipe in question, but expressed his willingness to pay half of it. Resolved, That the further consideration of the matter be adjourned pending a report from the Borough Surveyor thereon.

29-Offensive Trades Bye-Laws-With reference to the Resolution to Minute No. 13 of this Committee's proceedings of date the 14th March last, a letter from the Local Government Board was read returning the sealed copy of the Bye-Laws for the regulation of Offensive Trades with a suggestion that a fresh print of them should be obtained and adopted by the Council embodying the alteration made by the Board in Clause 11 exempting a fellmonger from the obligation to empty his liming pit at least once every day, and stating that a fresh compliance with Section 184 of the Public Health Act, 1875, would be necessary before the Bye-Laws could be confirmed by the Board. A copy of a letter the Board had addressed to Mr. G. M. Davis on the subject of the Bye-Laws was also sent. Resolved, That the Byelaws with the alteration in Byelaw No. 11 mentioned by the Board be now adopted and made at the next meeting of the Council, and that the Town Clerk do take the necessary steps to obtain confirmation of the same.

30-Nuisance from Conveyance of Offal along Ham and Greenway Lanes-A letter was read from the Clerk to the Charlton Kings Urban District Council forwarding copy of a resolution of that authority instructing their Medical Officer of Health to interview the Medical Officer of Health for the Borough with a view to ascertaining if the Council will assist in preventing the nuisance arising from the conveyance of offal and other refuse along the Ham and Greenway Lanes, complaint as to which had been received by the Charlton Kings Urban District Council from Mr. J. S. Garrard, of Elmore, Ham Lane, during the hours prohibited under the power conferred by Section 73 of the Improvement Act of 1852. Resolved, To inform the Urban District Council that the Police and the Street Inspector will receive instructions to see that the regulations made under the power referred to are strictly complied with.

31-Compensation for Closing of Slaughterhouses The further consideration of these claims was adjourned until the next ordinary or a special meeting of the Committee.

32- Urinal, &c., in High Street opposite St. George's Square—The tenders sent in in response to the advertisement for the construction of the urinal and conveniences in High Street opposite St. George's Square were opened and found to be as follows :

A. C. and S. Billings	£441
C. Malvern and Son	£419

Resolved, That the tender of Messrs. C. Malvern and Son be accepted, subject to the sanction of the Local Government Board being obtained to the necessary loan and to a proper contract being entered into, and that application be made to the Local Government Board for sanction to a loan of £450 for the work proposed.

33-New Buildings—The Plans of such new buildings necessitating drainage as had been received by the Borough Surveyor were laid before this Committee. Resolved, That the same be approved with the exception of Plan No. 1062, sent in by Mr. T. G. Smith, which is disapproved.

GEORGE BENCE,

Chairman.

TOWN IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 18th day of July, 1898—Aldermen Drew and Winterbotham ; Councillors Bence, Cooper, Dix, Lenthall, Macdonald and Mills (Alderman Winterbotham in the chair).

1-Band Concerts by Band of Royal Horse Guards (Blue)—With reference to Minute No. 18 of the proceedings of this Committee at their last meeting, a letter was read from Mr. Cecil Barth stating that the 26th proximo had been booked for these concerts on the terms stated in this Committee's resolution, and that a programme would be sent in the course of a week or so.

Resolved, That the Concert Sub-Committee be authorised to advertise these concerts.

2-Concert Sub-Committee--Resolved, That with reference to Minute No. 12 of this Committee's proceedings of date the 24th November last, the " arrangements " there mentioned shall be deemed to include what advertising the Sub-Committee may consider necessary of the concerts given under their direction ; and that keys for the gates at the Montpellier Gardens be provided for the Concert Sub-Committee.

3- Band at Pittville on Sundays—A letter was read from Mrs. Dawson, of Aubervie, Pittville, hoping that the Band would on Sunday afternoons play lower down in the Gardens rather than at the Pump Room, as her house being so close to the Pump Room it was most disturbing.

Resolved, That Mrs. Dawson be informed that the Concert Sub-Committee will endeavour as far as possible to comply with her request.

4 Cheltenham Brass Band—A letter from Mr. C. E. Preston, the Conductor of the Cheltenham Brass Band, was read, stating that the Band in question were willing to play in Naunton Park once a week till the end of October for the sum of £5 5s. 0d. Resolved, That the offer be accepted, provided that the Band will play in addition at Pittville on August Bank Holiday, the date and length of the performance to be settled by the Concert Sub-Committee.

5-- Football at Montpellier—Letters were read from Miss Carnegie, Hon. Secretary to the Cheltenham Archery Club, and Mr. C. Burton, of Vittoria Lawn, protesting against the use of the Montpellier Gardens for football matches, the former on account of the damage to the archery ground, and the latter, as a resident in the vicinity of the Gardens, on account of the intolerable shouting and noise occasioned. Resolved, That the writers be informed that the arrangement with the Foot-ball Club is only for the present season, and it is understood that the Club will not thereafter require the Gardens.

6-Admission to Pittville Park—Letters were read from Mr. Archibald Gibbs, of 13, Gloucester Place, complaining that he had had to pay 4d. for the admission of himself and a lady friend to Pittville Park, at the Essex Lodge entrance, on Wednesday evening, the 6th instant, notwithstanding, as he alleged, that he previously informed the gatekeeper that he came to hear the Band, and he considered he should have been informed by the gatekeeper that the other gate behind Saxham was free. The Borough Surveyor reported that the gatekeeper's statement was that Mr. Gibbs said nothing about coming to hear the Band until after he had issued the tickets. Resolved, That the Committee think that the gatekeeper only did his duty, but that as some misapprehension might have arisen from the terms of the advertisement as to free admission the writer of the letters be returned the amount paid by him.

7--Angling at Pittville—A letter was read from Mr. H. W. Stubbin, Hon. Secretary and Treasurer of the Cheltenham Popular Angling Association, suggesting the issue of half-day fishing tickets for Pittville Park in £1 packets, two to equal a full day's fishing, a ticket to be available either from the opening of the Gardens until 1.30 p.m., or from the latter time until closing, the tickets to give free admittance to the Park. He also suggested that if this were done the money for any tickets unused at the end of the season should be refunded by the Corporation. He had no doubt that he would be able to place a few pounds' worth of tickets amongst the members of his Club alone. Resolved, That the Committee think that the better way would be for Mr. Stubbin to make an offer on behalf of his Association for free fishing by all its members, and if this is done the Committee will consider it.

8- -Street Shelters--Councillor Macdonald laid before the Committee a plan of suggested Street Shelters prepared by him. The subject having been discussed, Resolved, That the further consideration of it be adjourned.

9-Seats--Resolved, That half a dozen teats be placed in Lansdown Place Road.

10 --Road in Imperial Square—With reference to Minute No. 10 of this Committee's proceedings of date the 18th April last, Resolved, That tenders for the removal of the iron railing on the East side of the Winter Garden to its new position and the necessary additional fencing be advertised for.

11-Illustrated Railway Guides—A letter was read from Mr. H. R. Travis, on behalf of Messrs. Morton & Co., Limited, asking for a continuance of the advertisement of Cheltenham which appeared in five of their Illustrated Railway Guides last year, in two of them a view being also inserted. If the advertisements were continued for three years the price would only be double the price for a single year, that is to say, £10 per page for each Guide for the three years, payable at the commencement of the series. Resolved, That the advertisement be continued for three years in the same Guides as last year on the terms mentioned in Mr. Travis' letter, the letterpress to be subject to revision from time to time as required and a view of Cheltenham to be inserted in all the Guides advertised in.

12-Hours of Closing of Montpellier Gardens and Pittville Park—Resolved, That after this month the Montpellier Gardens and Pittville Park be closed at the hours at which cyclists have to light their lamps, except on the occasions of Illuminated Concerts or Fetes.

13-Supply of Refreshments at Montpellier Gardens----Resolved, That tenders for the right to supply refreshments in the Montpellier Gardens on the occasion of Band Concerts and other entertainments arranged by the Corporation during the ensuing 12 months be advertised for.

14--Pittville park--August Bank Holiday-- Resolved, That an offer made by Mr. E. Maisey to provide a Minstrel Entertainment at Pittville on August Bank Holiday for £5 be accepted.

15—Aquatic Display at Pittville Park-With reference to the resolution to Minute No. 6 of this Committee's proceedings of date the 22nd ultimo, the Cheltenham Polo Club applied for the use of the boats on the occasion of the Aquatic Entertainment to be given by them at Pittville Park on the afternoon and evening of August 10th. Resolved, That the use of the Marle Hill Annexe to Pittville Park and the boats be granted free to the Club on the afternoon and evening mentioned, subject to the Club undertaking to make good all

damage done to the boats and other property of the Corporation and to the sub-scribers to the Gardens being admitted free.

JAS. B. WINTERBOTHAM, Chairman

WATER COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Wednesday, the 20th day of July, 1898—Present : Councillors Bence, Baker, and LI. Davies (Councillor Bence in the chair)

1-Chairman—In the absence of Councillor Margrett, Councillor Bence was appointed Chairman at this Meeting.

2-Borough Engineer's Report-The Borough Engineer reported as follows :

On the 18th inst. the supply from Hewletts and Northfield was 108 gallons, the average for the last four years being 80 gallons per minute ; and the quantity of water in store at Hewletts and Leckhampton was 10,933,360 gallons.

On the 19th inst. the depth of water in Dowdeswell Reservoir was 26 feet 6 inches and the contents 71,403,323 gallons. which gave a total of 82,338,883 gallons, or about 82 days supply exclusive of the daily yield of the springs, which is now about 339,424 gallons.

In regard to the use of steam coal at Tewkesbury, he was experimenting with various coals which claimed to be smokeless, but was not yet in a position to report definitely as to what is best to be done.

Since the last monthly report there had been a further fall of the wall at Hewletts No. 3 Reservoir, but no general movement had yet taken place, but he was of opinion that the wall was originally too thin in proportion to its height.

An opportunity having arisen for obtaining a supply of sand, he had ordered 100 tons from Mr. Walker, of Tewkesbury, who has always supplied it in the past, and if on delivery of the first it proves to be equal to the report he had received of it he proposed to obtain an additional 50 tons, as it is frequently difficult to secure sand suitable for filtering purposes when required.

3-Agricultural and Horse Show—A letter was read from Captain Ryves, Secretary of the Cheltenham and East Gloucestershire Branch of the Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, stating that he was directed by his Committee to say that Mrs. C. E. Symonds, of Pengethly, Ross, had offered, as she did on the occasion of the Show in 1894, to defray all expenses if the Corporation would, as they did in 1894, supply water for cab-horses outside the Show Ground, and suggesting that a stand-pipe should be fixed to a water main at some convenient spot and a man placed in charge ; the drivers of carriages as required. Resolved, That the request be complied with.

4-Cattle Troughs Resolved, That the Borough Engineer be instructed to do what is necessary to keep the Street Cattle Troughs provided through the Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals in working order so that the water is not granted.

5-Illbgal user of Corporation Water---With reference to the report of the Borough Engineer in May last that Mr. Haslam, Cabinet Maker, St. James's Square, had obtained water for his use from the Fire Brigade Station

and the Central Depot, a letter from Mr. Haslam in reply to one from the Town Clerk was read stating that he was sorry to have given trouble, but that he could get what little water he required from the pump at the stables adjoining his workshop.

6-Water Supply to Hatherley Laundry, A letter was read from Colonel Thoyts, Chairman of the Directors of the Hatherley Laundry Company, alleging that there must have been some error in the meter readings for the quarter ending March last in respect to the water supply to the Laundry, as such a large increase, i.e., 148,000 gallons over the quarter in June, as cysts entered on the account sent in, could not possibly be due to anything connected with the working of the Laundry, and suggesting that payment should be made on the average of previous quarters. Resolved, That the further consideration of the matter be adjourned pending a report by the Borough Engineer as to the working of the meter and generally.

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7-Uniforms for Inspectors—The only tender sent in in response to the notice inviting tenders put up outside the Municipal Offices and at Sandford was opened and found to be as follows :—

T. S. Bastin and Sons, £2 3s. 0d. each for blue serge suits (including straw hats), £2 18s. 3d. each for pilot cloth suits (including gold-lettered caps). Resolved, That the tender of Messrs. T. S. Bastin and Sons for the supply of three blue surge suits (including straw hats) for the Inspectors at £2 3s. 0d. each be accepted.

8—Tenders for Supply of Cast-Iron Pipes--The tenders sent in in response to the advertisement for the supply of cast-iron pipes were opened as follows .—

		Per Ton			
		Straight		Special	
		£	s.	d.	£ s. d.
R. D. Wood & Co., Philadelphia, U.S.A.	3in.	5	12	6	9 5 0
					(ordinary)
R. D. Wood & Co., Philadelphia, U.S.A.	4in.	5	7	6	
R. D. Wood & Co., Philadelphia, U.S.A.	6in.	5	3	6	14 5 0
					(flanged)
The McNeal Pipe Foundry Co., Philadelphia, U.S.A.		5	8	0	
Robert McLaren & Co., Eglinton Foundry, Glasgow ..		6	12	6	12 0 0
Thomas Spittle, Limited, Newport (Mon.)		5	14	0	9 10 0

(1s extra at Tewkesbury)

(Will not accept clause as to penalty if not delivered as Per conditions. Pipes cast in green sand on inclined bed.)

Stanton Ironworks Co., Stanton-by-Dale, near Nottingham	3in.	£6 7 6	
“ “ “ “ “ “	4in.	£5 16 0	£9 10 0
“ “ “ “ “ “	6in.	£5 12 6	

(1s 8d extra at Tewkesbury.)

(In case Foundries stopped through strike, lock-out, or other unavoidable cause, Company not to be bound to deliver during continuance of same.)

Resolved, That the tender of the Stanton Ironworks Co., Limited. for the supply of about 140 tons of cast-iron pipes and castings be accepted, and that. the Town Clerk do prepare a contract accordingly

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

GEORGE BENCE,

Chairman.

LIGHTING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, the 14th day of July, 1898—Present : The Mayor ; Alderman Norman ; Councillors Baker, Cooper, Dix, Steel and Waghorne (Alderman Norman in the chair)—

1-- Borough Electrical Engineer—The Chairman reported that the Borough Electrical Engineer was in view of an appointment at Bournemouth, which would be made on Monday next, and carried a commencing salary of £400 per annum, and that it was almost certain that he would obtain the appointment if he would accept the same. He was, however, willing to remain in his present position if he had an immediate increase to £350 per annum and a further increase of £50 in a year's time from now. Resolved, That the salary of the Borough Electrical Engineer, which is at present £300, be increased at once to £350 and in July next to £400 per annum on his undertaking to remain with the Corporation if required until July, 1900.

GEO. NORMAN, Chairman.

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At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, the 25th day of July, 1898 Present : Alderman Norman ; Councillors Baker, Cooper, Dix and Margrett (Alderman Norman in the chair).

2,Electrical inspector's Report-The Electrical 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.
July 7th	100 Volts	103.6 Volts.
" 21st	"	103.6 "
	Average	103.6 "

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

	ILLUMINATING POWER.		PURITY—SULPHUR.
	1898.		Grains per 100 cubic ft.
July 7th ..	16.40 candles	July 7th & 8 th	15.94
"21st . .	<u>15.80</u>		
Average..	16.10		

Resolved, That the attention of the Gas Company be called to the large quantity of sulphur reported.

4—Gas Inspector's Report—The Gas Inspector reported that the hourly average consumption of Gas per lamp during the previous month had been 4.259 cubic feet.

5- --Lamp Book – This Book was produced and examined. Lamps extinguished, 10 metered, 7 unmetered ; and 13 burning dimly. Resolved, That the Gas Company's attention be called to the large number of lamps reported extinguished or burning dimly.

6-Rucker's Patent—A letter of date the 14th instant, from Messrs. Hind & Robinson, of No. 8, Stone Buildings, Lincoln's Inn, Solicitors of Mr. Martin D. Rucker, the Proprietor of Letters Patent, No. 3379, of the year 1885, being an invention for improvements in distributing Electricity and apparatus therefor, calling attention to the fact (as alleged) that the Corporation are now and have for some time past been infringing such Letters Patent, and requiring payment of damages for past unauthorised user of the Patent, and an undertaking to cease using the same until the Corporation have obtained a license from him, was read, with a reply thereto from the Town Clerk, and a further letter from Messrs. Hind & Robinson enclosing copy of a paragraph containing particulars of breaches of the Patent delivered in an action brought against an alleged infringer of the Patent, understood to be the London Electric Supply Association. Resolved, That this being a matter in which probably all other Companies and Corporations using the high pressure alternating current system are interested, the Committee be empowered if any action by way of combination or otherwise is necessary to be taken before the monthly meeting of the Council in September, to take it, and that the Chairman, the Town Clerk, and the Electrical Engineer be requested to obtain further information on the subject.

7-- Electrical Engineer's Report-The Electrical Engineer reported that all work had continued to progress satisfactorily during the month, and that the London Road arc lamps would be tried the following night.

He had obtained and now submitted tenders from a considerable number of firms for the supply of arc lamp carbons during the 12 months commencing on the 1st prox. Samples had been sent for trial by the firms tendering, and it would take a week or two to test these, and as it would be necessary to order carbons as soon as the tests had been completed he suggested that the Committee should authorize him to accept whichever proved the most satisfactory as regards quality and price.

He had received a quotation from Messrs. Siemens for replacing one of the small alternators by a direct current dynamo (suitable for charging the accumulators, exciting the large alternators and driving the Works motors) at a cost of £200. As the engine was in his opinion large enough to drive a dynamo nearly one-third larger than the quotation was for he had requested Messrs. Siemens to look into the matter and furnish another quotation. For a dynamo of suitable size fixed in place of No. 1 Alternator, the foundations being altered as required, and complete with switchboard panel and regulating gear the cost would be about £400 to £450, and he strongly recommended that this be authorized at once. Resolved, That the Report be approved and the recommendations therein adopted, the Chairman and the Electrical Engineer to decide upon the tenders for the supply of carbons.

8-Electrical Engineer's Assistants— Resolved, That the length of notice to be given by and to the Assistants of the Electrical Engineer to terminate their engagement be one month, and that they be so informed.

9- Electrical Engineer-With reference to Minute No. 1 of this Committee's proceedings of date the 14th instant, a letter was read from Mr. Kilgour, accepting the terms of the Committee's Resolution of that date and undertaking accordingly and expressing his appreciation of the action of the Committee.

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10- Salary of Chief Assistant to the Electrical Engineer A Letter was read from Mr. H. E. Soper, Chief Assistant to the Electrical Engineer, applying for an increase in his salary from £130 to £156 per annum, and stating that when he applied about twelve months ago and obtained an increase of £26 per annum he understood that the further increase now applied for was only postponed for about six months. Resolved, That the application be acceded to, Mr. Soper's salary to be £16 per annum from the present time, as promised last year.

11-Proposed Electrical Exhibition—A Letter was read from Mr. W. A. Cowie, of Great Malvern, proposing the holding of an Electrical and Allied Trades Exhibition in the Winter Garden in this town, about the end of November, provided the Winter Garden could be secured at a reasonable figure, and guaranteeing to set aside a certain part of the profits for local charities. Resolved, That the Chairman do make enquiries in the matter and that pending this the further consideration be adjourned.

12-Damage to Electric Light Cable—The Borough Surveyor reported that Mr. R. R. Skemp, of Great Norwood Street, had, without having given proper notice of his intention so to do, made an opening in the road and footpath opposite No. 13, Lansdown Parade for the purpose of laying a drain and had damaged the cover of the electric light cable there. A letter was read from Mr. Skemp, in reply to one from the Borough Surveyor calling his attention to the matter, stating that the notice was sent, if not delivered, before the work was commenced, and that as it was in pursuance of a notice from the Health Department he had hardly thought a notice of intention to open necessary, but sent it to be on the safe side. Resolved, That the Town Clerk do write to Mr. Skemp and inform him that if the proper notice is not given by him on any future occasion proceedings will be taken against him without further notice.

13 –Obstruction to Light from Trees in London Road and Promenade—Resolved, To call the attention of the Street and Highway Committee to the obstruction to the light from the arc lamps caused by the trees in the London Road and Promenade, and to request them to have such lopping done as may be necessary to prevent this obstruction.

GEO. NORMAN,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Thursday, the 28th day of July, 1898 –Present : Alderman Norman; Councillors Baker, Cooper and Dix (Alderman Norman in the chair)

14-Rucker's Patent—The Chairman reported that he, with the Town Clerk, and the Electrical Engineer, attended a Meeting in London, on Wednesday, of Representatives of Electrical Companies and Municipalities using the alternating system, convened by the Managing Director of the London Electric Supply Corporation, Mr. Bain, against whose Company an action had already been commenced, at which meeting it was suggested that a Committee consisting of four Representatives of the Companies, and four to be appointed by the Municipal Electrical Association should be formed to enquire as to the validity of the patent, to retain Counsel, and supervise the conduct of the defence to Mr. Rucker's action, should it be decided to defend it ;

that a fund be raised to defray the costs of enquiry, or of defending the action, and any action or actions that might hereafter be brought against any of the subscribers to the fund, and that the contributions to the said fund be based on the gross revenue of the subscribers. A Resolution was passed approving in general terms of an agreement being come to on the basis of the foregoing, but without pledging any Corporation or Company to the scheme, and the further consideration of the matter was adjourned to enable the representatives of the Municipalities present who had not authority to agree, to bring the subject before their respective Councils. Resolved, That the Chairman, the Town Clerk, and the Electrical Engineer do attend the meeting of the Municipal Electrical Association, on the 5th August, with power to concur in the aforesaid scheme or any similar scheme that may be formulated for the combination of the sub-scribers in the matter.

15-Lighting of Queen's Road and Lansdown Place Road—The Borough Surveyor submitted a plan showing the proposed positions of the Electric lamps in the Queen's Road and Lansdown Place Road. Resolved, That the same be approved.

GEO. NORMAN,

Chairman.

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GENERAL PURPOSES AND WATCH COMMITTEE.

At a meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, the 19th day of July, 1898--Present : Councillors Bence, Hayward, Margrett and M. Davis (Councillor Bence in the chair),

1—Chairman—In the absence of the Mayor, Councillor Bence was appointed Chairman at this Meeting.

2—Diseases of Animals Acts —Superintendent Hopkins reported that the Borough was entirely free from contagious disease amongst animals.

3--Agricultural and Horse Show---The Superintendent of Police called attention to the desirability of making some regulations as to traffic to and from the Agricultural and Horse Show to be held this month at Charlton Park, and submitted for the approval of the Committee the regulations he had drawn. Resolved, That the same be approved, and notice thereof be printed and posted.

4—Fire Brigade—The Superintendent of the Fire Brigade reported that the Brigade had been called out to a fire at Staverton on the 9th instant. The roof of one of a row of thatched houses, adjoining a rickyard owned by Mr. S. Cook, was alight. Estimated damage £5. Cause not apparent. The fire was practically extinguished by the neighbours, without much aid by the Brigade. The account for the expenses of the Brigade (£7 12s. 0d.) had been sent in to the owner. The Superintendent further reported that all extinction expenses, except in respect of the fire reported this month, had been fully paid.

5-Cricket Week—A letter was read from Councillor Bence, suggesting that during the Cricket Week the whole of the Montpellier Gardens should be illuminated each evening with fairy lamps, and the Band Stand there with the Electric Light, and that the Town Band, augmented for the occasion, shall play there each evening during the week from 7 to 10.30 o'clock, and that Mr. Gilding and others should be engaged as vocalists for such evenings. He estimated that the cost of what he pro-posed would be about £30, but that the greater part, if not the whole of this sum, would be taken in entrance fees. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to carry out the suggestions made in the letter at a cost not exceeding £30.

6—Hackney Carriage Drivers' Licenses—Applications for Hackney Carriage Drivers' Licenses were received from Frank Roebuck, of 18, Sydney Street ; John Williams, of 2, Portland Place ; William James Stoate, of 28, Millbrook Street ; Henry Osborne, of 2, Tinkler's Passage ; Thomas Henry Nicholls, 14, Witcomb Mace ; Fred Newman, of 24, Swindon Place ; William Lewis, of 12, Commercial Street ; and Albert Thomas Long. of 25, Brunswick street. Resolved, That the applications be acceded to.

7—Hackney Carriages—Letters were read from Frederick Jones, of Portland Mews, and Samuel Marsh, of No. 27, Worcester Street, applying for special Hackney Carriage Licenses for the occasion of the Horse and Agricultural Show this month. Resolved, That the applicants be informed that no special licenses will be issued for the days referred to.

A letter from Mrs. Mansell, of the Swan Hotel, applying for a transfer of License No. 70, from a closed to an open carriage, was read. Resolved, That the request be granted.

A letter from John Morgan, of 28, Mountpleasant, was read, with reference to his previous applications for a Hackney Carriage License. Resolved, That the applicant be informed that there is no vacancy.

Hackney Carriage License No. 23—With reference to the Resolution to the first paragraph of Minute No. 4 of this Committee's proceedings at their meeting on the 21st ulto., referred back to the Committee by the Council, the Street Inspector having reported that Mr. Jeanes had undertaken to renew the fittings of the carriage in question, Resolved, That the license be issued on condition that this will be done.

A letter from Thomas Eager of Tidmington Stables, Pittville, was read, stating that he found that his Pony No. 109 passed at the last inspection, turned over when loaded, the body of the carriage being too large for the underwork, and applying for the transfer of the license to another carriage. The latter having been inspected by a member of the Committee and the Inspector, and found satisfactory. Resolved, That the transfer be made.

8—Market Tolls—A letter was read from Mr. Young, suggesting that some other arrangement than the present for the collection of the Market Tolls and the charge of the Market should be made, on the ground that the commission hitherto received by him will be considerably reduced in consequence of the scale of tolls now in force, and the charge of the Market had frequently interfered and clashed with his other duties, and in consequence the Market had been left in the charge of persons totally unconnected with the Council. Resolved, That the further consideration of the letter be adjourned to the next monthly meeting of the Committee.

9-Town Cleric's Leave of Absence. The Town Clerk having applied for leave of absence, Resolved, That six weeks leave of absence be granted him.

10-Byelaws as to Whirligigs, Roundabouts, &c.—The Town Clerk submitted the draft of Byelaws dealing with whirligigs, roundabouts, &c., and other matters under Section 23 of the Municipal Corporations Act, 1882. Resolved, That the further consideration of the Byelaws be adjourned.

11-Game License—With reference to the last Resolution to Minute No. 6 of this Committee's proceedings of date the 21st ulto., the Report of the Medical Officer of Health on Mr. Steptoe's premises, No. 18, Winchcomb Street, was read and considered. Resolved, That the application of Mr. Steptoe for a License to deal in game at the premises in question be acceded to.

12 —Renovation of Basement of Municipal Offices--The Tenders sent in in response to the advertisement as to the renovation of the Municipal Offices were opened, and found to be It as follows

Edwin Capper & Son, Moorend Crescent
Eggleton & Co., Tewkesbury Road ..
Stone & Co., Regent Street

Resolved, That Messrs. Stone & Co.'s Tender be accepted.

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13-Employees' Accident Insurance—The Town Clerk laid before the Committee the quotations he had received from Insurance Offices in response to the circular now read to the Committee, sent out by him, as follows :

Office.	Rate per cent. of Wages paid.
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Ocean, Accident &. Guarantee Corporation, Ltd.	9s 6d (Clerical Staff 4s)
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Lancashire Insurance Company (Young & Gilling, Agents) (Lewis Vizard, Agent) (W. Fitzroy Fowles, Agent)	5s all round ; or as follows Electrical Staff 10s, Clerical 3s 6d, Others 5s-
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Employees' Liability Assurance Corporation—(Engall, Cox & Co., Agents)	17s 6d
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Fine Art & General Insurance Company, Ltd. Electric Lighting Department	*45s, Others *15s 9d
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*Letter gives particulars of profit sharing scheme, &c.

Law Accident Insurance Society, Ltd. Fire Brigade	30s, Clerical Staff 5s, Others 17s 6d (Salaries above £100 to be charged on £100 only.)
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General Accident Assurance Corporation	10s, Clerical Staff 4s
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Accident Insurance Company, Ltd.—(W. W. Moore, Agent)	12s 6d
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London Guarantee & Accident Company, Ltd	16s 8d, Clerical Staff 5s
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Equitable Fire & Accident Office—(W. H. Horsley, Agent)	7s 6d
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Resolved, That the offer of the Lancashire Insurance Company (per Mr. Lewis Vizard, agent) at 5s per cent. all round be accepted, subject to the Town Clerk being satisfied of the ability of the Company to undertake the risk, and with the terms of the policy to be issued by them.

Also Resolved, That the Finance Committee be asked to consider the question of the advisability of the Corporation under-taking their own insurance, both hire and accident.

GEORGE BENCE, Chairman.

BATHS AND RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 28th day of July, 1898—Present : Alderman Drew ; Councillors Baker, E. Ll. Davies, Hayward, Lenthall, and Mills (Councillor Mills in the chair)—

1-Alstone Bath-The Borough Surveyor reported that the number of bathers for the season up to and including the 13th inst., exclusive of ticket holders, had been 8,570 (including Gordon Boys), the total amount received being £86 14s. 1d.

2--Town Association Football Club-A letter was read from Mr. A. C. White, the Hon. Secretary of the Cheltenham Town Association Football Club, applying for permission to use the Agg-Gardner Recreation Ground for Football during the coming season as in former years (that is to say, on Saturday afternoons for about 1 ½ hours). Resolved, That the application be acceded to.

3-Fatal Accident at Alstone Swimming Bath--A letter was read from Mr. H. Pryer, a brother of the deceased lad, Fred Pryer, stating that £180 was but poor compensation for the loss of his brother, but that he was sure his parents would accept it. The matter having been further considered by the Committee, Resolved, That the further consideration be adjourned.

GEO. H. MILLS,

Chairman.

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At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, the 21st day of July, 1898—Present: Councillors Baker, LI. Davies, Harward, Lenthall, and Mills (Councillor Mills in the chair) -

4- Caretaker, Alstone Swimming Bath —A letter from Mr. Hart, resigning his position as Caretaker at this Bath, was read. Resolved, That his resignation be accepted as from the 2nd proximo, and that the Borough Surveyor be instructed to make arrangements for performance of the duties of Caretaker at the Bath after that date until Hart's successor is appointed. Resolved, That applicants for the vacant post be advertised for.

5—Caretaker's Lodge, Agg-Gardner Recreation Ground—A letter was read from the Caretaker of the Agg-Gardner Recreation Ground, asking that the kitchen and back places at the Lodge should be painted and coloured out, it not having been painted since the Lodge was built. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor do give instructions for the work to be done.

GEO. H. MILLS, Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Thursday, the 28th day of July, 1898 Present : Alderman Drew ; Councillors Baker, Hayward and Mills. (Councillor Mills in the chair).

6 Alstone Bath Accident—Pryer— The question of the claim made in this case was again considered, and adjourned for further consideration.

7-St. Paul's Old Boys' Football Club—A letter from the Hon. Secretary of this Football Club, asking for the same permission to play at the Agg-Gardner Recreation Ground as was granted last year, during the ensuing season, was read. Resolved, That the same be accorded.

GEO. H. MILLS,

Chairman

BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Friday, the 22nd day of July, 1898 Present : Alderman Haddon ; Councillors Baker and Cypher (Alderman Haddon in the chair)—

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

2 - Superintendent's Report—The Superintendent reported that the front Entrance Gates at the Cemetery required painting, and that another gardener's barrow was required, there being only one at present. He also drew the attention of the Committee to some of the designs sent in which he thought were too heavy for erection over grave spaces. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor do have the front entrance gates painted and order two wheelbarrows for use at the Cemetery.

3-Designs—The following designs were examined and allowed, viz. :—Monuments to Thomas Grier, Charles Childe ; Headstones to Ruth Davis, William John Kirkpatrick, Robert and Emily Everitt, Louisa Stratton, Robert and Sophia Nott, F. Brice, George William Errington, John Lusty. A design submitted for a Headstone to Henry Crooke was not approved, the proposed height being greater than is allowed by the Rules.

Accounts The following Accounts were examined and allowed :—

G. C. Pratley, Wages Account	£15 19 6
Prestbury Tithe Rent Charge	£ 5 16 7
T. W. Harvey, Ironmonger ..	£ 0 8 0

JOHN HADDON, Chairman.

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FINANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 26th day of July, 1898—Present ; Councillors Gurney and Hayward. There being no quorum present no business could be transacted.

E. T. BRYDGES,

Town Clerk.

PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 19th day of July, 1898—Present : Alderman Skillicorne; Councillors Hayward and E. Ll. Davies ; Rev. J. Mugliston, Capt. Welch; Messrs. T. Whittard, W. Cresswell, and Evan Butler (Councillor Hayward in the chair)—

1- Librarian's Report—The usual Monthly Report of the Librarian was read. Receipts £7 4s. 5d. He reported that there had been an increase in the issues from the Lending and Reference Departments of 27 and 3 per day respectively when compared with the corresponding month last year, and that the following gifts had been made to the Library during the past month, viz. :—

Agent-General for Queensland Agent-General for British Columbia Incorporated Society of Musicians
University Correspondence College Annual Reports from several Public Libraries.

2-Sub-Committee's Report—The Sub-Committee reported as follows, recommending:—

That the list of New Books submitted by the Librarian be purchased for about £ 14. That a Library Sign-Writer be obtained at a cost of 22s 6d. That the following accounts examined by them be allowed :—

Agent-General for Queensland		1 volume
Agent-General for British Columbia		1 “
Incorporated Society of Musicians		1 “
University Correspondence College		1 “
Annual Reports from several Public Libraries.		
2-Sub-Committee's Report—The Sub-Committee reported as follows, recommending:—		
That the list of New Books submitted by the Librarian be purchased for about £14.		
That a Library Sign-Writer be obtained at a cost of 22s 6d.		
That the following accounts examined by them be allowed :—		
W. Jones, Wages Account	£18 4 0	
„ Subscription to Library Association for 1898	£ 1 1 0	
Westley and Co., Books	£ 6 17 0	
Newspapers and Magazines	£16 1 6	
Newspapers (Leckhampton)	£1 12 8	
J. J. Banks, Books	£0 10 6	
H. R. Hill, Books	£1 18 0	
A. Page, Repairs	£0 6 3	
Electric Light Department, Electric Energy	£12 0 0	
Bryant & Co., Caretaker's Uniform	£1 10 9	

The Sub-Committee also reported that they had had before them George Harry Fern, who had, as reported last month, mutilated the copy of the Cheltenham Mercury in the Newspaper Room, and that as he had admitted the offence and been reprimanded by the Chairman they recommended that in this case no further action be taken. Resolved, That the recommendations of the Sub-Committee be approved and adopted.

CHARLES HAYWARD,

Chairman.

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, the 27th day of July, 1898—Present : Alderman Haddon ; Councillors, LI. Davies and Mills (Councillor LI. Davies in the chair

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

2-Attendance Officers' Report—The Monthly Report of the Attendance Officers was read, from which it appeared that duplicate registers had been received from 41 schools, from which 637 names of absentee

children had been extracted, all of whom had been visited. They also reported that the parents of 67 children had been summoned to attend before the Local Committees who had held 5 meetings. That 5 parents had been prosecuted ; that 2 were fined, and Attendance Orders were made against 3, and distress warrants had been issued against 6 parents, 3 of whom had paid, the others being reported as having no effects.

3--Local Committees—The Minute Books of the several Local Committees were gone through and examined. Resolved, That proceedings under the Byelaws be taken against the parents of the following children, viz :— Arthur Hooper, William Worthing, Edith Slatter, Walter Neal, Wilfred Davis and Thomas Ward, and That proceedings under Sec. 11 of the Act of 1876, be taken against the parents of Percy Matthey for an Attendance Order.

4-Alleged Illegal Employment—A letter from Mr. C. Hayward, of the British Schools, was read, calling attention to the fact that Mr. Jackson, Greengrocer, Clarence Street, kept a boy named William Shipway away from School during the whole of a Tuesday afternoon, by employing him on errands. The Attendance Officer reported that he had employed the boy between the hours of 12.30 and 1.30 p.m. and after 4.30 p.m., that on the day in question he had sent the boy on a short journey and he did not return, and that Mr. Jackson had undertaken to dismiss the boy from his employment. Resolved, That as Mr. Jackson does not appear to have been wilfully in default, no proceedings be taken against him.

E. LL. DAVIES,

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 5th day of September, 1898.

STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 8th day of August, 1898 Present : Alderman Haddon ; Councillors Baker, Bence, Cypher and Dix, (Councillor Baker in the chair)

1-Chairman - A letter was read from Councillor Baker expressing his gratification at the resolution passed by the Council, which he concluded was intended as a vote of confidence in the way he had acted as Chairman of the Committee, and withdrawing his resignation.

2-Henrietta Street Improvement—Resolved, To proceed at once with the formation of the carriage way.

3-Hatherley Road Footpath—A letter from Lieut.-Colonel Cumming, of Coulter, was read, stating that the Owners of property abutting upon this footpath did not wish to have it asphalted, kerbed and channelled, &c., but only to have it dressed with blue gravel, but if the Council insisted upon the notices being carried out against their wishes, he must protest against his being called upon to do the work to the path further than to his second back entrance gate, as he considered it quite un-necessary as regards the portion of it running co-extensive with his field. Resolved, That the Council see no sufficient reason to alter their resolution.

4-Footpath South side of Montpellier Gardens—Resolved, That this footpath be channelled and kerbed in a manner similar to the path in front of Spa Buildings, and that the resolution to Minute No. 26 of the proceedings of this Committee of the 27th of May last, that the Borough Surveyor be instructed to form a grass verge be varied accordingly.

5- Building Plans—The Borough Surveyor laid before the Committee the following Plans for erection of new buildings, &C., viz.:-

No. of Plan.	Name	Description.
1065	Original Brewery Company	Additions to the Malvern Inn, Leckhampton Road.
1066	Mr. Hellings	Addition to No. 2, Segrave Villas.
1067	Colonel Rogers, Officer Commanding Royal Engineer Volunteers	Armoury and Store Shed at Drill Hall, Swindon Road.
1068	Miss Pearce	Additions to Hayes Lodge, Sydenham Road.

Resolved That No. 1068 be disapproved, and that as regards matters within the jurisdiction of this Committee the other Plans mentioned be approved as shown.

WILLIAM A. BAKER,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, the 29th day of August, 1898—Present : Councillors Baker, Bence, cypher, M. Davis, Dix and Margrett (Councillor Baker in the chair)

6-The View-The following members attended the View Meeting on the previous Friday, viz., Councillors Baker, Cypher, Davis and Margrett.

7-Street Projections-- The Street Inspector reported that at the premises of the London Meat Supply Co., Westall Buildings, Bath Road, a gas rail had been fixed by Messrs. Moore & Son, projecting in front of the premises 14 inches. A letter from Messrs. A. C. & S. Billings was read, asking the Committee to allow a show shelf projecting 10 inches outside the premises at No. 4, Winchcomb Place to remain. Also one from Mr. T. Harvey, of 192, High Street, asking permission to remove his padlock sign from 192, High Street to No. 180. Also one from Mr. J. E. Causier, of 80, Winchcomb Street, asking permission to place out a small dyers' sign from his premises. Resolved, That the sign at the premises of the London Meat Supply in the Bath Road having been fixed without the permission of the Committee having been first obtained must be removed ; that the application of Messrs. Billings be acceded to ; that the application of Mr. Harvey be refused, and that the application of Mr. Causier be acceded to subject to the regulations as to height, &c., being complied with.

8-Opening of Roads—Resolved, That consideration of the draft Regulations as to opening the roads, &c., be adjourned, and that in the meantime a copy of the Borough Surveyor's Report be sent to each member of the Council who has not already had one.

9-Henrietta, Sherborne, Rosehill and Upper Park Streets— A letter from the Local Government Board, was read, stating that if the sanction to borrow £982 for the improvements of Sherborne, Rosehill, and Upper Park Streets issued on the 4th of March had not been acted upon, the Board would issue a sanction for £1,265 for a period of 13 years so to include the additional £283 required for the improvement of Henrietta Street, to which the Town Clerk had replied, pointing out that the sanction to borrow the £982 was for 16 years, and the improvement of Henrietta Street was if anything of a more permanent and substantial a character than the others mentioned, and he could not understand why the addition of the amount required for Henrietta Street to the amount to be sanctioned should cause the Board to reduce the term for repayment from 16 to 13 years, but suggesting that the Council would be satisfied if the period for repayment of the entire loan were fixed at 15 years. A further letter from the Board in reply, was read, stating that they had decided to allow a period of 15 years for the repayment of the entire sum of £1,265. Resolved, That the action of the Town Clerk be approved.

10-Borough Surveyor's Report re Highways The Borough Surveyor reported that the work done by the Highways Department from the 23rd July to the 26th August, 1898, both inclusive, had been as follows :

Repaired with Clee Hill-Bath Terrace 720 super yards, Malvern street 467 super yards.

Patching—Hewlett Road, Gloucester Road, All Saints Road, Park Place, Albion Street, Hewlett Street, Lansdown Place, Sherborne Street, High Street, Queen's Road, Royal Well Lane, New Street, Evesham Road, St. Paul's Road, Hale's Road, Ambrose Street, Bath Road, Leckhampton Road, Norwood Road, The Park, Shurdington Road, Tivoli Road, Suffolk Square, Painswick Road.

Patched with Wickwar---Mill Lane, College Road.

The footpath on the east side of All Saints Road had been repaired with gravel.

Private Improvements—Bath Parade finished. Henrietta Street Improvement proceeding.

Paving, Kerbing, Crossing and Channelling—Hungerford Street, Brunswick Street, High Street, Henrietta Street, Winchcomb Street, Swindon Road, Lansdown Place, Albion Street, Bath Street, Suffolk Road, Bayshill Road, Mill Lane, College Road, Spa Road, Douro Road, Hewlett Street, Glenfall Street, Bath Street.

The footpath in Gloucester Road from Church Road to the lane leading to Hillfield had been relaid with concrete slabs.

Trees had been pruned in the following Roads :—Promenade, High Street, Leamington Place, Hewlett Road, Rodney Road, Parabola Road.

He recommended that Hungerford Street, Hanover Street, Victoria Street, and Albert Street, St. Paul's, be re-coated forthwith.

A new gully had been built in College Road.

Ashes Collected—Van loads 979. Consumed at the Destructor 884 tons, 4 cwt., 1 qr.

Resolved That the Report be approved and the recommendation of the Borough Surveyor adopted.

11-Flooding of No. 14, Henrietta Street—A letter from Mr. Geo. Bradfield was read, complaining that in consequence of the removal of the channelling in Henrietta Street as far as his house preparatory to the new

channelling being laid down, the storm water arising from the heavy rain on the evening of the 12th inst. had run down the excavation and being checked opposite his house found its way under the paving into his house and flooded the basement a foot deep doing considerable damage, for which he asked the Council to recompense him. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be authorised on behalf of the Council to pay to Mr. Bradfield such compensation as the Borough Surveyor may consider

A further letter from Mr. Bradfield was read, urging the necessity of pushing on as rapidly as possible with the paving of the street, as the abutting houses had been nearly flooded again.

12-Flooding of Premises of Mr. Strang In Spa Road—A letter was read from Mr. Strang, complaining of loss having been Occasioned to him by the storm water overflowing from the road gully in Spa Road into his premises, causing damage to the extent of £5, which amount he considered himself entitled to claim as compensation from the Council. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have the crossing in the footpath raised to prevent the flow of water from the gully into Mr. Strang's premises, and to have the necessary alterations made to his entrance doors.

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13-Overtime Work on Improvement of Rosehill Street—A letter was read from Mr. J. W. Betteridge, Secretary of the Amalgamated Society of Gasworkers, Brickmakers, and General Labourers, stating that the men employed by Messrs. Packer and Griffin on this work were being employed overtime, and that they considered it desirable that public work should be done by the Council themselves, also enquiring what the Committee consider should be the standard rate of wages to be paid on this particular work. Resolved, To inform the writer that the standard rate of wages to be paid by all contractors for the Corporation is the standard rate for the time being adopted within the Borough, and that the Council cannot interfere with the employment of men overtime.

14-Sydonham Road, North—A memorial from Mr. J. F. Claridge and to other residents in the neighbourhood was read, requesting the Council to declare this road a highway as considerable repairs had been done by the abutting owners in compliance with notice from the Council, and it was used much more by the general public than by the owners and occupiers of the property abutting upon it. Resolved, That consideration of the question of taking over all the Sydenham Roads as highways be adjourned until the next meeting of the Committee, that the Borough Surveyor be instructed to then report as to the position of affairs with regard to work ordered to be done by the abutting owners and service of notices, &c., and that as Mr. Webb was unable to meet the Committee when they went to view on the previous Friday, he be again invited to meet them at the next Monthly View Meeting.

15 -Folly Lane Private Improvement Works —A letter from Mr. E. L. Baylis was read, with which he enclosed a cheque for £93 12s., being, as he alleged, the sum claimed from the executors of the late Mr Jas. Leighton, less the amount which would have to be refunded to them by the Council on an adjustment between contributors under the Award made in pursuance of the Cheltenham Enclosure Act, 1801. Resolved, That the cheque be returned to Mr. Baylis with an intimation that the full amount claimed, viz., £99 16s. 10d., with £6 15s 10d. for interest, must be paid as a condition precedent to consideration by the Committee as to whether or not the Council are liable to make any contribution under the Award referred to.

16-Private Improvement Works, Beckingsale's Passage—A letter from Mrs. Jane Jones, of No. 186, High Street, was read, claiming exemption from having to pay the amount of the cost of these works apportioned

in respect of the frontage of her premises abutting upon this street, on the ground that there was no entrance to or from it, and she and her tenants had never made use of it Resolved, To inform Mrs. Jones that this makes no difference, and she must pay the amount claimed.

17- Moors Farm Boundary—The Borough Surveyor having reported the result of a meeting which had taken place of the Town Clerk and himself, Mr. Villar and some members of Mr. Smith's family. Resolved, That the Council consider there is no foundation for the allegation that there had been any encroachment by them upon Mr. Smith's land.

18—Sale of 313, High Street--A letter from Messrs. Sadler & Son, occupiers of this property, was read, requesting to know the reserve price for this property fixed by the Committee. Resolved, To inform Messrs. Sadler & Son that the Committee have not been empowered to fix any reserve price for sale by private treaty.

19-Red Lion Inn —A Letter from Mr. R. Wyllie, Manager of the Cheltenham Original Brewery Co., was read, stating that the cost of removing the projection and renovating the front of the Red Lion Inn would be £155, besides which the rent would have to be reduced Owing to the curtailment of space and inconvenience occasioned to the tenant, and the Trustees of the Baptist Society to whom the property belongs would also require to be consulted. Resolved, That consideration of this matter be adjourned.

20-Crossings in Footway opposite Beaufort Arms Inn, London Road, and Footpath West Side of North Place—The Borough Surveyor reported that the costs of carrying out the Private Improvement Works ordered to be done to the footways in these streets amounted respectively to £11 16s. 6d- and £49 8s. 4d,, which he had apportioned as to the amount first mentioned to the Cheltenham Original Brewery Co. as owners of the Beaufort Arms, and as to the latter amount amongst the several abutting owners according to the frontages of their respective premises. Resolved, That the apportionments be approved and that notices thereof and of demand be served upon the owners.

21- Footpaths opposite Hamilton Place from G.W. Railway Bridge to Midland Railway Station and North side of Mountpleasant—Specifications from the Surveyor, of date the 29th, 25th and 27th days of August respectively, of the works required to be done to the parts of the streets 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 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. —

22-Building Plans—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.
1065	Original Brewery Co.	Additions to Malvern Inn, Leckhampton Road.
1066	Mr. Hillings	Additions to No. 2, Segrave Villas.
1068	Miss Pearce	Additions to Hayes Lodge, Sydenham Road.
1069	T. G. Smith	Bakehouse and Store Rooms, Providence Terrace, Bath Road.

1070	Rev. G. Gardner and Churchwardens	New Vestry at All Saints' Church.
1071	Mr. Edwards	Bath Room and w.c. at rear of No. 14, Rotunda Terrace.

Resolved, That all the Plans be approved as shown, but that the Town Clerk be instructed to write to Mr. Stone the builder with reference to Plan No. 1066, to warn him that proceedings for breach of the Bye-Laws will be taken against him without fail should he again be guilty of the offence of proceeding with building operations before the plan has been approved, as in this instance.

W. A. BAKER,

Chairman.

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, the 8th day of August, 1898 Bence, Ll. Davis, Gurney, and Margrett (Councillor Bence in the chair)-- Present : Alderman Norman ; Councillors

1-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 2 of Diphtheria ; that 8 cases of Scarlet Fever and 1 of Diphtheria 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—Wells at Nos. 3, 4 7, 8, 9, 10, 17, 18, 21 and 30, King Street, Caledonian Cottages, Nos. 16, 17 and 40, Swindon Street, No. 2, St. Margaret's Parade, and Nos. 66 and 68, St. George's Place—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.

3--Cleansing and Limewashing at Nos. 4, 4 ½, 7 and 10, King Street, The King's Arms and No. 14, King Street Gardens 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.

4 --Nuisance from Drains, &c., at No. 4 King Street, The Cooperage, High Street, The Midland Inn, Builder's Yard in Vittoria Walk occupied by 7. Wall, and No. 12, St. George's 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.

5-Overcrowding at No. 2, Carlton Place and No. 28, Rutland 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.

6-W.C's without Flushing Apparatus—The Medical Officer of Health handed in a list of houses having w.c's without flushing apparatus. Resolved, That Notices under Section 28 of the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1889, be given to the owners requiring them to provide the necessary flushing apparatus, and to the occupiers to lay on a proper supply of water thereto, and that in default of compliance with such notices proceedings be taken for the penalties.

7-Houses without proper Ash Receptacles—The Medical Officer of Health handed in a list of houses which had no proper ashpits or ash receptacles. Resolved, That the necessary Notices be given to the respective Owners under Sec. 36 of the Public Health Act, 1875, and Sec. 27 of the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1889, requiring them in each case to provide a moveable ash receptacle of such size, pattern, and construction as may be approved by the Borough Surveyor on behalf of the Corporation.

8-Ash Receptacles for Ashes to be Collected Resolved, That all persons depositing ashes or refuse on the footway' for collection must provide a suitable covered receptacle of galvanized iron of sufficient size to contain the deposit.

9-Exclusion of Children from School by Medical Officer of Health-Correspondence with the Local Government was read, with reference to their observation that the Medical Officer of Health had no power individually, with a view to preventing the spread of disease, to order the exclusion of children from school ; but that in pursuance of Art. 88 of the Education Code such proceeding could only be taken by the Sanitary Authority or any two members thereof acting on the advice of the Medical Officer of Health. Resolved, That the Medical Officer of Health and the Town Clerk be instructed to settle a form of notice for exclusion of particular children from school, to be issued in accordance with the requirements of the Local Government Board.

10-Mouth-blown Meat--Resolved, That an Inflator be purchased for use at the Abattoir for the inflation of the carcasses of lambs and calves.

11-Seizure of Unsound Meat The Medical Officer of Health reported that on the 23rd ulto. a quantity of meat in an unsound and unwholesome condition and entirely unfit for food, and consisting of 66 pieces of beef, 18 of mutton, 2 calves heads and two strings of sausages, weighing together 3 cwt. 1 qr., were seized upon the premises of Mr. Aucott, Butcher, No. 142, High Street, and in the refrigerator of Mr. Barnett, Fishmonger, No. 86, High Street, the whole being the property of Mr. Aucott, and having been taken before a Magistrate and condemned by him was duly destroyed. The greater part of the meat was hanging upon hooks in Mr. Aucott's shop exposed for sale. Resolved, To instruct the Town Clerk to take proceedings against Mr. Aucott under Sec. 117 of the Public Health Act to procure the imposition of a penalty for the offence.

12-Insanitary Urinals at the Mitre Inn, Sandford Street, and Midland Inn, Gloucester Road--The Medical Officer of Health reported that the Urinals at the premises above-mentioned were in such a filthy state for want of water supply and owing to their dilapidated condition as to be a nuisance or injurious to health. Resolved, That notices under Sec. 94 of the Public Health Act be served upon the owners requiring them to abate the nuisances, and for that purpose to carry out the works to be specified therein.

13-Lethal Chamber -A letter was read from the Rev. J. E. Walker, on behalf of the local branch of N.S.P.C.A., in the absence of the Secretary. stating that notice had been given to remove the Lethal Chamber from the

yard at the Police Station, and asking if the Corporation would allow it, at a yearly rental, to be erected at the Abattoir to be under the responsible charge

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of the Inspector of the Society. Resolved, That the Council do not consider the Abattoir is a suitable place, but it may be erected on the property of the Corporation near the Ash Destructor, in a situation to be fixed upon by the Borough Surveyor at a nominal rent of 1s annum.

14—Sanitary Requirements at No. 439, High Street—A letter from Mr. James Phillips was read, with reference to a notice served upon him to fix a flushing box to the w.c., provide an ash receptacle. and carry out certain sanitary requirements at No. 439, High Street, asserting that all the sanitary arrangements were in good condition, that the work required to be done was unnecessary, and requesting that the notices should be withdrawn. Resolved, That the reasons stated by Mr. Phillips are not sufficient to justify the Council in relieving him from having to comply with the notices.

15— Corpus Street Sewer —A letter from Mr. John Smith, of No. 13, Corpus Street was read, requesting compensation for the occupation of a portion of the garden of which he was tenant by a large stone which had been placed o'er a flushing tank belonging to the Corporation, and for the loss of vegetables and fruit bushes NS hick had been removed to make room for the tank and stone. Resolved, That it be left to the Borough Surveyor to make such compensation as he shall consider Mr. Smith is reasonably entitled to.

16-- Flooding of basement of Earlston, Tivoli —A letter was read from the Rev. W. S. Macgowan, complaining that on the 6th August the basement of his residence had been flooded from the sewers, and requesting the Council to give their immediate attention to the matter with a view to preventing a recurrence of the nuisance, and requesting to be informed to whom he should apply for compensation for the loss and damage to property he had sustained. Resolved. That the Town Clerk be instructed to inform Dr. Macgowan that the Council exceeding]) regret the occurrence which they will do their best to prevent being repeated, and that the Borough Surveyor be instructed to bring up a report on the matter.

17-- Closing of Slaughter Houses—With reference to the claims for compensation made by the owners and tenants of those slaughter houses who had received notice to close them as such, Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to procure from two valuers a report and valuation in each case.

18— Barn Farm—With reference to Minute No. 28 of the proceedings of this Committee of the 18th of July last the Borough Surveyor reported that the daily flow of sewage on to Rule Meadow Patch was 40,000 to 60,000 gallons per day for 5 days a week. Resolved, To instruct the Town Clerk to send to Mr. Corbett a copy of this Minute and to inform him that the Council expect him to pay the amount due from him forthwith.

19—Plans—The plans of such new buildings necessitating drainage as were intended to come before the next meeting of the Street and Highway Committee were laid before this Committee. Resolved. That No. 1068 be not approved, but that so far as regards sanitary matters the other plans be approved as shown.

GEORGE BENCE Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, the 22nd day of August, 1898 Present Councillors Bence, 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 an meeting of the Committee, 1 case of Scarlet Fever and 1 of Diphtheria ; that the case of Scarlet Fever had been sent into the Delancey Hospital. and that the number of cases then in the Delancey Hospital sent in by the Corporation was 11 of Scarlet Fever and 2 of Diphtheria.

21- Wells at Nos. 4, 6, 7, 9, 10 and 11, Northfield Terrace, No. 15, Swindon Street, and the King's Arms Inn 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.

22 -Insanitary Property at Nos. 3, 4 ½ and 10, King Street, Nos. 3, 8 and 17, Northfield Terrace, and No. 90, Tewkesbury Road—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, ceilings, walls, floors, &c. 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 upon the Owners requiring them to put the same into a healthy condition, and for that purpose to card- out the works specified in the Notices.

23-Insufficient Closet Accommodation at Stables behind Shirley House, Pittville—The Inspector of Nuisances reported that the dwelling house at the above premises, occupied by the coachman and his family, had an insanitary privy without any appropriate ground upon which to dispose of the refuse. Resolved, That it appears to the Council that the house is without a sufficient water closet, earth closet or privy, and that Notice under Section 36 of the Public Health Act to provide a sufficient water closet, earth closet or privy be served on the owner of the premises, and that the Borough Surveyor be instructed to bring up a specification of the work to be done by the abutting owners under Section 150 of the Public Health Act, to sewer the street coextensive with the premises at the backs of the houses on the North side of Pittville Circus Road and extending thence to the said road.

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24—Cleansing and Limewashing at Nos. 5, 8 and 9, Northfield Terrace and Bruton Cottage—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.

25—Nuisance from Drains, &c., at Nos. 51 and 52, Waterloo Street, Delhi Collage, No. 12, Tivoli Street, No. 21, King Street, The Bell Inn, Bath Road and No. 4, Hatherley Villas—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.

26—Overcrowding at Nos. 4, 5 and 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 Section 94 of the Public Health Act be served on the occupiers thereof requiring them to abate the same.

27—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.

28—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.

29—Notices not Complied with—The Medical Officer of Health handed in a list of Notices to fix flushing boxes and provide ash receptacles, &c., which had not been complied with. Resolved, To instruct the Town Clerk to take proceedings to compel compliance with the Notices.

30—Ambulance for Conveyance of Typhoid Fever and Diphtheria Patients—A letter was read from Dr. E. T. Wilson, calling attention to the dangerous condition of this ambulance, and stating that a new one was urgently needed, which should be provided with an air cushion. Resolved, That a new ambulance be purchased, and that the Committee be empowered to attend the forthcoming Congress of the Sanitary Institute at Birmingham on one day to view the appliances.

31—House for Ambulances—The Borough Surveyor submitted to the Committee a suggestion for alteration of this house which would provide more accommodation for the ambulances Resolved, That the suggestion be approved and adopted, and to instruct the Borough Surveyor to carry it into effect.

32—Tivoli Place Sewer -Letters were read from Mr. D. Jones, of No. 4, Hatherley Villas, Tivoli Place, and Mr. P. Bendall, occupier of property in Tivoli Place, complaining of the imperfect construction of this sewer which permits the escape of sewer gas and which causes the basements of the houses to be flooded in case of a heavy rainfall with sewage. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be requested to have an interview with Mr. Winterbotham, the owner of the sewer, to suggest what should be done by him to abate the nuisance.

33-Slaughter house in Prestbury Road—A letter from Mr. Jas. Page was read, claiming £350 as compensation for the closing of this building as a slaughter house. Resolved, That this claim is too unreasonable for consideration.

34—Unsound Meat—The Town Clerk reported that he had, as instructed, taken proceedings against Mr. Aucott, of No 142, High Street, for exposing for sale unsound meat, and that a fine of £15 and costs, or in default two months' imprisonment with hard labour, had been imposed, and the fine had been paid.

35- Building Plans—The Borough Surveyor laid before the Committee the plans of such new buildings necessitating drainage as were intended to come before the Street and Highway Committee for their consideration. Resolved, That so far as regards Sanitary matters the same be approved.

GEORGE BENCE,

Chairman.

TOWN IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting- of this Committee, held on Monday, the 15th day of August, 1898—Present: Councillors Bence, Lenthall, Macdonald and Mills (Councillor Bence in the chair). –

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

2--Report of Concert Sub-Committee --This Sub-Committee recommended (1) That from this week the illuminated vocal and instrumental Concerts at Montpellier Gardens be held on Tuesdays, and Thursdays, as well as on Saturdays, and that Mr. Gilding be engaged to sing on the two extra evenings each week.

(2) That the arrangements for the forthcoming concerts by the Royal Horse Guards (Blue) Band be as follows:--

Admission Fee to each Concert 6d.

Programmes to be sold for 1d. each.

Chairs to be supplied for seating at 1d. each.

Books of tickets to be supplied to Mr. E. Lawrence, Messrs. Ursell and Perrin for sale, and concerts be advertised in the " Citizen."

(3) That it be resolved that in future the Vocal Concerts at Pittville on Wednesdays be held in front of the Pump Room and the same charge be made for admission at the subway, viz. 2d., as at Essex Lodge.

Resolved, That the recommendations of the Sub-Committee stated above be approved and adopted. That the Surveyor be authorised to obtain from Messes Newth, of Gloucester, a sail cloth covering and backing for the band platform at Pittville, at a cost of £1 17s. 6d. That the Borough Surveyor be authorised to make petty cash disbursements in connection with the entertainments provided by the Council, and present the account thereof to the principal Committee each month for repayment, and That the Sub-Committee be requested to meet at least once a week, viz : at 10 o'clock on Monday mornings.

3-Salary of Caretaker at Montpellier Gardens- Resolved, That Mrs. Barber's salary be increased by 2s 6d per week, to date from the time the Concerts commenced.

GEORGE BENCE, Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, the 22nd day of August, 1898, Present: The Mayor; Councillors Bence, Lenthall and Macdonald (The Mayor in the chair).

4 Chairman---In the absence of the Chairman, The Mayor was appointed Chairman at this Meeting.

5-Railings East Side of Winter Garden —The following Tenders were received for the required removal and extension of the railings on the East side of the Winter Garden, viz:-

W. Letheren & Sons £150 0 0

R. E. & C. Marshall £106 16 0

Resolved, That the Tender of Messrs. R. E. & C. Marshall be accepted.

6-Free Admittance to Pittville ----A letter from Mr. J. W. Handley, was read, complaining that he had been charged for admittance to Pittville Gardens at Essex Lodge entrance on a Wednesday afternoon, whereas at Saxham Villa entrance there was no charge, and there was nothing to prevent persons coming from the Marge Hill annexe to the upper gardens without payment. Resolved, To instruct the Town Clerk to write to Mr. Handley to inform him that he was mistaken, as persons coming from the Marle Hill part had to pay the same charge for entrance to the upper gardens as at Essex Lodge.

7-Admittance to Montpellier Gardens by Key Holder of Non-Subscribers—With reference to information received that General Houghton had on one occasion admitted by means of his key non-subscribers to Montpellier Gardens, through the gate near the Riding school, a letter from him, was read, stating that he let some persons out of the Gardens, and possibly someone might have passed in, but if so it was unknown to hint Resolved, To instruct the Town Clerk to write in reply that the Council trust he and other key holders will be careful when making use of the side gates not to admit non-subscribers.

8-Religious Services In Whiter Garden A letter was read from Mr. C. Hayward, Honorary Secretary of the Cheltenham Free church Council, asking the Council to grant them the use of the Winter Garden on the afternoons of Sunday, the 30th of October, and Sunday the nth of November, to hold a Service on the first occasion for men, and on the other, for the Scholars of the Free Church Sunday Schools. Resolved, That the application be acceded to on the Free Church Council undertaking to pay the expenses of lighting, heating, &c., if any.

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9-Angling at Pittville—With reference to Minute No. 7 of the proceedings of this Committee of the 18th of July last, a letter was read from Mr. H. W. Stubbin, stating that he was unable to offer a lump sum for the privilege to the Cheltenham Popular Angling Association to fish in the lakes at Pittville Park free, and that he was still of opinion that the suggestion made by him was the better to choose. Resolved, That the Council think it unnecessary to make any alteration of the general arrangements for the benefit of the Association, at all events for the present season.

10--Railings North-West Corner of Montpellier Gardens—The Borough Surveyor laid before the Committee a design for railings and entrance gates at this corner. Resolved, That the same be approved, and that the Borough Surveyor be instructed to obtain a Tender for manufacture and erection of the same from Messrs. Letheren & Son, having regard to the fact that they are the only firm able to manufacture part of the design, the pattern of which is registered by them.

11---Badminton in Winter Garden—A letter from Mr. Adams, of Charlton Lodge, with reference to letting the Winter Garden for Badminton, was referred to the Concert Committee to deal with.

12—Peafowls—The Borough Surveyor reported that he had received a gift of a pair of Peafowls from Colonel Wickham, of Stoneleigh. Resolved, That letters of thanks be written to Colonel Wickham and Councillor Margrett for their gifts.

13—Pittville Pump Room—Resolved, To instruct the Borough Surveyor to have a light ceiling constructed under the dome at an estimated cost of £12.

14—Repairing and Renovating Roof of Winter Garden—Mr. Winning attended to submit to the Committee his contention that he was entitled to receive the balance of his contract although the Borough Surveyor

would not certify that it had been carried out according to the specification. Resolved, That consideration of the matter be adjourned until the next meeting of the Committee.

RICHARD ROGERS,

Chairman.

CONCERT SUB-COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 30th day of August, 1898—Present Councillors Bence, Dix, Macdonald, and Mills (Councillor Bence in the chair).

1- Band of the Royal Horse Guards (Blue)—Resolved, That the offer of the Band of the Royal Horse Guards (Blue) to re-visit Cheltenham, on the 14th of November next, and to give two instrumental and vocal concerts in the afternoon and evening in the Winter Garden, the vocalists being Miss Edith Serpell, Gold Medallist, and Mr. Frederick Dale, Society Humorist, the hand taking two-thirds of the takings, be accepted.

GEORGE BENCE,

Chairman.

WATER COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Wednesday, the 24th day of August, 1898—Present: The Mayor ; Councillors Baker, Bence, Ll. Davies and Margrett (Councillor Margrett in the chair)—

1—Report of Water Engineer—The Water Engineer reported that on the 22nd inst., the supply from Hewletts and Northfield Springs was 87 gallons, the average for the last four years being 74 gallons per minute ; and the quantity of water in store at He sinus and Leckhampton was 8,928,831 gallons.

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On the 23rd inst. the depth of water in Dowdeswell Reservoir was 22 feet 5 inches and the contents 53,526,542 gallons, which gave a total of 62,455,373 gallons, or about 69 days supply exclusive of the daily yield of the springs, which was then about 244,328 gallons.

With reference to the letter from Colonel Thoyts, Chairman of the Directors of the Hatherley Laundry Company, read at the last Meeting of this Committee, suggesting that there was an error in the readings of the Water Meter at the Laundry, as the account for the March quarter showed an increase of 148,000 gallons over the June quarter, which could not conceivably be correct, the Water Engineer laid before the Committee the readings which had been taken from June, 1894, up to June, 1898, which showed an average consumption per quarter since June, 1895, of 375,000 gallons per quarter, and from which it appeared that the consumption had not materially varied between Christmas, 1894, and Christmas, 1897, except on one occasion in the quarter ending September, 1896, when the consumption was 85,000 gallons above the average. The quarter ending June 24th last was only 340,000 gallons, and as this reduction had taken place without any alteration in the meter it appeared clear that the excess amount registered during the quarter ending March last must be due to some action at the Laundry and not to any defect in the meter. During the last month, when it might be assumed that special care and economy would be exercised, special readings had been taken at short intervals and an average over a period of 24 days showed a consumption of about

311,000 gallons per quarter. The consumption for the whole quarter ending 24th June having been 340,000 gallons. He stated that he was having a large tank built at Sandford Mead with a view of testing any meter which might be questioned.

He further reported that applications had been received for extensions to Brookfield Cottage, Prestbury ; to the Leigh along the Gloucester and Tewkesbury Roads ; and to Northway House, Ashchurch. In the case of the extensions at Prestbury and at Northway House, he was unable to advise these being carried out unless the owners would pay a substantial pro-portion of the capital cost, as they were not in districts where the main would be remunerative, He suggested that the terms to Brookfield Cottage be an immediate payment of £60 and a three years' agreement to pay ordinary rate.. To Northway House an immediate payment of £100 and a three years' agreement to pay ordinary rate. And as regards the extension to The Leigh, he recommended that the main be extended provided the owners will pay a sum of £150 towards the expenses, or a yearly rate of £27 for seven years certain.

He also reported that the boilers at Tewkesbury were showing signs of weakness, and he therefore strongly advised that the New Boiler House be put in hand without further delay, and that one new boiler be ordered. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have the meter at the Hatherley Laundry tested, and to notify to the Directors the time and place when and where the test will take place so that they may be present if they wish. That the recommendations of the Water Engineer as regards the extensions to Brookfield Cottage, Northway House, and The Leigh be approved and adopted ; and that Tenders be advertised for erection of the New Boiler House and provision of the new boiler.

2-Rating of Waterworks in Tewkesbury Union —A letter was read from Messrs. Hedley, Mason & Hedley, stating that they could not advise the Assessment Committee of the Union to accept so low a rateable value as £500 for Tewkesbury, but they had advised the Committee to fix the Assessment for the present at £600 rateable value. Resolved, That this Assessment be agreed to without prejudice.

3-Meter Readings at Tewkesbury —A letter from Mr. Badham, Town Clerk of Tewkesbury, was read, suggesting that all amounts under 1000 gallons should be ignored in taking the meter readings. Resolved, That the suggestion be approved and adopted.

4-Assault on Caretaker at Dowdeswell Reservoir-The Town Clerk reported that Mr. King had informed him that on Saturday, the 30th ultimo, two men named James Fisher and George Powell, in the employment of Mr. Randall, Coxhorne Farm, had assaulted him and alarmed his wife by forcing their way through the entrance gate to the house, and striking and hustling him, that previously to this Powell had climbed over the gate and subsequently after being put out he had again climbed over it, and that the cause of this conduct was because he had complained of their having drenched a kitten belonging to his wife with beer at the public house opposite. Resolved, That if Mr. King thinks fit to take proceedings against the men, the Town Clerk or Deputy be authorised to appear on his behalf if he so desires.

5-Appeals The Appeals 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 Thursday, the 25th day of August, 1898 Present : The Mayor ; Alderman Norman ; Councillors Baker, Margrett and Steel (Alderman Norman in the chair)—

1—Electrical Inspector's Report The Electrical 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.
August 6th	100 Volts	104 Volts

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

	ILLUMINATING POWER.	PURITY SULPHUR.
1898		Grains per 100 cubic ft.
Aug 6th ..	15.48 candles	Aug. 6th & 7th 15.00
1898.		

3—Gas Inspector's Report The Gas Inspector reported that the hourly average consumption of Gas per lamp during the previous month had been 4.260 cubic feet.

4-Lamp Book—This Book was produced and examined. Lamps extinguished, 8 metered, 17 unmetered ; and 5 burning dimly.

5-Lighting of Henrietta Street, Catholic Alley and Bath Parade—A letter from Mr. G. Bradfield, of No. 14, Henrietta Street, was read, suggesting that before the new paving in Henrietta Street is laid down a cable for electric light should be laid along the street.

A proposal from Councillor Macdonald that a light be placed at the end of the passage from St. George's Parade to St. Gregory's Place as near as possible to the urinal, was laid before the Committee.

Resolved, That consideration of these matters and the question of improving the lighting in Bath Parade be adjourned pending inspection by the Committee.

6-Rucker's Patent—With reference to the Resolution to Minute No. 14 of the proceedings of this Committee at their last meeting, a report of the Committee appointed to represent the interests of Municipal Corporations, &c., having alternating electrical energy undertakings of their proceedings at a meeting held on the 8th instant formulating recommendations with reference to combination of Local Authorities and others interested in resisting the claim made by Mr. Rucker, and as to the basis of contribution to the Defence Fund was laid before this Committee. Resolved, That in accordance with the said Resolution the Town Clerk be authorised to inform the Directors of the London Electric Supply Corporation, Limited, that the Council are prepared to assent to the recommendations contained in the report referred to, and will engage to contribute to the Defence Fund accordingly, their contribution to be ascertained pro rata in accordance with the basis indicated in the report.

7-Electrical Engineer's Report-The Electrical Engineer reported that both extensions and running had progressed satisfactorily during the past month.

That he recommended that the extension for private supply in Hewlett Street and All Saints' Road be continued via Pittville Circus to Leamington Place, and that the public lighting extension for Hewlett Street should similarly be enlarged to include the whole of All Saints' Road and Pittville Circus, at an additional cost

of £550 for private lighting mains and a total cost of £1,035 for the public lighting extension ; also that he would be glad to be instructed to proceed with this work at once.

That the new feeder (included in a previous application for a Loan) from the works was now necessary, and that to supply customers in Christ Church Road it was necessary to lay the already authorised mains there without delay; that he recommended he be instructed to proceed with the work of laying the new feeder, and both the private and public lighting mains in Christ Church Road at once.

That he submitted a schedule, which included the extensions authorized at the June and July Meetings of the Council, of small extensions, &c., which were all now required, and he recommended that he be instructed to proceed at once with all those extensions for which he had not already instructions to proceed.

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That he had received an application from Mr. Harman for electrical supply at Staverton Court, and he recommended that this application be not acceded to That with the Chairman's authority he had accepted the quotation of Messrs. Johnson and Phillips for the supply of arc lamp carbons during the year ending September 30th, 1899. Schedule of Extensions, &c., above referred to.

Extensions authorised at Council Meeting, June, 1898	£875 0 0
" " " " " July, 1898	£2375 0 0
Hewlett Street, All Saints' Road and Pittville Circus Arc Lighting	£1035 0 0
Pittville Circus and All Saints' Road (from Pittville Circus to All Saints' Church) Extension	£ 550 0 0
Arc Lamp Arches—Extra cost of thicker pillars, &c.	£490 0 0
Condenser Cooling Pond—Extra Cost	£200 0 0
Exciter and Feeder Switch Boards for Works	£300 0 0
Ladders, Gangways, &c., for Storage Tanks, Babcock Boilers and Condenser Chamber	£ 85 0 0
Exciter—Extra Cost of Larger Dynamo, &c.	£125 0 0
Training College Extension--Cost of Larger Transformer, &c.	£ 65 0 0
St. Philip's Street Arc Lamp and Main for same	<u>£ 85 0 0</u>
	£6185 0 0
Contingencies, 5 per cent.	£309 5 0
	£6494 5 0
	Say £6,500

Resolved, That the report and the proceedings therein mentioned be approved and the recommendations therein contained adopted ; and that in lieu of the sums of £875 and £3030, for which it was resolved at the meetings of this Committee, held on the 26th of May and 23rd of June last respectively to apply to the Local Government Board for sanction to borrow, application be now made to the Board for sanction to borrow the sum of £9000 to provide for the items of expenditure specified in the report, which includes the items for which the said sums of £875 and £3000 were required, and £2500 for the necessary alterations and additions to the Central Station as estimated by the Borough Surveyor.

GEO. NORMAN, Chairman.

GENERAL PURPOSES AND WATCH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, the 23rd day of August, 1898 -- Present The Mayor ; Alderman Norman ; Councillors Baker, Bence, Hayward, Margrett, Moles and Steel (The Mayor in the chair),

1-Diseases of Animals Acts--Superintendent Hopkins reported that the Borough was entirely free from contagious disease amongst Animals.

2-Fire Brigade—The Superintendent of the Fire Brigade reported that on the 6th instant the Brigade was summoned to extinguish a fire on premises occupied by Messrs. Smith Brothers, Timber Merchants at Leckhampton, resulting in damage estimated at £140, and that he had sent the account for extinction expenses amounting to £7 17s. 0d. to the owners, there being a doubt as to the property damaged being insured.

Also on the 18th to extinguish the fire of a burning haystack at Coxhorne Farm, Charlton Kings, owned by Mr. Charles Randall, resulting in damage estimated at £100, and the stack being uninsured he had sent the account for the extinction expenses amounting to £14 6s. 0d. to the owner.

3-Drivers' Licenses -Applications for Drivers' Licenses were received from Edward Walkling, 2, St. Anne's Terrace ; Frederick Hope, 24, Brunswick Street ; Albert James Mitchell, 1, Derby Cottages, Alstone ; Frank Harvey, to, White Cross Square, and James Butler, 1, Fountain Cottages. Resolved, That the applications be granted.

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4-Offences against Hackney Carriage Byelaws —The Street Inspector reported that Albert Bullingham had been twice convicted within the past 12 months of offences against these Byelaws.

5-Street Inspector's Report re Hackney Carriages—The Street Inspector reported that five Hackney carriages had been placed under repair during the month, and a new vehicle had been taken into use in place of Carriage No. 90, and that the fittings of No. 23 had been renewed as required. A letter from John Tilley, of Wellington Mews, was read, applying for the transfer of License No. go to the new vehicle referred to in the Inspector's report. Resolved, That the application be granted.

6-Hackney Carriage Licenses-- The following applications for Hackney Carriage Licenses, were considered, viz.: for Hansom Cabs from Charles Cooke, back of No. 24, Lansdown Place ; John Jones, 2, Portland Place, Portland Street, and Josiah Jones, junior, Clarence Mews. Resolved, That on the understanding that the license will be withdrawn if the Hansom for which it is granted is not regularly worked, two licenses for Hansom Cabs be granted to Cooke, and one to each of the other applicants, and that paragraph (2) of the resolution to Minute No. 1 of the 8th of January last, that the number of existing licenses be not increased be varied accordingly.

From James Hearne, 35, Sandford Street, and Frederick Jones, Portland Mews, for Landaus; and from J. Morgan 28, Mountpleasant ; George Clifford, 2, Hopewell Cottages, Waterloo Street ; F. Paynter, 9, Swindon Street, and John Williams, 2, Portland Place, for Pony Carriages. Resolved. That these applications cannot be granted, there being no vacancies, and that Williams be placed on the list of applicants.

7- Standing for Pony Bath Chair —A letter was read from Mr. G. H. Bendy, of No. 1, Painswick Parade, applying for permission to stand with his Pony Bath Chair, at such times as he be disengaged, either at the north end of Lypiatt Terrace, or at the south-west corner of Montpellier Terrace opposite the entrance to Suffolk Square. Resolved, That the application be granted.

8-Cab Stand at end of Wolseley Terrace Gardens —A memorial from Mrs. A. E. Stevens, and three other residents and owners of property in Wolseley Terrace, was read, protesting against the proposed Cab Stand at the end of their gardens, which they apprehended would prove a nuisance to the residents in the vicinity. Resolved, To inform the Memorialists that the Council believe that no nuisance will arise, but the Street Inspector has been instructed to give special attention to the behaviour of the drivers on the Stand with a view to preventing any annoyance being caused to the residents in the neighbourhood.

9-Market Attendant--The letter from Mr. Young, read at the last meeting of the Committee suggesting that he should be relieved of the duty of taking the Tolls and attending to the care of the Market, as the work interfered with his other duties, was further considered. Resolved, To appoint a Sub-Committee consisting of Councillors M. Davis, Hayward and Steel to take this matter into consideration, and bring up a recommendation to the Committee.

10—Workmen's Insurance —A letter was read from Mr. Fitzroy Fowles, of No. 1, Regent Street, stating that he was an Agent of the Lancashire Insurance Company, with whom the Council had decided to effect an insurance against claims by their workmen under this Act ; that he had sent in the same quotation on behalf of the Company as was sent in by Mr. Vizard, and suggesting that it would be only fair that the business should be divided between Mr. Vizard and himself ; also a letter from the Town Clerk, in reply, informing Mr. Fowles that the Council had specially accepted the quotation per Mr. Vizard," and that the question of their Agent's commission is for the Company to settle. Resolved, That the reply of the Town Clerk be approved.

11—Yeomanry Drill Ground—A letter from Mr. F. C. Burroughs, was read, with reference to the resolution to Minute No. 13 of the proceedings of this Committee of the 24th June last, stating that he had plenty of evidence that the whole ground was used this year for the Yeomanry Drill, for which the agreement provided £100 should be paid when so used, and that unless this amount be paid he should place the matter in the hands of his solicitor. Resolved, To again inform Mr. Burroughs that his construction of the terms of the agreement is incorrect, and that the Council cannot depart from their previous resolution.

12-Petroleum License—A letter was read from Mr. T. W. Harvey, Ironmonger, 192, High Street, applying for the transfer of his Petroleum License, from No. 192 to Nos. 180 & 181, High Street. Resolved, That the application be acceded to. —Mace Resolved. That the Mace be re-gilded, and that the order be given to Messrs. Martin & Co. to carry out.

RICHARD ROGERS, Chairman.

BATHS AND RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 8th day of August, 1898 Present Alderman Drew ; Councillors Baker and Lenthall, (Councillor Lenthall in the chair)

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

2-Alstone Bath—The form of advertisement for Caretakers at the Alstone Bath in place of Mr. and Mrs. Hart was settled, and it was Resolved, To instruct the Town Clerk to have the same inserted in the " Examiner," " Echo," " Free Press," and " Mercury."

3--Pryer—A letter was read from Mr. H. Pryer, the brother of the deceased, stating that he had consulted his father who declined to accept less than £180 for compensation in respect of the loss occasioned by the accident at the Baths. Resolved, That the Committee are unable to recommend payment of the amount claimed.

J. S. LENTHALL,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, the 16th day of August, 1898—Present : Councillors Ll. Davies, Dighton, Hayward, Lenthall, Mills and Moles 'Councillor Mills in the chair)

4—Pryer —A letter was read from Mr. George Pryer to the Chairman, stating that he was now prepared to accept-1120 in full discharge of his claim and to exonerate the Council from all further demands in respect of the death of his son, the offer to remain open until the 10th of September. Resolved, That the Council are unable to accept this offer, but that they are prepared to confirm the action of the Town Clerk pursuant to instructions of the Committee in offering without prejudice to settle the claim for £70, being £50 for compensation and £20 for expenses, and that this offer is intended to be final.

GEO. H. MILLS,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 22nd day of August, 1898, Present The Mayor ; Councillors Baker. Ll. Davies, Dighton, Lenthall and Hayward (Councillor Lenthall in the chair)

1-Chairman—In the absence of the Chairman, Councillor Lenthall was appointed Chairman at this Meeting.

2-Alstone Bath—The Borough Surveyor reported that the number of Bathers for the season, up to and including the 20th instant, exclusive of ticket holders, had been 12,413, the total amount received being £134 19s. 1d.

Resolved, To instruct the Borough Surveyor to have a galvanized iron bar fixed along the sides of the swimming bath in lieu of the chain.

Closing—Resolved, That in order to allow rest for the Custodian the Baths be closed each afternoon from Tuesday to Saturday each week for two hours, viz., between 1.30 and 3.30 o'clock.

Caretakers-The following applications were received for the post of Caretakers at the Baths in place of Mr. and Mrs. Hart resigned, viz., Thomas Berry and wife, 6, Bloomsbury Street, Gloucester Road ; Frank Butt and wife, Lower Alstone ; William Jackson and wife, Beaconfield, College Road : Charles Powell and wife, 6, Springfield Place, Rosehill Street ; and Frederick William Webb and wife. 13, North Place. Resolved. That William Jackson and wife be appointed.

J. S. LENTHALL,

Chairman.

BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Friday, the 26th day of August, 1898—Present : Alderman Skillicorne, Councillors Baker, Cypher, M. Davis and Moles (Councillor Moles in the chair)

1-Superintendent's Report The Superintendent of the Cemetery reported that the intermediate - close together, and consequently could not be locked, and that he required a pair of iron:- Surveyor suggested that the piers of the gates be re-built upon baulks of elm timber laid across the road to prevent them sinking inwards, which was the cause of the gates not hanging properly. Resolved. That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to obtain the shears required for the Cemetery, and that the suggestion of the Borough Surveyor be considered at the next meeting of the Committee to be held at the Cemetery. :

2-Shelter and Seats—The Borough Surveyor laid before the Committee a design and specification for erection of a Shelter with seats at the Cemetery, for which the following tenders had been received. viz :

C. Malvern & Sons ..	£37 15 0
A. C. & S. Billings ..	£67 0 0

Resolved. That the tender of Messrs. Malvern & Sons be accepted, and that the site for erection of the Shelter be decided upon when the Committee meet next at the Cemetery.

3-Designs—The following designs were examined and allowed, viz :—Stone and Plinth to Daniel Maslin, Headstones to Florence Victoria Vaux, Ann and Thomas Acock, Mary Easterby, Mary Knott. and Lieut.-Colonel Robt Reddall Williamson

4-Account The following Account was examined and allowed :—G. C. Pratley, Wages Account £21 16 0

J. V. MOLES.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 30th day of August, 1898 Present : The Mayor: Councillors Gurney, Hayward, Macdonald, Margrett and Steel (Councillor Margrett in the chair)-

1-Workmen's Accident and Fire Insurance Resolved, To instruct the Town Clerk to enquire from of t- Bodies whether or not they have established schemes of self-insurance, and if so to details as to the method adopted. Further Resolved, That the Borough Accountant be instructed to bring up a Report as to the present Insurances being kept on foot by the Council.

2-Expenditure in connection with Kursaal Scheme-Resolved, That the sum of £315 0s. 10d. be transferred from the Surplus Funds Account of the Water Undertaking to the Borough Fund Account, and that the same sum be debited to that Account and credited to the Winter Garden Capital Account to reimburse the latter for items of expenditure in Kursaal Scheme which have been charged to it.

3-Montpellier and Winter Gardens Capital Accounts-Resolved, To apply to the Local Government Board for sanction to borrow what will be required to pay off the amount overdrawn on the Montpellier Gardens Capital Account and provide for the expenditure involved by the taking into the Winter Garden of the road on the East side and extension and removal of the railings, the provision of the railing and gates for the North-West corner of Montpellier Gardens and alteration of the urinal.

4-Mineral Waters Account-Resolved, That the sum of £379 1s. 10d. be transferred from the Surplus Funds Account of the Water Undertaking to the Borough Fund Account and that the same sum be debited to that Account and credited to the Mineral Waters Capital Account to balance the amount overdrawn on the latter Account in order to close it.

5 -Equation of Loans-The Borough Accountant laid before the Committee a Report he had prepared as to equation of the Loans of the Corporation. Resolved, That the same be printed and a copy supplied to each member of the Committee

6--Loans from Lloyd's Bank—Resolved, To appoint a Sub-Committee consisting of the Chairman, Councillors Hayward and Steel, with the Borough Accountant, to negotiate with Lloyd's Bank as to terms for continuance of loans from them and if they consider advisable, to go to Birmingham for the purpose.

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7-Wages of Mr. Morgan, Assistant in Department of Borough Accountant—Resolved, To raise the wages of this Assistant from 11s 9d to 15s per week.

8—Holidays of the Borough Accountant Resolved, To grant the Borough Accountant three weeks leave of absence at such time or times as he may find most convenient, having regard to the work of his department.

9--General District Rate---The Report of the Borough Accountant of date the 30th inst., on the collection of the first instalment of this Rate, was read. Amount collected £12,557, leaving outstanding £4,582 12s. 3d

10-Water Rate-The Report of the Borough Accountant of date the 30th inst. on the collection of this Rate, was read. Amount received, £6,939 0s. 3d., leaving outstanding £2,447 16s. 11d.

11—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 £12,787 9s. 9d., ordered to be paid by the Borough Treasurer. The Treasurer's Accounts at the Bank were examined and the balances found to be correct. The following was the General Statement :

Overdrawn on the 26th July last	£ 363 2 4
Paid since that date	<u>£7,465 19 11</u>
	£7,829 2 3
Received since that date	<u>£8,585 11 7</u>
In hand	£756 9 4

H. GEO. MARGRETT, Chairman.

PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 16th day of August, 1898—Present : Alderman Skillicorne; Councillors LI. Davies, Hayward, Macdonald, Moles, and Steel ; Rev. R. G. Fairbairn, Baron de Ferrieres, Capt. Welch, Dr. Davis and Messrs. A. Beckingsale, Evan Butler and T. Whittard (Councillor Hayward in the chair)

1-Librarian's Report-The usual Monthly Report of the Librarian was read. Receipts £5 11s. 8d. He reported that there was an increase in the issues from the Lending Library of 8 per day and a decrease of 9 per day in

the Reference Library when compared with the corresponding month last year, and that the increase in the Lending Library had been entirely in the miscellaneous class. He also reported that the following gifts had been made to the Library during the past month, viz.:-

Trustees of the British Museum 3 Volumes

Sir Brook Kay	1	“
T. C. Beckingsale	3	“

Annual Reports from Libraries at Baillies' Institute (Glasgow), Barrow-in-Furness, Rotherhithe, and Wimbledon.

2-Sub-Committee's Report—The Sub-Committee reported as follows, viz.:—That they recommended that Allan Hamilton Scott-Colquhoun, of 1, The Cedars, Prestbury, be engaged for a month on trial, in view of his becoming an apprentice; and that the following accounts be paid, viz :—

W. Jones, Wages Account	£17 12 0
J. W. Pink, Books	£14 5 0
B. T. Batsford, Books	£ 7 7 0
“ “ Books	£ 9 4 0
S. Palmer, Books	£ 0 15 0
Library Supply Co., Sign Writers	£ 1 5 3
Westley & Co., Books	£ 6 3 3

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M. H. Reay, Painting and Decorating	£25 0 0
C. Chivers, Books	£6 12 11

Resolved, That the report be approved, and the recommendations therein contained confirmed and adopted.

3-Suggested change of Periodicals—A letter was read from Mr. A. Gibbs, of 13, Gloucester Place. suggesting that " Truth " should be taken in at the Library in lieu of some of the trade and technical journals, which in his opinion were not much read, and also that a suggestion book be placed in some conspicuous part of the Library. Resolved. To inform Mr. Gibbs that the Committee cannot adopt his suggestion with reference to " Truth," but that if he will present it regularly the Committee will be pleased to have it placed on one of the tables in the Library, also to inform Mr. Gibbs that a suggestion book has been in use at the Library for a very long time past and is now.

CHARLES HAYWARD, 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 3rd day of October, 1898.

STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 12th day of September, 1898 Present : Alderman Haddon ; Councillors Baker, Bence, M. Davis, and Margrett. (Councillor Baker in the chair)

1--Opening of goad without proper Notice The Borough Surveyor reported that Mr. C. H. Rainger, builder, had opened the road in front of Oriel Lodge without having first given proper notice of his intention so to do. A letter was read from Mr. Rainger admitting that no printed notice had been filled up and given. He himself was away on his holiday at the time, and his clerk was under the impression that as it was for the purposes of water supply, and more than one Corporation official knew that the opening was contemplated, and in progress, no further action was necessary, that there was no wilful Intention to evade any rules, and the work was very carefully done, and that in future under all circumstances and in every case the required notice would be given by him. Resolved, That as the default does not appear to have been wilful, Mr. Rainger's explanation be accepted, but that he be informed that prosecution will follow any future default in this respect.

2--Cleric at Ash Destructor—A letter was read from Mr. T. A. Henderson, Clerk at the Ash Destructor, asking for an increase in his salary from 21s to 25s, on the ground that the new arrangement as to the ashes collection necessitated his working it hours per week extra. Resolved, That having regard to his duties the Committee cannot see their way to increase Mr. Henderson's salary.

3-Building Plans----The Borough Surveyor laid before the Committee the Notices and Plans received by him from the following persons intending to erect new buildings, viz :

No. of Plan.	Name	Description.
1072	John Powell	Three cottages in Swindon Road.
1073	T. Boulton	Additions to Five houses. Grosvenor Street.
1074	Andrew Page	House in Gloucester Road.
1075	F. Wright	Two houses in Gloucester Road.
1076	Messrs. Baker & Workman	Additions to "Westborough " and " Louisville," Western Road.
1077	Mrs. Toogood	Addition to Painswick Lodge, Shurdington Road.

Resolved That Plan No. 1072 be disapproved, and that the other plans be approved.

With reference to the Resolution to Minute to No, one 22 of the proceedings of this Committee at their last meeting, a letter was read from to Mr the A. H. Stone, in reply from the Town Clerk, offering an apology at their for having commenced building operations at No. 2, Segrave Villas, The Park, without having previously submitted plans, stating that such default occurred through pure ignorance on his part, and promising that he would be most careful in future. Resolved, That Mr. Stone's apology be accepted.

WILLIAM A. BAKER,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 26th day of September, 1898—Present : Alderman Haddon ; Councillors Baker, Bence, Cypher, M. Davis, Dix, Margrett and Mills (Councillor Baker in the chair)

4—The View—The following members attended the View Meeting on the previous Friday afternoon, viz. : Alderman Haddon, Councillors Baker, Bence, Cypher, M. Davis, Dix and Margrett.

5—Street Projections—The Street Inspector reported that the gas rail at the premises of the London Meat Supply, Westall Buildings, Bath Road, had not been removed, as required by the Council. A letter was read from Mr. J. Moore, the Contractor, stating that the omission to make the application for permission had arisen through a misunderstanding with the local Manager of the business and not through misfeasance, also one from W. Hollingsworth, the Manager referred to, to the same effect. Resolved, Having regard to the explanations given, to allow the rail to remain, but to inform Mr. Moore such negligence will not again be overlooked.

A letter was read from Mr. R. Hudson, asking permission to erect the trade lamp used by him at his former business premises, No. 84, High Street, over the entrance to No. 77 ½, High Street, to which premises he had removed his business. Resolved, To accede to the application subject to the Regulations as to height, projection, and hours of lighting being complied with.

A letter from Mr. R. Organ was read applying for permission to suspend two incandescent gas arc lamps outside Mr. Drake's shop, No. 95, Albion Street, also one from Messrs. Dix and Co., applying on behalf of Mr. Salisbury, Tailor, Bath Road, for permission to fix an outside lamp for shop window lighting. Resolved, That subject to compliance with the Regulations the applications be acceded to.

6- Borough Surveyor's Report re Highways —The Borough Surveyor reported that the work done by the Highways Department from the 27th August to the 23rd September, 1898, both inclusive, had been as follows:

Repaired with Clee Hill Stone—Swindon Road 600 super yards, St. Margaret's Road 480 super yards.

Patching—High Street, Montpellier Street, and Hewlett Place.

Repaired with Wickwar Stone—Hungerford Street 1334 super yards, Hanover Street proceeding, Henrietta Street Improvement (finished) 1633 super yards.

Improvements.—Rosehill Street (finished) 1227 super yards.

Paving, Kerb, Crossing and Channelling—Hewlett Street, Swindon Road, St. Margaret's Road, Bath Road, Parabola Road, Promenade, Suffolk Road and Square, Cambray, Winchcomb Street, Painswick Road, Hanover Street, St. Luke's Road, Crescent Terrace, Dunalley Street. The footpath on the East and West side of Painswick Road had been repaired with gravel 2353 super yards. Three crossings in Swindon Road at the top of Henrietta Street had been relaid with McDougall's bricks. Two crossings in St. George's Place had been relaid with McDougall's bricks. Five new gullies had been built in Roman Road and Rowanfield Road to replace those found to be defective.

Trees had been Pruned in the following Roads :—Hewlett Road, Trafalgar Street, and Sandford Road.

Ashes Collected—Van loads, 708 ; consumed at Destructor, 706 tons 13 cwt. 3 qr.

7-Sydenham Roads—The Borough Surveyor reported that to put these roads in a state for dedication it would be necessary that the following works should be carried out, viz. :—

Sydenham Road North—South side, pave path 5ft. wide ; North side, remove tar paving and pave 5ft. wide.

Sydenham Road South—Both sides, pave 5ft. wide.

Sydenham Villas Road—Both sides, pave 5ft. wide, edge and channel where not already done and make up roadway from High to Sydenham Road South with Wickwar stone, the cost of which he estimated as follows, viz. :-

Sydenham Road North £214 19 7

Sydenham Road South £161 14 2

Sydenham Villas Road £360 10 6

If however gravel paths would be deemed sufficient for the present in Sydenham Villas Road the cost would be £325 17s. 11d. instead of £360 10s. 6d. Resolved, That for the present the Council will be satisfied to have the paths in Sydenham Road South gravelled instead of paved without prejudice to their right under Sec. 44 of the Cheltenham Improvement

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Act, 1852, to require the abutting owners to pave the same if at any future time the Council shall think fit, and that subject to this modification the works above mentioned be carried out in all the said roads in manner suggested by the Borough Surveyor, and that the Borough Surveyor be instructed to prepare detailed specifications and serve notices under Sec 150 of the Public Health Act, 1875, upon the owners of the premises fronting, adjoining or abutting upon the parts of the said streets requiring to be levelled, paved, metalled, flagged, channelled or made good requiring them to execute the specified works within 28 days, and if such notices are not complied with he be instructed to proceed to execute the works mentioned or referred to therein, and that the expenses thereof be recovered in the manner provided by the Act and the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1889.

8--Footpath East side of Morison avenue—Resolved, To instruct the Borough Surveyor to bring up a Specification of -the works required to be done by the abutting owners to put this footpath into a similar condition to the one on the West side.

9--Guard Stones—Resolved, To instruct the Borough Surveyor to remove from the corners of roads throughout the Borough such of the guard stones as in his discretion he may consider unnecessary or advisable should be removed.

10—Road by No. 17, Lypiatt Terrace--A letter was read from Mr. T. J. Provis, complaining that this road was a receptacle for filth, and enquiring if the Corporation could do anything to stop the nuisance. Resolved, That the abutting owners be given notice to remove the rubbish, &c., deposited in the road, after which it will be scavenged by the Council, but garden refuse and other refuse will not be removed by the scavengers.

11—Tree outside Oram Lodge—A letter from Miss Standish was read, complaining of the inconvenience caused to her by the tree at the side entrance to her residence in Hales Road. Resolved, To inform Miss Standish that the Council will not object to its removal.

12—Tree outside No. 1, Creville Terrace —A letter from Mr. A. Butler was read, asking the Council to give attention to an elm tree growing in front of his house which he considered had grown too large. Resolved, To adjourn consideration of the matter pending inspection by the Committee.

13—Shelburne Road—A letter from the Rev. G. P. Griffiths was read, stating that the Committee of the Dean Close School had still under consideration the question of opening this road to the public, and requesting further extension of time until his return from North Wales before the beginning of October.

14—Tree in Montpellier Terrace adjacent to Langton House—A letter was read from Lieut.-Colonel Geo. L. O'Sullivan again requesting the Council to have an oak tree overhanging the garden of Langton House cut or topped. Resolved, To inform Lieut -Colonel O'Sullivan that the Committee were unable to find an oak tree anywhere near his garden.

15-Wages Paid by Contractors—A further letter from Mr. J. W. Betteridge, Secretary of the Cheltenham Branch of the Amalgamated Society of Gasworkers, Brickmakers, and General Labourers, enquiring which of the two scales of wages the Committee consider should be paid by Contractors for the Council for Street Improvement works, viz., that paid by the Corporation, being 18s per week, or that which is known as the Standard Rate, being 5d. per hour, with overtime at the rate of time and a quarter or time and a half. Resolved, To inform Mr. Betteridge that contractors for the Corporation in all cases have to pay their men engaged on work for the Corporation the Standard Rate.

16— Covers for Dust Heaps—A letter was read from Mr. C. F. Allnutt, of 28, Montpellier Villas, suggesting that matting baskets should be provided to place on the dust heaps swept up by the road men to prevent the dust being blown about until collected by the dust carts.

17— Paragon Parade Road—A letter was read from General Jones enquiring when the Council intended to proceed with the carrying out of this private improvement. Resolved, To inform the writer that tenders for the work have been advertised for, and it will be proceeded with very shortly.

18-Contract for Stoneware Pipes—A letter from Messrs. Gibbs and Canning, Limited, was read stating that they could not, having regard to the disturbed state of the labour market, enter into any contract dispensing with a Strike Clause. Resolved, To consent to the insertion of the Clause, subject, in case of more than a month's delay, to a proviso that the Council shall have power thereupon to determine the contract.

19—Moors Farm Boundary--A letter was read from Messrs. Ticehurst and Sons enquiring whether or not the Council wished to entertain a proposal made by the Town Clerk for erection of a fence along the boundary when they met him with the Borough Surveyor at the locality. Resolved, To empower the Town Clerk to arrange for a settlement in the manner suggested by him to the Committee, and to instruct him to report at a later date with reference thereto.

20—Suffolk Road Improvement—A letter from Mr. H. W. Wade, the solicitor for the Trustees of Roderic House, was read stating that the views of the Council and his client were so divergent as to the price to be paid for the land required that it seemed useless to continue the correspondence. Resolved, To instruct the Town Clerk to publish the necessary notices preparatory to making application for a Provisional Order to put into force the compulsory powers of the Lands Clauses Consolidation Act for purchase of the land required from the owners of Roderic House, and that he be instructed in the meantime to have another interview with Mr. Wade with a view if possible of arranging for voluntary purchase on reasonable terms.

21--South corner of North Place and St Margaret's Road—Resolved, To instruct the Borough Surveyor to bring up a plan ...showing how much land would be required from the owner of Livorno Lodge to round off this corner.

22-Footpath opposite Woodlands, West side of Rodney Road and Roadway and Footpath at Bath Parade— The Borough Surveyor reported that the cost of carrying out the works ordered to be done to put in order the footpaths and roadway above mentioned amounted respectively to £18 3s. 4d. and £303 15s. 1d. which he had apportioned as regards the first mentioned amount to be paid by Mr. P. Parsons, the owner of The Woodlands, in respect of the frontage of that property, and as regards the other amount between the several 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 upon the owners referred to.

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23-Building Plans--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.
1072	John Powell	Three new cottages in Swindon Road.
1078	C. Winstone	Two villas in All Saints' Road.
1079	T. G. Smith	Stables, &c., in Exmouth Street, Bath Road.
1080	Andrew Page	Two villas in Gloucester Road.
1081	Mr. Morgan	Additions to No. 1, Brunswick Place, St. Paul's
1082	J. E. Bendall	Four houses in Leckhampton Road.
1083	E. L. Davies	Addition to Mayville, Painswick Road.

Resolved, That Nos. 1079, 1080, and 1082 be disapproved, that No. 1078 be approved subject to the damp proof course being put in a proper position, and that the other plans be approved as shown.

WILLIAM A. BAKER,

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, the 12th day of September, 1898 Present : Councillors Bence, M. Davis, Margrett, Moles and Waghorne (Councillor Bence in the chair)—

1-Zymotic Disease The Medical Officer of Health reported that there had been notified since the last meeting of the Committee, 14 cases of Scarlet Fever, 1 of Puerperal Fever, and 3 of Diphtheria ; that 14 cases of Scarlet Fever and 1 of Diphtheria had been sent into the Delancey Hospital, and that the number of cases then in the Delancey Hospital sent in by the Corporation was 17 of Scarlet Fever and 1 of Diphtheria.

2—Wells at Nos. 2, 3, 4, 21, and 22, Sherborne Place and Walcot Cottage, Sherborne 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.

3—Cleansing and Limewashing at No. 28, Townsend Street, No. 29, York Street, Nos. 22 and 23, King Street, and Nos. 2 and 5, Orchard 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.

4—Nuisance front Drains, &c., at No. 31, Russell Street, No. 1, St. James's Parade, and the Somerset Arms—The Inspector of Nuisances having made written application under Sec. 41 of the Public Health Act, stating that the drains, &c., on or belonging to the above-named houses were in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to health. Resolved, That authority be given to the Inspector of Nuisances to open the ground, examine the drains, and, if necessary, give the notices and act as provided by the said section.

5—Insanitary Property at Nos. 2, 3, and 4, Orchard Cottages, and No. 6, St. George's Terrace—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, floors, ceilings, walls, and paving of yards, &c. 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, 1875, 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.

6- Smoke Nuisance at Montpellier Baths--The Inspector of Nuisances reported that on several occasions he had observed dense black smoke issuing from the chimney at the Montpellier Baths in such quantity as to be a nuisance. Resolved, That Notice under Sec. 91 of the Public Health Act be served upon the Company requiring them to abate the nuisance.

7-Overcrowding at No. 45, Orchard 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 Notices under Section 94 of the Public Health Act be served on the of the existence of a nuisance on the said premises, owners and occupiers thereof requiring them to abate the same.

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8--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 A requiring them to provide the necessary flushing apparatus, and to the occupiers to lay on a and that in default of compliance with such notices proceedings be taken for the penalties

9—Houses without proper Ash Receptacles The Medical Officer of Health handed in a list or ash receptacles. Resolved, That the necessary Notices be given to tor. 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.

10—Insanitary Urinals—The Medical Officer of Health reported that the Urinals at the Somerset Inn, High Street, and Fairview Inn, Fairview, were in an insanitary condition owing to want of water supply. Resolved, That Notices be served on the owners of the premises under Sec. 94 of the Public Health Act requiring them forthwith to abate the nuisances, and fin that purpose to lay on a sufficient water supply to flush the urinals.

11—No. 57, Worcester Street—With reference to the Resolution to Minute No. 16 of the proceedings of this Committee at their meeting of date the 10th of November last, the Medical Officer of Health reported that this house had not been demolished as ordered by the Council. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have the house demolished and proceed as indicated by the Housing of the Working Classes Act with reference thereto.

12—Lighting of Urinal behind St. George's Place Wine and Spirit Vaults—The Medical Officer of Health reported that the lighting of this urinal was so bad that after dark anyone entering would have to feel the way in. Resolved, That the attention of the Lighting Committee be called to this unsatisfactory state of things.

13—Old Sewer under No. 2, Argyle Villas—The Medical Officer of Health reported that under this house was an old sewer in a defective condition which should be filled up under the house or relaid there with iron pipes if required to convey surface water. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed, if practicable, to have the old sewer connected above the house with the sewer now in use, and to have the portion of the old one under the house filled up with lime.

14—Lethal Chamber—A letter from the Rev. J. E. Walker, on behalf of the Local Branch of the R.S.P.C.A., stating that the site offered for the Lethal Chamber at the Destructor ground was too far off, and that the Society had obtained a more convenient site for it.

15— Collection of House Refuse—A letter was read from Mr. R. R. Skemp complaining that the collection of house refuse in the side streets was not made often enough.

16—Sewer across Land of Gas Company on North-West Side of Lower High Street—A letter was read from the Clerks to the Gas Company stating that on the 6th ultimo this sewer burst and flooded the premises of the Company, and requesting the Council to have the sewer strengthened to prevent a recurrence of the accident and to make such alterations as will enable the storm water to flow away freely. Resolved, That the Council regret that cause for the complaint should have arisen and to inform the writers that the damage has been made good and the sewer strengthened as suggested.

17—Flushing Box to W.C. at 269, High Street—A letter was read from Mr. J. W. Gunning, the owner of these premises, stating that rather than be put to the expense of complying with a notice served upon him to fix a Flushing Box to the w.c. and lay on the water he would remove the w.c. altogether, as the premises were only used by the tenant for business purposes and he did not require the w.c. Resolved, To inform Mr. Gunning that the Notice must be complied with, as the removal of the closet would only result in his having to replace it or provide another on the premises.

18—Sewer, &c., under Property of the Great Western Railway Company—A letter from the Assistant Secretary of the Great Western Railway Company was read stating that the Company would grant permission to the Corporation to lay a 9-inch sewer and construct a 4-foot subway with two manholes in connection therewith upon and across their land or line of railway subject to (amongst others) the following provisions, viz. :—An annual payment by the grantees of £2, or a payment of a lump sum equivalent to 25 years' purchase, payment by them of cost of watchmen during carrying out of work, compensation for damage to the railway or works or interruption of traffic and compensation to tenant for damage, Company not to be responsible for damage to grantees works, Company to have right to build over sewer without responsibility for damage caused thereby, works of grantees to be shifted or supported at their expense if

found to interfere with future works of the Company or alteration or repair of existing works, and costs of grant and duplicate to be paid by grantees. Resolved, That the conditions required by the Company be left to the Town Clerk to settle.

19-Flooding of Nethercott, Gloucester Road—A letter was read from Mr. F. C. Stranger complaining that the cellar of this house was continually being flooded by land drainage owing to his being unable to drain off the water into the sewer which was above the level of the cellar floor, and as the plans for the house were passed by the Council showing the basement as it exists he considered the Council should adopt some means to cause a cesser of the nuisance complained of. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to report upon the matter at the next meeting of the Committee.

20-Agenda -Resolved, That a copy of the Agenda be sent by post to each member of the Committee on the Saturdays previous to ordinary meetings.

21-Urinals in High Street--A letter from the Local Government Board was read with reference to the application to borrow £450 for the provision of underground Conveniences in High Street, stating that an Inquiry would be held, due notice of which Would be given, and requesting certain information, also enquiring if the site belonged to the Council, and calling attention with reference thereto to a decision given in a case quoted in the letter to which the Deputy Town Clerk had replied that the decision referred to had no bearing on the present case as the site was unquestionably vested in the Council. Resolved, That the reply be approved.

22-Alleged Nuisance from Sewage Farms at Staverton--A copy of a letter received by the Clerk to the County Council (which had been forwarded by him to the Borough Surveyor) from the Clerk to the Staverton Parish Council was read, calling

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attention to the nuisance caused in the parish by the Sewage Farms of the Cheltenham Corporation, which, it was alleged, polluted the streams, ditches and atmosphere, and in particular complaining of the Filter Bed, which was placed in a "most unsuitable position near to dwelling houses, public roads and paths, and from which the sewage in a foul state is " conducted through a carrier into the adjacent Hatherley Brook."

23—Plans—The plans of such new buildings necessitating drainage as were intended to come before the next meeting of the Street and Highway Committee were laid before this Committee. Resolved, That No. 1072 be not approved, but that so far as regards sanitary matters the other plans be approved as shown.

GEORGE BENCE, Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, the 19th day of September, 1898—Present : Alderman Norman ; Councillors Bence, M. Davis, Lenthall, Margrett, Moles and Waghorne (Councillor Bence in the chair)--

24-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 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 19 of Scarlet Fever and 1 of Diphtheria.

25—Overcrowding at No. 60, Sun 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.

26—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.

27—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.

28—Cleansing and Limewashing at No. 13, Waterloo Street and No. 2, Moorend 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.

29—Nuisance from Drains, &c., at No. 13, Waterloo Street and No. 15, Fairview Street—The Inspector of Nuisances having made written application under Sec. 41 of the Public Health Act, stating that the drains, &c., on or belonging to the above-named houses were in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to health. Resolved, That authority be given to the Inspector of Nuisances to open the ground, examine the drains, and, if necessary, give the notices provided by the said section.

30—New Ambulance for Diphtheria Cases—The Medical Officer of Health reported that he had received letters from Messrs Wilson and Stockall, of Bury, Lancashire, and Messrs. Atkinson and Philipson, of Newcastle-on-Tyne, offering to tender for this new Ambulance. Resolved, To request the Chairman and Alderman Norman to consider the matter and make a recommendation to the Committee.

31—insufficient Closet Accommodation at Locomotive Shed of Great Western Railway Company near St. George's Road and at Signal Box near St. George's Road Bridge—The Medical Officer of Health reported that the premises above mentioned were without a sufficient water closet, earth closet, or privy. Resolved, To serve notice upon the Company to provide sufficient water or earth closets at the said premises.

32—Flooding of Cellar at Nethercott—With reference to the letter from Mr. F. C. Stranger, complaining that he was unable to Properly drain the cellar of this house as it was below the level of the sewer, the Borough Surveyor reported that no drainage from the cellar was shown or indicated on the Plan which was submitted to and passed by the Committee before the house was built, consequently the Council are in no way responsible for the inability to drain the cellar into the sewer. Resolved, To inform Mr. Stranger accordingly, and to request the Borough Surveyor to advise him what he had better do to try to abate the inconvenience.

33—Cost of Manhole in Sewer in Albany Street, Tivoli— A letter was read from Messrs. B. W. Pearce and Sons objecting to have to pay for the construction of the manhole at the junction of their sewer in Fairmont Road

with the main in Albany' Street. Resolved, To inform Messrs. Pearce and Sons that the manhole is a necessary part and consequence of the new sewer, and must, as has been the practice in all similar cases, be paid for by the owners of the new sewer.

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34-Sewer in Road at Back of houses North Side of Pittville Circus Road and Extending thereto—In accordance with the resolution 3 to Minute No. 23 of the proceedings of this Committee of date the 22nd August last, the Borough Surveyor laid before the Committee a Specification of date the 19th day of September, 1898, of the works required to be done in the above street, which 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 sewered, 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.

35---Plans for New Buildings--Plans for erection of new buildings which had been or were intended to be laid before the Street and Highway Committee for approval were laid before this Committee. Resolved, That as regards drainage and sanitary matters, the following plans, viz. :

No. of Plan.	Name.	Description.
1079	For T. G. Smith.	New Stables, &c., in Exmouth Street, Bath Road.
1080	For Andrew Page.	Two Villas in Gloucester Road.
1082	For Joseph E. Bendall.	Four Houses in Leckhampton Road,

be disapproved, and that the others be approved as shown.

GEORGE BENCE,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, the 26th day of September, 1898, Present :—Alderman Norman ; Councillors Bence, M. Davis, Lenthall and Moles (Councillor Bence in the chair)—

36—Ambulance for Typhoid and Diphtheria Patients With reference to the resolution to Minute No. 30 of this Committee's proceedings of date the 22nd ulto., Resolved, That as any particular day this week is not convenient to the whole of the Committee, members do visit the Exhibition in connection with the Sanitary Congress at Birmingham on any day suitable to them individually.

37—Western Branch Sanitary Inspectors' association be invited to hold their Annual Meeting in July, 1899, in Cheltenham.

38--Ashes Collection—A letter was read from the Rev. A. C. Gabell, of Ryeworth House, London Road, complaining that the ashes were not removed from his house oftener than once in a fortnight, with a further letter from Mr. Gabell, in reply to one from the Chairman of this Committee, to whom both letters were addressed, and from which it appeared that the writer had obtained his information from his servants and the men themselves. The Borough Surveyor having reported that the statements contained in the letters, as

far as the Corporation and the scavenger were concerned were absolutely incorrect. Resolved, That it is matter for regret that gentlemen make these statements without due consideration and investigation.

39-Barn Farm—Mr. Corbett attended this meeting of the Committee and claimed an abatement in respect of the interest on the outlay for the extension of the sewage to Rule Meadow Patch.

Resolved, That the Western Branch of the Sanitary Inspectors' Association

GEORGE BENICE,

Chairman.

TOWN IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Wednesday, the 14th day of September, 1898 Present: Aldermen Drew and Winterbotham ; Councillors Bence, Dix, Cooper and Mills (Alderman Winterbotham in the chair).

1-Report of Concert Sub-committee-The Concert Sub-Committee reported that they had engaged the services of the Band of the Royal Marine Light Infantry to come to Cheltenham, under the conductorship of Mr. George Miller, Mus. Bac., and give

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two concerts, either on the 5th or the 6th prox. It was proposed to hold the concerts in the Montpellier Gardens if the weather was suitable, but if otherwise in the Winter Garden, but the Sub-Committee recommended that the necessary seven days' notice should be given for the closing of the Montpellier Gardens to subscribers on the date fixed for the Concerts.

Resolved, That the recommendation of the Sub-Committee be the agreed to and that the Town Clerk do give such notice accordingly.

2-Chairs—Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to expend the sum of £15 in the purchase of a number of chairs at Cavendish House suitable for both indoor and open air concerts.

3-Admission of Subscribers to Concerts in Montpellier Gardens—Resolved, That the subscribers to the Montpellier Gardens be at once notified by post-card from the Borough Surveyor that on every occasion when concerts, to which subscribers have the right of admission, are held in the Gardens the conditions printed on the Subscription Card as to its production before entrance will be strictly enforced.

JAS. B. WINTERBOTHAM, Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 19th day of September, 1898—Present : Aldermen Drew and Winterbotham ; Councillors Bence, Cooper, Dix and Macdonald (Alderman Winterbotham in the chair)—

4-Clarence and Wellington Squares and Pittville Crescent Gardens Bye-Laws—Resolved, That consideration of the draft Bye-Laws relating to these Gardens be adjourned sine die.

5-Illumination of Montpellier Gardens—The Concert Sub-Committee recommended that for the purposes of entertainments the Mont-Paler Gardens should be illuminated by means of small coloured electric

incandescent lamps placed in festoons along the boundary of the outside paths encircling the Montpellier Gardens. the cost of which was estimated by the Electrical Engineer as follows, viz, :—£850 for establishment and £1 per night for maintenance, calculated upon the basis of illuminating the Gardens three nights a week for 26 weeks between the beginning of April and end of September. Resolved. That the recommendation of the Sub-Committee be approved and adopted, the scheme to be carried out in accordance with the plan and estimate of the Electrical Engineer at an initial cost not exceeding £1,000. and that the Finance Committee be requested to decide in what manner the -capital expenditure should be provided.

6-User of Pittville Pump Room for Meeting of Sanitary Inspectors' Association—A letter from Councillor Bence, Chairman of the Public Health Committee, was read, stating that on the 1st of July next the Western Branch of the above-mentioned Association intend to hold their Annual Meeting in Cheltenham, and applying for the free use on their behalf of the Pittville Pump Room and Garden on that day. Resolved. That the application be acceded to.

7-Dancing in Winter Garden—A letter was read from Mr. Geo. Hawkins. lessee of the Promenade Assembly Rooms, at corner of :Regent Street and Ormond Place, advocating the provision at the Winter Garden during the ensuing season of popular dances, and offering to render assistance in their promotion or to undertake the sole management on behalf of the Committee. Resolved. That at present the Council are not prepared to entertain the proposal.

8-Issue of Cheap Railway Tickets for Entertainments—Letters from the Midland and Great Western Railway Companies were read stating that they were unable to comply with the re-quest made to them to issue cheap return tickets from the neighbouring twins to accommodate visitors to the entertainments promoted by the Corporation

9-Advertising in Steamship Guides—A letter was read from the International Advertising Agency, Limited, suggesting that an Advertisement of the town should be inserted in the Official Guides of the sixteen leading Steamship Companies published like: them. Resolved, That the Council do not consider it necessary to advertise the town in the manner suggested.

10-Referenc to The Town in the Sanitary Record Diary -A letter was read from the Assistant Secretary of the Sanitary Record stating that the 17th edition of the Sanitary Record Diary was being prepared for publication, and the cost of insertion of the Notice of Cheltenham in the list of Health Resorts as before would be 4s. which would include a voucher copy of the Diary post free. Resolved. To authorise insertion of the Notice in the new edition.

11-ladies Bicycle Gymkhana--An application Was received from Colonel heir for the exclusive use of Montpellier Gardens for two days in the first week of June next, to be subsequently decided upon, for holding a Ladies' Bicycle Gymkhana, the profits of which would be devoted to the Eye, Ear and Throat Infirmary. Resolved, That the application be acceded to at a charge of 10 guineas subject to rebate in case of bad weather, that the requisite notice for closing the Gardens to the subscribers be given, and that the ladies intending to ride be allowed to make use of the Winter Garden free of charge for an hour one day a week for drilling purposes only for so long previously to the entertainment as shall be required.

12-Badminton in Winter Gardens--Resolved, That books of tickets of admission to the Winter Garden for playing Badminton be issued to the three clubs, managed respectively by Colonel Leir, Mr. Currie. and Mr.

Adams, at a reduction of 33 1/3 per cent., the gentlemen mentioned to account at intervals for the price of the tickets issued to the members of their respective Clubs.

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13-Chairs—Resolved, To advertise for tenders for the supply of 1,000 chairs as per pattern (unstained) to be seen in the department of the Borough Surveyor at the Municipal Offices, to be received on or before the 26th inst.

JAS. B. WINTERBOTHAM,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, the 28th day of September, 1898—Present: The Mayor; Alderman Winterbotham ; Councillors Bence, Cooper, Dix, Macdonald and Mills (Alderman Winterbotham in the chair).

14– Supply of Chairs—In response to the advertisement for 1,000 chairs, eight tenders were received. Resolved, That the tender of Mr. R. E. Stranger, of No. 138, High Street, at 2s 10 ½d for chairs similar to the pattern chair, but with birch seat instead of elm and unstained, be accepted. The chairs to be delivered free at the Winter Garden by the 5th of November next.

JAS. B. WINTERBOTHAM,

Chairman.

WATER COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Wednesday, the 21st day of September, 1898 Present : Councillors Baker, Bence, Dix, M. Davis, Ll. Davies, and Margrett (Councillor Margrett in the chair)—

1—Borough Engineer's Report—The Borough Engineer reported as follows:

On the 20th instant the supply from Hewletts and Northfield Springs was 71 gallons, the average for the last four years being 62 gallons per minute ; and the quantity of water in store at Hewletts and Leckhampton was 5,821,301 gallons.

On the 20th inst. the depth of water in Dowdeswell Reservoir was 17 feet 10 inches and the contents 36,621,685 gallons, giving a total of 42,442,986 gallons, or about 35 days' supply, exclusive of the daily yield of the springs, which is now about 191,488 gallons.

The owner of Staverton Court, Lieut.-Colonel James St. Clair, has renewed the application for an extension of the main at Heydon Hill to Staverton Court. He agrees to pay the sum of £120 and his tenant to pay the ordinary water charges. This extension will considerably facilitate the supply to Heydon Knoll and cottages as well as some other houses. I am arranging to commence the work on Monday next so as to be ready by the end of the month.

Resolved, That the report be approved and the extension therein mentioned be made on the terms stated.

2-- Hydrants in Tewkesbury—A letter was read from the Town Clerk of Tewkesbury stating that his Council were desirous that two sluice valve hydrants should be erected on the 7-inch main in High Street, Tewkesbury, in positions specified, and stating that an existing hydrant near Messrs. Collins and Godfrey's works would be almost useless in case of fire, and should be removed to a more convenient position, and that all the hydrants in the town should be put into a proper state of repair. He presumed that the Cheltenham Town Council would see to this being done.

Resolved, That Mr. Badham be informed that the Council are prepared to provide and fix the ordinary hydrants for fire extinguishing purposes when and where required by the Tewkesbury Town Council subject to the provisions of the Water Acts and to the payment by them of £6 per cent. on the cost of so doing and of 1s per annum for maintenance in respect of each hydrant, but that this Committee wish for further information as to what is meant by " sluice valve hydrants " and for what purpose such are required.

3-Water Supply to Cotham Fields Infants' School—A letter was read from Miss Woodard, the Treasurer of the Coltham Fields Infants' School, stating that she believed it was usual in Cheltenham not to charge voluntary schools a water rate, that such a rate had been paid by the school in question up to June this year, and that she would be glad if they could be relieved from it in future. Resolved, That Miss Woodard be informed that voluntary schools in Cheltenham do pay for the water they consume, and that her school can be supplied by meter on the same terms if desired.

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4-Water Supply Keynshambury "—Mr. A. H. Smith attended this meeting of the Committee by special permission and stated this case with regard to the fittings and the refusal of the Borough Surveyor to lay on the water which he only required for the purpose of cleaning, the fittings not being in accordance with the regulations.

Resolved, That Mr. Smith be informed that the water will be turned on for cleaning purposes as required for one month on the understanding that at the expiration of that time or prior to the letting of the house, whichever first happens, the necessary alterations in the fittings be made.

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

H. GEO. MARGRETT,

LIGHTING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, the 2nd day of September, 1898 Present : Alderman Norman; Councillors Baker, Dix, Margrett and Steel (Alderman Norman in the chair)

1—Public Lighting—The Committee proceeded to view certain localities in the Borough with a view to improving the public lighting. Resolved, That the Gas Company be requested to fix incandescent lamps as an experiment in Henrietta Street similar to those in Imperial Square.

That one additional gas lamp be fixed over Tangent Alley.

That an arc lamp be fixed in Priory Lawn Road.

That one arc lamp be fixed in Bath Parade, and

That the Electrical Engineer do prepare an estimate of the cost of extending the arc lighting along College Road and Great Norwood Street.

GEO. NORMAN,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Thursday, the 22nd day of September, 1898—Present Alderman Norman ; Councillors Baker, Cooper, Margrett, Steel and Waghorne (Alderman Norman in the chair).

Electrical Inspector's Report month as follows, viz.

The Electrical Inspector reported the result of his tests of the electric supply during the past

LOW PRESSURE CABLES :

Date.	Legal Standard.	Test at Manchester Street.
Sept. 14th	100 Volts	103.7 Volts.

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

ILLUMINATING POWER.	PURITY—SULPHUR
1898	1898. Grains per 100 cubic ft.
Sept. 14th.. 17.03 candles;	Sept. 17th & 18 th 19.80
" 19th.. <u>16.70</u> “	
Average .. 16.86 “	

Resolved, That the attention of the Gas Company be called to the inferior quality of the gas as regards purity, as shown by the above report.

4—Gas Inspector's Report—The Gas Inspector reported that the hourly average consumption of Gas per lamp during the previous month had been 4.2783 cubic feet.

5—Lamp Book—This Book was produced and examined. Lamps extinguished, 4 metered, and 9 unmetered.

6—Lighting of Swindon Road—Letters were read from Mr. Alfred Cook, of Chosen View, Swindon Road, and Mr. W. J. Cypher of Horwood Lodge, Swindon Road, calling attention to the need of two or three lamps on the Swindon Road On the West side of the Railway Bridge. Resolved, To adjourn consideration of the matter pending a visit by the Committee.

7—Lighting of Urinal behind Wine and Spirit Vaults, St. George's Place-Resolved, To instruct the Electrical Engineer to have an incandescent light ordered for this urinal fixed at once.

8—Lighting at Corner of Devonshire Street —A suggestion having been made that a gas lamp be placed at the corner of Devonshire Street, Resolved, To adjourn consideration of the matter pending a visit by the Committee.

9—Electrical Engineer's Report-The Electrical Engineer reported that the number of customers then connected was 269, equivalent to about 16,140 eight c.p. lamps, and that the number of arcs in use was 121.

He estimated the cost of lighting by arcs the roads and streets hereinafter mentioned as follows, viz.: —

(a) College Road from High Street to Sandford Road, from College Road to Bath Road, Bath Parade (1 arc) and St. Luke's Road (2 arcs). £1,300 for 15 arc lamps, those in College Road to be suspended over the road.

(b) Suffolk Square (North side), Suffolk Parade, and Great Norwood Street from Montpellier Terrace to the Railway Inn. £860 for 13 arc lamps.

(c) Priory Lawn Road, arc lamp, £55.

He had an application for supply of current to a house necessitating an extension of low pressure cable along Thirlestaine Road from the College Junior Department to College Lawn, the cost of which would be about £115, and he reported that at the request of the Chairman of the Concert Sub-Committee of the Town Improvement Committee he had worked out a scheme and estimate for illuminating the path encircling the Montpellier Gardens by means of small electric lamps, and that the Town Improvement Committee would probably require him to issue the necessary specifications and supervise the work of providing an installation as aforesaid. The additional demand occasioned thereby would be from 20 to 25 kilowatts which would produce at 3d. per unit about 6s per hour's use. Resolved, That the report be approved, that the streets and roads referred to be lit as therein mentioned, that the extensions therein referred to be carried out, that the Electrical Engineer be authorised to comply with the request of the Town Improvement Committee, that a shelter over the yard in Manchester Street at a cost of £50 be erected, and that application to the Local Government Board he made to sanction an additional loan of £2,500 to provide for the expenditure referred to above and contingencies.

10— Lighting Corner by Roderic House—A Memorial from T. James and seven others was read calling attention to the insufficient lighting of this corner and suggesting that an electric arc light should be erected there. Resolved, To inform the memorialists that the Committee propose to light Suffolk Parade and Great Norwood Street with electric lamps, and the lighting at the corner referred to will then be improved.

GEO. NORMAN,

Chairman.

GENERAL PURPOSES AND WATCH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, the 20th day of September, 1898—Present Aldermen Norman and Winterbotham ; Councillors Baker, Bence, Davis, Hayward and Steel (Alderman Norman in the chair)

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

2-Report of Superintendent of Fire Brigade The Superintendent of the Fire Brigade reported that on the 28th ulto. the Brigade was called to a fire at No. 82, High Street, which resulted in damage estimated at £50, and he had sent the account for extinction expenses, amounting to £3 5s. Od., to the London and Lancashire Fire Office, in which the building and contents were insured.

Also on the 5th inst. to a fire at the Model Bakery of George's, Limited, Bedford Buildings, which resulted in damage estimated at £200. and that he had sent the account for the extinction expenses, amounting to £3 2s. 6d., to the Queen's Insurance Office, in which the buildings and contents were insured.

He also reported that the tunics of the uniforms were in a very bad condition, having been in use since September, 1890, and he had obtained a tender from Messrs. Hebbert and Co., Limited, 16, James Street, Haymarket, London, who would supply new ones at a total cost of £33 14s. 0d.

That he had obtained tenders from Messrs. Slader and Son, of Bath Street, and Mr. H. Harris, of Royal Well Place, for the supply of furniture required for the new room at the Station, and he recommended that two additional spreading nozzles of aluminium be obtained from Messrs. John Morris and Sons, of Cross Lane, Manchester, at a cost of £3 each. Resolved, That the Sub-Committee be requested to investigate and bring up a recommendation with regard to the Superintendent's suggestion that new tunics should be provided, that the tenders for the furniture be referred to the Sub-Committee to select, and that the Sub-Committee be requested to consider the Superintendent's recommendation to purchase the two additional nozzles before mentioned.

3—Drivers Licenses—Applications for drivers' licenses were received from Thomas Gabb, James C. Hearn, and Arthur Liddiard. Resolved. That the same be granted.

4.--License Transfers from Landaus to Open Carriages Applications were received from Arthur Fryer, Henry Workman, and A. Spreadbury, holders of licenses for landaus, for transfer of same to open carriages. Resolved, That the applications be acceded to, subject as to Fryer's to approval by the Chairman of the substituted vehicle.

5-Hansom Cab Licenses—Memorials and letters from several persons were read objecting to the proposal of the Committee to grant hansom cab licenses to Mr. Cook.

Letters were read from Robert Fowles, of No. 2, Great Norwood Street, and G. H. Fowles, of Lansdown Stables, applying for hansom cab licenses. Resolved, That the Committee recommend the granting of hansom cab licenses, not exceeding 20 in number, and that two be now granted to Mr. Cook and one each to Robert Fowles and G. H. Fowles on condition that the vehicles are regularly plying for hire by the 1st January next, and that the Resolution to Minute No. 1 of this Committee's proceedings of date the 8th January, 1897, be varied accordingly.

6-Hackney Carriage Licenses—The Street Inspector reported that Samuel Hill had been twice convicted of offences against the Hackney Carriage Bye-Laws within 12 months.

Applications were received as follows, viz.: From W. P. Jones for a license for a brougham.

From F. Bishop for a hackney carriage or pony carriage license.

From G. H. Fowles for a landau license, and from

George Clifford for a hackney carriage license. Resolved, To inform the applicants their requests cannot be acceded to, as they are no vacancies for licenses other than hansom cab licenses.

Letters were read from George Clifford, F. Paynter, and John Morgan advocating free trade for carriage proprietors, and from F. Jones reminding the Committee he was first on the list and should be granted a license before C. Cook.

7-Report of Market Sub-Committee --The Market Sub-Committee reported that they had considered what arrangements could be made for performance of the duties of Collector and Attendant at the Market, and they resolved to recommend that the Public Health Committee be requested to permit Mr. C. Marshall, the attendant at the Abattoir, to take entire charge of the Market and collect the Tolls, and that he be paid therefor 2s 6d per week in addition to his present wages, and that the Borough Surveyor be authorised to provide him with such further assistance as may be required in cleaning up and at Fair times. Resolved, That the recommendation of the Sub-Committee be approved and adopted.

8-Workmen's Insurance--The Town Clerk reported that he had been unable to obtain from the Lancashire Insurance Company such a form of Policy as he considered necessary to coter the risk which the Corporation desired to insure against, as the Company had declined to consent to the alterations and additions which he had made in the form which the Company said they were prepared to grant and which they would not consent to vary.

He reported that he had communicated with a number of Corporations to ascertain what other Town Councils were doing in the matter, and a considerable number had replied to the effect that they had not as yet insured against the risk, and intended to wait until the Workmen's Compensation Act had been in operation some time in order to ascertain its effect. Resolved To allow the matter to remain in abeyance for the present pending consideration by the Finance Committee of question of formulating a Scheme of Self Insurance and to enable the Town Clerk to make further enquiries.

9-Ambulance Stretchers--A letter was read from Mr. E. Pates advocating the provision of Ambulance Stretchers in various parts of the town.

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10-Re-numbering of Fairview Road —The Borough Surveyor laid before the Committee a Plan for the re-numbering of the houses in this road. Resolved, That same be approved and that the numbers on the doors be painted in gold.

GEO, NORMAN,

Chairman.

BATHS AND RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Wednesday, the 7th day of September, 1898 Present : Alderman Drew ; Councillors Baker, Hayward, Lenthall, Mills and Moles (Councillor Mills in the chair)

1-Football at Naunton Park An application was received from the President of the Roseleigh Football Club applying for permission for the Club to play football in the Naunton Park Recreation Ground during the ensuing season in place of the Crosby Club which had ceased to exist. Resolved, That the application be acceded to.

GEO. H. MILLS, Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 19th day of September, 1898, Present Alderman Drew; Councillors Baker, Dighton, Hayward and Moles (Councillor Hayward in the chair)—

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

2-Alstone Bath —The Borough Surveyor reported that the number of bathers for the season up to and including the 17th inst., exclusive of ticket holders, had been 18,264, the total amount received being £175 8s. 4d.

That he had received from H. W. Williams, Esq., of Jersey Villa, two cork jackets for use at the Baths.

That the Caretaker had commenced his duties, and suggested that alterations at the Baths should be made as follows, viz. :

Improved ventilation, a new spring board in the centre of the deep end and one new diving table, a larger overflow, a hose pipe for driving out the sediment every night and morning, a polo ball for use of the evening bathers, and that the Bath be kept open during the winter months, as many bathers had asked for it.

The Borough Surveyor considered the suggestions reasonable and distinct improvements, but they could not be carried out whilst the Baths are in use. Resolved, To thank Mr. Williams for his gift, and that the Borough Surveyor be instructed to prepare an estimate of the cost of carrying out the suggestions above mentioned, consideration of which be adjourned for a meeting of the Committee to be held at the Baths on the following Friday afternoon at 4 o'clock.

4-Pryer-A letter was read from Mr. A. H. Smith, Solicitor, accepting on behalf of the family of the deceased the offer of the Corporation to pay £50 for the loss occasioned to them by the accident and £20 for funeral expenses and costs. Also an authority signed with the mark of Mr. George Pryer in the presence of a witness to Mr. A. H. Smith to accept the offer and to receive and give a receipt for the same on his behalf. Resolved, That it be left to the Town Clerk to make the Payment and take a receipt for the same in such manner as he shall deem expedient.

C. HAYWARD, Chairman.

At a meeting of this Committee, held on Friday, the 23rd day of September, 1898—Present: Councillors Baker, Ll. Davies, Dighton, Hayward and Mills (Councillor Mills in the chair).

5-Alstone Bath—The Committee paid a visit to the Alstone Swimming Bath with reference to the suggestions of the new Caretaker placed before them by the Borough Surveyor at their last meeting. Resolved, That the ventilation of the Swimming Bath be improved, and that for this purpose a motor and fan be obtained and fixed at a cost not exceeding £35

That the present diving table be moved to the North side of the end of the Bath, that a new table one foot higher than the present one be obtained and fixed near the South side of the end of the Bath, and that a new spring board be fixed over the centre of the end of the Bath at an estimated cost of £10.

That the overflow at the West end be made the same length as the width of the Bath, that two water services with unions and a hose be fixed so as to enable the attendant to clean the surface of the Bath, and that a polo ball be obtained for the general use of the bathers in the evening.

Also Resolved, That the Bath be closed for the alterations and for some necessary repairs to one of the steam pipes, and that when the alterations are complete the Swimming Bath and the new Cleansing Baths be opened for the winter.

An application was received from Mr. F. F. Wheeler asking that the Annual Swimming and Diving Competitions in connection with the Parish Church Schools might be held on Wednesday, 28th inst., at 2 p.m., when the Bath would otherwise be closed.

Resolved, That Mr. Wheeler's application be acceded to.

6- Agg-Gardner Recreation Ground—Letters were read from Sergt.-Major Brown, on behalf of the Engineer Volunteer Football Club. and Mr. S. Durham, Hon. Secretary St. Paul's United Football Club, asking for the use of the football goal posts at Agg-Gardner Recreation Ground on Saturday afternoons, the Town Association Football Club now having another ground to play on.

Resolved, That they be requested to mutually arrange for alternate Saturdays.

GEO. H. MILLS,

Chairman.

BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Friday, the 23rd day of September, 1898—Present : Alderman Haddon ; Councillors Baker, Cypher, M. Davis and Mules (Councillor Moles in the chair).

1-Superintendent's Report—The Superintendent reported that the gravediggers' trucks and several of the grave shields required repairing, that some short planks and some more new webbings were wanted. He also reported that the workmen's closet cesspool was full and required emptying. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor do have the various repairs, &c., carried Out and provide the articles required by the Superintendent.

2-Inspection of Cemetery--The Committee paid a visit of inspection to the Cemetery. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor do put the inner entrance gates in proper working condition and have the same painted, that the shelter be fixed near the North West corner of the Church of England Chapel, and that the Borough Surveyor do construct a shed in which to keep the trucks, &c.

3-Designs---The following designs were examined and allowed, viz :—Monument to John Salmon Blaxland ; Headstones to Alfred John Teague, Sarah Cowmeadow, and John Edward Young.

4-Account—The following Account was examined and allowed G. C. Pratley, Wages Account £17 0 0

J. V. MOLES, Chairman.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

At a meeting. of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 27th day of September, 1898 Present : Alderman Drew ; Councillors Hayward, Macdonald, Margrett and Steel (Councillor Margrett in the chair)

1--Loans from Lloyds Bank—A letter from Mr. F. F. Leaver, the Manager of the Local Branch of Lloyds Bank, Limited, was read, stating that the Directors agree to renewal of the existing loan for a further period of six months at 3 per cent. interest. Resolved, That the offer be accepted.

2—Illuminating Pathway Encircling Montpellier Gardens With reference to the resolution of the Town Improvement Committee to expend a sum not exceeding £1,000 in establishing a method of illumination at Montpellier Gardens with small coloured electric incandescent lamps, and requesting this Committee to decide in what manner the capital expenditure should be provided, Resolved, That the expenditure can only be provided in three ways, by borrowing, by payment out of the Rate or by application through the Rate of the Water Surplus. That with regard to the latter mode, the Committee are unable at present, having regard to possible, and indeed probable, urgent needs of the Water Department itself, to recommend that mode, and that with regard to the other mode, the Committee must leave it to the Council to take action.

3-Insurance-The Borough Accountant laid before the Committee a statement he had prepared of the present insurances effected by the Corporation and the premiums paid in respect thereof.

4—Report of Borough Accountant re Loans and Stock Issue --The Borough Accountant presented a Report he had prepared relative to equation of periods of loans, and proposed second issue of Corporation Stock.

5—General District Rate—The Report of the Borough Accountant of date the 27th inst., on the collection of the first instalment of this Rate, was read. Amount collected £15,709, leaving outstanding £1,430 12s. 3d.

6-Water Rate — The Report of the Borough Accountant of date the 27th inst. on the collection of this Rate, was read. Amount received, £8,626 1s. 6d., leaving outstanding £1,007 1s. 8d.

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 £7,179 19s. 3d., ordered to be paid by the Borough Treasurer. The Treasurer's Accounts at the Bank were examined and the balances found to be correct.

The following was the General Statement :—

In hand on the 30th August last	£ 756 9 4
Received since that date	<u>£6,254 7 9</u>
	£7,010 17 1 [?]
Paid since that date	<u>£5,326 4 3</u>
In hand	£1,684 12 10

H. GEO. MARGRETT,

Chairman.

PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 20th day of September, 1898—Present : Alderman Skillicorne; Councillors Hayward, Moles, and Steel ; Rev. J. Mugliston, Baron de Ferrieres; Messrs. Evan Butler, W. Cresswell, and T. Whitford (Councillor Hayward in the chair)—

1-Librarian's Report---The usual Monthly Report of the Librarian was read. Receipts £8 6s. 9d. He reported that there had been an increase of 5 per day in the issues from the Lending Library and an increase of 1 per day in the Reference Library 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.:—

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Miss D'Argent 13 Volumes.

E T. Brydges 1 “

Board of Trade 1 “

H. S. Newman 1 “

Annual Reports from the Libraries at Hammersmith, Leeds, Portsmouth, Southampton, and Streatham.

2--Sub-Committee's Report—The Sub-Committee reported as follows, viz., that they recommend.-

That the offer of Messrs. Roberts & Co., of Nottingham, to present 20 volumes of Music be accepted.

That the Town Improvement Committee be asked to have certain repairs done to the Leckhampton Board Room

That the incandescent lamps at the Branch Reading Room be renewed.

That Exhibitions of Books on Technical subjects be held on Friday afternoons, during the hours of 3 to 9.30, from October, 1898, to March, 1899.

That the " Index Kewensis," 2 vols., 4to[?], sent on approval, be purchased for £5 5s. 0d.

That a selection from the lists of new books prepared by the Librarian be purchased for about £11 1s. 0d.

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

3—Accounts—The following accounts were passed for payment :

W. Jones, Wages Account	£17 0 0
W. Jones, Expenses at Library Conference	£ 5 0 0
J. W. Pink, Books	£ 1 0 0
J. Webb, Books	£ 0 15 0

C. HAYWARD,

Chairman.

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, the 14th day of September, 1898—Present : Aldermen Skillicorne and Haddon ; Councillors Mills, Moles and Steel (Councillor Steel in the chair

1-Chief Attendance Officer Mr Turner —A letter was read, dated the 10th inst., from Mr. R. K. Turner, the Chief School Attendance Officer, stating that he had lately been absent from his duties through an injury to one of the bones of his right foot, and that his medical attendant thought it absolutely necessary that he should not attempt to walk for another two months, and therefore he asked the Committee to allow Mr. George Irving, son of one of the Attendance Officers, to act in his place and assist in his absence, he (Mr. Turner) paying Mr. George Irving if his request was acceded to.. Resolved. That Mr. Turner's proposal be agreed to.

JOHN D. STEEL, Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Wednesday, the 28th day of September, 1898—Present : The Mayor ; Alderman Skillicorne ; Councillors Cypher, Moles and Steel (Councillor Steel in the chair)—

4-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 1,009 names of absentee children had been extracted, all of whom

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had been visited. They also reported that the parents of 34 children had been summoned to attend before the Local Committees who had held 7 meetings. That 7 parents had been prosecuted ; that 3 were fined, and Attendance Orders were made against three other parents, and that Attendance Orders made in respect of Bertie Prust and Alice Barrett had not been complied with. Resolved, That proceedings in respect of such breach be taken against the parents of the children named.

3-Local Committees—The Minute Books of the several Local Committees were gone through and examined. Resolved, That proceedings be taken against the parents of the following children, viz :—Charles Rawlings, 25, Jersey Street ; Elizabeth Collier, 60, Duke Street ; Bertie Whitfield, Short Street ; Frederick Driver, Tivoli Lane ; Elisha Green, Casino Place ; Edward Trapp, 71 Rutland Street ; Frank Pontin, Russell Place ; and Jane, John and Charles Newman, 43, Worcester Street.

4—Attendance at St. Peter's Boys' School—A letter was read from Mr. A. G. Wheeler, Head Master of the St. Peter's Boys' School, complaining of the bad attendance at his School, after making allowance for those boys away hop-picking. Resolved, That Mr. Wheeler be informed that Mr. Turner's illness and consequent absence from work accounts to some extent for his complaint, but that now that Mr. Turner's place has been temporarily filled the Committee trust the attendance will improve.

5—Maintenance of Boys at Industrial School —A letter was read from the Rev. E. Hedley, Hon. Secretary Stockport Industrial School, enclosing a statement of account for the part maintenance of six boys in the School at the rate of 4s per week, and requesting payment. Resolved, That the further consideration of the matter be adjourned for the Town Clerk to make enquiries.

JOHN D. STEEL, Chairman.

Borough of Cheltenham

MINUTE of the Proceedings of the Committees of the Town Council to be submitted for approval at a Quarterly Meeting of the Council, to be held on Wednesday, the 9th day of November, 1898.

STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Friday, the 7th day of October, 1898 Present : Councillors Baker, Bence, M. Davis, Dix and Mills (Councillor Baker in the chair)

1—Building Plans---The Borough Surveyor laid before the Committee Notices and Plans received by him from the following persons intending to erect new buildings, viz

No. of Plan.	Name.	Description.
1084	Andrew Page.	Four villas in Gloucester Road.
1085	T. G. Smith.	New stables, &c., in Exmouth Street.
1086	C. Smith.	Two cottages and Mission Hall near Naunton Park.
1087	B W. Pearce & Sons.	Two houses in Victoria Street, St. Paul's.

Resolved, That Plans numbered 1084, 1086 and 1087 be disapproved, and that No. 1085 be approved. Also Resolved, That Building Bye-Law No. 49 be printed on all Building Notice Forms.

WILLIAM A. BAKER, Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, had on Monday, the 17th day of October, 1898—Present : The Mayor; Alderman Haddon ; Councillors Baker, Dix, M. Davis, Margrett and Mills (Councillor Baker in the chair).

2-The View— The following members attended the View Meeting on the previous Friday, viz.:--Alderman Haddon ; Councillors Baker, M. Davis and Margrett.

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3.Street Projections --The Street Inspector reported that five incandescent electric lamps had been put up over the shop windows Projections Messrs. Bally and Jones' Nos. 1 and 2, Pittville Street, and an incandescent gas lamp over the entrance to Mr. Fletcher's shop at shop, No. 17, Pittville Street, without the permission of the Council having been obtained, but that the lamps were the regulation height and projected about two feet.

Letters were read from Messrs. Bally and Jones, asking permission for their lamps to remain and regretting having unwittingly infringed the byelaws, and from Mr. R. Organ, Gas Fitter, on behalf of Mr. Fletcher, asking that his lam should be allowed to remain. Resolved, That under the circumstances the lamps in each case be allowed to remain subject to compliance with the usual regulations.

4—Borough Surveyor's Report—The Borough Surveyor reported that the work done by the Highways Department from the 24th September to the 14th instant, both inclusive, was as follows :—

Repaired with Clee Hill Stone Sandfield Road (proceeding), 2220 super yards.

Patching—Montpellier Walk, Winchcomb Street, Hales Road, Promenade, County Court Road, 1067 super yards.

Repaired with Wickwar Stone—Victoria Street, St. Paul's, 1377 super yards.

Repaired with Wickwar Millgrit—Hanover Street and Albert Street, St. Paul's, 1589 super yards.

Paving, Kerb, Crossing and Channelling—North Street, Henrietta Street, Suffolk Parade, Monson Avenue, Winchcomb Street, Rutland Street, High Street, Albert Place, Blenheim Parade, Fairview Street, Albert Street,

The footpath on the North side of Sandfield Road has been refaced with tar, sand and lias lime.

The footpath on the West side of Prestbury Road has been repaired with Wickwar gravel.

Footpath in All Saints' Road, near All Saints' Church, has been repaired with Wickwar gravel. The crossing at the bottom of Mountpleasant and one crossing in North Place have been relaid with McDougall's bricks. New gullies have been put in, viz., one Lansdown Terrace, one Lansdown Crescent, two Malvern Road, three Rowanfield Road.

Trees have been pruned in Hewlett Road and Hales Road.

He also reported that the contract for the supply of coal would expire on 1st December next.

Ashes Collection—Van loads, 574 ; consumed at Destructor, 599 tons 12 cwt. Resolved, That tenders for the supply of coal for six months, from the 1st December next, be advertised for.

5—Destructor —The question of improving the present arrangements for destruction of refuse at the Ash Destructor was considered. Resolved, That the following Report be presented to the Council on the subject :
" On the 15th day of September last your Committee visited Manchester, and, by appointment, they were met by Mr. Wilson, one of the Directors of the firm of Messrs. W. F. Mason, Limited, the patentees of the Destructor upon which your Committee were instructed to report.

Your Committee received from Mr. Wilson a very full and clear explanation of the scientific principles which have led to the present design.

On the following morning your Committee visited the Works of the Manchester Corporation in Water Street, and there saw in operation two forms of Destructor, one having moveable bars for mechanical clinkering. They then visited the Destructor at Moss Side, which was in ordinary operation ; no smoke was visible any portion of the time your Committee were at the Works, although wet and offensive refuse was being thrown into the furnace at regular intervals.

The furnace consists of a brick chamber of any convenient size, but usually about five or six feet square, and seven to eight feet in height. The bottom is formed by a water trough into which the clinker falls after passing through the furnace and from which the clinker is removed in a cold state—in marked contrast to the removal of clinker from all other forms of Destructor. The fire is from four to five feet in depth, and is blown by a steam jet which draws in such quantity of air as will combine with the carbon in the refuse to produce carbonic oxide. Around the furnace are a number of air passages, the air circulating through these passages becomes heated, and at point near the top of the down flue, just below the gas valve, the heated air is

brought into contact with the carbonic oxide, resulting in a flame with an intense heat, considerably above 2,000 deg. Fahr., the products passing off' as invisible gases and absolutely without smoke or smell.

A model in the possession of the Borough Surveyor shows generally the arrangements, and a plan shows how the present Destructors may be so modified as to adapt them to the new process.

One important advantage of this system is shown on the plan, viz., that the gas may be conveyed to the boilers at the Generating Station of the Electric Light Works without material loss of heating power, therefore no special boiler will be required for utilising the Destructor heat.

Your Committee are satisfied that the process offers considerable advantages in many respects over the present form of Destructor, especially that it realises all the possible heat value in the refuse, and relieves the men from a dangerous and arduous occupation.

Judging by the quantity of refuse dealt with by one man, the labour charges will certainly not be greater than at present, and probably materially less.

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Your Committee recommend that two cells be erected on the site of the existing cremators as an experiment, and that they be tried for three months in ordinary work, and, should the result prove satisfactory, as your Committee believe will be the case, at the end of that time such number of the present cells be converted to Mason's system, as, from the experience gained by your Committee during this period, shall be deemed necessary for dealing with the whole of the refuse of the town."

6---Utilisation of Clinker at Destructor—The Borough Surveyor presented the following Report :

I desire to bring to your notice the difficulties we are now experiencing in the removal of clinker from the Refuse Destructor, and also from the Electric Lighting Station.

The demand has fallen off materially, and the quantity now accumulated is larger than I see any immediate prospect of dealing with.

With a view to solving the problem I have experimented in various ways, the most promising being the manufacture of bricks, of which I submit herewith a sample. The process consists in breaking the clinker small and then grinding it with a small proportion of Has lime to the consistency of rough mortar ; moulding this mortar roughly to the form of bricks. partially drying them, and then pressing them. The brick before you was pressed in an ordinary handpress by one man, consequently a better quality of brick could be produced if steam power were applied.

The quantity of clinker we have available would be equivalent to an output of 3,000 bricks per day. There is very little doubt that this quantity would be readily absorbed if sold at a price to compete with the ordinary burnt clay brick, and that this can be done I have no doubt, the cost of producing them being less than one pound (£1) per thousand.

I do not consider they would be adapted for face work but for foundations, particularly in damp soil where they would continue to harden ; for inside walls and similar purposes they would answer every purpose of the ordinary burnt brick, and in some respects be superior to the ordinary local brick.

I find that various patents have been taken for the manufacture of bricks in some similar manner, but I think that at the present time no one has any exclusive right, though there may be some right in the methods of manufacture, appliances used, and the like.

I am not in a position at present to say what the cost of Plant would be, but wish to put the proposal before you prior to incurring any expense for further work in preparing the necessary estimates of cost. I think you may rest assured that it would not exceed £1,000.

Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor do bring up an estimate of the cost of plant, &c.

7-Grosvenor Terrace-Resolved That the Borough Surveyor do repair the road and footpaths in Grosvenor Terrace.

8-Sydenham Road South—The letter read at the last meeting of the Council and referred to this Committee from Messrs. Simmonds and Kilbey, owners of property in Sydenham Road South, asking that a conference should take place between the Street and Highway Committee and the owners before anything is decided as to the repairs was laid before this Committee. Resolved, That the writers be referred to the resolution of this Committee approved by the Council at its last meeting.

9—Bath Terrace Private Improvement Expenses-A memorial and letters were read from John Hill, Clement Press, George Tillott, and other owners of property abutting on Bath Terrace, objecting to the apportionment, as the street had been taken over by the Commissioners years ago, and asking the Committee to reconsider the matter. Resolved, That the further consideration of the matter be adjourned pending a view by the Committee.

10 -Opening Road without proper Notice-The Borough Surveyor reported that on the 28th ultimo Mr. Amos Wilson, Builder, Swindon Road, had opened the road in Manchester Street for the purpose of laying on water, the notice of intention to open the road not being given until some hours after that had been done and the electric cable bared in so doing. Resolved, That the Town Clerk do write to Mr. Wilson and inform him that should such an offence be again committed by him proceedings will immediately be taken.

11-Street works-The tenders sent in in response to the advertisement with respect to the execution of works of street improvement were opened and found to be as follows, viz

Linden Terrace-

Charles Young	£47 10 0
John Powell	£60 0 0
Packer & Griffin	£69 8 0

Albion Street—

Charles Young	£ 6 0 0
Packer & Griffin	£ 8 4 0

Promenade to Royal Well Lane-

Charles Young ..	£17 10 0
Packer & Griffin	£21 4 0

Upper Bath Street—

Charles Young	£170 9 0
Packer & Griffin	£216 12 0
E. M. & F. Willett	£220 19 0

Swindon Road—

Charles Young	£641 0 0
Packer & Griffin	£699 12 0
E. M. & F. Willett	£840 0 0

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Back Road between North Place and Portland Street—

Charles Young	£135 15 0
Packer & Griffin	£173 0 0

Hatherley Road—

Charles Young	£168 13 0
Packer & Griffin	£239 9 0

Paragon Buildings and Parade —

Packer & Griffin	£ 85 15 0
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Resolved, That the tenders of Mr. Charles Young in respect of Linden Terrace, Albion Street, Promenade to Royal Well Lane, Upper Bath Street, Swindon Road, Back Road between North Place and Portland Street, and Hatherley Road (the last named subject to a proportionate reduction in price in respect of Colonel Cumming's property in accordance with the next following Minute provided the latter is approved by the Council) be accepted, and the tender of Messrs. Packer and Griffin in respect of Paragon Buildings and Parade.

12—Hatherley Road—A letter from Messrs. Bubb & Co., Solicitors, was read, stating that their client, Colonel Cumming, of Coulter, was willing to join in making the footpath in the Hatherley Road up to his second back entrance gate, but that it. was unreasonable on the part of the Corporation to insist on the continuation of the asphalt path beyond the point mentioned, and that they should advise their client to resist payment of the expense of this portion of the work if carried out by the Corporation as it was in front of a field. Resolved, That under the circumstances the portion of the works objected to by Colonel Cumming be not proceeded with, and that this Committee's resolution to Minute No. 18 of date the 28th March last approving the plans and specification be amended accordingly.

13-High Street Pavement—A letter was read from Lieut.-General Morton, of 2, Priory Parade, calling attention to the deplorable state of the pavements in the High Street on Sundays, Mondays and Fridays, partly owing to dogs and partly to persons spitting all over the place, and suggesting that late on Saturday nights and early on Monday and Friday mornings the pavements in the High Street should be swilled with water and men should follow with swabs. Resolved, That General Morton be thanked for his suggestion and informed that the Committee will give their attention to the matter so as to remove the cause of complaint.

14-Land adjoining No. 1, Hatherley Place —A letter was read from Mr. E. L. Cave, Solicitor, Bromyard, on behalf of his client, the owner of No. 1, Hatherley Place, asking whether the Council had any objection to a strip of land adjoining the house at present unenclosed but belonging to his client being enclosed with a railing or built upon, as the tenants complained that the land was a nuisance to the house as it was. The Borough Surveyor having reported that a sewer runs under the land, Resolved, That Mr. Cave be informed that the Council cannot consent to any building being erected on the land in question.

15—Telephone Pole at rear of Queen's Parade--A letter was read from the Local Manager of the National Telephone Company asking permission to erect a telephone pole in the lane at the rear of Queen's Parade with a view to the improvement of the Company's route towards Lansdown. Resolved, That the permission asked for be given subject to the right of the Council to require the removal of the pole at any time and to the payment of 1s per annum while the same is allowed to remain.

16-Deposit of Rubbish in Lane at rear of Pittville Lawn—A letter was read from the Rev. W. L. Lang, of No. 2, Pittville Lawn, complaining of a heap of broken flower pots in the lane at the rear of his house and asking that that it should be removed. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor do attend to the matter.

17—Building Plans--The Borough Surveyor laid before the Committee notices and plans which he had received from the following persons intending to erect new building⁴, viz. :-

No. of Plan.	Name.	Description.
1084	Andrew Page.	Four villas in Gloucester Road.
1085	T. G. Smith. S	tables, &c., in Exmouth Street.
1087	B. W. Pearce & Sons.	Two houses in Victoria Street, St Paul's.
1088	John Dale.	Three houses in Bath Parade.
1089	G. C. Holtam.	House in Regent Place, Swindon Road.
1090	W. Bayliss and Mrs. Smith.	Two semi-detached cottages in Charlton Lane.
1091	Miss Baines.	Two villas in Ewlyn Road.
1092	E. Larter.	Shed at Cowley Cottage, Moorend Street.
1093	Mrs. Potter.	New Billiard Room at Royal Hotel.

Resolved, That Plans numbered 1084 and 1088 be disapproved, and that the other Plans be approved. A letter was read from Mr. Frederick Jones, of Portland Mews, Portland Street, asking permission to put a roof over his yard to keep his carriages dry, and enclosing a plan of what he proposed. Resolved, That the further consideration of the letter and plan be adjourned.

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WILLIAM A. BAKER,

Chairman.

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, the 10th day of October, 1898—Present : Alderman Norman, Councillors Bence, M. Davis, Gurney, Margrett, Moles and Waghorne (Councillor Bence in the chair)—

1-Zymotic Disease—The Medical Officer of Health reported that since the last meeting there had been notified 13 cases of Scarlet Fever, 2 of Diphtheria, and 3 of Enteric Fever ; that 12 cases of Scarlet Fever had been sent into the Delancey Hospital, and that the number of cases then in that Hospital sent in by the Corporation was 26 of Scarlet Fever and 1 of Diphtheria.

2-Unsound Meat—The Medical Officer of Health reported that a carcass of mutton with offal was taken at the Abattoir on September 23rd, and having been condemned by a Magistrate was destroyed.

3-Smoke Nuisance—The Inspector of Nuisances reported that he had observed dense black smoke being emitted from the chimney of Messrs. Smith Bros, Timber Merchants, Leckhampton, on October 7th, in such quantities as to be a nuisance. Resolved, That Notice under section 94 of the Public Health Act be served upon Messrs. Smith Bros. 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.

6-Cleansing and Limewashing at Tulloch's Cottage, No. 44, St. George's Street, and No. 1, Tivoli Works 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—Overcrowding at No. 2, Witcombe Place—The Medical Officer of Health reported that the premises above mentioned 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 at the said premises, owing to the same being overcrowded, Notices under Section 94 of the Public Health Act be served on the owners and occupiers thereof requiring them to abate the same.

8-Insanitary Property at Gilthorne Cottage, Hewlett Road, No. 3, Portland Street, and No. 1, Tivoli Works Cottages—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, traps, w.c's, &c. 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, 1875, 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.

9-Defective Drainage at No. 1 Hatherley Place, Stone Cottage, Gainsboro House, No. 4, Bayshill Parade, No. 4, Malvern Cottages and No. 33, Worcester 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.

10-Insanitary Urinal at Tivoli Ale and Porter Stores —The Medical Officer of Health reported that this Urinal was in such a state as to be a nuisance and injurious to health, owing to want of a water supply. Resolved,

That Notice under Sec. 94 of the Public Health Act be served upon the owners requiring them to abate the nuisance, and for that purpose to lay on a water supply to flush the urinal.

11-Inspection of Dairies, Farms, &c., Supplying Milk to College Boarding Houses-The Medical Officer of Health reported that at the places from which milk supplied to the College Boarding Houses is derived, and he laid before the Committee a copy of a Report he had made to Mr. Laffan thereon. inspected all the Painswick request of the Principal of the College he had made to Mr. Laffan thereon.

12-Wells at No. 56, Winchcomb Street, No. 13 Granville Street, Granville House, No. 4, Courtenay Villas, and Mews--The Medical Officer of Health reported that the water in these wells was used or likely to be used by man for drinking or domestic purposes, and was so polluted as to be injurious to health. Resolved, That proceedings under Sec. 70 of the Public Health Act be taken to obtain orders for these wells to be closed.

13-Notices not Complied with --The Medical Officer of Health handed in a list of Notices to carry out sanitary requirements which had been served but not complied with. Resolved, To instruct the Town Clerk to take proceedings to compel compliance with the notices.

14-Mackintosh for Disinfesting Resolved, That a new mackintosh be purchased for inspector Juries for use during disinfecting.

15-Re-appointment of Medical Officer of Health -The Medical Officer of Health reported that the present term of his appointment had expired, and requesting; if re-appointed that it might be permanently instead of for three years, and that his salary might be increased. Resolved, That consideration of the application increase of salary be adjourned, but that the Chairman do give notice at the next meeting of the Council of his intention to move that Dr. Garrett be permanently re-appointed Medical Officer of Health.

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16-Public Health Supervision at Brockhampton—Resolved, To instruct the Town Clerk to call the attention of the Counts- Council to the necessity of making some provision for the supervision of the Public Health at Brockhampton, being a place from which milk is brought into Cheltenham for sale.

17-Sewerage Loan- A letter from the Local Government Board was read stating that they considered that the present arrangements for the treatment and disposal of sewage are unsatisfactory, that the management of the sewage farms should be entirely in the hands of the Corporation, and requesting the Council to take this into their immediate consideration with the view of determining the present arrangements for disposing of the sewage and taking the entire management of the sewage farms into their own hands. Also that the Council might consider the expediency of making use of alumino ferric or lime at the sewage works before the sewage is taken to the farms, and that the Board would defer further consideration of the application before them until they have been informed what course the Council propose to take in the matter. The Town Clerk read the draft of a letter which he proposed to write in reply, to the effect that the Council regret that the Board intend to delay the consideration of the application for the loan as above mentioned, having regard to the facts that upwards of £8,000 is urgently required for the reconstruction of sewers in the Borough, that £1,500 of it is for carrying out work which will tend very materially to abate any nuisance to the neighbourhood arising from the farms, and that £2,600 is urgently required for the reconstruction of the outfall sewer to the Barn Farm. That the Council will give the suggestions of the Board most serious and earnest consideration, but that alteration in the management of the Farms cannot be made immediately as the leases cannot be determined before February and December, 1900, respectively. That the experience of

the Council and of their predecessors, the Improvement Commissioners, in the use of chemicals in the treatment of sewage was far from encouraging, and that the Council trusted that the Board would not delay giving their sanction to the borrowing of the amount applied for so that the Council may be in a position to deal with immediate and pressing difficulties. Resolved, That the draft reply of the Town Clerk be approved, and that as a first step towards meeting the suggestions of the Local Government Board the present tenancies of the Sewage Farms be determined at the earliest possible dates with a view to the Council taking the entire control of the farms into their own hands.

18-Nuisance from Sewage Farms —A letter from the Clerk to the County Council was read stating that complaints had been received as to the nuisance caused by alleged imperfect system of sewage drainage in use in connection with the Sewage Farms of the Corporation and consequent pollution of the streams, ponds and ditches in the neighbourhood of the Farms, and stating that unless the Corporation take such steps to abate the nuisance as shall be considered sufficient to deal with the matter the County Council will be obliged to take proceedings under the Rivers Pollution Prevention Acts. Resolved, To inform the County Council that the Corporation have hitherto used the best practicable and available means of rendering harmless the sewage matter of their Borough, but the Town Council, at the instance of the Local Government Board, are now considering whether the existing system cannot be improved.

19—Sewage Disposal—A letter from Mr. J. F. Trew, C.E., was read stating that if the Committee would like to inspect the Sewage Farm tanks in use on the Northern Drainage of the Rural District Council of Gloucester he would be pleased to arrange for them to visit the Works. Resolved, To request the Borough Surveyor to accept the invitation for himself and report to the Committee.

20—Meeting of Western Branch Sanitary Inspectors' Association —A letter was read from Mr. T. J. Moss-Flower, Hon. Secretary of this Association, expressing thanks to the Council for the invitation to the Association to hold their next Annual Meeting in Cheltenham.

21-Market Attendant—Resolved, To inform the General Purposes and Watch Committee that this Committee regret that Mr. Marshall, the Attendant at the Abattoir, cannot be spared to look after the Market as well, and to suggest that pending the appointment of a new Street Inspector this matter should remain in abeyance.

22-Charges for Slaughtering at Abattoir -A letter was read from Mr. J. C. Green, Butcher of No. 102, Albion Street, applying for a fixed charge to be made to him for his slaughtering at the Abattoir, and that he would prefer a separate house. Resolved, To inform Mr. Green that the Council cannot consent to compound their charges, and that the Committee are contemplating the erection of more slaughter houses, when his application for a separate one shall receive consideration.

23-Sanitary Requirements at No. 12, St. George's Street —A letter was read from Mr. C. Pontin asking to be excused carrying out certain sanitary requirements at these premises on the ground of poverty, as he was not the owner of Property. Resolved, To adjourn consideration of the matter pending enquiry by the Medical Officer of Health.

24-Barn Farm--A letter from Mr. Corbett was read stating that he would be glad if the Committee would pay a visit to the Farm with a view to an early settlement of the matter concerning the pipe to Rule Meadow Patch.

25-Plans-The plans of proposed new buildings which had been approved by the Street and Highway Committee were laid before this Committee. Resolved, That as regards sanitary matters the same be approved.

GEORGE BENCE, Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, the 17th day of October, 1898, Present : Councillors M. Davis, Gurney Margrett and Moles (Councillor Margrett in chair)

26-Chairman- -In the absence of the Chairman, councillor Margrett was appointed Chairman at this meeting

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27-Zymotic Disease -The Medical Officer of Health reported that there had been notified since the last meeting of the Committee, 14 cases of Scarlet Fever, 2 of Enteric Fever, and 1 of Puerperal Fever ; that 13 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 35 of Scarlet Fever and 1 of Diphtheria.

28.-Wells at Nos. 1, 2, and 3, Brunswick Place, and Nos. 8, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, and 20, St. Paul's Parade 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.

29-Dairies, Cowsheds and Milkshops Order-An application was read from Henry Havelock Evans, of 215, High Street, to be registered as a purveyor of milk. The Medical Officer of Health having reported that the premises were unsuitable, Resolved, That the applicant be not registered.

30-Ambulance for Typhoid and Diphtheria Patients-Resolved, That the further consideration of the provision of a new ambulance for the conveyance of typhoid and diphtheria patients be adjourned to the next meeting of the Committee.

31-Cleansing and Limewashing at Roseville Cottage, The Farmer's Arms, 8, St. Paul's Parade, 2, Brunswick Place, 26, Jersey Street, 1 to 10, Limekiln Row, Railway Lodge, Alstone, and 42, 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.

32-Nuisance from Drains, &c., at 4 and 6, St. George's Terrace, 15, St. James's Street, 29, North Place, 38, Townsend Street, 10 and 11, Tivoli Street, 438, High Street, and Weston Villa-The Inspector of Nuisances having made written application 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.

33--Overcrowding at No. 26, Jersey 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.

34-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.

35-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.

36--Insanitary Property et Nos. 1 to 10, Limekiln Row, Bayshill Inn, and 2, St. George's Parade-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 ceilings, walls, &C., &C. 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, 1875, 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.

37-Smoke Nuisance at Original Brewery-The Inspector of Nuisances reported that dense black smoke was emitted from the chimney at the Original Brewery on the 10th and 25th inst. Resolved, That the Committee being satisfied of the existence of a nuisance, Notices be served on the Original Brewery Company under Sec. 94 of the Public Health Act, 1875, requiring them to abate the same.

38-Sanitary Requirements at 12, St. George's Street-with reference to the letter read at the last meeting of the Committee from Mr. C. Pontin, asking to be excused from carrying out certain sanitary work at No. 12, St. George's Street, the Medical Officer of Health having reported thereon, Resolved, That Mr. Pontin be informed that the Notices must be complied with.

39 -Sanitary Work at Nos. 202 and 202 ½, High Street-The Medical Officer of Health reported that the Sanitary work for which Notices had been served on the owners had been carried out by the Corporation, the owners not having executed the same within the time specified in the Notices. The account for such work amounted to £4 19s. 3d. Resolved, That the same be paid, and that the Town Clerk do take steps to recover the amount from the person liable to pay the same.

40-Building Plans--The Plans of such new buildings necessitating drainage as were intended to come before the Street and High-way Committee for approval, or otherwise, were laid before this Committee. Resolved, That Nos. 1084 and 1088 be not approved, and that the other plans be approved so far as the drainage is concerned.

H. GEO. MARGRETT,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Saturday, the 29th day of October, 1898—Present : Councillors Bence, M. Davis, Gurney, Margrett and Moles (Councillor Bence in the chair).

41—Scarlet Fever--The Medical Officer of Health reported that, owing to a rapid increase in the number of scarlet fever cases notified during the past two or three weeks, the Delancey Hospital was filled to its full capacity with such cases. Of these 46 had been sent in by the Corporation, and others from Charlton Kings, the Rural District and private subscribers. Nearly every case notified had been sent into Hospital, but as it was probable that other notifications might be received before vacancies in the Hospital occurred it was necessary to consider the possibility of providing additional hospital accommodation. There was an iron and wood structure belonging to the Corporation which had never yet been used, and which was intended for the reception of small-pox cases. This might now be brought into use, but an addition of a kitchen and a bath and hot water supply would have to be made to it, as it is too far from the main administrative building of the Delancey Hospital to be served from that, and it was advisable that the permanent Small-Pox Hospital itself should be entirely reserved for small-pox.

Resolved, That the recommendations of the Medical Officer of Health be approved and carried into effect forthwith by the Borough Surveyor.

GEORGE BENCE,

Chairman.

TOWN IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, the 7th day of October, 1898 - Bence, Dix, Macdonald and Mills. (Alderman Winterbotham in the chair.)

1-Chairs—Mr. R. E. Stranger, the Contractor, submitted for the approval of the Committee, the pattern of another chair with birch seat, slightly stronger than and superior in appearance to the pattern chair agreed on previously by this Committee, and otherwise equal to the latter, at the same price. Resolved, That the chair now submitted be approved in substitution for the other chair, and that the order be fulfilled accordingly.

Present : Alderman Winterbotham ; Councillors

2--Concert Sub-Committee—The Concert Sub-Committee reported that they had arranged with the Royal Marine Light Infantry Band to again visit Cheltenham under the Conductorship of Mr. George Miller, and give two Concerts on the 14th of December next, provided that a guarantee is given that the Band's share of the proceeds (70 per cent.) shall not be less than £35. Resolved, That the report be approved and the guarantee given accordingly.

3-Promenade Improvement No. 2--Resolved, That the Town Clerk do publish the necessary Notices preparatory to an application for a Provisional Order to put into force the compulsory powers of the Lands Clauses Consolidation Acts (inter alia) for the taking over by the Corporation of the Gardens and open spaces in front of Nos. 1 to 13, Promenade (both inclusive) for the improvement of the Promenade.

JAS. B. WINTERBOTHAM,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, the 10th day of October, 1898—Present: The Mayor ; Alderman Winterbotham ; Councillors Bence, Cooper, Dix, Macdonald and Mills (Alderman Winterbotham in the chair).

4-Concert Sub-Committee.—Resolved, That the Concert Sub-Committee be authorised to expend a sum not exceeding £20 in decorating and otherwise preparing the Winter Garden for the holding of Concerts or other entertainments arranged by them during the ensuing season.

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5—Use of Montpellier Gardens by Cordon Boys' Brigade--A letter was read from Mr. Arthur Hullah, Hon. Secretary of the Gordon Boys' Brigade, acknowledging receipt of the resolution of the Council granting the Brigade the use of the Montpellier or Winter Gardens on a date to be arranged for a celebration of the recent victory at Omdurman, and stating that it was pro-posed to hold such celebration at the Montpellier Gardens on the 19th instant, from about 2.30 to 4.30 p.m. Resolved, That Mr. Hullah be informed that the Gardens will be available on the date named,

6 -Montpellier Gardens Railing (North-West Corner)—An offer was received from Messrs. Letheren and Son to make and fix the iron-work of the new gates and fence at the North-West corner of the Montpellier Gardens for the sum of £85, this price not including the necessary stonework. Resolved, That Messrs. Letheren's offer be accepted, and that they be instructed to proceed with the work, and that the Borough Surveyor do provide and fix the necessary stonework.

JAS. B. WINTERBOTHAM,

Chairman.

WATER COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting- of this Committee, held on Wednesday, the 12th day of October, 1898—Present : Councillors Baker, Ll. Davies, M. Davis, Dix, and Margrett (Councillor Margrett in the chair)—

1—Report of Water Engineer—The Water Engineer reported that on the 12th inst. the supply from Hewletts and Northfield Springs was 64 gallons, the average for the last four years being 61 gallons per minute ; and the quantity of water in store at Hewletts and Leckhampton was 5,412,542 gallons.

On the 11th inst. the depth of water in Dowdeswell Reservoir was 14 feet 73 inches and the contents 25,769,662 gallons, which gave a total of 31,182,204 gallons, or about 31 days' supply, exclusive of the daily yield of the springs, which was then about 173,624 gallons.

He further reported that Mr. G. F. Hough, the tenant of garden land at Sandford, requested permission to put up an iron shed there, 170 feet from the Keynsham Road Resolved, That the application be granted provided Mr. Hough will agree to pay an additional rent of £1 per annum.

He also reported that the slack coal delivered at the Sandford Mead Pumping Station by Messrs. Harris and Co., the con-tractors, was so fine and dirty that it had been almost impossible to maintain steam with it. That it would be desirable to use some other slack or engine coal instead of that contracted for, and he recommended that an offer made by Messrs. Harris and Co. to supply engine coal from New Bowson Colliery at list price, and deliver same to Sandford and the Baths at an additional cost of 1s per ton, or 10s 9d per ton,

delivered. Resolved, That having regard to the special need for obtaining at this time the utmost efficiency from the pumping machinery at Sandford, the offer of Messrs. Harris and Co. to supply New Bowson engine coal at 10s 9d per ton (delivered) be accepted for the period remaining unexpired of their contract.

2—Cost of Water Connection with Main--A Mr. Mansfield, of Tivoli Street, appeared to make an application to be relieved from having to pay the cost of laying a service pipe across the road to connect his house with the main, and also for compensation for extra expense incurred by the service pipe having been, in the first instance, connected with the wrong main. Resolved, That Mr. Mansfield be granted 5s as compensation for the extra expense referred to, and that consideration of the other part of his application be adjourned for the Town Clerk to prepare a Report as to the liability or otherwise of the undertakers to pay the cost of the service pipes from the main to the premises to be supplied and the ownership thereof.

3—New Boiler at Tewkesbury Works—Tenders for the supply of a new 16ft. by 6ft. boiler at Tewkesbury Pumping Station were received as follows :—

Galloways, Limited, Manchester	£273 0 0
Taylor & Sons, Marsden, Yorkshire	£290 0 0
James Baldwin, Keighley	£253 0 0
Hawksley, Wild & Co., Sheffield	£250 0 0
John Thompson, Wolverhampton	£225 0 0

Resolved, That having regard to the great satisfaction given by the Galloway boilers at the Electric Works and their generally acknowledged superiority, the tender of Messrs Galloways, Limited, be accepted, the Committee deeming it to be really the cheapest.

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4—New Boiler House at Tewkesbury Works—The following tenders for erection of the new boiler house required at the Tewkesbury Works were received as follows, viz. :—

Collins & Godfrey	£847 10 0
Malvern & Sons	£879 0 0

Resolved, That the tender of Messrs. Collins and Godfrey be accepted.

5—Water Supply to Drill Hall of 1st G.R.E.V.—A letter was read from Colonel Rogers, Officer Commanding 1st G.R.E.V., thanking the Council for granting a free supply of water to the Drill Hall.

6—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 Monday, the 24th day of October, 1898—Present Alderman Norman; Councillors Baker, Cooper and Margrett, (Alderman Norman in the chair)—

1—Electrical Inspector's Report—The Electrical 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. 15th	100 Volts	105 Volts
" 20th ..	"	103.6 "
" 22 nd	"	<u>103.6 "</u>

Average 104-1 "

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

ILLUMINATING POWER.	PURITY—	SULPHUR.
1898	1898.	Grains per 100 cubic ft.
Sept. 30th . 16.88 candles	Sept. 30th &	
Oct. 6th .. 16.85	Oct. 1st	12.89
" 21 st 17.14	" 13 & 14,	11.82
	" 20 & 21.	<u>15.55</u>
Average .. 16.95	Average .	13.42

3—Gas Inspector's Report The Gas Inspector reported that the hourly average consumption of Gas per lamp during the previous month hail been 4.2136 cubic feet.

4-Lamp Book —This Book was produced and examined. Lamps extinguished, 10 metered, 16 unmetered, and 1 burning dimly.

5-Incandosoent Gas Street Lighting--A letter was read from Messrs. F. and W. Griffiths, the Clerks to the Gas Company, quoting terms for Incandescent Gas Street Lights as follows, viz.:—For 60 Guildhall Lamps fitted with No. 4 Welsbach Incan-

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descent burners, £4. 5s. per lamp per annum, and stating that the Company were not then able to quote terms for the smaller incandescent burners for use on the ordinary street lamps but hoped to be in a position to do so shortly. Resolved, To request the Company to fit all the existing Guildhall Lamps with No. 4 Welsbach Incandescent burners and to maintain and keep same supplied with gas upon the terms quoted.

6-Electric Lamp Standard opposite Oakleigh, Lansdown Road—A letter from Mrs. Birkett, was read calling attention to the danger caused by this standard being placed exactly opposite the front gate to her house. Resolved, To inform Mrs. Birkett that the Committee will pay a visit of inspection at an early date.

7--Lighting of Ware Place—A letter from R. Hitchman and seven others was read making application for the provision of an additional lamp at the bottom of Clare Place. Resolved, That the application be acceded to.

8--Lighting of Swindon Road —A letter from Councillor Lenthall was read stating that lamps in the Swindon Road were required as follows, viz :—Over Swindon Bridge, one opposite the premises of Mr. Cook, Market Gardener, one opposite the premises of Mr. Cypher, and one below Old Pike House to light up Kingsditch Lane. Resolved, To inform Mr. Lenthall that the Committee have already approved of a plan for re-arrangement of the lamps in the Swindon Road as far as the Railway Bridge, which the Borough Surveyor has

been instructed to carry out, and that the Committee will pay a visit to inspect the locality beyond the Railway Bridge at an early date.

9---Lighting of Moorend Road—A letter was read from Mr. E. Joyner, of Fernbank, Moorend Road, late Leckhampton, making application for the provision of an additional lamp in the Moorend Road between the Pillar Box in the Leckhampton Road and Moorend Street. Resolved, To inform Mr. Joyner that the Committee will pay a visit of inspection at an early date.

10-- Lighting of Albion Street --Resolved, That an arc electric light be suspended over the road in the narrow part of Albion Street on the East side of Winchcomb Street.

11—Loan of £17,200—The Town Clerk laid before the Committee notice which had been received from the Local Government Board of an Inquiry to be held on the 4th proximo at 10.30 o'clock in the forenoon into the subject matter of the application which had been made for sanction to the borrowing of £17,200 for purposes of electric lighting.

12—Electrical Engineer's Report—The Electrical Engineer reported that a good start had been made with cable laying for the Lansdown and Gloucester Road extensions, and that he would be able to give supply to intending customers in Lansdown Road within a few days. He asked whether the Committee wished him to lay cable along Shelburne Road as far as Dean Close School when the Lansdown Road extension was completed, and he laid before the Committee estimates of the cost of some small extensions, viz. :—

(a) Portland Street and Clarence Road—from Winchcomb Street Sub-Station for 200 yards—to supply Mr. Bence's house, Maisonette. The cost of this extension is £61.

(b) Mountpleasant—from Winchcomb Street for 200 yards. This is sufficient to supply Mr. Bence's shop, and the cost will be £65.

(c) Christ Church Road (East side) for 200 yards, to supply Glendronach, and the cost of which is £65.

(d) Thirlestaine Road from Ravensworth to the Old Bath Road—to supply Cotswold. Thus extension is about 150 yards and will cost £55.

(e) Bennington Street—from High Street for 100 yards--to supply Mr. Poole. The cost of this would be £40.

At the next meeting he would bring tip estimates of the costs of other small extensions, for which he had not yet received the formal applications, and of the costs of some small sub-stations which were necessary, and that as regards application to the Local Government Board, the before mentioned extensions might very well be taken with those he would put before the Committee at the next meeting.

Resolved, That the Report of the Electrical Engineer be approved and the recommendations therein contained adopted, but that the question of the lighting of Shelburne Road be adjourned.

GEO. NORMAN,

Chairman.

GENERAL PURPOSES AND WATCH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, the 11th day of October, 1898--Present : The Mayor; Alderman Winterbotham ; Councillors Baker, M. Davis, Hayward, Margrett, and Mills (The Mayor in the chair)—

1—Diseases of Animals Acts —Superintendent Hopkins reported that the Borough was entirely free from contagious disease amongst animals. A letter was read from the Board of Agriculture transmitting copies of two Orders to come into operation on the 13th instant, one revoking the Orders declaring a swine fever infected area in Gloucestershire including (inter alia) Cheltenham, and the other applying the provisions of the Swine Fever (Movement) Order of 1898 to the Borough of Cheltenham, this latter Order having already been applied to the district of the Local Authority of the County of Gloucester. Resolved, That the Town Clerk do publish the necessary notices.

2- Fire Brigade Superintendent's Report—The Superintendent reported that on the 8th instant the Brigade was called out to extinguish a hayrick fire at Oakpiece Field, Gloucester Road. The rick was supposed to have been wilfully set on fire. Damage about £70, and the rick was uninsured. The account of the Brigade extinction expenses (£7 8s. 0d.) had been sent in to the owner, Mr. Richard Jones, of No, 29, Townsend Street, at whose personal request the Brigade, as well as the Norwich Union Fire Brigade, Gloucester, attended.

3—Fire Brigade Sub-Committee's Report---The Fire Brigade Sub-Committee reported and recommended:—

(1) That they had adjourned the further consideration of the question of connecting the Superintendent's house by telephone with the Fire Brigade Station.

(2) That 30 chairs be purchased from the Library Committee at a cost of 2s each, and that Mr. Harris' tender for the supply of two tables, each 12-ft. by 3-ft., with turned legs, the latter and the frames to be stained and varnished and the tops to be free from knots, at a cost of £3 12s. 0d., be accepted.

(3) That tenders for Tunics for the Brigade be advertised for in the local papers, the material to be the same as that of which the Metropolitan Fire Brigade Uniforms are made, and that the Borough Surveyor do obtain a sample of this material.

(4) That two new spreading nozzles in aluminium be obtained, as asked for by the Superintendent, at a cost of £6

(5) That the rules and regulations for the Brigade submitted by the Superintendent as settled by the Sub-Committee, be approved and adopted, and that the Borough Accountant do in future make all payments and collect all accounts in respect of the Brigade. Resolved, That the report and recommendations of the Sub-Committee be approved and adopted, subject to a few verbal alterations now made in the rules and regulations, and that 100 copies of the latter be printed in book form in addition to some suitable for framing to hang up in the Station.

4-Hackney Carriage Drivers' Licenses—Applications for Drivers' Licenses were received from John Smith and William Wiggett. Resolved, That the applications be granted.

5—Licenses for Hanson Cabs —Applications for Licenses for Hansom Cabs were received from W. T. Smith. John Ball, John Jones, Josiah Jones, jun., T. W. Eager, F. Jones, F. Bishop, W. Smith, W. P. Jones, C. W. Martin,

Mrs. Clara Fowles, James Babbage and G. Clifford. Resolved, That Licenses for Hansom Cabs be granted to Mrs. Fowles, John Jones, Josiah Jones, jun., Frederick Jones, T.W. Eager, W. T. Smith, W. Smith, and George Clifford, on condition that a new carriage with rubber tyres is provided in each case, such carriage to be approved by the Chairman of this Committee, and that it is regularly plying for hire by the 1st January next. A letter was read from Mr. C. Cooke, stating that he intended to take the two licenses for hansom cabs offered him. He had bought one hansom and hoped to have the other in a few days.

6—Hackney Carriages—Applications were read from Josiah Jones, jun., for a license for a " Clarence Cab " and from John Jones for a license for a landau. Resolved, That the applicants be informed that there are at present no vacancies, but that their applications will be entered on the list.

Letters were read from Mr. John Phelps, of Royal Well Mews, and Mr. F. Bishop, of 24, Dunalley Parade, the former stating that he had sold his licensed carriage No. 27, together with horse and harness, to Mr. Bishop, and the latter applying for the transfer of the license to him. Resolved, That on the old license being given up, a new one be issued to Mr. Bishop.

7 Petroleum licenses —The following applications were received for the renewal of Petroleum Licenses, viz. :

Name.	Place of Storage.	Quantity.
John Baughan	Iron building back of 2, Exchange Buildings, Bath Road	50 galls.
Fraling Bros.	Building back of 149, High Street	50 galls.
Maurice Bellamy	Building back of 251, High Street	40 galls.
A. Lusty	Building back of 196, High Street	40 galls.
A. Lusty	Back of 7, 8 and 9, Larput Place	50 galls.
Executors of John Fisher	Building back of 34, Winchcomb Street	30 galls.

Resolved, That the applications be granted.

All the Buildings were reported by the Borough Surveyor as suitable. Resolved, That the applications be granted.

8-Street Inspector-A letter was read from Mr. R. W. Young, resigning the office of Street Inspector, and asking to be relieved from duty at an early date. The matter having been considered and Mr. Young having, at the request of the Committee, agreed to continue his services until the 2nd January next, Resolved, That the further consideration of the matter be adjourned until the next meeting of the Committee.

9-Market Toll Collector—The Resolution of the Public Health Committee informing this Committee that the attention of the Abattoir Attendant could not be given to the Market as suggested by this Committee, and that pending the appointment of a new Street Inspector, the matter they suggested should remain in abeyance, was considered. Resolved, That the further consideration be adjourned.

10-Employees' Insurance—A letter was read from the Lancashire Insurance Co., stating that under the circumstances they would accept an estimate based on a calculation equal to 60 per cent. of the price agreed to be paid to sub-contractors in order to meet the Corporation on the question of the wages paid by sub-contractors, and trusting that this suggestion would firm a way out of the difficulty.

11-Pawnbroker's Certificate—An application was read from Mr. Harry Higgins, of No. 326, High Street, for a renewal of his Pawnbroker's certificate. Resolved, That the certificate be renewed.

12-Bath Terrace Numbering—Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor do bring up a plan for the renumbering of the houses in Bath Terrace.

RICHARD ROGERS, Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Thursday, the 13th day of October, 1898 Present : Councillors Baker, M. Davis, Hayward, Margrett, Mills, Moles and Steel (Councillor Baker in the chair)-

13-In the absence of the Chairman, Councillor Baker was appointed Chairman at this Meeting.

14- Swine Fever (Movement) Order, 1898 —An application was received from Mr. John G. Villar for a license to sell fat and store swine under the conditions of the above Order on the 20th instant and the 3rd proximo, in Cheltenham Market.

Resolved, That a license be issued to Mr. Villar, and any other auctioneer who may apply, for the dates and place named, subject to the payment of the fee of the Veterinary Inspector attending the Market on the day of the sale by the Auctioneer the license for the date, or if more than one Auctioneer, by the Auctioneers holding the licenses, in equal shares. Also Resolved, That Mr. Goslin, Veterinary Surgeon, be appointed Veterinary Inspector for the Local Authority of the Borough under the Swine Fever (Movement) Order, 1898, and that Superintendent Hopkins and Inspector Parker be to receive Declarations and grant Permits under the Order.

WILLIAM A. BAKER,
Chairman.

BATHS AND RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 11th day of October, 1898 Present : Councillors Ll. Davies, Hayward, Mills and Moles (Councillor Mills in the chair)

1-Alstone Bath-The Borough Surveyor reported that the number of bathers at the Alstone Baths up to and including the 8th instant had been 19,712, the total amount received being £187 9s. 7d. This result showed an increase of £2 8s. 0d. over last year's receipts, and with the exception of 1893 the year had been the best since the opening year.

2-Montpellier Bath—A letter was read from Mr. G. H. Williams, Secretary of the Montpellier Gardens Co., Ltd., stating that the Directors had resolved to close the Montpellier Baths to the public this month, and while understanding that the Corporation could not say when they would be in a position to complete the purchase, they presumed it would be some advantage Corporation to have possession at as early a date as possible, and the Directors were willing to give this on the 1st proximo without prejudice, reserving only the house and shop at the corner, occupied by Mr. Steel, until the purchase is completed.. Resolved, That the Committee are not prepared to recommend the Council to take possession as suggested the Local Government Board have intimated that they will sanction the loan for the purchase money, &c.

GEO, H. MILLS, Chairman.

BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Friday, the 14th day of October, 1898 Present : Aldermen Skillicorne and Haddon ; Councillors Baker, M. Davis and Moles (Councillor Moles in the chair)

1—Superintendent's Report The Superintendent reported that the Cemetery gates are now in working order and that the other work ordered is in progress ; and he asked for some mole traps, as the Cemetery was getting overrun with moles. Resolved, That a dozen mole traps be procured by the Borough Surveyor for use at the Cemetery.

2—Designs—The following designs were examined and allowed, viz.:—Headstones to Caroline Cox and William Henry Birchley. Memorial to Mary Jane Aynsley.

3—Account—The following Account for wages was examined and allowed :—G. C. Pratley £12 9 6

J. V. MOLES,

Chairman.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Wednesday, the 26th day of October, 1898 Present ; The Mayor ; Councillors Cooper, Gurney, Hayward, Macdonald, Margrett and Steel (Councillor Margrett in the chair)—

1—Rates on No. 15, North Place—Letters were read from Mrs. Coates, of No. 15, North Place, asking to be relieved from payment of rates on the ground of her poverty. Resolved, That Mrs. Coates be only asked to pay one half of the General District Rate.

2—Treatment of Patients in Delancey Hospital—The Borough Accountant in pursuance of the instructions of the Committee presented a statement showing the number of cases in which application had been made during the last 14 years to the parents or guardians of patients treated in the Delancey Hospital for repayment of the whole or part of the amount paid by the Corporation to the hospital. Amount applied for £447 0s. 8d. ; Amount repaid £171 11s. 0d.

3—Clerk in Waterworks Office—A letter was read from Mr. F. H. Harris, the Clerk in the Waterworks Office, applying for an increase in his salary at present £110 per annum, and calling attention to the fact that his duties, which had greatly increased since his appointment, related to the work of almost every Committee of the Council. Resolved, That the further consideration of the application be adjourned to the next meeting of this Committee, the Water Committee to con-sider the same in the meantime.

4--Montpellier Gardens' Concerts- The Borough Surveyor brought up an account of disbursements made by him on account of concerts in the Montpellier Gardens. Resolved, That, as it appears that the disbursements account has not been presented each month to the Town Improvement Committee as required by the Resolution of that Committee of date the 15th August last, the same be considered when the general account of receipts and disbursements in respect of these concerts is presented by the Concert Sub-Committee and considered.

5-Illumination of Montpellier Gardens by Electric Light—The Resolution of this Committee at their last meeting on the subject of the proposed illumination of the Montpellier Gardens by electric light and the

provision of the money necessary for such work referred back to this Committee by the Council with a request to this Committee to indicate in what manner the expenditure should be provided for was further considered. Resolved, That the application to the Local Government Board for sanction to a loan to pay off the amount overdrawn on the Montpellier Gardens account and other expenditure incurred in respect of these Gardens, authorised by resolution of this Committee of date the 30th August last and approved by the Council, be increased by the sum of £1,000, the amount required for the illumination of the Gardens.

6-Private Improvement Expenses in respect of "The Woodlands," Rodney Road—A letter was read from Mr. Philip of "The Woodlands," Rodney Road, forwarding a cheque for £10 and asking to be allowed to repay the balance of the amount due from him for private improvement expenses by instalments quarterly. Resolved, That Mr. Parsons be allowed to pay the balance due from him by four quarterly payments with interest at 5 per cent., the first payment to be made on the 25th December next.

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7-General District Rate—The final Report of the Borough Accountant of date the 26th inst., on the collection of the first instalment of this Rate, was read. Amount collected £16,054 12s. 8d., leaving outstanding £1,099 17s. 6 ½ d.

He also reported that £159 had been collected on account of the second instalment of the rate.

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 £5,507 17s. 11d., ordered to be paid by the Borough Treasurer.

The Treasurers Accounts at the Bank were examined and the balances found to be correct.

The following was the General Statement

In hand on the 27th September last	£ 1,684 12 10
Received since that date	£ <u>3,737 19 3</u>
	£ 5,422 12 1
Paid since that date	£ <u>13,256 13 10</u>
Overdrawn	£ 7,834 1 9

H. GEO. MARGRETT,

Chairman.

TECHNICAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Friday, the 7th day of October, 1898—Present : Alderman Skillicorne ; Councillors Ll. Davies, M. Davies, Gurney, Hayward, Mills and Steel (Councillor M. Davis in the chair)—

1-Technical Education Grant-A letter was read from the Chairman of the Technical Instruction Committee of the County Council stating that his Committee had decided to make a grant to the Corporation of £900 for the year 1898-9, this grant to cover the area of the Cheltenham Union.

The Town Clerk reported the receipt of £150 on account from the County Treasurer. Resolved, That out of the sum now received the following allocations be made, viz.:

Public Library	£55
Science Department of the Grammar School and the School of Science	£200
School of Art	£100
School of Cookery	£ 45
Chariton Kings Art Class	£ 15

Also Resolved. That before making any further grant to the Grammar School and School of Science the attention of the Committee of that School be called to the Report of the Inspector of the Department of Science and Art, forwarded by the Department to the Council in April last, and that the further consideration of applications by the Rev. J. Mugliston, on behalf of the Home Arts and Industries Association, and the Rev. Canon Childe, on behalf of a Wood Carving Class held at Christ Church, be adjourned.

2-Municipal Technical School—The motion by Councillor Hayward for the establishment of a School for Technical Instruction under the control of the Corporation. referred to this Committee by the Council for consideration and report, was considered. Resolved, That a Conference be held between this Committee, the Governors of the Grammar School, and the Committees of the Schools of Art and Science to discuss the question of the establishment of a Technical School in this town.

M. DAVIS,

Chairman.

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At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Wednesday, the 28th day of October, 1898—Present : The Mayor ; Alderman Skillicorne; Councillors Ll. Davies, M. Davis, Gurney, Hayward and Steel (Councillor M. Davis in the Chair)

3-School of Cookery—A Deputation from the Cheltenham School of Cookery, consisting of the Mayoress (Mrs. Rogers), Mrs. Wethered and Mr. John Sawyer, attended this meeting of the Committee with reference to a proposal that had been received from the Gloucestershire School of Cookery to take over the management of the School of Cookery here and carry on its work in a house in St. James's Square adjoining the Victoria Home, the Committee of Management to consist of four members to be nominated by the Gloucestershire School of Cookery, four members to be nominated by the Principal of the Ladies' College, and four by the Cheltenham Representatives on the County Council. The arrangements proposed met with the approval of those present.

M. DAVIS, Chairman.

PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 11th day of October, 1898—Present : Alderman Skillicorne ; Councillors Ll. Davies, Hayward, and Steel ; Rev. J. Mugliston ; Mr. Evan Butler, and Dr. Davis (Councillor Hayward in the chair)—

1—Librarian's Report—The usual Monthly Report of the Librarian as follows was read :—Receipts £5 2s. 1d. He reported an increase of 1 per day in the issues from the Lending Library and a decrease of 4 per day in the issues from the Reference Library as 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. :

Mrs. Craig	8 Volumes.
J. T. Presley	1 Volume.
J. J. Hayden	1 “
J. and J. Paton	1 “

Annual Reports from the Libraries at Cambridge and Newcastle-under-Lyme.

2—Sub-Committee's Report—The Sub-Committee reported and recommended as follows, viz. :

That W. D. Farish and C. W. H. Bendall be engaged as Junior Assistants, at 6s. per week, in place of C. G. Parker and H. A. J. Fraser, who have resigned.

That the Librarian have the door springs to the Reference Library doors attended to.

That 30 new chairs of a standard pattern, as per sample, be purchased for the Reference Library at a cost of 7s 6d each, carriage paid, and that the old chairs be offered to the Corporation for the use of the Fire Brigade at 2s each. The chairs to be charged to the Capital Account.

That a selection of books be purchased from the lists submitted by the Librarian, for the sum of £3 12s. 6d. (Miscellaneous), and £9 9s. 0d. (Technical).

The Librarian reported that the two " Periodical Racks " ordered by the Committee had been received, and fixed in the News Room, and that the first exhibition of Technical Books would be held in the Reference Library on Friday, 14th October, from 3 to 9.30 p.m. the books exhibited would be on Ornamental Art. Resolved, That the foregoing recommendations be approved.

3—Libraries Offences Act, 1898—The Town Clerk called attention to the provisions of the Libraries Offences Act, 1898. Resolved, That notices of the provisions of the Act be put up in the Library.

4—Accounts —The following accounts examined by the Sub-Committee were passed for payment, viz. :

W. Jones, Wages Account	£14 12 0
C. Westley, Books	£13 13 3
“ Newspapers and Periodicals	£13 5 1
“ Magazines	£ 3 12 5
“ Newspapers (Leckhampton)	£ 1 13 4
Norman, Sawyer & Co., Binding, Printing, &c.	£ 18 7 3
R. E. and C. Marshall, Electric Light Fittings, &c	£ 5 14 6
Wake and Dean, Furniture and Fittings	£ 8 15 0
W. H. White, Books	£ 0 8 6

C. HAYWARD, Chairman.

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE COMMITTEE.

At a meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, the 19th day of October, 1898 Present : Alderman Haddon ; Councillors Moles and Steel (Councillor Steel 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 38 schools, from which 486 names of absentee children had been extracted, all of whom had been visited. They also reported that the parents of 92 children had been summoned to attend before the Local Committees who had held 4 meetings. That 13 parents had been prosecuted, and that 9 were fined. Attendance Orders were made in two cases, and the hearing of two cases were adjourned.

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 :— Thomas Higgs, Higgs' Cottages; Joseph Cook, Carlton Place ; Florence Morris, 134, Tewkesbury Road ; Annie Clemm, 121, Tewkesbury Road ; and William Clements, 28, Queen Street ; and that proceedings under Sec. II of the Act of 1876 be taken against the parents of Mabel Allen, Green's Cottage, for an Attendance Order.

3—Deaf and Dumb Child —Arthur E. Quiney—A letter was read from the Manager of the Bristol District Institution for the Deaf and Dumb, stating that as Arthur E. Quiney would be 16 years of age on the 1st January next he would leave the institution at Christmas, that the boy had made some progress with carpentry, but seemed to have a preference for bookbinding, in which, however, he had had no instruction.

4-Account—The following account was passed for payment, viz.:

Bristol District Institution for the Deaf and Dumb, three months clothing and board of six children, to 31st December, 1898, at £21 per annum each £26 5 0

JOHN D. STEEL,

Chairman.

Borough of Cheltenham.

MINUTES of the Proceedings of the Committees of the Town Council to be submitted for approval at a Monthly Meeting of the Council, to be held on Monday, the 5th day of December, 1898.

STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, the 15th day of November, 1898— Present Councillors Baker, Bence, Cypher, M. Davis, Margrett and Mills (Councillor Baker in the chair)—

1—Chairman --Resolved, That Councillor Baker be appointed Chairman of this Committee for the ensuing year.

WILLIAM A. BAKER, Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 28th day of November, 1898—Present The Mayor; Alderman Haddon ; Councillors Baker, Bence, Cypher, M. Davis, Dix, Margrett, and Mills (Councillor Baker in the chair)—

2-The View—The following Members of the Committee attended the View Meeting on the previous Friday, viz :—Alderman Haddon ; Councillors Baker, Cypher, Davis, and Margrett.

3—Street Projections—The Street Inspector reported that at Norfolk House near the Colosseum, Bath Road, a small sign had been put without permission at the entrance, 7ft. above the footway and projecting 15 inches.

A letter was read from Mrs. G. Brawn, stating that the sign at Norfolk House had been put up by her in ignorance that the permission of the Council should have been first obtained, and asking for permission for it to remain.

Also one from M. Ward, on behalf of Messrs. Mc Loughlin Bros., asking permission to fix a gas rail outside No. 94, High Street.

Also one from Mr. J. J. Banks, stating he had an electric pendant in the doorway of No. 57, Promenade Villas which might, as

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it was reversible, at times project a few inches beyond the doorway, and asking permission to use it in that way when so required. Resolved, That the sign at Norfolk House be allowed to remain subject to its position being altered so as to raise it 8 feet clear from the footpath, and limit the projection to 12 inches. That the application of Mr. Ward be acceded to subject to the same conditions ; and that consideration of the application of Mr. Banks be adjourned pending inspection by the Committee.

4—Underground Telephone Wires— A letter was read from Mr. W. E. L. Gaine, Solicitor for the National Telephone Company, enquiring whether the Corporation were now prepared to enter into the proposed agreement now that the Select Committee on Telephones have made their report. Resolved, That the Council are not prepared to enter into the agreement.

5— Fodder-Resolved, That Tenders for the supply of fodder for six months from the ant of December be advertised for, the hay and oats to be English.

6—Footpaths in Royal Well Place and St. George's Place—A letter was read from the occupier of No. 7, Royal Well Place, calling attention to the very bad state of the guttering in Royal Well Place. Resolved, To instruct the Borough Surveyor to bring up a specification of the works required to be done by the abutting owners, to pave, edge and channel the footpaths on both sides of Royal Well Place, and on both sides of St. George's Place, except where already paved.

7—Borough Surveyor's Report—The Borough Surveyor reported that the work done by the Highways Department from the 15th October to the 25th November, both inclusive, had been as follows :—

Repaired with Clee Hill—Sandfield Road 2,833 super yards ; Norwood Road 228 super yards ; Bath Street 1,222 super yards ; Cambray 267 super yards.

Repaired with Clee Hill, 1 ½ inch.—Suffolk Place 146 super yards.

Patching —Gloucester Road, Market Street, Hewlett Street, Suffolk Square, Grosvenor Street, Lansdown Parade, High Street, Workman's Lane, Hale's Road, Winchcomb Street, Old Bath Road, Clarence Street, Wellington Road, Hewlett Road, Tewkesbury Road, Albion Street, St. George's Road, Ambrose Street, Gordon Lamp, Sandford Road, North Street, Ormond Place, Western Road, Rodney Road, Manchester Street, North Street, Queen's Road, Lansdown Place, Montpellier Street, The Park. Bath Road.

Repaired with Wickwar—Spa Road (proceeding), Wellington Road, from Leamington Place to Pittville Lawn 750 super yards.

Patching—Albert Street, St. Paul's, Townsend Street, Fauconberg Road, Swindon Road.

Paving, Crossing, Kerb & Channelling—Albert Street, St. Paul's, Portland Street, Albion Street, back of Lansdown Place, Fairview Street, Queen Street, Lansdown Crescent, Montpellier Terrace, High Street, Russell Street, Winchcomb Street, Bath Street and Road, Lansdown Parade, Priory Terrace, Promenade, Gordon Lamp, Sherborne Street, St. George's Road, Great Norwood Street, Russell Place, Swindon Road, St. George's Place, St. James' Street, Suffolk Road, Tivoli Circus, Prestbury Road, Western Road, Hewlett Road, County Court Road.

Crossings had been re-laid in Winchcomb Street, bottom of Mountpleasant, Bath Street, Promenade opposite the Post Office, and Albion Street near Witcomb Place with MacDougall's patent bricks.

The Footpath in Hewlett Road had been laid with gravel from Brighton Road to Eldon Road.

Gullies had been re-built to replace defective ones, Shurdington Road 1, Suffolk Square 1, Albion Street 1, Gloucester Road 3, New Street 1. Winchcomb Street 1, Albert Street 1.

Trees had been pruned in the following Roads : -Park Place, Tivoli Road, The Park, Rodney Road, Moorend Park Road, St. George's Road, Malvern Road, High Street, Hewlett Road, College Road, Promenade, Christ Church Road, Queen's Road, Lansdown Place, Montpellier Walk.

The Ditch at Harp Hill had been laid with 12-inch pipes and levelled over the surface to form a path.

8-- Accident to Mr. J. W. Varnish—A letter was read from Mr. Varnish, of No. 49, James Street, Rugby, stating that on the 17th of September, he fell over a large stone embedded in the road close to the footpath in Winchcombe Street, near Mr. Jackson's shop at the junction of Winchcomb and Albion Streets, with the result that he broke his thigh, and was an in-patient at the Cheltenham Hospital for five weeks, that it would be a long time before he could resume his occupation as a carpenter, at which he earned 45s a week. He had a wife and children dependent upon him, and he had suffered and would continue to suffer considerable pain, damage, and loss, for which he thereby claimed compensation from the Council by reason of their act, negligence, or default, in placing or allowing to remain a dangerous obstacle in the public highway. Resolved, To adjourn consideration of the matter for the Town Clerk to report as to the liability (if any) of the Corporation.

9—Bath Terrace Private Improvement Expenses—With reference to objections received from John Hill, Clement Press, George Tillott, and other owners of property abutting on this street to the apportionment, as the street had been taken over by the Commissioners years ago, Resolved, That the memorialists be

informed no alteration can be made in the apportionment, and that they can see a detailed specification of the works done, at the Municipal Offices, on application to the Borough Surveyor.

10—Crossings opposite Ewlyn and Langdon Roads—A letter was read from Mr. A. G. Stockwell and nine others, calling attention to the very bad condition of the pathway or crossings opposite Ewlyn and Langdon Roads. Resolved, To inform Mr. Stockwell the crossings will be laid in due course.

11 -Telegraph Poles and Wires in Malvern Road—A notice was received from the Secretary of the General Post Office, that the Post-master General acting under the Powers conferred upon him by the Telegraph Acts, 1863 to 1892, was about to erect a line of Telegraph at Cheltenham, and was desirous of obtaining the consent of the Council to the erection and maintenance by the Department of two poles on the south side of the Malvern Road near Christ Church, and to cross the said road

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with two wires near the railway bridge, and he undertook to make good any damage done in the maintenance thereof. Resolved, To adjourn consideration of the matter the execution of the work or Town Clerk to report as to the powers referred to.

12—Land adjoining No. 1, Hatherley Place —With reference to Minute No. 14 of the proceedings of this committee at their last meeting, a further letter from Mr. Cave, was read, stating that he withdrew his request for permission to build on the, land, as there is a sewer under it, and applying for permission to enclose it only, as he considered it would be an improvement to the street if the land were railed in. Resolved, That the Council are unable to accede to the application.

13-Ditch at Harp Hill A letter was read from Messrs. Ticehurst & Sons stating that they did not object to the work being done by piping and covering in this ditch, but on behalf of Mr. Agg Gardner whose land for about 100 yards abuts upon it, they claimed that the ditch so far belonged to him, and they could not admit that the land or pathway so formed belongs to the Corporation or any other person than win Agg Gardner, to which the Town Clerk had replied that the rule as to 3-ft, of land from the hedge belonging to the owner on whose land the hedge stands does not obtain in the carve of a fence forming the boundary of a highway. and that no fence or other encroachment can be made adjoining a highway which does not leave a clear 15-ft. between the centre of the highway and the fence, and the width of the road in question is as nearly as possible from the one side of the road to the roots of the hedge on Mr. Agg Gardner's side 30-ft, That the Corporation had no intention to infringe in any way on Mr. Agg Gardner's rights, and that he felt sure if Mr. Agg Gardner had any such rights he would waive them in consideration of the benefit that must result from the works being done not only to the public but to his own property. Resolved, That the reply of the Town Clerk be approved.

14—Trees in front of Flesk Lodge----A letter was read from Mr. N. W. Olive, stating that a resolution passed by the Council two years ago, to have the trees in front of Flesk Lodge, Wellington Square, lopped, had never been carried out, and suggesting that the semi evergreen oak standing in front of the gate entrance should be removed. Resolved, That the Council cannot comply with the suggestion.

15- Selkirk Parade--A letter from Mrs. White and other residents in Selkirk Parade, was read, asking that the name of the row of houses called Selkirk Parade should be conspicuously indicated at either end. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have a name plate put up at the south end of the row.

16—Cleveland Street Private Improvement Works---A memorial was received from John Belcher and five other owners of Linden Terrace, Cleveland Street, requesting that instead of Portland cement concrete slabs, blue ribbed bricks be used for the footpath, which they considered would last longer, would not be made use of by children for playing on, and would be less expensive. Resolved, That the Council are unable to make any alteration now as the contract for the work had been tendered for and a tender accepted.

17—Conveyance of Fish Offal--With reference to proceedings which had been taken by the Town Clerk in pursuance of instructions against Messrs. Olive and Olive in the County Court to recover the sum of £3 2s. 6d. for conveyance of fish offal from their premises, a letter from them was read, asking the Council to accept £2 2s. 0d. in discharge of the claim as other Fish-mongers in the town had not availed themselves of this means of removing their offal as much as was expected and consequently the proportion of the cost charged to Mews. Olive and Olive was considerably more than they anticipated. Resolved, That the amount offered, together with the court fees, be accepted in discharge of the claim.

18-Suffolk Road Improvement ---A letter was read from H. B. Wade, Solicitor for the owners of Roderic House, stating that he would accept service on behalf of his clients of notice of intended application by the Corporation for a Provisional Order, and stating that if the Council had any proposition to make he would consider it.

19---Gloucester Road Footpath- A letter was read from the Clerk to the County Council acknowledging receipt of letter from the Town Clerk asking the County Council to authorise the expenditure of £600 for the paving, &c., of the footpath on the West side of the Gloucester Road from the Midland Railway Station to Arle Road, and enquiring whether the expense should not be borne by the abutting owners under the Cheltenham Improvement Acts or the Public Health Act, 1875, and what the status, and history of the road are. To which the Town Clerk had replied that it was clear the abutting owners are not liable unless they are required to do the works by the Town Council, and the fact that it is a main road and as such repair-able by the County Council would form a very important element in the consideration of the question, and as the County Council are liable he did not think it likely the Town Council would require the abutting owners to do the work.

20-Moors Farm Boundary—A letter from the Town Clerk to Messrs. Ticehurst Sons, was read, with which he enclosed a plan showing where the Corporation would like to have the line of the new fence. The quantity of land required was 15 ¼ perches, and the value of it putting it at £200 per acre would be £19 1s. 3d The estimate of the Borough Surveyor for an unclimbable iron fence 117 yards in length, and 5-feet 6-inches high, on a concrete base, is £58 10s 0d., and if their client would pay half the cost of the fence, and convey to the Corporation all his right and interest in the land indicated on the plan, it would be a fair settlement of the matter, and one that he would advise the Council to accept. Resolved, That the letter of the Town Clerk be approved.

21-King Street-Resolved, To instruct the Borough Surveyor to bring up a specification of the works required to be done by the abutting owners, to pave flag, edge, channel and metal this street.

22-Trinity Church Lane Resolved, To instruct the Borough Surveyor to bring up a specification of the works required to be done by the abutting owners, to asphalt, edge, channel and metal this street.

23-Oriel Road Footpath from New Club to Bath Road- Resolved. To instruct the Borough Surveyor to bring up a specification of the works required to be done by the abutting owners, to asphalt the path from the New

Club to the north-east corner of the Winter Garden, and to pave, edge, and channel from thence to Bath Road.

24-Hewlett Place Resolved, To instruct the Borough Surveyor to bring up a specification of the works required to be done by the abetting owners, to channel the road from Priory Street to Hewlett Street.

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25-Footpath South Side of Montpellier Terrace Resolved, To instruct the Borough Surveyor to bring up a specification of the works required to be done by the abutting owners, to gravel, edge, and channel this footpath from Lansdown Place Road to Bath Road.

26-Footpath South side Spa Buildings Road —Resolved, To instruct the Borough Surveyor to bring up a specification of the works required to be done by the abutting owners to gravel, edge, and channel this footpath from Spa Buildings.

27- Footpath East Side of Gloucester Road—Resolved, To instruct the Borough Surveyor to bring up a specification of the works to be done by the abutting owners to pave, edge, and channel this footpath from High Street to Market Street.

28-Footpath Wat Side of Selkirk Street—Resolved, To instruct the Borough Surveyor to bring up a specification of the works to be done by the abutting owners to pave, edge, and channel this footpath.

29-Wellington Passage—Resolved. To instruct the Borough Surveyor to have this street paved with McDougall's bricks, and the roads remetalled.

30-Footpaths in Bath Terrace and Commercial street Resolved, To instruct the Borough Surveyor to bring up a specification of the work required to be done to repave, edge, and channel the footpaths on both sides of Bath Street, West side of Commercial Street and North side of Bath Terrace from Bath Terrace to Upper Bath Street.

31-Roof over Yard at Portland Mews—A letter was read from F. Jones, of Portland Mews, stating that he had received a letter from the Borough Surveyor requiring him to remove a roof which he had erected over his cab yard, as he had omitted to submit a plan of same for approval by the Council, and apologising for his default which had been occasioned owing to ignorant of the requirements.

A petition was received from 12 residents in the vicinity in Portland Street certifying that they did not object to the roof.

Another letter from Mr. Jones was read, with which he enclosed rough sketch of a roof which he asked permission to put up. Resolved, That Mr. Jones be required to dismantle the roof forthwith.

32—Tenders for the Supply of Coal Tenders for the supply of Coal for the 12 months from the 1st of December next, were received as follows- viz:-

Name of Dealer.	Name of Colliery.	Delivered at the Municipal Offices, Central Depot, Public Library., Alstone Baths, Pittville Pump Room Montpellier Gardens Lodge, Abattoir, Sandford Mead and Refuse Destructor.	Delivered at Dowdeswell Reservoir Lodge	Delivered at Cemetery Lodge.
S. H. Harris & Co.—				
Best House	•Whateley or Donisthorpe	14s 3d	15s 9d	14s 9d
Seconds .	.. Birch Coppice ..	13s 9d	15s 3d	14s 3d
Slack .	{New Bowson	10s 9d		
	{Wimberry	10s 6d		
John Williams & Co.—				
Best House	.. Warwickshire Coalfields	14s 6d	16s 6d	15s 6d
Seconds	.. Warwickshire..	13s	15s	14s
Slack	.. Warwickshire and Staffordshire ..	7s	9s	8s
A. H. Nott-				
Best House	.. Hall & Boardman's, Cadley Hill, Burton-on-Trent..	15s	17s	15s
Seconds	.. Valley Colliery, near Tamworth..	14s 6d	16s 6d	15s 6d
Slack*.	.. New Bowson	10s 3d	12s 3d	11s 3d
	(*Same as supplied at Electric Light Works).			
H. A. Gwinnell-				
Best House	Glascote	14s 6d	16s 6d	15s-d
Seconds .	Ditto	14s	16s	14s 6d
Slack	Trafalgar	8s 6d	10s 6d	9s
Webb Bros. Limited—				
Best House	Glascote	14s 5d	16s 5d	15s 5d
Seconds	Whateley	13s 5d	15s 5d	14s 5d
Slack	Glascote	8s 6d	10s 6d	9s 6d
H. Workman & Co				
Best House	Leicester and Staffordshire	16s	17s	15s
Seconds	Leicester and Staffordshire	14s	15s	14s
Slack*		6s	6s	6s
	(*Supply not guaranteed)			

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Thomas Voile & Co.-				
Best House	Staffordshire .	14s 6d	14s 6d	14s 6d
Seconds	Warwickshire ..	14s	14s	14s
Slack	ditto	7s	7s	7s
Resolved That the Tenders of Messrs. S. H. & Co. for Best House, Messrs. John Williams & Co. for Seconds, and Mr. A. H. Nott for Slack Coal be accepted.				

33—Building Plans--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.
1094	Mr. Bendy	Pair of semi-detached Houses in Ewlyn Road
1095	C. Winstone	Five Cottages in Winstonian Terrace
1096	Mr. Harding	Additions to back of No. 13, Moorend Street
1097	Mr. Martin	New Bedrooms at Midland Coffee Tavern
1098	W. J. How	House in St. George's Road
1099	E. W. Whatley	Additions at rear of No. 94, High Street
1100	Mrs. Evans	Addition to Fern Villa, St. Anne's Road
1101	Mrs. Baker	Room over scullery and pantry, Shurdington Road
1102	G. Widdows	Bakehouse, &c., Moorend Road
1103	A. Page	Four Villas in Gloucester Road
1104	John Dale	Three Houses in Bath Parade
1105	Mealing and Hopkins	Sixty-four Houses in new street off Whaddon Lane
1106	Flower and Sons	Additions to Albert Villa, Selkirk Street
1107	Wm. Burrows	House adjoining No. 71, Union Street
1108	Mr. Wheway	Glass Roof over Cycle Store at No. 1, Promenade Place
1109	Cheltenham Original Brewery Co. ..	Loft over stables at the Early Dawn Inn, High Street
1110	Mr. Buck	Bathroom at the Pierpoint Hotel
1111	Council of the Ladies' College ..	Cycle House at St Hildas, Weston Road
1112	J. N. Schnurman	Additions to Corinth House, Bath Road

Resolved, That Nos. 1098, 1105 and 1108 be approved ; that No. 1110 be approved subject to the outside being cemented on wire lathing, and that the other plans be approved.

WILLIAM A. BAKER,

Chairman.

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, the 14th day of November, 1898—Present : Alderman Skillicorne ; Councillors Bence, M. Davis, Gurney, Margrett, Moles and Waghorne (Councillor Bence in the chair)—

1—Chairman—Councillor Bence was appointed Chairman of this Committee for the ensuing year.

2—Ambulance—Tenders for building the new ambulance required for Typhoid and Diphtheria cases were received from

Mr. A. Miles, Winchcomb Street.

Messrs. Mills and Sons, Winchcomb Street.

Messrs. Wilson & Stockall

and the further consideration thereof was adjourned.

3--Temporary annexe to Delancey Hospital—Resolved, To instruct the Borough Surveyor to have complete Telephonic connection made between this annexe and the other Blocks.

4 —Zymotic Disease—The Medical Officer of Health reported that there had been notified since October 16th 53 cases of Scarlet Fever, 9 of Enteric Fever, and so of Diphtheria; that 37 cases of Scarlet Fever and 4 of Enteric 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 48 of Scarlet Fever, 4 of Diphtheria, and 2 of Enteric Fever. The Medical Officer of Health further reported that during the past month, since the last meeting of the Committee, there had been more Zymotic disease in the town than for a considerable time past.

5--Wells at Nos. 1 and 2, Woodbine Cottages, Nos. 1, 2, and 3, Rose Cottages, Yew Tree Cottage, and Cleeve Cottage, Swindon Road—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.

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6-- Dairies, Cowsheds, and Milkshops Order An application was received from Thomas John Stephens, of No. 3, Great Norwood Street, to be registered as a Dairyman. Resolved, That the application be acceded to.

7-Overcrowding at No. 4, 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 Section 94 of the Public Health Act be served on the owners and occupiers thereof requiring them to abate the same.

8-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.

9—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.

10—Sewer in St. Paul's Street, South--A complaint was received from Mr. Davis, of No. 14, St. Paul's Street, South, that the condition of this sewer caused a back flow of sewage in the drain from his house, resulting in a nuisance and danger to health. Resolved, To instruct the Borough Surveyor to examine the sewer and report thereon.

11—Cleansing and Limewashing at No. .5, Princes Street, No. 30, Bloomsbury Street, No. 17, Princes Terrace, No. 27, Stanhope Street, and Nos. 1, 2 and 3, Gloucester 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.

12—Nuisance from Drains, &c., at Nos. 1, 2 and 3, Attewell's Court, No. 53, St. George's Place, Nos. 31, 33 and 35, Victoria Place, No. 5, Orchard Cottages, Nos. 7 and 9, York Street, No. 11, Tivoli Street, and No. 2, Bath 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—Insanitary Property at Nos. 130, 137 and 138, Tewkesbury Road—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, floors, &c. Resolved, That the Council being satisfied that the said premises are in such a state as to be health, Notices under Sec. 94 of the Public Health Act, 1875, 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.

14-Insanitary Urinals at the Brewer's Arms, St. Paul's Road, South, Royal Well Tavern, and Cherry Tree Inn, Swindon Road—The Medical Officer of Health reported that the urinals at these premises were in an insanitary condition owing to want of water supply. Resolved, That the Council being satisfied of the existence of nuisances caused by the insanitary condition of these urinals, Notices be served upon the owners of the premises referred to requiring them to abate the nuisances forthwith.

15—Flooding of Cellar at Nethercote—A further letter was read from Mr. Stranger, stating that before getting out the foundations for his cellar the builder was instructed that the drain in the roadway was 6 ft. deep, whereas it was found to be only 3 ft. below the surface of the road. He suggested that this would not long satisfy the requirements of Health Department, and if he could be assured that within a reasonable time the Corporation would put in a sewer at a proper date he would wait, but if not he must ask to be informed what the Health Department or the Borough Surveyor suggest as a remedy. Resolved, To instruct the Borough Surveyor to inform Mr. Stranger what he suggests should be done to try and abate the cause of complaint, and to refer Mr. Stranger to Minute No. 32 of the proceedings of this Committee of the 19th of September last.

16—Condensed Separated Milk —A letter was read from the Clerk to the Camberwell Vestry, London, calling attention to the importance of bringing before the public the danger of using condensed separated milk, which contains less than one-third of the fat contained in new milk. That his Vestry had resolved that the Government be asked to introduce a Bill into Parliament requiring a statement to be affixed on the outside of each tin what quantity of the milk contained in the tin it would be necessary to use to obtain the full benefits derivable from a pint of new English milk and making provision for ensuring the publicity of such information, and stating that he was directed to ask the Council to support the Vestry and take similar action. Resolved, That the action of the Vestry be supported by the Council, and that their resolutions be approved and adopted.

17-Sewage Plans-Resolved. That an Overseer of the Sewage Farms be appointed at a salary of £100 per annum, and that applications for the post be advertised for.

18-Plans--The Plans of such new buildings necessitating drainage as were intended to come before the next meeting of the Street and Highway Committee were laid before this Committee. Resolved, That so far as regards Sanitary matters the same be approved as shown.

19-Salary of Medical Officer of Health—Resolved, That consideration of Dr. Garrett's application for increase of salary be further adjourned for him to make the application in writing, stating his reasons for doing so.

GEORGE BENCE,

Chairman.

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At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, the 21st day of November, 1898, Present : The Mayor; Alderman Skillicorne ; Councillors Bence, M. Davis, Gurney, 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, 9 cases of Scarlet Fever, and 3 of Diphtheria ; that 8 cases of Scarlet Fever and 2 of Diphtheria had been sent into the Delancey Hospital, and that the number of cases then in the Delancey Hospital sent in by the Corporation was 49 of Scarlet Fever, 2 of Diphtheria and 2 of Enteric Fever.

21-Wells at Nos. 26, 28, 42 and 43, Bloomsbury Street and Garden Cottage, Malt House Lane-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.

22-Dairies, Cowsheds and Milkshops Order-An application was received from George Keen, of No. 10, Croft Street, to be registered as a Dairyman. Resolved, That the application be acceded to.

23-Cleansing and Limewashing at No. 30, White Hart Street, No. 28, Sherborne Street, Nos. 2, 5 and 7, Bloomsbury Street, and Nos. 5, and 14, Rutland Street-The Medical Officer of Health having certified under Sec. 46 of the Public Health Act, that the above-named dwelling houses were in such a filthy and unwholesome condition that the health of the inmates was affected or endangered thereby. Resolved, That Notice be given to the owners under the said Section requiring the houses to be cleansed and limewashed.

24-Nuisances from Drains, &c., No. 6, St. George's Terrace and Myrtle Cottage, Malt House Lane-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.

25-Common Lodging House-An application was received from William Bellion to be registered as keeper of a Common Lodging House, at Nos. 20 and 21, Stanhope Street, previously kept as such by Andrew Vacara. Resolved, That the application be acceded to.

26-Insanitary Property at Nos. 5, 9, 14, 27, 39, 40, 42, 51 and Cottage behind, 53, 54, 56, 57, and Cottage behind 48, Rutland Street, No. 45, Bloomsbury Street, and 39, Francis 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 roofs, paving, eaves, spoutings, &c. 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, 1875, 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.

27-Closing of School -The Medical Officer reported that in consequence of an outbreak of Chicken Pox the Infant Department of the British School was closed on November 1st by an Order signed by two members of the Sanitary Authority acting under his advice, and he had duly reported the matter to the Local Government Board.

28-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.

29-Houses without proper Ash Receptacles-The Medical Officer of Health handed in a list of houses which had no proper ashpits or ash receptacles. Resolved, That the necessary Notices be given to the respective owners under Sec. 36 of the Public Health Act, 1875, and Sec. 27 of the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1889, requiring them in each case to provide a moveable ash receptacle of such size, pattern, and construction as may be approved by the Borough Surveyor on behalf of the Corporation.

30--New Ambulance-Resolved, To again adjourn consideration of this matter.

31-Sewer Ventilators in Rail Road, Leckhampton-The Medical Officer of Health reported that the ventilating shaft, fixed against a tree in a field belonging to Mr. Nathaniel Smith at the corner of Hall Road and Moorend, had become loosened and dis-connected. Also that he had received complaint from Mr. Millard, who was building a house in Hall Road, that an offensive smell emanated from the ventilating shaft opposite the house being built by him, and he desired to have it removed. Resolved, To instruct the Borough Surveyor to have the shaft first heighten the one opposite Mr. Millard's new house.

32--Water Supply to Hill view, Golden valley, Gloucester Road--The Medical Officer of Health reported that the water supply was insufficient and of unsatisfactory quality. A letter from Mr. Taylor, the Owner, was read, suggesting that the Corporation main should be extended so as to supply his house. Resolved, To refer the matter to the Water Committee.

33-Building Plans --The plans of such new buildings necessitating drainage as were intend to come before the next meeting of the Street and Highway Committee were laid before this Committee. George's Resolved, That plan No. 1098 for two houses in St. George's Road for W. J. How be disapproved as regards one of the houses under the proposed site of which is one of the main sewers of the Corporation, but as regards the other the plan be approved. That plan No. 1105 for laying out a new street off Whaddon Lane and for 64 houses to be built thereon for Messrs. Mealing and Hopkins be disapproved the remainder of the plans as regards sanitary matters be approved.

GEORGE BENCE,

Chairman.

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TOWN IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 15th day of November, 1898 Present : Councillors Bence, Cooper. Lenthall, Macdonald Mills.

1-Chairman— Resolved, That Alderman Winterbotham be appointed Chairman of this Committee for the ensuing year.

E. T. BRYDGES,

Town Clerk.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, the 21st day of November, 1898—Present : The Mayor ; Aldermen Drew and Winterbotham; Councillors Bence, Cooper, Dix, and Lenthall (Alderman Winterbotham in the chair.)

2-Drill at Winter Garden—A letter was read from Captain Mouat Biggs, Officer Commanding E Company of the Rifle Volunteers, asking permission for E Company to drill at the Winter Garden from the second Thursday in January, 1899, to the end of April, 1899, upon the same terms as last year. Resolved, That the application be acceded to.

3—Corporation Entertainments The Sub-Committee presented a Report and Statement of Account of the Corporation Entertainments held between May 1st and November 14th, from which it appeared that 192 Concerts had been held as follows, viz.—

In Montpellier Gardens, 42 Vocal and Instrumental, and 40 Instrumental only.

In Pittville Park, 12 Vocal and Instrumental, 77 Instrumental only, and 1 Christy Minstrel Entertainment.

Naunton Park, 16 Instrumental only.

Winter Garden, 3 Vocal and Instrumental, and one Instrumental only.

The Statement of Receipts and Expenditure was as follows :

RECEIPTS.	£	s.	d.
From Montpellier Gardens	371	7	2
„ Pittville Park	137	1	10
)1 Winter Garden ..	136	18	1
Goods debited on the other side, but still in stock.. ..	19	16	10
Balance ..	<u>9</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>6</u>
	£674	17	5

PAYMENTS

Printing ..	£14	19	9
Advertising ..	£56	17	2
Candles	£47	17	9
Labour ..	£27	16	1
Electric Light and Lamps	£44	2	1
Piano Hire	£ 3	6	0
Awning	£ 3	15	0
Billposting	£10	2	6
Hire of Oil Lamps	£ 0	15	4
Paste Brush	£ 0	4	6
Borough Surveyor's Disbursements	£ 4	3	4
Town Band	£223	11	5
Cheltenham Brass Band ..	£ 5	5	0
Royal Horse Guards Band	£115	11	9
Royal Marine Band ..	£38	19	3
Artistes	<u>£77</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>6</u>
	£674	17	5

Resolved, That the Report and Statement be approved, and that the thanks of the Council be given to the Sub-Committee for their services in so successfully conducting the Entertainments.

The Borough Surveyor laid before the Committee an account of disbursements made by him in connection with the Entertainments, amounting to £50 8s. 10 ½ d., and the same having been examined. Resolved, That it be approved and passed for Payment.

4-Coming Engagements—The Sub-Committee reported that they had, subject to the approval of the Committee, made the following engagements:

The Band of the Royal Marines to play on the 14th of December, afternoon and evening at the Winter Garden, upon the terms previously sanctioned by the Council, as stated in Minute No. 2 of the proceedings of this Committee of the 7th of October last, viz:-To receive 70 per cent. of the proceeds guaranteed at not less than £35.

Miss de-Lisle to sing on the same occasions for £3 3s. 0d.

The Welsh Glee Party, consisting of 50 singers, to sing at the Winter Garden on the evenings of the 20th and 21st of February, at a remuneration of two-thirds of the receipts. Resolved, That these engagements be approved and ratified

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5-Entertainment Sub- Committee —Resolved, That this Sub-Committee, consisting of Councillors Bence, Cooper, Dix, Macdonald and Mills, be reappointed to act as hitherto.

6-Bowling and Badminton Clubs—Resolved, That Honorary Members must be paid for whether players or not.

7-Bowling Club-Application having been received, Resolved, That the Bowling Club be granted the use for next season of the same ground and room at the Winter Garden as heretofore, upon the same terms, on condition that the room be vacated in the evening not later than the time for lighting cycle lamps.

8—Winter Garden Roof—Resolved, To instruct the Borough Surveyor to have the vacant spaces in the roof of the Winter Garden, re glazed.

JAS. B. WINTERBOTHAM,

Chairman.

WATER COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 15th day of November, 1898—Present : Councillor Baker, Bence, Davis, Lenthall, Margrett, and Waghorne (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 Wednesday, the 23rd day of November, 1898—Present : Councillors Baker, Bence, Davis, Margrett and Waghorne (Councillor Margrett in the chair)—

2-Report of Water Engineer- The Water Engineer reported that on the 21st inst. the supply from Hewlett and Northfield Springs was 52 gallons, the average for the last four years being 76 gallons per minute ; and the quantity of water store at He miens and Leckhampton was 3,251,615 gallons.

On the 21st inst. the depth of water in Dowdeswell Reservoir was 10 feet 7 inches and the contents 14,459,732 gallons, which made a total of 17,911,347 gallons, or about 18 days' supply, exclusive of the daily yield of the springs, which was then about 171,396 gallons.

The consumption had been maintained during the past month at about 1,000,000 gallons per day, of which 700,000 gallons had been received from the Springs and from Tewkesbury. With care the present resources would last until Christmas but not longer.

He recommended that in order to prevent waste as much as possible the men inspecting be furnished with leather washers, and be authorised to supply and fix them on all domestic taps free of charge whenever requested to do so by the occupier of any house, and that a return periodically be made to the Committee of the places at which taps have been so furnished with washers.

He further reported that an application had been received from N. P. Milne, of Ashchurch House, near Tewkesbury, for a short extension of main main along a new road which he was laying out for building purposes, the cost of which amounting to £12 would be amply covered by the ordinary rating charge.

Resolved, That the report be approved and the recommendation therein contained adopted, and that the extension referred to be carried out.

3-Reconstruction of Wall at No. 3, Reservoir at Hewletts—The Water Engineer laid before the Committee a plan for reconstruction of this wall. Resolved, To instruct him to prepare the specification and advertise for tenders.

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4-Extension of Main to Hill View, Golden Valley--A letter was read from Mr. A. H. Taylor, making application for a supply of the Corporation water at Hill View, which would necessitate an extension of the main. Resolved, That the main be extended along the Gloucester Road from Benhall Farm to the Borough Boundary at an estimated cost of £280, which would furnish a supply to Hill View.

5-Water Supply to General Hospital--A letter was read from Mr. Carrington, Hon. Sec. and Treasurer of the Hospital, reminding the Committee that the Annual Subscription of the Corporation had not yet been paid, and that the maximum number of tickets for one subscription had been sent. Resolved, With reference to Minute No. 4 of the proceedings of this Committee of the 23th of May last that as the interview between Councillor Dix, the Water Engineer and Col. Croker-King had not yet taken place the resolution thereto be varied as follows, viz., that the Chairman and the Water Engineer be requested to have a personal interview with Col. Croker-King and Mr. Carrington with reference to the water supply to the Hospital and charge made therefor.

6-Water Supply for Greenhouse, Beechworth Lodge-A letter from Messrs. Ley Wood and Rickerby, Solicitors for Mrs. Baker, of Beechworth Lodge, Hales Road, was read, stating that for the last five years they had paid 21s per annum for water supply for a greenhouse which had not existed during that period, and requesting repayment. Resolved, That on the Water Engineer being satisfied that the greenhouse has not been in existence during the five years Mrs. Baker be repaid the five guineas paid by her in respect thereof.

7-Hydrants in Tewkesbury-A letter was read from Mr. Badham, Town Clerk of Tewkesbury, suggesting that as his Council have to pay 6 per cent. on the cost of extension of mains they consider that is quite sufficient to repay the cost of fixing the Hydrants without the further charge of 1s a year for maintenance, to which the Town Clerk had replied calling attention to Secs. 38, 39 and 40 of the Waterworks Clauses Act, 1847, that the price for fixing and maintenance was very low, and he thought the Tewkesbury Town Council had better accept it without further question. Resolved, That the reply of the Town Clerk be approved, and that the same charge be made in respect of all hydrants in the Borough of Tewkesbury.

8-Sandford Pumping Station Premises-A letter was read from Messrs. Ticehurst and Sons, enquiring on behalf of a client whether the Council would sell the whole or any part of the field in which the Pumping

Station at Sandford stands. Resolved, To inform Messrs. Ticehurst and Sons that the Council have no intention of selling any part of the premises, as they cannot part with what they may in the future urgently require to make use of.

9-Salary of Mr. Harris—The application of Mr. Harris for an increase of salary was considered. Resolved, To recommend to the Finance Committee that his salary be increased by £10 per annum up to £150, and that this Committee contribute thereto £100 per annum as the proportion in respect of the work of this department

10-Arrears of Water Rates-The Chairman laid before the Committee arrears of Water Rates, amounting to £303 19s. 10d., which the Collector had been unable to collect. Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to take proceedings to recover such of the arrears as he in his discretion may deem recoverable.

11-Collection of Water Rates - Resolved, That Mr. Loveridge be requested to be more expeditious in his collection.

12--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 Tuesday, the 15th day of November, 1898 Present : The Mayor ; Councillors Baker, Cooper, Margrett and Steel (The Mayor in the chair),

1-Chairman-Resolved, That The Mayor be appointed Chairman of this Committee for the ensuing year.

Councillors Baker,

GEO. NORMAN, Chairman.

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At a Meeting of this :Committee, held on Monday, the 28th day of November, 1898--Present : The Mayor: Alderman Haddon; Councillors Baker, Brown, Cooper, Dix, Margrett, and Steel (The Mayor in the chair)—

1—Electrical inspector's Report--The Electrical 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.
Nov. 3rd	100 Volts	103 Volts.
" 10 th	"	103.5 "
" 24 th	"	<u>103.5 "</u>
		Average 103.3 "

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

ILLUMINATING POWER.		PURITY-SULPHUR.	
1898		1898.	Grains per 100 cubic ft.
Nov. 3 rd	17.16 candles	Nov.	
" 10 th	16.81 "	3rd-9 th	13.14
" 11 th	17.43 "	10th-11 th	14.66
" 18 th	16.83 "	18th-19 th	<u>13.07</u>
" 25 th	<u>16.75 "</u>	Average	13.62
Average ..	16.99		

4-Gas Inspector's Report The Gas Inspector reported that the hourly average consumption of Gas per lamp during the previous month had been 4.275 cubic feet.

5-Lamp Book-This Book was produced and examined. 8 Lamps extinguished, 8 metered, 25 unmetered, and 5 burning dimly.

6-Lighting of Townsend Street-A memorial was received from John Belcher and nine other residents in Townsend Street and vicinity, asking for a Guildhall lamp to be placed in Townsend Street at the corner of Russell Street. Resolved, To adjourn consideration of the application for the Committee to view.

7--Gas Escape in bile at back of Allt Dinas-A letter from Mr. Nelson Foster was read, complaining of an escape of gas from the lamp and main in the lane at the back of his house, and suggesting the lamp should be removed higher up the lane so as to prevent the gas obtaining access into his greenhouse. Resolved, That there does not seem to be sufficient reason to justify the expense of removing the lamp as the escape of gas must be from the main, and application should be made to the Gas Co. to stop the leakage.

8-Lighting of Marsh Lane-A letter from Councillor Lenthall was read, stating that an extra gas lamp was badly required at the top of Marsh Terrace at the East corner.

A memorial was read from Alfred Phipps and others, requesting that the end lamp in Marsh Lane should be shifted to the bottom of the lane. Resolved, To inspect the locality at the next View Meeting.

9-Lighting of Henrietta Street- Resolved, To instruct the Gas Co. to fix No. 4 Welsbach incandescent gas burners to the five lamps in Henrietta Street.

10-Electrical Engineer's Report-The Electrical Engineer reported that the steam trials of the new 220 Kilowatt Steam Alternator had been satisfactory ; that he had received tenders from Messrs. Siemens Bros. & Co., Limited, and from Messrs. Nalder Bros. & Thompson for the Accumulator and Exciter Switchboard, at £420 and £290 respectively, and he recommended acceptance of the latter tender. He also recommended that the price of electric energy supplied to churches, chapels, and institutions of a like character be 4d. per unit, with a discount of 5 per cent. for cash, and that he should issue a specification for the supply of small coal under a six months' contract, and he requested to be instructed as to what proportion of the cost of the service to Mrs. Creek should be charged to her. Resolved, That the report of the Electrical Engineer be approved, and the recommendations therein adopted, that the charge to Mrs. Creek be £10 (i.e. approximately half the cost of the extension), and that tenders for coal be advertised for.

11-Lighting of Cambray-Resolved, That three gas lamps at the south end of Cambray be removed and an arc lamp substituted at an estimated cost of £70, to be placed in the middle of the road in a position to be decided upon by the Committee.

12-Improvement in Joint Boxes-The Chairman reported that the Electrical Engineer had designed some special joint boxes for cables, and that he had permitted free use of these designs by Messrs. Callender, upon condition that a special discount should be given to the Cheltenham Corporation, and that the value of this discount upon the present order for boxes would be about £70.

GEO. NORMAN,

Chairman.

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GENERAL PURPOSES AND WATCH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, the 7th day of November, 1898--Present : The Mayor; Councillors Bence, Baker, M. Davis, Margrett, Steel, Moles and Mills (The Mayor in the chair)—

1-Swine Fever (Movement) Order, 1898—Applications were read from Mr. John Villar and Messrs. Castle and Pope for Licenses to hold Sales under the Swine Fever (Movement) Order, 1898, in the Cheltenham Cattle Market on the 17th instant and the 1st prox. Resolved, That the applications be granted subject to the applicants paying between them the fee of the Veterinary Inspector for his attendance on each occasion.

RICHARD ROGERS,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 22nd day of November, 1898—Present : The Mayor; Councillors Baker, Bence, Davis, Hayward, Lenthall, Margrett and Steel (The Mayor in the chair)—

2—Chairman —The Mayor was appointed Chairman of this Committee until the 9th November, 1899.

3—Diseases of Animals Acts—Superintendent Hopkins reported that the Borough was entirely free from contagious disease amongst animals.

4 —Markets under Swine Fever (Movement) Order--Resolved, In case of applications being received to hold markets under this Order on the 8th and 22nd proximo., that the Town Clerk be authorised to grant licenses for the same on the same terms as those previously granted.

5-Fire Brigade—A letter was read from Mr. R. Jones, of 29, Townsend Street, asking for an abatement of the charge of £7 8s. 0d. made to him for attendance of the Brigade outside the Borough to extinguish the fire of a burning rick belonging to him which was uninsured, and the loss was a very heavy one. Resolved, To accept one half in discharge of the claim.

Resolved, That the Town Clerk be requested to write to the Superintendent of the Brigade to instruct him to give notice by post cards to each member of the Sub-Committee of all occasions of practice by the Brigade ; That any alteration in uniforms, &c., or of rules must be submitted for approval to the Sub-Committee, and

That the Brigade shall not be permitted to leave the town except to attend fires without the sanction of the Sub-Committee.

6—Fire Brigade Sub-Committee—Resolved, To re-appoint a Fire Brigade Sub-Committee, consisting of the Mayor, Councillors Baker, Bence, Lenthall and Margrett.

7— Drivers' Licenses—An application for a driver's license was received from Thomas Atkins, of 23, Rutland Street. Resolved, That the same be acceded to.

8--Wheelchair Licenses--Applications for wheelchair licenses were received from John Cawood, of 15, Dagmar Villas, Tivoli, and Daniel Larner, of Robin Hood Inn, St. James's Street. Resolved, That the same be acceded to.

9—Hackney Carriage Licenses—Applications were received from W. P. Jones to transfer license 120 from a Victoria to a carriage more adapted to carry four persons, and from F. G. Baldwin to transfer one of his licenses from a landau to a pony carriage. Resolved, That the application of W. P. Jones be acceded to subject to approval by the Mayor of the substituted vehicle, and that the application of F. G. Baldwin be refused.

10—Hansom Cabs—A letter was read from Mr. Cooke, complaining of the hardship which had been occasioned by his two hansoms being condemned as they were not new ones, as he had purchased the two without having been informed that they must be new. Resolved, That the Resolution to Minute No. 5 of the proceedings of this Committee of the 11th October last be amended by deleting the word " new," and that if Mr. Cooke's hansoms be approved by the Mayor, Councillors Bence and Margrett the licenses be granted. A letter was read from John Ball withdrawing his application for a license for a hansom. Applications for hansom licenses were received from Frederick Paynter, of 9, Swindon Street, John Morgan, of 28, Mount-pleasant, and George Bunday, of 2, Alma Villas, Roman Road. Resolved, That Ball's license be given to Morgan, and that the other two applicants be informed that there are no more vacancies but their applications will be recorded.

11—Omnibus License—An application was received from W. P. Jones, of Clarence Mews, for licenses for two omnibuses to convey passengers from the town to surrounding places. Resolved, That the Committee are not prepared to consider the application without knowing the precise routes and times of running.

12-Interchangeable Carriage Licenses—Letters on this subject were received from F. G. Baldwin.

13—Street Inspector—Applications for this appointment were received from H. C. Horser, of No. 12, Selkirk Street, and T. C. Rendol, of 44, Montpellier Terrace. Resolved, That consideration of the same be adjourned pending report by the Town Clerk as to the result of proposed interview between him and Admiral Christian with reference to the duties of the Street Inspector being carried out by the police.

14-- Exits of Places of Worship and Entertainment—Resolved, To instruct the Borough Surveyor to inspect all places of worship and entertainment in the town, and report as to the sufficiency of the exits.

15-Re-Numbering of Bath Terrace—The Borough Surveyor laid before the Committee plan and scheme for re-numbering this street from the Bath Road by odd and even numbers on each side. Resolved, That the same be approved.

16— Pate's Charity--The Town Clerk reported that he had received the Order of the Charity Commissioners altering the scheme of 15th July, 1881, in manner approved by the Council. Resolved, That the Chairman do give notice at the next meeting of the Council of his intention to propose the names of three additional Governors of the Grammar School to represent the Council pursuant to clause 2 of the scheme to the aforesaid Order.

17—Assistant in Town Clerk's Office—The Town Clerk reported that Mr. Loveridge, his junior clerk, had resigned his occupation of his own accord, and that he had appointed Walter W. T. Long, a youth of 16, in Mr. Loveridge's place at a salary of 10s per week to be raised to 13s per week in 12 months time on condition that he makes himself efficient in shorthand.

18— Meetings of Committees for 1899—Resolved, That the Meetings of the Committees for the 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 Public Health	at 11
“ 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 ....Water	at 3.30
Thursday Lighting	at 3.30
Friday Burial Board	at 11.30
“ Street and Highway (View)	at 2.30

(2nd week)

Monday Street and Highway	at 3.0
Tuesday Finance	at 3.0
Wednesday ....School Attendance	at 4.0

and second Public Health Committee at 11 a.m. on the first Monday after the Council Meeting.

And second Street and Highway Committee on Monday after Council Meeting at 4 p.m.

GEO. NORMAN,

Chairman.

BATHS AND RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 15th day of November, 1898—Present: The Mayor ; Councillors Hayward, Lenthall, Moles and Mills (Councillor Lenthall in the chair—

1 —Chairman—Resolved, That Councillor Lenthall be appointed Chairman of this Committee for the ensuing year.

J. S. LENTHALL, Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 21st day of November, 1898—Present : The Mayor ; Alderman Drew ; Councillors Baker, Brown, LI. Davies, Hayward, Lenthall and Moles (Councillor Lenthall in the chair)—

2-Alstone Swimming Bath—A letter from Mr. F. Ticehurst, Deputy Clerk to the Guardians, was read, asking permission for the boys from the Elms to be allowed to continue their bathing at the Alstone Baths during the winter. Resolved, To inform Mr. Ticehurst that the Baths are closed for alterations and repairs, but when they are re-opened in about six weeks time the boys from the Elms can continue bathing as heretofore.

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3—Montpellier Baths--Loan of £6,600—A letter from the Local Government Board in reply to one from the Town Clerk applying for consent to the purchase of these Baths and for sanction to borrow sums amounting to £6,600 for the purchase and alterations and additions to the Baths was read in which the Board requested that they might be furnished with a detailed estimate of the cost of the proposed alterations and additions, to which the Town Clerk had replied that a detailed estimate could not be furnished unless quantities be taken out the expense of which could not be incurred unless the Board are prepared to sanction the necessary loan; that the only other course would be to advertise for tenders for the work, but for this the quantities would have to be taken out ; and that the Borough Surveyor is confident that the estimate given will cover the cost. Resolved, That the reply of the Town Clerk be approved.

4—Agg-Gardner Recreation Ground—A letter was read from Miss B. Roberts, Hon. Sec. of The Cheltenham Institute, asking that one of the football grounds might be reserved for use of members of the Football Club of that institution for one afternoon each week. Resolved, That the matter be referred to the Chairman and Councillor Baker to arrange if possible.

Resolved, That an additional giant stride be provided.

Resolved, To advertise for Tenders for the open iron unclimbable fencing, plan of which has been already approved, to be erected along the North boundary.

J. S. LENTHALL,

Chairman.

BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 15th day of November, 1898—Present The Mayor ; Councillors Cypher, Davis, Moles and Waghorne (Councillor Moles in the chair)—

1—Chairman—Resolved, That Councillor Moles be appointed Chairman of this Committee for the ensuing year.

J. V. MOLES,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Friday, the 25th day of November, 1898—Present : Alderman Haddon ; Councillors Baker, Brown, Cypher and M. Davis (Alderman Haddon in the chair)—

2-Chairman In the absence of the Chairman, Alderman Haddon was appointed Chairman at this Meeting.

3-Report of Superintendent of the Cemetery—The Superintendent reported that the lock on the front gates was out of order ; that the front entrance drive required to be re-stoned ; that the rain came through the

roof of the lodge into the kitchen, and through the roof of the Vestry at the Church; and that the Shelter had been erected, but had not been completed. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be requested to have the defects above-mentioned attended to.

4---Designs—The following designs were examined and approved, viz.—Headstones to Ellen Ratcliff, Bessie Hunt, Violet Madeline Powell, Sarah Hughes, Lisse Ada Randall, James Frederick Robert Hawker, Gwendolen Hamlin, Jane Merrick, William Richard Felton, Robert Smith and Jane Smith. Headstone and Kerbing to Harold Gwinnett Palmer, Surgeon-General William Johnson, Anthony James White, and Kerbing with Inscription to the Hon. Denis Arthur Bingham.

5—Wages—The following Account for wages was examined and allowed :—

G. C. Pratley £22 0 1

JOHN HADDON,

Chairman.

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FINANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 15th day of November, 1898 Present : The Mayor ; Councillors Cooper, Gurney, Hayward, Macdonald, Margrett and Steel (Councillor Gurney in the chair)

1-Chairman--Resolved, That Councillor Gurney be appointed Chairman of this Committee for the ensuing year.

W. GERALD GURNEY, Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 29th day of November, 1898 Present : The Mayor ; Councillors Cooper, Gurney, Hayward, Margrett and Steel (Councillor Gurney in the chair)

2—Fairfield Road Private Improvement Expenses—A letter from Mr. S. B. Dix was read, with which he enclosed a cheque for £60 in settlement of the claim against him for the sum of £80 10s. Od., being the apportioned amount, with interest, of expenses incurred by the Council in carrying out the Private Improvement Works in this street coextensive with the frontage of property belonging to him abutting upon the said street. He pointed out that the original specification for the road was not carried out, as clinkers were used instead of large stones for a bottom, that the road being 36ft. wide the cost should not exceed per yard, but he was charged £2, and that 8s 6d per day had been charged for horse and cart hire. Resolved, To inform Mr. Dix that the variation from the original schedule had resulted in a decrease instead of an increase in the cost, that he was in error in saying he had been charged at the rate of £2 per yard frontage, as his property was on both sides of the road, and the amount charged came to less than £1 per yard in respect of the total frontage of his properties, that all the other abutting owners have paid the amounts apportioned to them respectively by the apportionment, that the Council are unable now to vary the apportionment, and that the Council cannot accept his cheque for £60 in settlement of the claim, which the Town Clerk has been instructed to return to him.

3—Albion Street Private Improvement Expenses Hampton's Garden Frontage—Mr. Margrett reminded the Committee that the Council had agreed to relieve him of the cost of these works if he would give up a strip of land at the North side of Hampton's Garden to widen Fairview Road, the Council to pull down the wall and erect a fence along the South boundary of the piece of land given up, but he had been unable to carry out this agreement as he had been unable to make terms with his tenant, and he asked that the proceedings which had been commenced against him for recovery of £65 15s. 1d. due from him as abutting owner of the gardens in respect of the frontage thereof to Albion Street for the proportion of the cost of the Private Improvement Works in that street might remain in abeyance for 12 months, as he confidently hoped to be able to carry out the arrangement before the expiration of that period. Resolved, Subject to Mr. Margrett agreeing to pay interest at the rate of £5 per cent. per annum and consenting to an Order, That Mr. Margrett's request be acceded to.

4—Recovery of Cost of Treatment of patients of Corporation in Hospital—Resolved, That the present arrangement of recovery of expenses of treatment in Hospital of Corporation Patients is unsatisfactory, and that the Health Committee be requested to consider the matter, with a view to deciding upon some definite course of action.

5—Salary of Mr. Harris—Resolved, That the resolution of the Water Committee to raise the salary of Mr. Harris to £150 per annum, by annual instalments of £10 be approved, and that the amount above the £100 to be paid by that Committee be apportioned amongst the other departments in like manner to the salary of the Borough Surveyor, and that the increase commence from the 1st of January next.

6—General District Rate—The Report of the Borough Accountant of date the 29th November, 1898, on the collection of the second instalment of this Rate, was read. Amount collected £17,246 2s. 1d., leaving outstanding £16,263 2s. 1d.

7—Water Rate—The Report of the Borough Accountant of date the 29th November, on the collection of this Rate for the half-year ending the 25th of March next, was read. Amount received £1,249 2s. 3d., leaving outstanding £8,900 2s. 10d.

On the 29th of September last, the amount collected for the half-year ending outstanding was £8,771 1s. 5d., and the amount outstanding £2,194 17s. 3d., including meter rents.

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 balances and the latter, amounting to £9,474 18s. 0d., ordered by the Borough Treasurer ordered to be paid by the Borough Treasurer.

The Treasurer's Accounts at the Bank were examined and the balances found to be correct.

The following was the General Statement:-

Overdrawn on the 26th October last ..	£ 7,834 1 9
Received since that date	£ <u>6,170 2 3</u>
	£14,004 4 2
Paid since that date	£ <u>2,769 14 3</u>
Overdrawn	£11,234 9 11

W. GERALD GURNEY, Chairman.

TECHNICAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 15th day of November, 1898—Present; The Mayor ; Councillors Davis, Gurney, Hayward, Preston, 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.

M. DAVIS,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Friday, the 25th day of November, 1898—Present Councillors LI. Davies, M. Davis, Hayward, Preston and Steel (Councillor M. Davis in the chair)—

2— School of Cookery—Adverting to Minute No 3 of the proceedings of this Committee of the 26th of October last, a further letter from Miss F. Baddeley, Hon. Sec. of the Gloucestershire School of Cookery, was read, stating that at a meeting of the Committee of the School, held on the 28th ultimo, the following resolutions were passed, viz :—That the Committee of the School of Cookery shall consist of four members nominated by the Gloucestershire School of Cookery, four by the Ladies' College, eight by the Cheltenham Town Council, or by the Cheltenham County Councillors, two of whom shall represent the Elementary Schools. Miss Baddeley attended the Meeting and explained that the intention was that eight members of the Committee should be nominated by the Town Council during the continuance of a Grant from them out of the amount received from the County Council for Technical Instruction purposes, and in the event of the same ceasing then the same nomination to be made by the Cheltenham County Councillors in lieu of the Town Council. Resolved, That the scheme of organization for the establishment of a Cheltenham Centre and method of representation above mentioned be approved by this Committee, and that this Committee consider the proposed new premises, No. 9, St. James' Square, are entirely suitable for the purposes of the School.

3—Nomination of Town Council Representatives—Resolved, That the Chairman of this Committee, Councillor Hayward, and the following ladies, viz :—Mrs. Rogers, Mrs. Wethered, Mrs. Gurney, Mrs. Haddon, Miss Aston, Miss S. Roberts be nominated by the Town Council to represent the Corporation on the Committee of the School of Cookery.

M. DAVIS,

Chairman.

PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 15th day of November, 1898—Present The Mayor ; Councillors Hayward, Macdonald, Moles, Preston, and Steel ; Revs. J. Mugliston and J. Evans, Baron de Ferrieres, Capt. Welch, Dr. Davis, Messrs. A. Beckingsale and J. G. Carr (Councillor Hayward in the chair)—

1—Chairman—Resolved, That Councillor Hayward be appointed Chairman of this Committee for the ensuing year.

C. HAYWARD,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 22nd day of November, 1898—Present : Alderman Skillicorne; Councillors Ll. Davies, Hayward, Preston and Steel ; Revs. J. Mugliston and J. Evans ; Baron de Ferrieres ; Capt. Welch ; Messrs. J. G. Carr, Evan Butler, W. Cresswell, and T. Whittard (Councillor Hayward in the chair)—

2— Librarian's Report—The Monthly Report of the Librarian as follows was read :—Receipts £12 3s. 10d. He stated that Exhibitions of Technical Books had been held on three occasions viz., October 14th (Decorative Art), October 28th (Furniture and Woodwork), Nov. 11th (Sculpture and Stone Carving). The next Exhibition would be held on Friday next, the subject being Architecture and Building Construction. The attendance had been about 400 for each exhibition, there had been considerable interest shown in these exhibits and they had been appreciated by those who attended. Many references had been made to them in the press not only in this country but also abroad. He hoped in the near future to be able to present a full report on the subject. He also reported that the following gifts had been made to the Library during the past month, viz. :—

	Volumes. Pamphlets.	
Stafford Reeves	6	
Baron de Ferrieres	5	4
Durham University	1	
Board of Trade	1	

Annual Reports had been received from the Public Libraries at Blackburn, Bolton, Cardiff, Wolverhampton, Derby, and Leamington.

3—Sub-Committee—Resolved, That the Sub-Committee, consisting of the Chairman, Councillor Davies, Rev. J. Mugliston, and Capt. Welch, be re-appointed.

4—"Gloucestershire Members"—A letter was read from Mr. W. R. Williams, author of this work, suggesting that the Committee should purchase the copy which he sent for approval, for the Library at the price of 15s. Resolved, To defer consideration of the suggestion.

5—Removal of Picture—A letter from Mr. H. G. English was read enquiring what had become of the picture of George IV. which formerly hung in the reading room of the Library. Resolved, To inform Mr. English that the picture was so dilapidated as to be unsafe and also took up too much room, and was consequently removed, and is now stored in the basement.

6—Accounts- The following accounts were examined and passed for payment :—

B. T. Batsford, Books	£ 7 0 0
J. W. Pink "	£ 7 2 6
J. Webb "	£ 0 16 0
B. Norton "	£ 0 9 6
H. Palmer "	£ 0 7 6
Library Bureau Ltd., Chairs (Capital Account)	£11 5 0
J. Warren, Sawdust	£ 0 10 0
London Supply Co., Cleaning Materials	£ 0 12 0

Electric Light Committee, Electric Energy	£12 0 0
Harris & Co., Coal (Leckhampton)	£ 0 7 0
W. Jones, Wages	£14 12 0
J. Webb, Replacements	£ 0 11 6

C. HAYWARD,

Chairman.

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 15th day of November, 1898—Present The Mayor ; Councillors Cypher, Moles, Preston and Steel (Councillor Steel in the chair)—

1—Chairman-Resolved, That Councillor Steel be appointed Chairman of this Committee for the ensuing year.

JOHN D. STEEL,

Chairman.

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At a Meeting of this committee held on Wednesday, the 30th, day of November, 1898 —Present : Alderman Haddon; Councillors, Preston 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 43 schools, from which 1,072 names of absentee children had been extracted, all of whom had been visited. They also reported that the parents, of 125 children had been summoned to attend before the Local Committees who had held 7 meetings. That 6 parents had been prosecuted and fined.

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 :—Florence Mee, Frederick Webb, Annie Hill, Frank Pontin, Nellie Mills, George and Maud Smith, Maggie Ward, May Excell, Charles Dix, Mabel Jones, Lizzie Johnson, Frederick West, Elsie and Leslie Eden, Edgar Sallis, Annie Poytress, Victor Gillatt, May Cove, Rose Shurmer, Edith Skater, Mabel Mitchell, Samuel White, and (if full attendance should not be made during the next fortnight, by order Of two members of the Central Committee), Lily Carter ; and That proceedings under Sec. 11 of the Act of 1876, be taken against the parents of William Langston and Nellie Jepson for an Attendance Order ; and That proceedings under Sec. 12 of the said Act be taken against the parent of Bertie Prust for breach of Attendance Order.

4—Special Examination --The result of the Special Examination of Children, held on the 26th November, 1898, was reported to the Committee, as follows :--

Boys :—Number examined	21
Number passed in Standard V.	<u>52</u>
Number failed in Standard V.	73

Girls :—Number examined	45
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passed in Standard V.	<u>33</u>
Number failed in Standard V.	78
Total Number passed	66
Total Number failed	<u>85</u>
Total Number examined	151

5—South Ward Local Committee—A letter was read from the Rev. G. Despard, resigning the Chairmanship of the South Ward Local Committee, as his health rendered him unequal to regular attendances. Resolved, To thank Mr. Despard for his past services, and to request Mr. Irving, the Senior Acting Attendance Officer, to endeavour to find two or three gentlemen who would be willing to act on the Committee.

6—Account—The following Account was passed for payment :—

J. Giles, for firing at St. John's Coffee Tavern for Local Committee Meetings ... 6s

JOHN D. STEEL,

Chairman.