

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 Thursday, the 9th day of November, 1899.

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.

At a meeting of this Committee held on Friday, the 3rd day of November, 1899—Present The Mayor ; Alderman Skillicorne Councillors Bence, Davis, and Moles (Councillor Bence in the chair) —

1- Chairman—Councillor Bence was appointed Chairman at this Meeting.

2-Thomas & Webb v. The Corporation—A letter was read from Messrs. Lawrence & Co., Solicitors for the Plaintiffs, complaining that their Clients had been treated rather badly in the matter of their tender for executing the Works required for the No 1 Sewerage Scheme, and were out of pocket a considerable sum, but, without prejudice, they were willing to settle the matter at once, if the Corporation would pay the Plaintiff's £20 to cover their out of pocket expenses. Resolved, Without prejudice, to offer to pay the Plaintiffs £20 in settlement of their claim and costs, provided that they will agree to repay the amount if they should be successful in obtaining the Contract for Nos. 1 and 2 Sewerage Schemes, for which renders have recently been advertised for.

3-- Purchase of Implements, Stock, &c., for Sewage Farms—Resolved, To instruct the Town Clerk to write to the Local Government Board to enquire if they will sanction a loan of between £2,000 and £5,000 to provide for the purchase of Implements and Stock for the Sewage Farms, which the Corporation are about to take into their own hands, and if so, for what period for repayment,

4-Building Plans—The Borough Surveyor laid before the Committee Notices and Plans which he had received of intended new buildings necessitating drainage, viz :—

No. of Plan.	Name.	Description.
1242	Captain Parsons	House and Stables in the Shurdington Road.
1243	Allsopp's Limited	Additions to the Royal Union Inn, Hatherley Street.

Resolved, That the same be approved so far as the drainage is concerned.

GEORGE BENCE,

Chairman.

5—Manhole Covers In Streets—Resolved, That the Borough be instructed to examine and make secure and level with the sur-rounding surface of the road all manhole covers in the streets in the Borough.

6—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.
1256	W. Prew	Three Villas on Gloucester Road opposite the Shrubbery.
1257	Mr. Baynham	Proposed additions to Leycester Lodge, Hale's Road.

Resolved, That the same be approved as shown.

WILLIAM A. BAKER,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Friday, the 22nd day of December, 1899—Present: Alderman Haddon ; Councillors Baker, Bence, Brown, Cypher and Davis (Councillor Baker in the chair).—

7—Breakage of Shop Window of Messrs. Shirer and Haddon—A letter was read from the National Provincial Plate Glass Insurance Company, Limited, demanding repayment from the Corporation of £3 9s, 0d., the cost of replacing a square of plate-glass at Messrs. Shirer & Haddon's, Clarence Street, rendered necessary by damages done to the pane replaced, by a stone flying up from the pick of one of the Corporation workmen engaged in picking up the surface of the road. Resolved, That the Council do not admit any liability to the Company to pay the cost.

8—Sydenham Roads- -A letter was read from Mr. R. J. Webb, asking if the Corporation would now take over the whole of these roads, as the last portion of the Sydenham Estate, viz., Sydenham Villas, had been properly repaired. Resolved, To inform Mr. Webb that the matter will receive consideration in due course.

9—Report of the Borough Surveyor re highways—The Borough Surveyor reported that the work done by the Highways Department for the month ending December 20th, 1899, had been as follows:—

Repaired with Clee Hill Stone—Montpellier Terrace, 1345 super yards.

Patched with Clee Hill Stone-- Gloucester Road, Queen's Road, St. George's Place, High Street, Stanhope Street, Sandford Road, Montpellier Walk, back of Lansdown Place, St., Paul's Road, Pittville Circus Road, Hewlett Road, All Saints' Road.

Patched with Wickwar Stone—Sydney Street, Grosvenor Terrace, Duke Street, Parabola Road, Carlton Street, St. George's Road, Thirlestaine Road.

Repairs to Paving, Crossing, Kerb, and Channelling-- Columbia Street, High Street, Cambray, Lypiatt Terrace, St Luke's Road, Bennington Street, Sherborne Place, Fairview Street, Dunalley Street, Duke Street, Promenade, Tewkesbury Road, Dagmar Road, Royal Well Lane.

The Footpath in Moorend Park Road had been repaired with local and Wickwar gravel, 440 super yards.

The Crossing in Bath Road at the end of Sandford Road had been laid with MacDougall's bricks.

Private Improvements - Sydenham Villas and Eaton Place (finished), Hewlett Road (commencing).

New Trees had been Planted—1 in St. George's Road and 2 in Parabola Road, The Tenders for Coal expired that month.

Ashes Collected and Consumed, viz.:--Loads collected, 689 ; loads consumed, 681 ; weight, 789 tons 1cwt. 2 qrs.

Wood Paving, Promenade-1. The cost of paving the part of Colonnade with Jarrah Wood upon a concrete foundation would be about £605. 2. The cost of paving the Promenade between the crossing near Messrs. Martin & Co's. shop and the crossing opposite the end of St. George's Road will be about £2,940.

Resolved, That having regard to the present price of coal and the difficulty of obtaining tenders for the supply of coal, even for a short period, at a reasonable price, the Borough Surveyor be authorised for the present to obtain coal from time to time as required as cheaply as possible.

Resolved, That consideration of the Report as far as relates to the wood paving be adjourned until after the expiration of the financial year.

10—Doubling Railway Line from Cheltenham to Andoversford--Notices from the Solicitor to the Great Western Railway Company were read of an application by the Company to Parliament for powers (inter alia) to take land in the Borough for the Purpose of widening of viaduct and bridges as follows, viz., roads and land numbered 2, 7, 8 and 11 on the deposited plan, and additional lands, viz., field, footpath and occupation road numbered so on the said plan, and for widening the bridge over Alma Road, road, footpath and land numbered 2 on the said plan. Resolved, To instruct the Borough Surveyor to see the Chief Engineer of the Company with a view to arranging with him that the bridge over the railway in the Old Bath Road shall be widened, and that subject to the Company agreeing to do this, the Council cordially assent to the Bill.

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11-Underground Telephone Wires—A letter was read from the Provincial Superintendent of the National Telephone Company, Ltd., stating that the Company anticipated that the new alternative rate inaugurated by them would involve an enormous extension of their lines in the immediate future, and that they considered this a good reason for renewing their application to the Corporation for underground facilities, as a great increase in the number of overhead wires must be very objectionable, and that it was doubtful whether the new rate can be put into effect to its fullest advantage in Cheltenham unless the Company is allowed to provide for its wires underground, and they were willing that the Corporation should open the streets and lay the pipes at the expense of the Company. Resolved,, That the application be not acceded to, and that the General Purposes and Watch Committee be requested to consider the advisability of establishing a Municipal Telephone Exchange within the Borough.

12—Highbury Lane Apportionment- -A letter was read. from Messrs. Smith Brothers, requesting the Borough Surveyor to reconsider the apportionment of the cost of the Private Improvement Works in this street, as they considered they had not been fairly treated, as others whom they mentioned make quite as much use of the road as they do. Resolved, That the Council considers there is no sufficient reason to vary the apportionment.

13 --Apportionments of Cost of Private Improvement Works, viz., Footpaths in Selkirk Street, South side of Albion Street, West side of Royal Well Lane, and in Providence Square—The Borough Surveyor reported that the cost of carrying out these works amounted respectively to £34 3s. 6d., which was due from Mr. Llewellyn Wakefield, as the owner of the abutting property, viz., No. 1, Glenfall Terrace £6 6s. 0d due from Mr. H. W. Baker, as the owner of the abutting property, viz., No. 8, Berkeley Street £72 2s. 3d. due from Messrs. Rowland and Frederic Ticehurst, as the owners of the abutting property., viz., the Crescent Garden, and £22 11s. 5d., which he had apportioned amongst the several abutting owners according to frontage. Resolved, That the apportionments be approved, and that notice thereof and of demand for repayment be served on the owners referred to.

14-Leighton Road -Resolved, That the Chairman, Alderman Haddon, and Councillors Bence and Brown be appointed as a deputation to try and arrange a settlement with Mr. Baylis, with a view to getting this road opened and declared a highway.

15-Road West side of St. John's Schools leading to the Old Swan Yard —Resolved, To instruct the Borough Surveyor to bring up a specification of the works required to be done in this street by the abutting owners to put the same into repair.

16— Harp Hill- -The Borough Surveyor submitted a plan for improving the gradient of this hill. Resolved, That the same be approved and that he be instructed to carry out the work.

17 --Building Plans—The Borough Surveyor laid before the Committee Notices and Plans which he had received of intended new buildings, viz. :--

No. on Plan	Name,	Description.
1058	T. W. Smith ..	House in Exmouth Street. Bath Road.
1259	T. D. Boulton ..	Two Villas in Bath Road near Montpellier Drive.
1260	W, Prew ..	Six houses on the East side of Marle Hill Parade.
1261	W. S. Wells ..	Additions to No. 2,, Lansdown Place Stables.

Resolved, That so far as regards construction the plans above-mentioned be approved as shown.

WILLIAM A. BARER,

Chairman.

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, the 11th day of December, 1899—Present: The Mayor Alderman Skillicorne Councillors Bence, 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 17 cases of Scarlet Fever, and 8 of Diphtheria; that 15 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 30 cases of Scarlet Fever, and 2 of Diphtheria.

2 -Nuisances from Drains, &c. No. 23, St. James's Street, No. 2, Ormond Terrace, Nos. 1, 2, 3 and 4, The Croft, Alstone, Nos. 21 and 22, Winchcomb Street, Vine Tree Inn, Albion Street, and Nos. 23 and 24, Granville Street—The Inspector of Nuisances having made written application under Sec. at of the Public Health Act, 1875, stating that the drains, &c, on or belonging to the above-named houses were in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to health, Resolved, That authority be given to the Inspector of Nuisances to open the ground, examine the drains, and, if necessary, give the notices and act as provided by the said section..

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3--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 thorn 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.

5—Cleansing and Limewashing at No. 37, Moorend Street, and No. 4, St. James's Terrace—The Medical Officer of Health having certified under Sec. 46 of the Public Health Act that the above-named dwelling houses were in such a filthy and unwholesome condition that the health of the inmates was affected or endangered thereby.. Resolved. That Notice be given to the owners under the said Section requiring the houses to be cleansed and limewashed.

6— Insanitary Urinal at The Vine Tree Inn, Albion Street—The Medical Officer of Health reported that this Urinal was in an insanitary condition and without a water supply. Resolved, That the Council being satisfied that the Urinal referred to is in such a condition as to be a nuisance or injurious to health, Notices under Section 94 of the Public Health Act, 1875, be served on the owners of the premises to lay on a sufficient water supply, so as to flush the Urinal, and execute such other requirements as are necessary to abate the nuisance.

7-Insanitary Property at 2 Cottages behind Nos. 27 and 29, Duke Street, 3 Cottages behind Nos. 31 and 33, Duke Street, Nos. 1 and 2, Teales Court, Duke Street, Cottage behind No. 57, Duke Street, Nos. 1 and 2, Savory Court, Duke Street, and Nos. 1 to 5, Princes Place, Duke 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, spouting, &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.

8-Dairies, Cowsheds and Milkshops Order—Applications to be registered as purveyors of milk were received from Sarah A Arter, 13, Townsend Place, Tewkesbury Road, and Jessie Heads, Victoria Coffee Tavern. Resolved, That the applications be not acceded to, as the premises are not at present in a suitable condition for the purposes of milk retailers.

9 --Wells at Nos. 1 and 2, Bedford Place, Prestbury Road, Bedford Cottage, No. 11, St. Ann's Terrace, and No. 29, St. James's Street—The Medical Officer at 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.

10—Nuisance from Cats at Selkirk Parade—The Inspector of Nuisances reported that he had employed two women to cleanse No. 12, Selkirk Parade, and the occupier, the defendant in the recent proceedings before the Justices, had refunded to him the wages of the women, and had delivered to the Inspector of the Society for the prevention of cruelty to Animals four of the cats The Town Clerk reported that the fine imposed by the Justices had been paid.

11—Registration under Byelaws of Lodging Houses, viz., Nos. 1, 2, 3 and 4, Cumberland Cottages, Grove Street, and No. 54, St. George's Place—The Medical Officer of Health reported, as to Nos. 1, 2, 3 and 4 Cumberland Cottages, that these cottages were let in lodgings as furnished apartments in connection with a Common Lodging House, and he recommended that they and No. 54, St. George's Place should be registered under the Lodging House Byelaw, Resolved. That Notices under Byelaw No. 7 of the said Bye-Laws be served upon the Landlords of the said houses to supply the information necessary for registration and statement of the particulars specified by the said Byelaw,

12—Loan for Implements and Stock for Sewage Farms—A letter was read from the Local Government Board stating that they would be prepared to entertain an application from the Council for sanction to a loan for the purchase of implements and stock for the Sewage Farms, That the Board should be furnished with a detailed statement showing how the sum, which it is desired to borrow, is made up, and that in the event of the Board sanctioning the loan the period which they would allow for its repayment would not exceed ten years. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed, with the assistance of the Farm Bailiff, to prepare the detailed statement to accompany the application for the loan.

13.-Slaughter Douse at bank of Beulah House---A letter was read from Mr. Jas Page, offering to accept Loots as compensation for the closing of this Slaughter House. Also a letter from Mr. H. E. Morris, the owner of the adjoining house, Southwood Lodge, stating that he had a difficulty in letting his house owing to the existence of this Slaughter House and suggesting that the Council should reconsider their decision not to entertain the offer previously made by Mr. Page in view of the serious disadvantage under which he was placed with regard to his property. Resolved, That the Council are unable to entertain the offer now made by Mr. Page, and to so inform Mr. Morris.

14—Slaughter House back of No. 277, High Street—A letter was read from Messrs. Ley Wood and Rickerby, Solicitors for Messrs. W. T. and N. W. Olive, the owners of this Slaughter House, with which they enclosed a notice signed by their clients, stating that they had appointed Oliver John Williams, Esq., to be the Arbitrator to settle the amount of compensation to be paid by the Corporation to them in respect of the compulsory closing of the said slaughter house pursuant to Art 6, sub-division

3 of the Cheltenham Order, 1896. Resolved, That the Town Clerk be authorised to employ Counsel at the hearing before the Arbitrator on behalf of the Council, and to prepare an agreement to be signed by both parties that Mr. Williams shall act as Sole Arbitrator.

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15—Building Plans—Resolved, That the following plans, as regards drainage and other Sanitary matters, be approved, viz. :—

No. of Plan.	Name.	Description.
1247	Col. Vaughan	Additions to Battledown Priors, Battledown Approach.
1256	William Press	Three Villas on the Gloucester Road, opposite The Shrubbery.

GEORGE BENCE,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 18th day of December, 1899 —Present : The Mayor, Alderman Skillicorne ; Councillors Bence, Davies, Davis, Gurney, 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 4 cases of Scarlet Fever, and 3 of Diphtheria; that 2 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 27 of Scarlet Fever, and 2 of Diphtheria.

17--Wells at No, 31, Burton Street, and Nos. 1 and 2, Phoenix Passage, High 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 no 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—Insanitary Property at Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6, Higgs's Cottages, Alstone, Cottage behind No. 21 ½, York Street, and No. 26, Bath 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, pavings, water pipes, &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.

19—Dairies, Cowsheds and Milkshops Order—Applications to be registered as Purveyors of Milk were received from Marie Craddock, 43, Montpellier Villas, Elizabeth Caudle, et, Northwick Terrace, F. J. Hobbs, 6, Northwick Terrace, and Eliza J. Willett, 7, Hewlett Street. Resolved, That the application of Mrs. Craddock be not acceded to, the premises being unfit for storing and retailing milk; That Mrs. Caudle and Mr. Hobbs be Informed that it is unnecessary for them to be registered, as the Committee understand they do not intend to sell milk otherwise than for consumption on the

premises ; and that subject to replacement of a D by a Gully Trap at her aforesaid premises, the application of Mrs. Willett be acceded to.

20 -- Cleansing and Limewashing at No; 123, Tewkesbury Road, No. 37, Duke Street, No. 1, Teale's Court, and No. 2, Savory Court, Duke Street, Nos. 93 and 97, Tewkesbury Road, and Cottage at back of No. 21 ½, York Street—The Medical Officer of Health having certified under Sec. 46 of the Public Health Act, that the above-named dwelling houses were in such a filthy and unwholesome condition that the health of the inmates was affected or endangered thereby. Resolved, That Notices be given to the owners under the said Section requiring the houses to be cleansed and limewashed.

21-Nuisances from Drains, &c., at No. 15, Suffolk Parade, Park Cottage, London Road, No. 22, Winchcomb Street, and Nos. 2 and 3, Lypiatt Terrace—The Inspector of Nuisances having made written application under Section 41 of the Public Health Act, stating that the drains, &c., on or belonging to the above named houses were in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to health. Resolved, That authority be given to the Inspector of Nuisances to open the ground, examine the drains, and, if necessary, give the notices and act as provided by the said section.

22--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— Notices not Complied with--The Medical Officer of Health handed in a list of Notices which had been served, requiring Owners to his flushing boxes, provide ash receptacles, and remedy defective drainage, but which had not been complied with. Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to take proceedings to compel compliance with the notices.

25—Urinals at The Albion Inn, Gloucester Road, and behind the Fleece Hotel—The Medical Officer of Health reported that these Urinals were in such a state for want of repair and sufficient water supply as to be a nuisance or injurious to health. Resolved, That Notices under Sec. 94 of the Public Health Act, 1875, be served upon the owners of the premises to abate the nuisances, and for that purpose to lay on a sufficient water supply for flushing purposes and to do such repairs as are necessary.

26—Slaughter House Licences—Applications were received from Messrs. Store & Co. and E. C. Davis for renewal of the licences for their Registered Slaughter Houses, respectively situate in the Whaddon Lane and the Gloucester Road. Resolved, That the applications be acceded to.

27—Staunton Park Sewer—The Borough Surveyor reported that the re-construction of this Sewer was in progress.

28—Sewer at back of Pittville Circus Road—Apportionment—The Borough Surveyor reported that the cost of constructing the Sewer in the road at the back of Pittville Circus Road amounted to £85 12s. 0d., which sum he had apportioned between the several abutting owners along the line of the sewer according to the frontage of their respective premises. Resolved. That the apportionment be approved, and that notice thereof and of demand for repayment be served on the owners.

29—Building Plans—The Borough Surveyor laid before the Committee notices and plans which he had received from the under-mentioned persons of intended new buildings, viz.:—

No. of Plan.	Name.	Description.
1258	T. W. Smith	House at Exmouth Street, Bath Road.
1259	T. D. Boulton	Two Villas in Bath Road, near Montpellier Drive.
1260	W. Prew	Six new houses at Made Hill Parade, East side.

Resolved, That as regards drainage and other sanitary matters the same be approved.

GEORGE BENICE,

Chairman.

TRAMWAYS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, the 11th day of December, 1899—Present The Mayor Councillors Baker, Benice, M. Davis, Dix, Lenthall and Steel (Councillor Dix in the Chair)—

1—Cheltenham and District Light Railway Order—A Letter was read from the Board of Trade stating that an opportunity would be given to the Objectors or their representatives of being heard in support of their objections. Resolved, That the Mayor, Councillors Baker, Benice, and Dix, with the Town Clerk, the Borough Surveyor and the Electrical Engineer be appointed to attend the enquiry to support the appeal by the Council for insertion in the Order of the clauses and amendments desired by them.

S. B. DIX,

Chairman.

TOWN IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday., the 18th day of December, 1899—Present : The Mayor Aldermen Drew and Winterbotham ; Councillors Baker, Benice, and Dix (Alderman Winterbotham in the chair)—

1—Advertising In Holiday Tours—A Letter was read from Messrs. T. Cook & Son, enquiring if the Council would renew the advertisement in their issue of Holiday Tours for 1900, viz., a half-page advertisement in 50,000 copies for £7. Resolved, That the advertisement be renewed as suggested.

2—Bowling Club at Winter Garden —An application from the Cheltenham Bowling Club was received (1) permission to In a board on the railings with the name of the Club and the Secretary's name and address thereon, (2) permission to begin the season on the 1st of April, (3) That the use of the Bowling Green be granted to the Club on the same conditions as last year. Resolved, That the request No. (7) be not acceded to as it is contrary to the policy adopted by the Council to allow boards to be fixed on the railings, That request No (2) be acceded to subject to the Borough Surveyor being satisfied at the time that the ground is in proper condition, and That request No. (3) be acceded to on the understanding that the use of a room is not permanently guaranteed, and that when it is available it shall be vacated by the members in the evenings within 15 minutes after the time at which cyclists have to light lamps.

JAS. B. WINTERBOTHAM,

Chairman.

LIGHTING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 19th day of December, 1899—Present The Mayor, Councillors Baker, Brown, Dix, and Steel (The Mayor in the chair)—

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

ILLUMINATING POWER,		PURITY—SULPHUR.	
1899		1899	Grains per 100 cubic ft.
Dec. 11th..	17.07 candles	Dec. 7-8	14.74
16th ..	<u>16.34</u> “		
Average..	16.71 “		

Resolved, That the attention of the Gas Co. be called to the insufficiency of the pressure.

2-Gas Inspector's Report—The Gas Inspector reported that the hourly average consumption of Gas per lamp during the previous month had been 4.141 cubic feet, the ordinary lamps being 4.098 cubic feet and the No. 3 Incandescent 3.745 cubic feet.

3 - Lamp Book--This book was produced and examined. Lamps extinguished, 29 metered, 81 unmetered, and 36 Incandescent. Resolved, That the attention of the Gas Co. be called to the large proportion of the lamps reported as being out and especially so as regards the Incandescent lamps.

4—Entrance to Hampton's Garden,- A letter was read front Mr. Ocelot, asking for the removal of the lamp at the entrance to Hampton's Gardens to enable him to improve it. Resolved, That the lamp be removed to a position to be decided upon by the Borough Surveyor.

5- Lighting of County Court Road near back Premises of Messrs. Sharpe & Son arid Beckingsale's Passage—Letters were read from Messrs. Sharpe & Son, requesting that a lamp should be placed near the back of their premises, and from Councillor Lenthall, stating that he load been informed by Mr. Beckingsale, of Lower High Street, that the lamps in the passage next his premises required re-

adjustment, or an extra lamp was required near his private entrance to prevent the possibility of nuisance. Resolved, That these matters be left to the Chairman and Councillor Baker with the Borough Surveyor to deal with.

6—netting of Eldorado Road—A letter was read from Mr. G. Stockwell, of St. Mary's Mount, Eldorado Road, requesting attention to the lighting of this road at the end near the two houses recently built by him. Resolved, To adjourn consideration of this matter for the Committee to view.

7-View—At the View Meeting, held on the 25th ulto., there were present Alderman Haddon, Councillors Baker, Dix and Macdonald. Resolved, That one gas lamp be placed upon an arch over the centre of Vauxhall Alley, Elm Street, that one lamp be moved from near Sydney House to the opposite corner of the back road near Gloucester Clouse and fitted

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with a No. 3, Incandescent burner. That 3 new gas lamps be fixed in Swindon Road, between the railway bridge and the Borough Boundary. That a gas bracket in Trafalgar Street be moved nearer Spa Buildings Road. That one arc lamp be fixed in Arle Road, opposite the end of the new street in course of formation on the Alstone Grange Estate ; and that two arc lamps be fixed in Imperial Square, between the Queen's Hotel and Trafalgar Street.

8—Lighting of Bath Parade and Magenta Place—Resolved, That if there is no immediate prospect of the electric light being installed in this locality, two incandescent gas lamps be erected forthwith.

9—Lighting of Exmouth Court- Resolved, To adjourn consideration of this matter for the Committee to view.

10-Electrical Engineer's Report —The Electrical Engineer reported that the following extensions of cable were urgently required, viz. .—A high pressure main along the South side of Imperial Square for 200 yards to supply two arc lamps opposite the Winter Garden, at an estimated cost of £150. A low pressure distributor along the East side of St. George's Parade (south end) to supply Mr. Bendall, at an estimated cost of £25. A low pressure distributor along the East side of Hatherley Street for 110 yards to supply Mr. Bullock, at an estimated cost of £45 ; and a low pressure distributor from Cambray sub-station to Belle Vue sub-station along the South side of the High Street, at an estimated cost of £200 Resolved, That these extensions be carried out, and that the sum for which it was resolved at the last meeting of the Committee application should be made to the Local Government Board for their sanction to borrow, be increased by £420 to provide for the expenditure above referred to.

GEO. NORMAN,

Chairman.

WATER COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Thursday, the 21st day of December, 1899—Present a Councillors Baker, Bence, Bennett, Davis, Rickerby and Waghorne (Councillor Waghorne its the chair)—

Report of the Waterworks Engineer—The Waterworks Engineer reported that on the 21st inst. the supply from Northfield and Hewletts springs was 55 gallons, the average for the last four years being 159 per minute, and the quantity of water in store at Hewletts and Leckhampton was 4,617,755 gallons.

That on the 21st instant, the depth of water in the Dowdeswell Reservoir was 3ft. 7in, and the contents 2,935,645 gallons which gave a total of 6,553,400 gallons, or about 7 days supply, exclusive of the daily yield of the springs, which was then about 209,764 gallons, and the pumped supply from Tewkesbury. That the extension at Tewkesbury required by the Tewkesbury Corporation had been carried out and that the Contracts for supply of coal had expired. Resolved, That having regard to the present price of coal and the difficulty of obtaining tenders for a supply for even a short period at a reasonable price the Borough Surveyor be authorised for the present to order such coal as may be required from time to time, as cheaply as possible, .

2—Water Supply to Southwick and Tredington—A Letter was read from Mr. Badham, Town Clerk of Tewkesbury, stating that his Council could not agree to pay 1s per 1,000 gallons but would accept the other terms if the price is reduced to the same as that paid in the town, viz., 7 $\frac{3}{4}$ d. per thousand gallons. Resolved, That the price be reduced to 10d. per thousand gallons, and that the Resolution to Minute No. 4 of the proceedings of this Committee of date the 23rd November last be varied accordingly.

3—Purchase by Great Western Railway Co. of Corporation Land at Dowdeswell—A notice was read from the Great Western Railway Co. of an application by the Company to Parliament to empower them (*inter alia*) to purchase a piece of land on the South side of the line from Cheltenham to Andoversford, in the parish of Dowdeswell, belonging to the Corporation for the purpose of doubling the line, and a request was therein contained that the Council would state whether they assented, dissented, or were neutral as to the proposed Bill. Resolved, That so far only as regards the matter above referred to the Town Clerk be instructed to reply that the Council assent.

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

H. WAGHORNE,

Chairman.

ART GALLERY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Friday, the 23rd day of December, 1899—Present The Mayor, Aldermen Haddon and Winterbotham ; The Baron de Ferrieres ; Councillor Hayward and Mr. Jones (Curator) ; Alderman Winterbotham to the chair—

1—Report of the Curator—The Curator reported that the visits to the Galleries from [26th Oct. to Nov. 4 was 3187], November 5th to December 16th, numbered 3,128. That two large pictures (by Koster), and presented by the Baron de Ferrieres to the South Kensington Museum, were received on loan on the 18th December, and had been hung in the larger gallery, and that the Department of

Science and Art required the pictures to be insured for . That the portrait of J. T. Agg-Gardner, Esq., and the two pictures presented by the Town Clerk, had been removed from the Council Chamber and hung in the larger gallery. That three pictures had been kindly lent by Mr. W. Hicks-Beach for a few weeks. That there were ten pictures in the larger gallery. That a picture offered by Mr. R. Heming, was on view, and That Miss Russell would also shortly send a picture. He also reported that a representative from the South Kensington Museum had stated that in his experience he had not seen anywhere more perfect galleries of the kind.

Resolved, That the Town Clerk be requested to have the pictures by Koster insured for £200.

2—Exhibition by Schools of Art and Science in Art Gallery—A Letter was read from Genl. Willoughby, Hon. Sec. of the Schools of Science and Art, applying for permission to use the Municipal Art Gallery from the 19th of January to the 26th inclusive for the Annual Meeting and Exhibition of Students' works and distribution of prizes. Resolved, That the application be acceded to subject to proper arrangements being made for supervision and cleaning up afterwards.

3—Exhibition of Books-- Resolved, To grant the use of the Municipal Art Gallery to the Public Library Committee for an Exhibition of Books for a period in January not exceeding one week.

4—Acceptance of Pictures—Resolved. That all pictures offered for the Art Gallery (except by special permission) can only be accepted on approval, and with the sanction of the Council may be hung in the larger gallery for (say) 2 or 3 months. If then considered suitable the Council may require the donor or donors of the picture or pictures to restore and varnish them and re-gild the frames before being permanently hung,

JAS. B. WINTERBOTHAM,

Chairman.

GENERAL PURPOSES AND WATCH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 12th day of December, 1899—Present The Mayor, Councillors Baker, Bence, Davis, Dix, Hayward, and Steel (The Mayor in the chair)—

1—Bill in Parliament—The clauses of the draft Bill were partly considered and settled and the meeting adjourned.

GEO. NORMAN,

Chairman.

At an adjourned Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 12th day of December, 1899—Present The Mayor Councillors Baker and Steel (The Mayor in the chair)-

2 —Bill In Parliament—The remaining clauses of this Bill were considered and settled.

GEO. NORMAN,

Chairman,

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Friday, the 15th day of December, 1899,—Present The Mayor ; Alderman Winterbotham ; Councillors Baker, Bence, Davis, Hayward and Moles (The Mayor in the Chair)—

3—Hackney Carriage Drivers—Application for a Licence was received from John Berry, of No. 14, Bath Terrace. Resolved, That the application be acceded to. The Inspector reported that the undermentioned licensed drivers had been more than once convicted of offences against the Hackney Carriage Byelaws within 12 months, viz., Albert Werrett five times, and Henry John Tilley twice.

4--Borough Extension—A Letter from the Local Government Board was read stating that the Board would direct a Local Inquiry to be held on this matter, which would take place as soon as the other engagements of the Inspectors would permit and due notice of it would be given.

5--- Improvement Bill -Geol. Babbage, Col. Graham, and Mr. Wells, members of the Ratepayers' Association, appeared to urge the desirability of stating in the Bill that Sec. 245 of the Public Health Act, 1875, relating to the form of keeping the accounts of the receipts and expenditure under that Act of a Local Authority should be applicable to all the accounts of the Council, and to make other suggestions as formulated in a letter previously sent by these to the Councillors echo voted for the Bill, a copy of which had been sent to the Town Clerk.

A Letter was read from Mr. B. Combe, President of the Butchers' Association, stating that the Association intended to oppose that part of the Bill giving power to condemn without compensation any slaughter house found to be in an insanitary condition. Also a Letter from the Mayor in reply, pointing out that the objection which the Association proposed to take was apparently founded upon the testes of the advertised notice and not upon the Bill itself as drafted which provides that the owner of any slaughter house shall have the opportunity of carrying out the structural or other alterations required, and he remarked that the notices as published are always wider in their terms than the Bills drafted upon them, such being the case in this instance. Resolved, That the reply of the Mayor be approved.

6—Bye Laws under Section 23 of the Municipal Corporations Act, 1882 The draft of the Bye-Laws proposed to be made under this section relating to the regulation of the use of Whirligigs or Swings, Shooting Galleries, Steam Roundabouts, Steam Organs, and other matters, was perused and settled. Resolved, That the same as now settled, omitting the words "trundle any hoop, play at ball, football, hockey, tipcat, or any other game or, in Clause 3, be approved and adapted; that the seal of the Council be affixed thereto and to a copy thereof to be sent forthwith to the Secretary of State, and that the Town Clerk be instructed forthwith to affix a copy thereof on the Municipal Offices and keep the same to fixed for a period of forty days.

7-National Telephone Company's Alternative Charge—A Letter teas read from the Provincial Superintendent of the National Telephone Co. Ltd., in reply to a Letter from the Tacos Clerk, stating that a Subscriber on the new message rate system paying £3 10 for a line not exceeding one mile in length, although entitled for his fixed fee to receive messages free of further charge, will be debited with a charge of 1d. on each occasion that he calls the exchange and originates a message to

another Subscriber on the same exchange (or 2d. if over a junction wire to another exchange), trunk fees of course being charged as usual. Cheltenham and Cleeve Hill exchanges would, however, be dealt with as though they were one exchange.

8 - Pawnbroker's Licence —An application was received from Mr. Harry Higgins, of No. 326, High Street, for renewal of his annual Pawnbroker's Certificate. Resolved, That the same be acceded to.

9-Fencing at East Ward Allotments—Letters were read from John Wixey, of No. 34, Fairview Street, and Oliver Arkell, Gloucester Place, complaining that damage had been done to their allotments in consequence of cattle breaking through the fence owing to its bad state of repair, and claiming compensation. The Borough Surveyor reported that he had had the fence thoroughly repaired. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be authorised to make such compensation as he may deem reasonable.

10—Fall of Stand on occasion of visit by Princess Henry of Battenberg--A claim for compensation for injuries sustained by the fall of a stand erected on the Lansdown Road on the occasion of the recent visit to Cheltenham of Princess Henry of Battenberg, teas received from George Cook, of Evesham Cottage, Victoria Street, Fairview, and Charles Castledine, of No. 3, Grange Crescent, Gloucester Road. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be authorised without prejudice to make such compensation as he may deem reasonable.

11—Whaddon Lane Allotments—Letters were read from H. Maisey, of No. 4, Woodbine Cottages, Fairview, and E. Eager, of No, 20, Victoria Place, Fairview, stating that as there was no more of the grass land available they would each be glad to have one chain of the other part of the East Ward Allotments upon the same terms as the grass land. Resolved, That the applications be acceded to.

GEO. NORMAN,

Chairman.

BATHS AND RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, the 18th day of December, 1899—Present : Alderman Drew ; Councillors Baker, Brown, Dix, Hayward, Lenthall and Moles (Councillor Lenthall in the chair)—

1—Alstone Baths—The Borough Surveyor reported that the Cleansing Baths at Alstone were opened on the 22nd ulto., and that up to and including the rash inst. the receipts had been £1 1s. 10d.

A Letter was read from T. James, Hon. Sec. of the Cheltenham Swimming and Water Polo Club, enquiring when their Season Tickets would again be available as the Club understood the Baths were only to be closed for a fortnight for repairs. Also enquiring when their tickets expire. Resolved, That consideration of the matter be adjourned.

2-Loan for Caretaker's Rooms—A Letter was read from the Local Government Board with which they forwarded their formal sanction to the borrowing by the Council of £378 for the provision of

Caretaker's Rooms at Alstone Baths. Resolved, That the Contractors be instructed to proceed with the work at once.

3—Shop at corner of Oriel and Bath Roads —A Letter was read from Mr. C. H. Scrivens, applying for the tenancy of this shop hitherto occupied by Mr. Robert Steel. Resolved, That the application be acceded to, the tenancy to be upon the same terms as that of Mr. Steel but determinable at any time by either party by 3 months previous notice in writing, and that the Town Clerk be instructed to prepare an Agreement embodying the terms for execution by Tenant and Landlords.

4—Montpellier Baths—A Letter was read from Mr. T. James, Hon. Sec. of the Cheltenham Swimming and Water Polo Club, enquiring if it would be agreeable to the Corporation for the Club to conduct an Aquatic Entertainment on the evening of the reopening of the Montpellier Baths. Resolved, To express the thanks of the Committee to the Club for these offer and to inform them that as soon as the Committee are in a position, in the early part of next year, to reply definitely, they will do so.

5—Visitors--Resolved. That for the month of January next Councillor His be appointed visiting member for the Baths, and Councillor Baker for the Recreation Grounds.

J. S. LENTHALL,

Chairman.

BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Friday, the 22nd day of December, 1899—Present : Alderman Haddon ; Councillors Bakes, Brown, Cypher, M. Davis, and Moles (Councillor Moles in the chair)—

1 —Superintendent's Report—The Superintendent reported that Mr. William Smith, Undertaker, Bath Road, brought a Hearse to the Cemetery with a funeral at three o'clock, but refused to pay the extra fee as fixed by the Resolution to Minute No. 2 of the proceedings of this Committee of date the 18th of February, 1897. Resolved, To instruct the Town Clerk to write to Mr. Smith to demand payment.

2— Afternoon Funerals—Resolved, That the time for funerals, on which the Rector's fee is not paid and a Hearse is not used, be fixed for 3 o'clock in the afternoon throughout the year, and that the Resolution to Minute No. 2 of the proceedings of this Committee of date the 23rd of April, 1897, be varied accordingly, and that the Town Clerk be instructed to communicate this Resolution to the Rector.

3—Designs--The following designs were laid before the Committee for approval, viz :—Headstones to William Howes, and Frances Fox.

4—Accounts—The following Accounts were passed for payment, viz

G. C. Pratley £22 16 0; Cheltenham Gas Company £0 16 3' J. Fisher £0 2 6; Boulton's £38 7 3; G. Banting £0 15 0; Thomas W. Harvey & Son £0 0 6

J V. MOLES, Chairman.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, the 22nd day of December, 1899—Present : Alderman Drew ; Councillors Cooper, Dix, Gurney, and Hayward (Councillor Gurney in the chair).

1 —Loan of £95,000—The Chairman reported as to negotiations which had been proceeding for the loan of this amount to the Corporation. Resolved, That further consideration of the matter be adjourned until the next meeting of the Committee.

2—North Place Private Improvement Works- Application was received from Mr. William Skinner, for six months' time in which to pay the £6 1s. 7d. due from him in respect of the cost of these works. Resolved, That the application be acceded to subject to his agreeing to pay interest at 5 per cent. per annum.

3—Rates of Interest on Loans from the Public Works Loan Commissioners—Notice from the Secretary of the Public Works Loans Board, was read, stating that the Lords Commissioners of the Treasury had by a Minute dated 2nd November, 1899, directed that the rates of interest to be charged on Loans after that date be as follows, viz:—

Periods of Repayment	Rates of Interest.
Not exceeding 30 years	3 per cent per annum.
“ “ 40 “	3 ¼ “ “
“ “ 50 “	3 ½ “ “

Resolved, To instruct the Town Clerk to obtain from the Board as soon as possible their consent to lend the £11,747 required for the relaying of the Sewers.

W. GERALD GURNEY,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Wednesday, the 27th day of December, 1899—Present Councillors Bence, Cooper, Dix, Gurney and Hayward (Councillor Gurney in the chair)—

4 -Illness of Councillor Macdonald—A letter from Councillor General Macdonald was read, stating that he was unable to attend this meeting, as he was suffering from congestion of the lungs. Resolved, That the Council regret to hear of his illness and to express their sympathy with Councillor Macdonald in his recent bereavement.

5—Loan of £95,659—The consideration of the steps to be taken in consequence of the intimation received from Lloyds Bank of their intention to raise the rate of interest upon the loan of £95,659 having at the last meeting of the Committee been left to the Chairman and the Borough Accountant, the Chairman at this meeting reported as to certain negotiations he had had with Lloyds Bank, which resulted in the receipt of a letter from the Manager of the branch at Cheltenham, stating that his Directors considered that Bank rate with a minimum of 3 ½ and a maximum of 5 per cent. were the best terms they could offer. That in consequence thereof he had been to London with the Borough Accountant to negotiate with other financial bodies as now reported by him to the Committee. Resolved, That this Committee be authorised, if possible, to obtain the amount required, or so much

thereof as they may be able to, by issue of debentures for a period not exceeding five years at a rate of interest not exceeding 39 $\frac{3}{4}$ per cent, and to pay a commission not exceeding one per cent. and necessary expenses.

6-Salary of Second Assistant In the Office of the Borough Accountant—Resolved, That the salary of Mr. Morgan, the second assistant in the office of the Borough Accountant, be increased to 20s per week.

7-General District Rate—The Report of the Borough Accountant of date the 27th December, on the collection of the second instalment of this rate, was read. Amount collected £6,404 10s. 10d., leaving outstanding £10,900 0s. 6d.

8-Water Rate—The Report of the Borough Accountant of date the 27th December, on the collection of this Rate was read, Amount received £3,781 15s. 7d., leaving outstanding £6,465 14s. 2d.

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 £11,641 13s. 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 :—

	£ s. d.
Balance in hand on 4th December last	208 4 8
Received since that date	<u>10,603 11 0</u>
	10,801 15 8
Paid since ditto	<u>9,210 16 4</u>
In hand	£1,600 19 4

Accounts and Amounts passed for Payment £11,641 13s. 3d.

W. GERALD GURNEY,

Chairman.

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PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 19th day of December, 1899—Present Alderman Skillicorne ; Councillors Hayward, Moles, Preston, Rickerby and Steel ; The Revs. J. Evans and J. Mugliston The Baron de Ferrieres, Dr. Dacia; Messrs. Evan Butler, J. G. Carr, W. Cresswell, G. H. Palmer, and T. Whittard (Councillor Hayward in the chair)—

Librarian's Report—The Librarian's Monthly Report was read, Receipts £6 17s 0d. He reported that the following gifts had been made to the Library during the past month, viz.

	No. of Vols.
W. Hampton	1
Board of Trade	1
Executors of the late Mr. John Lea	52

2—Leckhampton Branch Reading Room—Mr. Palmer reported that certain small renovations and articles of furniture were required at this Branch Reading Room. Resolved, That the matter be referred to the Sub-Committee to deal with and that they be authorised to incur an expenditure not exceeding £3.

3 -- Heating of Schools of Science and Art—A Letter was read from the Hon. Sec. of these Institutions suggesting that as the heating apparatus had been extended so as to heat the de Ferrieres and Municipal Art Galleries, the Art Gallery Committee should pay a share of the expense of the heating with those who now pay for it. Resolved, That the letter be referred to the Sub-Committee to consider and report.

4- Additional Bookshelves at the Library— The Chairman explained that owing to the removal of shelves to provide for the entrance to the Art Gallery it was necessary to provide shelves for the books displaced thereby, and he recommended that additional shelves should also be provided for the accommodation of fresh books, plans of cases of which he submitted to provide for about 20,000 additional books. Resolved, That the plans be approved and that tenders for the erection of the cases be advertised for.

5- Accounts-The following Accounts were examined and passed for payment, viz, :—

W. Jones, Wages Account ..	£22 4 6
J. J. Banks, Books (new) .	£ 9 4 1
Gas Co., Coke ..	£ 8 14 0
S. H. Harris, Coal, (Leckhampton) .	£ 0 7 8
O. A. Malmberg, Electric Lamps ..	£ 4 16 6
Ellams Duplicator Co. (Stationery) .. .	£ 1 8 0

C. HAYWARD,

Chairman.

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, the 21st day of December 1899—Present: Alderman Skillicorne; Councillors Bennett, Cypher, Preston, Rickerby 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 39 schools, from which 475 names of absentee children had been extracted, all of whom had been visited. They also reported that the parents of 40 children had been summoned to attend before the Local Committees, who had held 6 meetings ; that 18 parents had been prosecuted; that 53 were fined, and Attendance Orders were made against the parents of two children.

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 parent of Violet

Hopkins; and That proceedings under Sec. 11 of the Act of 1876, be taken against the parent of Maude Healey, for an Attendance Order.

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3—Elementary Education (School Attendance) Act (1893) Amendment Act, 1899—The Town Clerk reported that this Act, which would come into operation on the 1st day of January next, provided That the minimum age for employment be raised to twelve years.

That the Local Educational Authority may by Byelaw in any Parish within their District, raise this minimum to thirteen in the case of children to be employed in Agriculture.

That in a Parish where such a Byelaw is in force, children over eleven and under thirteen who have passed the Standard fixed for partial exemption shall not be required to attend School more than 250 times in any year but as there is no Standard fixed in the District of this Authority for partial exemption, this provision will not apply to the Borough; and

That a child shall be entitled to obtain partial exemption from School Attendance on attaining the age of twelve years, if such child has made 300 attendances in not more than two schools during each year for five years.

Resolved, That 5,000 Notices be printed for distribution by the Attendance Officers epitomising the law of Attendance at School of children of school age, as altered by the Elementary Education (School Attendance) Act (1893) Amendment Act, 1899

4-Duplicate Registers—A letter from Mr. Clifford Nash, was read, suggesting that the Duplicate Registers should be printed with the dates left blank, to enable each School to commence a fresh Register at the beginning of its School year. That there should be a column for the Standard and that the column for age should be headed date of birth. Resolved, That the suggestions of Mr. Nash be approved and adopted.

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 5th day of February, 1900.

STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 8th day of January, 1900—Present :
Councillor Brown.

1 -There being no quorum no business was transacted.

E. T. BRYDGES, Town Clerk.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 29th day of January, 1900—Present : The Mayor ; Alderman Haddon ; Councillors Baker, Bence, Brown, Cypher, M. Davis, and The (Councillor Baker in the chair)—

2-Street Projections—The Street Inspector reported that a swing sign 15ft. from the pavement, projecting about 2ft. at Mr. Hacker's hair dressing shop, No. 66, High Street a sign 8ft. from the pavement, projecting about 2ft., at the office of Messrs. Beecham and Son, chemists, in Imperial Lane, Promenade and a gas rail with 70 jets at shops of the Cash Clothing Co., Nos. 300 and 321 High Street, running the whole length of the shops, 8ft. from the pavement, and projecting 15in. had been put up without the permission of the Council having been obtained.

A letter was read from Messrs. R. E. and C. Marshall with reference to a notice which had been served requiring the removal of a gas rail fixed at No. 372 High Street, asking that the rail might be allowed to remain as fixed where it is, as they thought no notice was necessary, it being fixed within a weather board which overhangs the pavement, and otherwise it is according to regulations.

A letter was read from Mr. H. Edwards applying for permission for the Committee of the Missionary Exhibition to place a streamer with the words Missionary Loan Exhibition " upon it across the Promenade, opposite the Winter Garden.

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A letter from Messrs. Beecham and Son was read stating that they were not aware that they ought to have asked permission for such a small affair, or they would have done so, and trusted the Committee would not object to it, as it is in so little frequented a street, Resolved, That as the projections at the premises of Messrs. Hacker and Beetham do not contravene the regulations they be allowed to remain, that the application of Messrs. Marshall be acceded to, but that the application of Mr Edwards be not acceded to.

3—Leighton Road— The deputation appointed to try and arrange a settlement with Mr. Baylis for the opening of this road reported that on the 22nd inst. they had an interview with Mr. Baylis, and his letter of the 23rd July last having been considered, it was resolved that on Mr. Baylis withdrawing his objection to the taking over of the road by the Corporation and declaring the same to be a highway, and on Mr. Baylis transferring to the Corporation the sewer under the road and all his interest therein, he be paid the sum of £50. Resolved, That this resolution be approved and adopted.

4--Roads at Delancey Hospital—A letter was read from Dr. Wilson, on behalf of the Trustees of the Hospital, thanking the Council for their generous help in making the roads at the Hospital at cost price.

5—Refuge near Cordon Lamp—A letter was read from Alderman Winterbotham stating that Mr. G. L. Owen and Lady Maxwell had been pressing him to forward an application which had been made for a " shelter" for foot passengers midway in the crossing near the Gordon Lamp. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have the Gordon Lamp shifted to a central position, to be fixed by the Chairman and the Mayor, and that consideration of Alderman Winterbotham's letter be adjourned pending this being done.

6—Ewlyn Road - A memorial was read, signed by G. H. Bendy and twelve other owners and occupiers, calling attention to the well-nigh impassable condition of Evelyn Road. Resolved, To instruct the Borough Surveyor to bring up a plan and specification of the works to be done by the abutting owners.

7—Breakage of Shop Window of Messrs. Shirer and Haddon—With reference to Minute No. 7 of the proceedings of this Committee at their last meeting, a letter was read from Messrs, Gard, Hall, and Rook, solicitors for the Provincial Plate Glass Insurance Company, contending that the case was one in which the Corporation were liable to make good the damage done, and in support of their contention referring to the case of Hornby v. The Liverpool United Gas Light Company, which was taken into court as a test case, and in which judgment was given for the plaintiff. The Town Clerk reported that he had perused the case, the facts of which were similar to the present one, a window having been broken by a stone flying up when the road was being opened by the defendant's servants for the purpose of and as a necessary act for supplying gas to the inhabitants of the district. Resolved, To adjourn the further consideration of the matter.

8— Report of the Borough Surveyor re Highways—The Borough Surveyor reported that the work done by the Highways Department during the month eliding January 26th, 1900, had been as follows :—

Repaired with Clot Hill Stone—Rodney Road, 2,467 super yards.

Patched with Clee Hill Stone—Gloucester Road, St. George's Place, St. James's Square, High Street, Tewkesbury Road, Evesham Road, back of Lansdown Terrace, Winchcomb Street, Vittoria Walk, Lansdown Crescent, Imperial Lane, Prestbury Road, back of Montpellier Terrace, Montpellier Street, Ambrose Street, Bayshill Road, King Street, Promenade, Market Street, St. George's Road, Portland Street, Imperial Square, New Street, Lansdown Parade, Burton Street, Fairview Road, Park Place, Hewlett Road, Suffolk Road, Douro Road, Tivoli Place, Andover Road, Sandford Road, and Tivoli Road.

Repaired with Wickwar Stone—Rodney Road, 465 super yards ; Russell Street, 3to super yards ; Cleveland Street, 312 super yards ; back of Promenade Garden (proceeding).

Patched with Wickwar Stone—Back of Lansdown Crescent, Duke Street, Tivoli Street, Princes Street, back of Tivoli Place, Hatherley Street, Harp Hill, Spa Road, Thirlestaine Road, Shelburne Road, Overton Park, Swindon Road, Roman Road, Parabola Road, Lypiatt Street.

Repairs to Kerb, Crossing, Channelling, and Paving—High Street, College Road, Park Street, Tivoli Road, Bayshill Road, Montpellier Street, Rutland Street, St. James's Square, Evesham Road, St. Stephen's Road, Tivoli Street, Montpellier Parade, Leckhampton Road, Leamington Place, Windsor Street.

The Footpath leading from St. George's Road to Malvern Road had been repaired with asphalt, 479 super yards.

The Crossing in High Street at the end of Cambray had been relaid with MacDougall's patent bricks. A New Surface Water Drain, 9in. diameter, had been laid in College Road from Bath Parade to the River Chafs, 123 $\frac{1}{3}$ lineal yards, and two new gullies built.

Private Improvements—Hewlett Road footpath (proceeding)

Trees Planted—St. Luke's 1, St. George's Road 1.

Trees Pruned—Ambrose Street, Pittville Lawn, Pittville Crescent, and Evesham Road.

Trees Removed (Dead)—Leamington Place 1.

The widening of the road and piping ditch in Old Bath Road, near Pilley, was proceeding.

Ashes Collected and Disposed of—Loads collected, 1484 ; loads consumed, 1,417 ; 1,743 tons, 2 cwts., 2 qrs.

9—Windsor Street—A letter was read from Mr. J. W. Morgan, of No. 22, Windsor Street, complaining of the disgraceful condition of this street, and particularly of the paving and footpath on the S.W. side. Resolved, To instruct the Borough Surveyor to bring up a plan and specification of the works required to be done by the abutting owners to pave, edge, and channel the footpaths.

10—Footpath North Side of Selkirk Street and Roadway in Whaddon Lane —Resolved, To instruct the Borough Surveyor to bring up plans and specifications of the works required to be done by the abutting owners in these streets.

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11 —Witcombe Place—Resolved, To have the paving in Witcombe Place renewed during the next financial year.

12--Bath Parade—Resolved, That this street be declared a highway, and that the necessary notice to that effect be duly affixed in manner provided by Section 152 of the Public Health Act, 1875.

13— Shelburne Road—Resolved, That the Chairman be authorised, with the Borough Surveyor, to meet the Committee of the Dean Close School to select a design for the fencing to be fixed by the Corporation in this road, and that the Borough Surveyor be instructed to proceed with the work of repair of the road and footpaths,

14—Apportionments of Cost of Private Improvement Works, viz:— Roadway at Eaton Place, Bath Road, Footpath East Side of Gloucester Road, Footway in Hatherley Road, Footpath at Hamilton Place, and Footpath at Linden Terrace—The Borough Surveyor reported that the cost of carrying out these works amounted respectively to £11 11s. 1d., £103 10s. 10d., £149 5s. 0d., £79 5s. 6d., and £51 9s. 0d., which amounts he had apportioned respectively amongst the several abutting owners according to their respective frontages. Resolved. That the apportionments be approved, and that notices thereof and of demand for repayment be served on the owners referred to.

15—Footpaths in Great Norwood Street and from Deanwood House to Inholmes Cricket Ground, Hewlett Road—Specifications from the Surveyor of the works required to be done to the above streets 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 of 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—Building Plans—The Borough Surveyor laid before the Committee Notices and Plans which he had received of intended new buildings, viz. :—

No. of Plan	Name.	Description.
1262	G. E. Chick.	Additions to two houses in Hall Road,
1263	M. H. Adcock.	Two houses in Hayward's Road, off London Road.
1264	E. Moore.	Four houses in Bath Parade, near College Road.
1265	Mr. Harwood.	Porch to Hewittville, London Road.

Resolved, That No. 1263 be disapproved, and that the other plans above mentioned be approved as shown.

WILLIAM A. BAKER,

Chairman.

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday the 5th, day of January, 1900—Present: The Mayor Alderman Skillicorne Councillors Bence, Davis, Gurney, and Waghorne (Councillor Bence in the chair)—

1-Zymotic Disease—The Medical Officer of Health reported that there had been notified since the last sleetling of the Committee 10 cases of Scarlet Fever, 1 of Enteric Fever and 1 of Diphtheria ; that 7 cases of Scarlet Fever had been sent into the Delancey Hospital, and that the number of cases then in the Delancey Hospital sent in by the Corporation was 26 of Scarlet Fever.

2—Roast [?] without a Proper Water Supply, &c., No. 28, Cleveland Street—It appearing on the report of the Borough Surveyor, dated the 8th January, 1900, 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 Section 62 of the Public Health Act to the owner or owners, requiring him or them to obtain such a supply and to do all such things as may be necessary for that purpose.

3—Nuisances from Drains, &c. at No. 83, High Street, The Endeavour Inn, Jersey Street, and Elmfield, Swindon Road—The inspector of Nuisances having made written application under Sec. 41 of the Public Health Act, 1875, stating that the drains, &c., on or belonging to 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 Ribstone Cottage, Swindon Road, No. 7, Swindon Terrace, Rutland House, Regent Place, The Croft, Regent Place, No. 13, Albert Street, St. Peter's, and No. 35, Tewkesbury 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 so 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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5— Insanitary Property at Nos. 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8, Leighton's Row, New Street, No. 29, New Street, No. 2, Hereford Place, No. 53, Burton Street, and 17, Sherborne 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, floors, walls, ceilings, yard, pitching, Re. 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 theta to put the same into a healthy condition, and for that purpose to carry out the works specified in the Notices.

6—Overcrowding at No. 3, Baker 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 Section 94 of the Public Health Act be served on the owners and occupiers thereof requiring them to abate the same.

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 theta 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.

9—Urinal--at The Endeavour Inn, Jersey Street—The Medical Officer of Health reported that this Urinal was in such an insanitary condition for want of water supply and renovation as to be a nuisance or injurious to health. Resolved, That Notice under Section 94 of the Public Health Act, 1875, be served on the assorts, requiring them to abate the nuisance and for that purpose to lay on a sufficient water supply to properly flush the Urinal, and carry out such other work as may be necessary.

10—Cleansing and Limewashing at No. 123, Tewkesbury Road, No. 26, Bath Street, Nos. 17 and 18, White Hart Street, No. 28, Cleeveland Street, and Cottage at back of No. 28, Hatherley Street—The Medical Officer of Stealth 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.

11—Ambulance Shed at Delancey Hospital—The Medical Officer reported that an additional shed was required for the new ambulance. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to proceed with the work already authorised for doubling the present shed.

12- Destruction of Unsound Meat—The Medical Officer of Health reported that the carcase, &c., of a sheep slaughtered at the Abattoir, on January 5th, was found to be diseased and was destroyed with the permission of the owner by cremation at the Destructor.

13—Extension of Sewer in Lane at back of Lypiatt Terrace—The Medical Officer of Health reported that owing to the defective condition of the main drain from Nos. 1, 2 and 3 Lypiatt Terrace it was necessary to extend the sewer in the above-mentioned lane about 20 yards to make good the drainage from the houses referred to. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have the extension carried out.

14—Pollution of Water Course—The Medical Officer of Health reported that the drainage from the Ark, Tewkesbury Road, was connected with a surface water drain which discharged into a neighbouring water course behind the house. Resolved, That Notice under Section 23 of the Public Health Act, 1875, be served on the owner of the premises to make a covered drain from the premises of such materials and size and at such level and with such fall and emptying into such covered cesspool as on the report of the Borough Surveyor may appear to be necessary.

15—Tenders for Nos. 1 and 2 Sewerage Schemes—The Borough Surveyor reported, as follows, with regard to the Tenders sent in for carrying out these works, viz :.—

Gentlemen, —After careful revision of my estimate, and consideration of the tenders submitted, I am satisfied that the prices tendered are largely in excess of the real value of the work to be executed. The lowest tender is £15,800 12s. 7d. My original estimate for the work was £6,664 0s. 0d. and the necessary works involved in excluding the sewage from the culvert along the Great Western Railway, will bring this sum up to about £8,485. There has been some increase in values since the original estimate was prepared, but under no circumstances do I see how it can be increased beyond £10,000.

Under these circumstances, I cannot advise you to accept any of the tenders; but I feel strongly that this is one of the cases where you should carry out the work directly without the intervention of a Contractor, and I am satisfied that it can be done for the foregoing figures.

I have the honour to remain, Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant, JOSEPH HALL,

Resolved, That none of the Tenders received be accepted, and that the works be carried out by the official staff and workmen of the Corporation.

16—Sewerage Loan of £11,747—A letter was read from the Public Works Loan Board, that in view of the statement that the contracts for the works had not been entered into it did not appear that the whole of the Loan could then be required and, if granted, it would be advanced by instalments, and

that it should be stated what sum would be required within the next six months. Resolved, That the Loan be asked for by quarterly instalments spread over the next two years.

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17-Hatlierley Sewer-The following Tenders were received for relaying this sewer, viz:-

William Cresswell	£3,065 10 9
Charles Young.. . . .	£3,265 0 0
Wm. C. Shaddock	£3,392 00

Resolved, That subject to the sanction of the Local Government Board being obtained to the loan, the tender of Mr. William Cresswell be accepted.

18-Slaughter House Licence--An application was received from Mr. J. Hastings for renewal of the licence granted for the Slaughter House in his occupation in Folly Lane, Resolved, That the licence be renewed for one year from the 1st instant.

19-Stock, Implements and Shedding for Sewage Farms- -The Borough Surveyor laid before the Committee a specification of the Stock, Implements and Shedding which would be required for the working of the Sect-age Farms when in hand, the cost of which he estimated at about £3,000. Resolved, That application be made to the Local Government Board to sanction a loan for this amount.

GEORGE BENCE,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, Said on Monday, the 22nd day of January, 1900-Present : The Mayor; Alderman Skillicorne Councillors Bence, Davies, Davis, Gurney, Lenthall, Moles and Waghorne. (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 2 of Diphtheria; that 9 cases of Scarlet Fever had been sent into the Delancey Hospital, and that the number of cases then in the Delancey Hospital sent in by the Corporation was 23,

21--Wells at Wellington House, Tewkesbury Road, No. 13, Russell Street, No. 38, Bloomsbury Street, and Nos. 259, 266, and 267, High 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 no 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 -Overcrowding at No. 122, Tewkesbury Road-The. Medical (Meer of Health reported that the above premises were so over-crowded as to be dangerous or injurious to the health of the inmates. Resolved, That the Committee being satisfied of the existence of a nuisance on the said premises, Notice under Sec. 9, 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.

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

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

26-Cleansing and Limewashing at No. 4, Gloucester Cottages, No. 3, Millbrook Street, Nos. 42 & 44, Stanhope Street, No. 41, Worcester Street, No. 15, Upper Bath Street, Wellington House, Tewkesbury Road, and No. 27, North 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 Notices be given to the owners under the said Section requiring the houses to be cleansed and limewashed.

27-Nuisance from Drains, &c, at No. 62, Burton Street, Nos. 18, 19, 620, Marsh Lane, Nos. 121 & 124, Tewkesbury Road, No. 83, High Street, No.27, North Place, and Highbury Cottage, Highbury Lane-The Inspector of Nuisances having made written application under Section 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-Insanitary Property at No. 2, 3, & 4, Weston Cottages, Tewkesbury Road, Nos. 1 & 2, The Retreat, No. 4, Gloucester Cottages, and Nos. 42 & 44 Stanhope 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, ceilings, floors, yard, pitching, etc. 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.

29— Dairies, Cowsheds and Milkshops Order—An application was received from Jesse Heath, Victoria Coffee Tavern, Gloucester Road, to be registered as a Purveyor of Milk. Resolved, That the same be acceded to.

30—Urinal at the Bridge Inn, Tewkesbury Road—The Medical Officer of Health reported that this urinal was in such an insanitary condition for want of water supply as to be a nuisance or injurious to health. Resolved, That the Council are satisfied of the existence of a nuisance, and that notice under Sec. 94 of the Public Health Act be served on the owners or owner requiring them, him, or her to abate the same, and for that purpose to lay on a sufficient supply of water for flushing, and execute such other work as may be necessary for that purpose.

31—Sewer in Rosehill Street—Resolved, To instruct the Borough Surveyor to extend the sewer in this street so far as the same is a highway.

32—Loan for Implements, Stock, &c. for the Sewage Farms—The list of Implements, &c. prepared by the Borough Surveyor and the Farm Bailiff was further considered. Resolved, That the same be approved, and forwarded to the Local Government Board with the application for the loan. Further Resolved, That £500 be placed to the credit of this Committee at the Bank, and kept up to that amount month by month until the amount of the loan has been exhausted, to enable payments to be made from time to time as required for the purchase of stock, &c. for the farms, the same to be drawn upon by cheques signed by not less than three members of the Committee.

33—Delancey Hospital --Councillor Moles having intimated his wish to be relieved from attendance at the meetings of the Trustees of the Delancey Hospital, Resolved, That Dr. Davies be appointed in his place as a representative of the Corporation.

34—Damage at No. 21, Lansdown Terrace from subsidence in back yard after Re-laying Sewer—A letter was read from Commander W. Hailstone, R.N. claiming compensation for damage arising from a subsidence in the yard at the back of his house after re-laying of the sewer. Resolved, That consideration of the matter be adjourned for the Borough Surveyor to report.

35-- Shooting at Barn Farm—A letter was read from Messrs. Ticehurst & Sons, stating that their client, Mr. W. A. Baring Bingham, had asked them to enquire whether the Corporation would be willing to let hire the shooting over the Sewage Farm at Elmstone Hardwicke, upon the same terms as he then paid to Mr. Corbett, viz., £7 per annum. Resolved, To inform Messrs. Ticehurst & Sons that the Council intend, in due course, to advertise for tenders for the shooting, and not to let it by private treaty.

36-Building Plans The Borough Surveyor laid before the Committee the following plans which he had received of intended new buildings, viz.:—

No. of Plan.	Name.	Description.
1262	George E. Chick	Additions to two houses in the Hall Road.
1263	M. H. Adcock	Two houses in Hayward's Road.
1264	E. Moore	Four houses in Bath Parade near the College Road.

Resolved, That No. 1263 be disapproved as the sewer at the back has defective joints and requires to be relaid and reconstructed, and that so far as regards drainage and other sanitary matters Nos. 1262 and 1264 be approved as shown.

GEORGE BENCE, Chairman.

TRAMWAYS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee Odd on Friday, the 5th day of January, 1900—Present Councillors Baker, Bence, Dix, and Hayward (Councillor Dix in the Chair)—

1—Extension of Light Railway from Pittville Circus to Lansdown Castle—A letter was read from the Light Railway Commissioners stating that they would on Friday, the 12th inst., at 10 a.m. open a public inquiry at the Municipal Council Chamber, as to the expediency of granting the application which had been made to them for an Order to authorise the above extension. Resolved, That the Council do support the application subject to their amendments to the Order as previously agreed to by the Promoters and that the Town Clerk be authorised to employ Counsel to support the application at the Inquiry on behalf of the Corporation.

S. B. DIX,

Chairman.

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TOWN IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 22nd day of January, 1900— Present The Mayor Aldermen Drew and Winterbotham ; Councillors Baker, Bence, Cooper, Dix and Lenthall (Alderman Winterbotham in the chair)—

1—Entertainments—The Sub-Committee reported that four Sunday Concerts had been held, at which 1,800 persons had attended. That no Week-night Concerts had been held, it being inadvisable in the present condition of the budding; and That they recommended the entire closing of the rink by a screen.

2—Montpellier Gardens—A letter was read from Mr. A. W. Newton, applying for the use of the Montpellier Gardens including 500 chairs and Electric Light (with the right to use the Winter Garden, if wet), during the entire Cricket Week this year. Resolved, That at this early date the Council is unable to give a definite reply, it being uncertain whether or not they will require the use of the Gardens themselves.

3—Fox Terrier Show —A letter was read from Mr. J. C. Tinne. the Hon. Sec. of the Fox Terrier Club, applying for the use of the Winter Garden for their Dog Show, on the 14th and 15th of November next and the 13th and 16th for getting in and out. A letter was read from Mr. T. Mc. L. Lochhead, the Hon. Sec. of the Cheltenham Dog Show, supporting the application. Resolved, That the same be acceded to, on condition that no outside tent is erected, except on a site to be decided upon by the Borough Surveyor and in accordance with his directions, that no erection shall be placed upon the Bowling Green, and that the cost of providing the Electric Light shall be paid by the Show Committee in addition to a rental of

4—Exhibition of Auto Cars—A letter teas read from Mr. Bostock, stating that it was proposed by the Automobile Club to visit the town on the 24th of April next, and applying for the use of the Winter Garden for an exhibition of the vehicles from about 11 30 in the morning until about 3 o'clock in the afternoon. A small charge would be made to cover expenses of advertising, &c., and the surplus (if

any) devoted to some local charity or patriotic fund. Resolved, that the application be acceded to free of charge, providing that the floor of the building is sufficiently protected, to the satisfaction of the Borough Surveyor, against damage from oil or otherwise with a layer of sawdust, that the same is thoroughly cleaned up afterwards, and any damage done made good.

5 -Root, Grain and Chrysanthemum Show—A letter was read from Mr. R. Walker, applying on behalf of the Society of the above Show for the use of the Winter Garden, on the 7th and 8th or 14th and 15th of November next, with the day before and morning after for fixing up and clearing out. Resolved, That the application be acceded to for the 7th and 8th, upon the same terms and conditions as stipulated above with regard to the Fox Terrier Show.

6-Athletic Sports on Easter Monday at Montpellier Gardens—A letter was read from Mr. F. Wilks, Hon. Sec. of the Cheltenham Athletic Society, applying on behalf of the Committee for the use of the Montpellier Gardens, on Easter Monday next, for the purpose of holding their Annual Athletic Meeting. Resolved, To inform Mr. Wilks that the Council have resolved that in future no canvas screen will be permitted to hide the view of the Gardens from the public, and that consideration of his letter has been adjourned pending information as to whether his Committee being aware of this restriction still wish the application to be considered.

7—Missionary Loan Exhibition at Winter Garden—A letter was read from Mr. R. Ley Wood, Hon. General Secretary to the Committee of the above-named Exhibition, applying for an extension of the hiring of the Winter Garden for the Exhibition, from the 4th to the 15th of March, which would necessitate the use of the Winter Garden from the 1st to the 21st inclusive. Resolved, That the application be acceded to subject to Mr Ley Wood being able to arrange with the Committee of the Cheltenham Dog Show to hold their Show at later dates than at present arranged, otherwise the premises must be vacated by the Missionary Loan Exhibition not later than the 19th of March.

8—Volunteer Drill at Winter Garden—A letter was read from Major Griffith, Officer Commanding the and Volunteer Battalion Gloucester Regiment, in view of the present national emergency and the duty which devolves upon Volunteers to prepare for active service, applying to the Corporation to place the Winter Garden building at their disposal for drill purposes on certain evenings of the week, free of all charges for heating and lighting. Resolved, That the application be acceded to.

9-Promenade long Garden —The Borough Surveyor reported that Mr. W. Hall, of Leckhampton, had presented two roots of Pampas grass for this Gard.. Resolved, That a letter of thanks be written to the donor.

10 --Presentation of Ducks -Letters of thanks were read from the Matron of the General Hospital, the Secretary of the Victoria Home, and the Lady Superintendent of the Little Girls' Home, for the gifts of ducks which had been sent from the Pittville Gardens.

JAS. B. WINTERBOTHAM,

Chairman.

LIGHTING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Wednesday, the 24th day of January, 1900— Present: The Mayor, Alderman Haddon; Councillors Baker, Brown and Dix, (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 —

LOW PRESSURE CABLES.				
Date.		Legal Standard.	Test at	Manchester Street
1899.				
Dec. 27th....		200 Volts.		209 Volts.
1900.				
Jan.	5th	200 Volts.		208 Volts
Jan	11th	200 Volts.		208 Volts
			Average	208.3 Volts
2—Gas Examiner's Report—The Monthly Report of the Gas Examiner, as follows, was read :—				
ILLUMINATING POWER.		PURITY—SULPHUR.		
1899				
Dec. 27th.	15.76 candles		Grains per 100 cubic ft.	
		1899		
1900		Dec. 27-28	13.2	
Jan. 5th.	16.70	1900		
11th	16.08			
15th.	16.67	Jan. 10-11	15.8	
Average.			Average 14.5	
	16.30			

3 -Gas Inspector's Report—The Gas Inspector reported that the hourly average consumption of Gas per lamp during the previous month had been 4.5276 cubic feet. The like for 3 Guildhall Meter Lamps was 5.483 cubic feet, and for 3 No. 3 Incandescent Gas Lamps 3.733 cubic feet.

4-Lamp Book--This book was produced and examined. Gas lamps extinguished—19 metered, 124 unmetered, 7 burning dimly; Incandescents out and 2 burning dimly.

5-Report of the Electrical Engineer—The Electrical Engineer reported that all work of extensions and running was proceeding satisfactorily, and the brick-work for the two new boilers was well in hand. In addition to 197 arc and 16 incandescence lamps in use for street lighting, the equivalent of 22,650 8-candle power lamps were then connected to the private supply mains, corresponding to 367 customers.

In view of the probability of an immediate start being made with the Electric Tramway, and also of the desirability of under-taking practically the sole supply of incandescence lamps in the town, he advises that an extra storey be added to the Manchester Street Stores, the cost of which, including building, testing and store equipment, &c., he estimated would be about £300.

The Committee of the Grand Patriotic Concert to be held on the 14th prox. at the Winter Garden had informed him that there would not be sufficient light for their large orchestra ; and he had promised to lend them two 1,000 candle-power incandescence lamps, and to obtain a tender from Messrs. Marshall or Mr. Sanders for fixing them up. If they accepted the offer and paid out-of-pocket capital expenses, he suggested that no charge be made for electric energy for the concert.

Resolved, That the report be approved, and that the recommendations and suggestions of the Electrical Engineer be adopted.

6—Alteration of Voltage—A letter was read from the Board of Trade, with which was forwarded the formal permission of the Board for alteration of the standard pressure of supply of electric energy to private consumers from 100 to 200 volts.

7—View Meeting—At this meeting, held on the 10th inst., there were present the Mayor, Councillors Baker and Brown, and it was Resolved, That one gas lamp be placed in the passage between Coltham Fields and Rosehill Street; that one gas lamp be laced in the lane in front of the houses in Coltham Terrace; that one gas lamp be fixed in Moorend Road, near the Branch Library and opposite the gate of the Leckhampton Depot ; that two gas lamps be placed in the Exmouth Courts ; that two gas lamps be placed in the back lane between Lypiatt and Hatherley Streets ; that two gas lamps be fixed in the Eldorado Road ; and that gas lamps be placed in Charlton Lane between the Delancey Hospital and the Old Bath Road at distances of 80 yards apart.

GEO. NORMAN,

Chairman.

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WATER COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Thursday, the 25th day of January, 1900—Present The Mayor Councillors Baker, Bence, Davis, Dix, Lenthall, Rickerby, and Waghorne (Councillor Waghorne in the chair)—

1—Report of the Water Engineer—The Water Engineer reported that on the 24th inst. the supply from Northfield and tonal coos springs was 210 gallons, the average for the last four years being 271 gallons per minute, and the quantity of water in store at Hewletts and Leckhampton was 9,941,481 gallons.

That on the 24th instant the depth of water in the Dowdeswell Reservoir was 21ft. 7in. and the contents 50,955,439 gallons which gave a total of 60,896,920 gallons, or about 60 days' supply, exclusive of the daily yield of the springs, which was then about 2,184,000 gallons.

2—Water Supply to Southwick and Tredington --A letter was read from the Town Clerk of Tewkesbury stating that his Council could not exceed the price fixed by the Arbitrator. A letter from the Town Clerk was read replying that the Tewkesbury Corporation must either supply the premises from the mains to be laid down by this Corporation under Section 85 of the Cheltenham Corporation Water Act, 1878, or pay the increased rate per thousand gallons and have the supply from the Cheltenham main. Resolved, That the reply of the Town Clerk be approved, that the Council regret their concession is not acceptable; and to inform Mr. Badham that the price fixed by the Arbitrator does not govern the proposed supply from the Cheltenham main.

3- Water Supply to the Eye, Ear, and Throat Hospital—A letter was read from the Rev. G. Philips Pearce, Chairman of the Eye, Ear, and Throat Hospital, requesting that this institution may be placed, in regard to water supply, on the same footing as the General Hospital, viz., a free supply as an equivalent for the supply of a number of tickets for treatment proportionate to the value of the water supplied. Resolved, That a subscription be made by the Corporation to this Hospital equivalent to the Water Rate in consideration of a supply of tickets for treatment being granted to the Corporation proportionate to the amount of the subscription.

4—Water Fittings at Na, 8 Oxford Street--A letter was read from Mr. Minett, the owner of this house, stating that his tenant applied about a fortnight before for the water to be turned on, but he was told there was a piece of pipe not according to present regulations, but which was there many years ago, and had been passed by Mr. McLandsborough. He promised if anything was shown to be defective after the water should be laid on, an intimation to him would be all that would be required to put it right, and he considered, after what he had spent there in drainage and water supply, it was very vexatious to be subject to continual alterations and requirements. Resolved, To inform Mr. Minett that the regulations must be complied with.

5-Water Supply to Volunteer Armoury in North Street --A letter was read from Lieutenant Pottinger, the officer commanding E Company and Volunteer Battalion Gloucestershire Regiment, applying for a free supply of water to this Armoury. Resolved, That the application be acceded to.

6-Sandford Allotments —A letter was read from Mr. Major, tenant of an allotment at Sandford, belonging to the Corporation, at 16s. per annum, determining his tenancy. Also one from Mr. H. Cox, of No. 9, Upper Park Street, applying for the tenancy. Resolved, That the allotment referred to be let to Mr. Cox at a rental of 16s. per annum, commencing from Christmas last.

7— Extension of Main in Avenalls Parade-- Resolved, That this main be extended to supply the new houses being built there by Mr. Warder.

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

H. WAGHORNE,

Chairman.

ART GALLERY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 29th day of January, 1900—Present: The Mayor, Aldermen Haddon and Winterbotham Councillor Hayward, and The Baron de Ferrieres (Alderman Winterbotham in the chair)—

1-Report of Curator—The Curator reported that there had been 3,835 visits to the Galleries since December 18th.

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2 —Accounts—The following Accounts were passed for payment, viz:-

W. Jones (curator), on account of wages ..	£10 0 0
Do. Cleaning, &c.	£ 4 3 1
R. E. & C. Marshall, alteration of lights, picture chain, &c.	£ 7 6 0
Electric Works Department of the Town Council, electric energy	£ 6 6 8
A. Whitcombe, renovating and framing pictures, &c.	£ 4 1 0

JAS. B. WINTERBOTHAM,

Chairman.

GENERAL PURPOSES AND WATCH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, hold on Friday, the 29th day of December, 1899--Present The Mayor; Councillors Bence, Dix, Hayward, and Lenthall (The Mayor in the chair)--

1- Improvement Bill—The Mayor, as Summoning Officer under the Borough Funds Act, laid before the Committee a requisition of twenty ratepayers or owners of the Borough addressed to him under the above Act for the summoning of a meeting of owners and ratepayers of the Borough to consent, pursuant to Sec. 4 of the Borough Funds Act, to the promotion of this Bill in the ensuing Session of Parliament. Resolved, That the Mayor be asked to convene the meeting to be held at the Assembly Rooms, Cheltenham, for Wednesday evening, the 10th inst. at 7 o'clock.

GEO. NORMAN,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Friday, the 5th day of January, 1900—Present : Councillors Baker, Bence and Moles (Councillor Moles in the chair)—

2— Chairman —In the absence of the Chairman, Councillor Moles was appointed Chairman at this meeting.

3—Extension of Borough Boundaries—A Letter was read from the Local Government Board with which they forwarded for publication notice of a local Inquiry to be held by one of their Inspectors at Cheltenham on the 17th instant. Resolved, To authorise the Town clerk to employ a Leading and Junior Counsel on behalf of the Corporation at the Inquiry, and to obtain the services of Mr Fitzgerald as the Leader if possible.

A Letter was read from the Clerk to the Badgeworth Parish Council with which he forwarded a copy of the following resolution passed by his Council at their meeting held on the 19th ulto, viz.:—

" That this Parish Council offers no opposition to the proposed extension of the Borough Boundaries of Cheltenham provided "the Corporation take over and maintain the Spoil Bank Road, Red Road and Branch Road, being roads within the area "proposed to be included in the Borough."

He also stated that a meeting of the Overseers was held immediately after the Parish Council Meeting at which an identical resolution was passed with the additional rider as follows, viz. " and also provide the Reddings with an adequate supply of water."

Resolved, to adjourn consideration of the matter pending a visit by the Committee on the following Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock to inspect the roads referred to.

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A Letter was read from Mr. Ticehurst, Clerk to the Guardians, stating that he was instructed to enquire what advantages are offered to the parish of Badgeworth with regard to the provision of a water supply and maintenance and repair of roads in the part of the parish proposed to be included in the Borough, to which the Town Clerk had replied quoting the letter received from the Clerk to the Badgeworth Parish Council as above and stating that the same would be considered at the next meeting of the Committee having charge of the matter, and that it was intended to extend the water mains of the Corporation to the Reddings if that part of the Parish of Badgeworth is included within the Borough Boundaries. Resolved, That the reply of the Town Clerk be approved.

J. V. MOLES,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 15th day of January, 1900—Present The Mayor ; Councillors Baker, Davis, Hayward, Lenthall, Moles, and Waghorne (The Mayor in the chair)—

4—Extension of Borough Boundaries —Badgeworth Extension—With reference to the Resolutions of the Badgeworth Parish Council and the Overseers of the Parish to offer no opposition provided the Corporation take over and maintain the Spoil Bank Road, Red Road and Branch Road within the area proposed to be included in the Borough, and provide the Reddings with an adequate supply of water. Resolved, That the Corporation will supply the inhabitants of the proposed additional area with an adequate supply of water upon the same terms as in the existing Borough. That the Corporation are not prepared to take over and maintain the Red Road and Branch Road, but that they will take over and maintain the Spoil Bank Road and the parish road from the Chapel at the S.W. end of the Spoil Bank Road to the Badgeworth main road running nearest to and parallel with the railway, and to accept Borough and Poor Rates for five years from the appointed day on the houses in the additional area not exceeding together 4s in the £.

5—Prestbury Extension—Resolved. With a view of arriving if possible at an amicable settlement with regard to the proposed extension into Prestbury an offer be made to accept Borough and Poor Rates

for five years from the appointed day on the houses in the additional area not exceeding together 4s in the £, and to take over and maintain the whole of the New Barn Lane.

6--Fire Brigade Sub-Committee—Resolved, That the Mayor, Councillors Baker, Bence and Lenthall, be reappointed to constitute this Sub-Committee.

7---Municipal Offices Sub-Committee --Resolved, That the Mayor, Councillors Baker, Bence, Davis and Hayward be reappointed to constitute this Sub-Committee.

8-Cab Shelter in Imperial Square - The Mayor having reported that he had had an interview with Mr. Vassar-Smith. Chairman of the Committee of the New Club, with regard to the present position of this Cab Shelter, Resolved, That the Mayor and Councillor Baker with the Borough Surveyor be authorised to deal with the matter.

GEO. NORMAN,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, the 24th day of January, 1900—Present : The Mayor ; Councillors Baker, Bence, Davis, Di, Gurney, Hayward, Lenthall, and Moles. (The Mayor in the chair).

9—Fire Brigade—The Superintendent of the Fire Brigade reported that on December 19th the Brigade was called to extinguish a small fire at No, 79, Winchcomb Street, which caused damage estimated at Lou, and the expenses of the Brigade amounted to £3 1s. 0d. That on December 20th the Brigade was called out on an alarm of fire at the premises occupied by Worth's Food Syndicate, but no damage was done. The expenses of the Brigade amounted to £2 17s. 6d. In both instances the properties were insured, and details had been handed to the Borough Accountant to claim payment of the expenses from the Insurance Companies.

10--Hackney Carriage Drivers —Applications for drivers' licences were received from George Harper Holtham, of No. 4, Francis Street, and Thomas Attwood, of No. 22, St. James's Street. Resolved, That the applications be acceded to.

11—Temporary Transfer, of Hackney Carriage licences—Letters were read from F. Jones, of Portland Mews, applying for permission to use a landau for two weeks in place of his phaeton, which was being repaired ; and T. Taylor, of College Mews, applying for permission to use another carriage for six weeks while his licensed landau No. 53 was being repaired. Resolved, That the applications be acceded to.

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12-Accident from Fall of Stand—A letter was received from Edward Howell, of No. 4, Chester Walk, claiming £200 compensation for injury received from the fall of a stand at Lansdown on the occasion of the visit of Princess Henry of Battenberg to Cheltenham. Resolved, That the amount claimed be paid in settlement of all claims by Mr. Howell in respect of the accident.

13.—Market Tolls - A letter was read from Mr. W. Symonds, proprietor of the World's Fair, Connaught Drill Hall, Portsmouth, asking if the Corporation would let the sole right to collect the

tolls at the Cattle Market for amusements at the fairs and mops in October next, and, if so, requesting them to quote a price to him, as he was prepared to make a good offer. Resolved, That consideration of the matter be adjourned for the Town Clerk to report as to the powers of the Council, and to ascertain from Mr Symonds what he is prepared to offer.

14—Swine Fever—Superintendent Hopkins reported that outbreaks of Swine Fever had occurred at premises occupied by Mr. Charles Gould, belonging to the Battledown Brick and Terra Cotta Company's Brickyard in Hale's Road, where there were eight animals more or less affected with the disease, that one died and two were killed, but the owner declined to have the remaining five slaughtered, and the Board of Agriculture had therefore placed the premises in quarantine. That the necessary notices had been served, and he would see to the Act being carried out. The disease was supposed to have been imported into the Borough in connection with a case at Mr. Daniel Foster's, The Butts, Brockworth. Also at a garden in Hale's Road in the occupation of Mr. William Hall, innkeeper, Duke Street, where there were nine pigs, of which one died, the remaining eight being apparently healthy and were in quarantine. The case had been reported to the Board of Agriculture and the proper notices served. He had no doubt that the disease in this case had spread from the pig styes of Mr Gould, which were only a few yards away_

15—East Ward Allotments—A letter was read from Mr. Joseph Carter, of No. 21, St. Paul's Street North, protesting against the action of the Council in letting to R. Bevan the Whaddon Lane Allotment No. 93, as Mr Bevan was not a tenant of Mr. Daley's garden ground, and he understood that preference would be given to the old tenants of Mr. Daley's ground, and as he had been a tenant for over fifteen years he saw no reason why the allotment referred to should not be let to him. Resolved, To inform Mr. Carter that the allotment referred to having been let to Mr. Bevan, cannot be let to him, and as he resides so much nearer to the allotments in the North Ward the Committee suggest that he should apply for one of the vacant lots there.

16—Pig Styes on Allotments. Resolved, that Councillors Baker, Bence, and Lenthall be appointed a Sub-Committee to report as to the condition of the pig styes on the allotments.

17— Cabmen's Shelter in Imperial Square--A letter was read from Mr. R. V. Vassar-Smith, Chairman at the Committee of the New Club, stating that the position of the shelter near the wall of the Club inside the railings of the Winter Garden was strongly objected to, and he asked that the wishes of the members might be considered. Also a letter from Miss Ashby, requesting that the shelter at Pittville given by Mrs Bannerman a year or two ago should be restored for the purpose originally intended, and, as it was fitted with a gas stove, suggesting that it should be made use of in Imperial Square, as the smoke from a coal or coke fire was one of the objections raised on behalf of the Club to the shelter then standing near the Club, and she asked to be informed of the decision of the Council respecting the position of the shelter in Imperial Square and about the shelter at Pittville. The Borough Surveyor submitted a plan of an ornamental cab shelter with conveniences for use by visitors to the Winter Garden, which he had submitted to the Secretary of the Club last year, and the cost of which he estimated at about £170. The Mayor reported that he had had an interview with Mr. Vassar-Smith and Captain Fraser, the Secretary of the Club, on the spot, and they had intimated that if the shelter be put back to the line of the wall and the railings of the Club piled up by the Corporation the objection of the Club would be considerably lessened. Resolved, That the shelter be moved back to the line of the wall and the gas stove from the shelter at Pittville substituted for the

existing coal or coke fire. Also that the Committee do visit the locus in quo, and that the Secretary of the Club be invited to meet them there.

18--Re-numbering of Naunton Crescent and Brunswick Street—Resolved, To instruct the Borough Surveyor to have the houses in these streets re-numbered.

19-Hackney Carriage Licences—A letter was read from Thomas Williams, of No. 4 Belmont Terrace, Portland Square, stating that he had sold his pony-carriage to John Ball, and requesting that the licence for the same (No. 29) might be transferred to the purchaser. A letter was also read from Mr. Ball applying for the transfer of the licence to him. Resolved, That the application be acceded to.

A letter was also read from Mr G. Clifford, of No. 2 Hopewell Cottages, renewing his application for a pony-carriage licence and suggesting that the licence (No, 29) sent in by Mr. Williams should be granted to him. Resolved, To inform Mr. Clifford that the licence referred to has been transferred to the purchaser of the vehicle, and that there is no vacancy.

20 --Tyres on Hansom Cabs—A letter was read from W. P. Jones and four other proprietors of hansom cabs requesting permission to use half round steel tyres on their hansom cabs instead of rubber tyres, on account of the suction caused by the latter. Resolved, That the request be not acceded to.

21-Municipal Telephone Exchange—Resolved, That Councillors Bence, Dix, and Hayward be appointed a Sub-Committee to obtain information as to what has been done in other towns to establish Municipal Telephone Exchanges and bring up a report and recommendation to the Committee.

GEO. NORMAN,

Chairman.

BATHS AND RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, the 22nd day of January, 1900— Present; The Mayor ; Alderman Drone; Councillors Baker, Bennett, Brown, Dix, and Lenthall (Councillor Lenthall in the chair)—

1—Alstone Baths—The Borough Surveyor reported that since the Baths had been opened on the 22nd of November last the receipts had amounted to £3 6s. 4d. That the total receipts for the period from the 1st April to 30th September last, had amounted to £325 18s. 0d., which with the sum above mentioned made a total of £329 4s, 4d. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have two inches of fine sand put over the bottom of the outside swimming bath.

2—Agg-Gardner Recreation Ground—The Caretaker reported that the following gifts had been received for this ground, viz :—Two Cricket Bats from Mr. C. Williams, and some old Footballs from Mr. E. H. Wood, Resolved, That letters of thanks be written to the donors.

J. S. LENTHALL, Chairman.

BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Friday, the 26th day of January, 1900—Present: The Mayor ; Alderman Haddon ; Councillors Baker, Brown, Cypher, M. Davis, Moles, and Rickerby (Councillor Moles in the chair)—

1-Superintendent's Report—The Superintendent reported that there had been 648 interments during the year 1899.

2- Afternoon Funerals —With reference to the Resolution to Minute No. 2 of the proceedings of this Committee at their last meeting that the time for funerals on which the Rector's fee is not paid and a hearse is not used be fixed for 3 o'clock in the afternoon throughout the year, the Town Clerk reported that it would be necessary to have the rules and regulations altered to meet the variation, and this would require the sanction of the Bishop, and he suggested that it was hardly of sufficient importance to call for an alteration of the rules and regulations, and recommended that the time should be as hitherto and as hoed by the rules and regulations, viz., 3 o'clock in winter and 4 o'clock in summer. Resolved, That the suggestion and recommendation of the Town Clerk be approved and adopted, and that the resolution above referred to be rescinded accordingly.

3—Designs--The following designs were laid before the Committee for approval, viz :—Headstones to John, Sarah, and Edward Wilson, Reggie Martyn, Louise Gardner, Marie Ducat, and Jeremiah and Caroline Wiggall ; Tomb to Mary Holland ; and Monuments to Mary Helena Allardyce, Alexander Campbell White, and Irene Alice Maud Barnes,

4—Accounts—The following Accounts were passed for payment, viz :—

G. C. Pratley (Wages)	£20 11 0
Prestbury Tithe Rent Charge	£ 5 12 6
T. w. Harvey and Sons	4s 6d
Andrew Page .. • • • .	16s 8d

J V. MOLES, Chairman.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, the 3rd day of January, 1900 —Present : Alderman Drew Councillors Bence, Dix, Gurney, and Hayward (Councillor Gurney in the chair).

1--Loan of £95,659—The Chairman having reported as to some offers he had received, Resolved, To authorise Councillor Hay-ward and the Borough Accountant to proceed to Birmingham to make enquiries with reference to an offer received to lend £100,000 at from 3 ½ to 3 ¾ per cent. and one per cent, commission, and to ascertain if the loan can be obtained for a period of 5 years certain with power to the Corporation at their option to repay it at the expiration of 3 years on giving 6 months previous notice in writing.

W. GERALD GURNEY, Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Friday, the 5th day of January, 1900. - Present: Alderman Drew Councillors Bence and Dix (Alderman Drew in the chair)—

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

3 --Loan of £95,659—The Borough Accountant reported that as yet he was not in a position to make any report as to the offer received from Birmingham. The Committee however were informed that there was a prospect of the amount required being obtained from a London office at 3 ½ per cent, and one per cent. commission. Resolved, To adjourn pending receipt of an offer from this source and to inform the lenders that the Committee are prepared to accept a loan of £100,000 upon the terms mentioned,

J. W. DREW,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, the 24th day of January, 1900—Present The Mayor; Councillors Bence, Cooper, Gurney, Dix and Hayward. (Councillor Gurney in the chair).

4—Interest on Bank Overdraft—The Borough Accountant reported that he had agreed with Lloyds Bank the amount of interest due to the Bank up to the dates mentioned in the Debentures at £415 17s. 6d. Resolved, That a cheque be drawn and signed for this amount.

5 -Loan of £95,859—The Borough Accountant reported that he had had an offer frosts a resident at West Hartlepool of £25,374, at 3 ¼ per cent. interest, subject to a payment of ¼ per cent. commission for a term of five years, determinable thereafter by either party by six months' notice. Resolved, To instruct the Borough Accountant to go to West Hartlepool to arrange for completion of this loan on the most advantageous terms he can obtain, not exceeding the terms offered inclusive of all costs except for stamp duty.

W. GERALD GURNEY,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 30th day of January, 1900—Present The Mayor Councillors Bence, Cooper, Hayward, Gurney, and Macdonald (Councillor Gurney an the chair).

6 -Parliamentary Registration—The Town Clerk laid before the Committee an account of the expenses of carrying into effect the provisions of the Acts for the Registration of Voters for the year 1899-1900, amounting to £98 15s. 5d. 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, £86 12s. 3d. ; Charlton Kings, £12 3s. 2d.

7—Repayment of £5,000 —A letter from the Secretary of the Cheltenham and Gloucestershire Permanent Mutual Benefit Building Society was read, giving notice that the Society would require

the amounts secured by debentures No. 109 and 111, for £3,000 and £2,000 respectively, to be paid at the expiration of three months from the 5th inst.

6- Loan of £100,000--The Borough Accountant reported that he had visited West Hartlepool and secured £25,374 at 3 ¼ per cent. for five years, determinable thereafter by six months' notice, subject to payment of £50 for commission. He expected to receive the amount named by the 1st of February, an arrangement having been made to give an interim receipt, to be exchanged for the debentures when ready for delivery. He proposed to apply this loan as follows towards repayment of the amount due to Lloyds Bank, viz :—

Public Library..	£9,144 0 0
Sewerage ..	£ 900 0 0
Barn Farm Cottages, &c.	£ 830 0 0
Leckhampton Paths ..	£2,000 0 0
Winter Garden ..	<u>£12,500 0 0</u>
	£25,374 0 0

This would leave due to Lloyds Bank on debentures £70,285, He also reported that he went to Bristol, and was expecting to obtain from there sums of £1,200 and £10,000. He was asked 3 ½ per cent. and ¼ per cent. commission, but he distinctly made it understood that the maximum interest would be 3 ¼ per cent. He expected to know shortly whether the money would be lent on those terms, and that it was probable that another £50,000 would be available in April. He also reported as to further offers he had received on less advantageous terms. Resolved. That the action of the Borough Accountant be approved and confirmed, and that debentures for £25,374 0s. 0d. be sealed and issued accordingly.

9-General District Rate—The Report of the Borough Accountant of date the 30th January, 1900, on the collection of the second instalment of this rate was read. Amount collected £11,167 10s. 10d., leaving outstanding £6,167 0s. 6d.

10— Water Rate—The Report of the Borough Accountant of date the 30th January, 1900, on the collection of this rate was read. Amount received £6,497 7s. 10d., leaving outstanding £4,405 0s. 10d.

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 £11,094 14s. 0d., ordered to be paid by the Borough Treasurer.

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

The following was the General Statement:-

In hand on 1st January last	£ 1,600 19 4
Received since that date	<u>£11,352 6 9</u>
	£12,953 6 1
Paid since ditto	<u>£13,928 17 2</u>
Overdrawn.	£ 975 11 1

W. GERALD GURNEY,
Chairman.

TECHNICAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, the 15th day of January, 1900—Present : The Mayor ; Alderman Skillicorne Councillors Bennett, Davies, M. Davis, Gurney, Hayward and Preston (Councillor Davis in the chair)—

1 —Technical Education Grant--With reference to the Resolution of this Committee to Minute No. 1 of their proceedings of date the 26th of September last, " that until the new scheme in connection with the Gramm. School has been perfected and is in " working order, the County Council be requested to periodically pay over to the Cheltenham Town Council the amount " due to the Borough as hitherto, and that the County Council be further requested to at once pay over the amount now due, a letter was read from the Clerk to the County Coated, stating that the County Council saw no reason to alter the decision expressed in his letter of the 14th August, that inasmuch as the new arrangement in connection with the Cheltenham Grammar School had been made the County Council thought that they should deal with the money in accordance with that scheme. Resolved. That the Chairman and Councillor Hayward be deputed to see Mr Colchester Wemyss and Mr. Gardom with reference to the matter.

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2--Grammar School Scheme —A letter was read from Mr. J. B. Winterbotham, stating that he had received a letter from the Charity Commissioners informing hint that they were then willing to prepare a draft for altering the scheme on the hoes desired, upon receiving an application in the form which they had transmitted to him, but which required some little consideration in the filling up, and had afterwards to be signed by all the Governors, a process which would necessarily take some little time and correspondence. It would, however, have his immediate attention, and as soon as the Charity Commissioners furnish him with their proposed draft, he could at once lay it before the Town Clerk and Mr. Gardom on behalf of the County Council.

M. DAVIS,

Chairman.

PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 9th day of January, 1900—Present : Councillors Hayward and Preston ; The Revs. J. Evans, J. Mugliston and R. G. Fairbairn; The Baron de Ferrieres, Dr. Davis; Messrs. A. Beckingsale, Evan Butler, J. G. Carr, W. Cresswell, G. H. Palmer, and T. Whittard (Councillor Hayward in the chair)--

1--Report of the Sub Committee—The Sub-Committee reported that they recommended that the Secretary of the School of Art be informed that the Committee think that his letter on the question of heating was written under a misapprehension, as the heating supplied to the Art Gallery in no way affects the supply to the School of Art.

That the Librarian be instructed to purchase a suitable umbrella stand for the Leckhampton Branch Reading Room, and to have the book-shelves cleaned and replaced.

That Mr. Chatters, Architect, be engaged to prepare detailed plans and specification from the rough plans submitted by the Librarian, for the proposed new book-shelves in the Lending Library.

Resolved, That the report of the Sub-Committee be approved and the recommendations therein contained adopted, and that the floor of the Leckhampton Branch Library be laid with linoleum.

C. HAYWARD,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, the 23rd day of January, 1900—Present Alderman Skillicorne ; Councillors Bennett, Hayward, Moles and Preston ; The Rev. J. Mugliston and Messrs. A. Beckingsale, Evan Butler, W. Cresswell, G. H. Palmer and T. Whittard. (Councillor Hayward in the chair).

2-Librarian's Report—The Librarian's Monthly Report was read. Receipts £11 17s. 3d. He reported that the following gifts had been made to the Library during the past month, viz.:—

	No. of Vols.
Board of Trade .	2
Durham University ..	1
Sir B. W. Richardson ..	1
W. P. Philipps ..	1
Messrs. Bayley & Adams	3

3—Sub-Committee's Report —The Sub-Committee reported that the Chief Assistant, Mr. C. O. Balcombe, had obtained a Sub-Librarianship in the Chelsea Public Libraries, and they had instructed the Librarian to advertise in the Athenaeum for a Chief Assistant, at a commencing salary of £70. That the Librarian had reported that he had made a selection of 68 volumes for use at the Leckhampton Branch Reading Room, and they had authorised him to have doors and lock placed on a bookcase for the accommodation and protection of the books. Resolved, That the actions of the Sub-Committee, as above mentioned, be approved and adopted.

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4.—Representative on the Committee of the Cheltenham and District Trade and Labour Council -A letter was read from Mr. L. Brehme, Secretary of this Council, stating that Mr. Cresswell had ceased to be their representative on the Library Committee. Resolved, To inform Mr. Brehme that his letter must have been written under a misapprehension, as Mr. Cresswell was not on the Committee as a representative of the Council above-mentioned.

5- Accounts—The following Accounts were examined and passed for payment, viz.

	£	s.	d.
W. Jones, Wages Account ..	11	16	0
J. J. Banks, Books (New £1 9s. 0d. Replacements £7 7s. 5d.)			
Newspapers & Periodicals £13 3s. 0d., Magazines £3 16s. 10d,	25	16	3
J. J. Banks, Newspapers (Leckhampton)	1	18	0

Bayley and Adams, Books— (Pink's Sale), (New £17 8s. Od. Replacements £2 10s Od.)	19 18 0
A. C. & S. Billings, Furniture and Fittings £1 10 Od. Repairs £1 2s. Od.	2 12 0
Norman, Sawyer & Co., Binding £8 18s. Od., Printing and Stationery £3 4s. 6d. ...	12 2 6
Kelly & Co., Books (New) ..	1 5 0
Gas Company, Coke ..	2 18 0

C. HAYWARD,

Chairman.

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, the 31st day of January, 1900- -Present The Mayor, Alderman Skillicorne; Councillors Bennett, Cypher, Moles, Preston, and Rickerby (Councillor Preston see the chair.)

1—Chairman—Resolved, That Councillor Preston be appointed Chairman of this Committee in the place of the late Mr. Steel.

2—Attendance Officers Report--The Monthly Report of the Attendance Officers was read, from which it appeared that duplicate registers had been received from 38 schools, from which 695 names of absentee children had been extracted, all of whom had been visited. They also reported that the parents of at children had been summoned to attend before the Local Committees, who had held 4 meetings ; that a parents had been prosecuted that was fined, and an Attendance Order was made against the parent of Maud Healey.

3— Local Committees--The Minute books of the several Local Committees were gone through and examined. Resolved, That proceedings under Sec. 11. of the Act of 1876 he taken against the parents of Ernest Matty, Minnie Wilson, Ethel Deverill, and Walter Hill.

4—South and Middle Wards Weal Committee—On the recommendation of the Local Committee, Resolved, That Mr. C. Hall, of Hillsboro, Leckhampton, be invited to become a member of the South and Middle Wards Local Committee.

WILLIAM PRESTON,

Chairman.

STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 12th day of February, 1900—Present: The Mayor ; Alderman Haddon, Councillors Baker, Bence, Brown, Cypher, M. Davis, and Dix (Councillor Baker in the chair)—

1—Lane at back of North Place, and Houses at Portland Street, and Trinity Church Lane—A petition was read from Thomas Eldridge and others, praying the Council to take over and declare the Lane at the back of North Place, and houses in Portland Street, as a highway. Resolved, That subject to payment by all the abutting owners of the amounts due to the Corporation for carrying out the private improvement works in the streets above-mentioned, the same be declared highways, and that the necessary notice thereof, prescribed by Sec. 152 of the Public Health Act, 1875, be duly affixed to the said streets.

2—Shelburne Road—The Chairman reported that he and the Borough Surveyor had met the Committee of the Dean Close School, and the pattern of the railing had been selected, which, with the consent of the School Committee, would not be fixed until after the sewer had been laid at the road.

3—Refuge near Cordon Lamp—A letter was read from Mr. G. L. Owen, of Glen Owen, expressing his opinion that the shifting of the Gordon Lamp would be a mistake, and he suggested that instead Refuges should be placed midway in the following streets near the ends where they join the main road, viz., Lansdown Crescent, Montpellier Street, Lansdown Place, and Suffolk Lawn.

4—Suffolk Road Improvement—The owners of Roderic House having intimated that if the Corporation required them to sell compulsorily under the Lands Clauses Act, 1845, the part of Roderic House and premises required for this improvement, they would under Sec. 92 of that Act require the Corporation to purchase the whole of the said house and premises. Resolved, That the Mayor be requested to try and arrange a settlement of the deadlock occasioned by this action on the part of the owners referred to.

5—Alley from York Terrace to Road along Chelt —Resolved, To pave this street with Mc. Dougall's light paving bricks, and to have an extra post placed at the top end.

6—Building Plans—The Borough Surveyor laid before the Committee the following Plans which he had received of intended new buildings, viz.:—

No. on Plan.	Name.	Description.
1266	The Cheltine Food Co.	Factory in Chester Walk.
1267	G. Widdows	Shop Front at No. A Hermitage Terrace, Bath Road.
1268	J. V. Moles	Bay Window at Vanstone Villa.

Resolved, That No. 1267 be disapproved, and that the other two plans be approved as shown.

WILLIAM A. BAKER,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 26th day of February, 1900-Present The Mayor ; Alderman Haddon ; Councillors Baker, Bence, Brown, Cypher, Davis, Dix and Lenthall. (Councillor Baker in the chair).

7-Street Projections-A letter was read from the Manager of Eastmans Limited, asking permission to re-place the old gas rail in its former position at No. 16, Winchcomb Street in place of the incandescent lamp which was fixed instead of the gas rail. Resolved, That the application be acceded to.

A letter was read from Mr. J. W. Curl, of the Imperial Temperance Hotel, High Street, applying for permission to attach a small sign to the arm of his outside lamp. Resolved, That the application be not acceded to

8- Priory Parade - A lever was read from General Morton, suggesting that the Corporation should keep in order Priory Parade as they do Oxford Parade, and that they should throw the two roads together by taking down, with the consent of General Shewell, the dividing railing, make an entrance on the east side of Priory Street, close the present entrance from the High Street, and lay out the space between the Priory Parade Road and the High Street with turf. Resolved, To inform General Morton that his suggestion could only be carried out with the consent of all the owners in Priory Parade, and that if a memorial signed by all the a' octet be sent in to the Council, it shall receive due consideration,

9--Old Bath Road Improvement- -A letter was read from Mr. T. K. Little, of No. 1, Norwood Parade, requesting permission for himself, Mr. A. P. Little, Mr. Buckle, Mr. William Moorman and Mr. Walter Moorman, to set forward the fence of their properties to the same boundary line being established by the Corporation on the other part of the road. Resolved, To instruct the Borough Surveyor to accede to the request upon such terms as he may in his discretion deem reasonable.

10-Eaton Place Private Improvement Works-A letter was read from the Rev. G. Despard, applying for remission of £3 1s. 0d. the amount apportioned of the cost of carrying out the works in respect of the frontage of St. Luke's National Schools. Resolved, That the application be acceded to and charged to the Corporation.

11-Space in front of No. 23, North Place --A letter Was read from Mr. S. James, applying for permission to put up some iron railings in front of his house which would not interfere with the pavement. Resolved, That the application be not acceded to.

12-Gloucester Road Private Improvement Works, East side from High Street to Market Street-A Memorial was received from Mr. G. Banting and five other owners of property abutting upon this part of the Gloucester Road, applying for remission of the amounts apportioned to be paid by them of the cost of executing these works, on the ground that the road is a main road and repairable by the County Council, and that the County Council have made a grant to the Town Council for the repair of all the main roads in the Borough, and that these costs should be paid out of that fund. Resolved, That having regard to the fact that some edging and channelling existed at the time the work was done, the cost of the new edging and channelling be remitted.

13- Refuges in Crossings near the Gordon Lamp-Resolved, That the Council do not consider that the provision of refuges for foot passengers at any of these crossings are necessary.

14-Damage by Water from Pilford Brickyard-A memorial was received from Mr T. K. Little and others, complaining that their gardens were damaged by the excess of surface water from Pilford Brickyards at Pilley, and suggesting that a proper course should be made into the ditch in the Old Bath Road now being piped by the Corporation. Resolved, To inform the memorialists that the Council have no power to carry out been suggestion.

15-Heater's Way -A letter was read from Mr. G. Godwin, calling attention to the bad state of this road, and requesting the Council to have something done to render it passable. Resolved, To instruct the Borough Surveyor to have some ashes laid down.

16-Footpath from Arlo to St. Mark's-A letter was read from Mr. A. E. Kearsey, complaining of the foundrous condition of this foot-path, which was impassable in wet weather, and suggesting that gates should be provided in lieu of 'the stiles. Resolved, That Mr. Butt be given notice to clear out the ditch co-extensive with his property,

17-Report of the Borough Surveyor re Highways-The Borough Surveyor reported that the work done by the Highways Department during the month ending February 23rd, 1900, had been as. Follows: –

Repaired with Clee Hill Stone-Promenade 2,400 super yards, Ambrose Street 408 super yards, Leamington Place 176 super yards, and Old Bath Road proceeding, Repaired with Old Radnor Gore Stone-St. George's Place 660 super yards.

Repaired with Wickwar Stone-Promenade (back of Long Garden) 1,027 super yards, Lansdown Terrace (back of 1,334 super yards proceeding, York Street 267 super yards.

Repaired with Local Stone-Lane back of Brandon Terrace 587 super yards.

Patched with Clee Hill Stone-St. James's Square, Cambray, High Street, Gloucester Road, Back of Lansdown Place, Hatherley Road, Queen's Road, Lypiatt Street, St. Stephen's Road, The Park, Naunton Lane, Evesham Road, Sandford Road, St. George's Road, College Road, Portland Street, Winchcomb Street.

Patched with Wickwar Stone-Knapp Road, Keynsham Street, Swindon Road, St. Ann's Terrace, Christ Church Road, Fair-view Street, Union Street, Berkeley Street.

Repairs to Paying, Serb, Crossing, and Channelling-Leamington Place, Windsor Street, Sandford Road, North Street, Prestbury Road, Montpellier Street, Thirlestaine Road, Rutland Street, Cambray, Crescent Terrace, Cleaveland Street.

The Footpath in Windsor Street had been repaired with local gravel, 70 super yards.

The Footpath in Lansdown Road had been repaired with Charlton gravel, 168 super yards.

The Crossing in High Street (end of College Road) had been relaid with McDougall's patent bricks,

Trees Pruned Pittville Circus, All Saints' Road, and High Street.

Ashes Collected and Disposed of—Collected 928 loads, consumed 910 loads—1,142 tons 16 cwt. The weather had seriously interfered with the collection, and in many cases the Occupiers had refused to allow the ashes to be removed, causing the men to lose much time, and delaying the whole collection of the District, in some parts as much as three days.

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Private Improvements Works—Hewlett Road (proceeding), Oakfield Road—the works in this road were suspended pending the completion of building operations. Two houses had been finished, and the remainder of the land was recently offered for sale, shewing an evident intention not to proceed with further building. Seeing the very bad state of the road he did not think there should be any further delay.

Resolved. That the work in the Oakfield Road be proceeded with and that the carriage way in the Gloucester Road be repaired.

18- -All Saints Terrace—Resolved, To instruct the Borough Surveyor to bring up a plan and specification of the works to be done by the abutting owners in this street.

19—Street Cleaning and Road Watering- A Letter was read from the Rev. C. E. Gibson, alleging that the roads in the vicinity of Bayshill Lawn were very much neglected both as regards cleaning in wet weather and watering in dry weather, and stating that it was no use whatever his speaking to Mr. Hall or apparently to either Gen. Macdonald or Mr. Davis, their representatives, as he had no redress by speaking to them. Resolved, That the Council regret that Mr. Gibson should think fit to speak of Councillors Macdonald and Davis in these terms.

20 - Flooding in Hewlett Road — A Letter was read from Mr. H. Merry, of Beaconsfield, Hewlett Road, drawing attention to a nuisance caused by an accumulation of water outside his house whenever there is an exceptional fall of rain which on the previous Thursday not only covered the road but also the paths on either side from fence to fence: Resolved, To instruct the Borough Surveyor to take up the drain pipe at the part of the road referred to and lay another of a larger size.

21-Team Labour—Resolved, To authorise Alderman Haddon and Councillor Davis to purchase a horse belonging to Mr. Brown, of Arle Court Farm, subject to examination by the Corporation Veterinary Surgeon,

22--Clinker Paving — With reference to the resolution to Minute No. 11 of the proceedings of this Committee of the 27th of November last the Borough Surveyor laid before the Committee a plan of the workshops which would be required for carrying out the manufacture of paving from clinker. Resolved, That the same be approved and forwarded to the Local Government Board.

23—Apportionments of Cost of Private Improvement Works, viz.—Roadway and Footpath at Liverpool Place, Roadway and Foot-path at Trinity Church Lane, Footpath at Ormond Place, Footpath at Queen's Road front Great Western Railway Bridge to Midland Railway Station, and Roadway and Footpath, Knapp Road—The Borough Surveyor reported that the costs of carrying out these works amounted respectively to £32 5s. 1d., £138 10s. 1d., £16 1s. 6d., £26 6s. 6d. and £162 9s. 9d. which amounts respectively he had apportioned amongst the several abutting owners according to their

respective frontages. Resolved, That the apportionments be approved and that notices thereof and of demand for repayment be served on the owners referred to.

24 Building Plans The Borough Surveyor laid before the Committee Notices and Plans received by him from the following persons intending to erect new buildings, viz :—

No. of Plan.	Name	Description.
1269	H H. Martyn & Co.	Additions to Workshop at rear of No. 59, High Street
1270	Mrs. Creek	Additions to Cotswold, Thirlestaine Road
1271	W. H. Horsley	Additions to No. 1, Royal Well Terrace, St. George's Road
1272	W. McLandsborough	Additions to Selsley Lawn, Hale's Road

Resolved, That all the plans above mentioned be approved as shown.

WILLIAM A. BAKER,

Chairman.

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 12th day of February, 1900—Present The Mayor Alderman Skillicorne ; Councillors Bence, Bennett (by invitation), Davis, Davies, 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, 2 of Enteric Fever, 1 of Erysipelas, and 1 of Diphtheria ; that 7 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 18.

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2—Wells at Windsor Lodge, Prestbury Road, No. 72, Tewkesbury Road, and No. 77, Winchcombe 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 to 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—Water Closets without Flushing Apparatus—The Medical Officer of Health handed in a list of houses having water closets without Flushing Apparatus. Resolved, That Notices under Sec. 28 of the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1889, be given to the Owners requiring them to provide the necessary flushing apparatus, and to the Occupiers to lay on a proper supply of water thereto, and that in default of compliance with such Notices proceedings be taken for the penalties.

4—Houses without proper Ash Receptacles—The Medical Officer of Health handed in a list of houses which had no proper ashpits or ash receptacles. Resolved, That the necessary Notices be given to the respective owners under Sec. 36 of the Public Health Act, 1875, and Sec. 27 of the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1889, requiring them in each case to provide a moveable ash receptacle of such

size, pattern, and construction as may be approved by the Borough Surveyor on behalf of the Corporation.

5—Cleansing and Limewashing at No. 28, Townsend Street, Nos. 9, 11 & 26, Rutland Street, No. 50, Rutland Street, and Cottage, Nos. 2 & 85, Stanhope Street, and No. 16, Grosvenor 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.

6— Insanitary Property at Nos. 20, 48, and 49, Rutland Street, and Premises in Leckhampton Place, occupied by E. Whatmore.— 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 yard paving, ceilings, 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, 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 —Nuisance from Drains, &c., at No. 51, Burton Street, Hermitage House, Bath Road, Collett's Brewery, St. Pauls, No. 53, St. James's Street, and Nos. 14 & 16, Bath Terrace.—The Inspector of Nuisances having made written application under Section 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.

8—Unsound Meat—The Medical Officer of Health reported that on the 22nd ultimo, the carcass of a diseased sheep slaughtered at the Abattoir was destroyed as being unfit for food.

9—Inspection of Bakehouses—The Medical Officer of Health reported that he had recently inspected all the Bakehouses in the Borough. Resolved That he be authorized where necessary to serve notices requiring them to be limewashed pursuant to Sec. 34 of the Factory and Workshop Act, 1878.

10—Registration of New Bakehouse—The Medical Officer of Health reported that he had received application from Mr. G. Widdows for registration of a bakehouse in Suffolk Street.

11—Pigstyes In Hale's Road—The Medical Officer of Health reported that he had inspected the Pigstyes in Hale's Road, on land of the Battledown Brick and Terra Cotta Company, Limited, and found the condition such as to remove any surprise at Swine Fever occurring. The floors and drainage were defective, and the styes generally dilapidated. Resolved, That Notice be served on the occupier requiring him to cease keeping pigs unless the styes are rebuilt in accordance with the requirements of the Byelaws.

12 —Urinals at the Cross Keys Inn, Tewkesbury Road, Collett's Brewery, St. Paul's, and the Mitre Inn, Mitre Street—The Medical Officer of Health reported that these urinals were so foul as to be nuisances and injurious to health. Resolved, That Notices under Sec. 94 of the Public Health Act,

1875, be served on the owners requiring them to abate the nuisances, and for that purpose to lay on sufficient water supplies for flushing, and carry out such works of amendment as may be necessary.

13—Polluted Condition of the Moat at the Moat House, Uckington—A letter was read from Messrs. Winterbothams & Gurney, solicitors, for Mr. Ernest Hartland, the mortgagee in possession of this property, stating that their client had been served with a notice from the Rural District Council requiring him to abate the nuisance arising from the polluted condition of the Moat, which he alleged was caused by the polluted state of the Chelt, from which the Moat derived its principal supply of water, and that consequently he held the Corporation responsible for the heavy damages he had sustained and was sustaining, but he suggested that the Corporation could satisfactorily abate the nuisance so far as the Moat was concerned by cleaning it out and filling it from their Severn supply, and if so simple a method should commend itself to the Council, Mr. Hartland was not unwilling to make an amicable settlement, Resolved, That consideration of the matter be adjourned for the Committee to view.

14—Flushing Apparatus at No. 14, Rodney Terrace—A letter was read from Mr. G. Tillott, of No. 14. Rodney. Terrace, asking to be allowed to delay compliance with the Notice served on him to be a Flushing Box to a w.c. at the premises above-mentioned until the next quarter. Resolved, That Mr. Tillott be allowed two months delay.

15—Tivoli Sowers—A letter was read from the Rev. E. L. Jennings, enquiring if the Committee had any alternative scheme for dealing with the Tivoli Sewers, as the proposed Bill had been defeated. Resolved. That consideration of the matter be adjourned.

16—Building Plans—The Borough Surveyor laid before the Committee the following plan of a proposed new building which he had received necessitating drainage, viz :—

No. of Plan.	Name.	Description.
1266	Cheltine Food Company	Factory in Chester Walk.

Resolved, That the same be approved.

GEORGE BENCE,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 19th day of February, 1900—Present : The Mayor Alderman Skillicorne Councillors Bence, Davies, Davis, Lenthall, Moles and Waghorne. (Councillor Bence in the chair).

17 —Zymotic Disease The Medical Officer of Health reported that there had been notified since the last meeting of the Committee 1 case of Scarlet Fever, and 2 of Diphtheria ; that 1 case 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 15 of Scarlet Fever, and 1 of Diphtheria.

18—Nuisance from Drains, &c. at No. 37a Duke Street—The Inspector of Nuisances having made written application under Sec. 41 of the Public Health Act, 1875, stating that the drains, &c., on or belonging to the above-named house were in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to health. Resolved, That authority be given to the Inspector of Nuisances to open the ground, examine the drains, and, if necessary, give the notices and act as provided by the said section

19 -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.

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.

21—Cleansing and limewashing at No. 5, Worcester Street, Nos. 15 & 20, Hereford Place, Crowther's Court, Shamrock Inn, Grove Street, Nos. 1, 2, & 3, Doro Cottages, No. 27, Sidney Street. and Nos. 5, 6, 7, 9 & 11, 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.

22 —Unsound Meat—The Medical Officer of Health reported that on the 14th instant, a calf slaughtered at the Abattoir was found to be diseased, and the carcass was destroyed with the consent of the owner.

23—Houses Unfit for Human habitation, viz.—No. 2, Griffiths' Passage, High Street, and the Cottage behind No. 48, Rutland Street—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.

24-Insanitary Property at No. 20, Hereford Place, Shamrock Inn, Grove Street, No. 3, Doro Cottages, Sherborne Street, Nos. 5 & 6, King Street Gardens, and No. 1, Harmony Cottages, Short 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, floors, etc. 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.

25-Notices not Complied with The Medical Officer of Health laid before the Committee a list of Notices which had been served upon Owners requiring the provision of flushing boxes, ash

receptacles, and cleansing of houses, but which had not been complied with. Resolved, To instruct the Town Clerk to take proceedings to compel compliance with the notices.

26—Urinals—ant The Farmers' Arms, Worcester Street, The Horse Shoes, Henrietta Street, The Shamrock Inn, Grove Street, The Sherborne Arms, The Boar's Head, Henrietta Street, The Golden Cross Inn, Townsend Street, and the Brighton Arms, Bath Road—The Medical Officer of Health reported that the Urinals above mentioned were in such a foul condition for want of water supply and defects in structure as to be a nuisance and injurious to health. Resolved, That Notices under Section 94 of the Public Health Act, 1875, be served on the respective owners, requiring them to abate the nuisances, and for that purpose to lay on a sufficient water supply for properly flushing the Urinals referred to, and carry out such works of repair and re-construction, as may be necessary.

27—Annual Report of the Medical Officer of health—The Medical Officer of Health presented his Annual Report, extracts from which he read to the Committee, and suggested that 250 copies should be printed for distribution He reported that he had obtained the following Tenders for the printing, viz : -

G. F. Poole 3s 6d per page
Harvey Bros. 4s “
H. G. Norman .. 4s 6d “

Resolved, That the Tender of Mr. Poole be accepted, and that the Medical Officer of Health be authorized to have 250 copies of his Report printed as suggested by him.

28--Sewer In Shelburne Road —Resolved, To instruct the Town Clerk to apply to the Local Government Board to sanction a loan of £2,500, the estimated cost of laying this sewer, and to intercept the sewage from the Queen's and Lansdown Roads now flowing into the sewer along the line of the G.W. Railway Co.

29 Closing of Slaughter House at beck of 277, High Street—Resolved, To authorize the Town Clerk to incur such expense as in his discretion he may deem expedient in obtaining expert or other evidence and generally for the conduct of the case on behalf of the Corporation before the Arbitrator on the 6th proximo.

30—Building Plans—The Borough Surveyor laid before the Committee the following plans which he had received of intended new buildings necessitating drainage, viz :—

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No. of Plan.	Name.	Description.
1269	H. H. Martyr & Co.	Additions to Workshops at rear of No. 59, High Street.
1270	Mrs. Creek	Additions to Cotswold, Thirlestaine Road.

Resolved, That the same be approved.

GEORGE BENCE,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Thursday, the 22nd day of February, 1900—Present : The Mayor Alderman Skillicorne ; Councillors Bence, Davis, Davies, Lenthall, Moles and Waghorne (Councillor Bence in the chair)—

31— Polluted Condition of the Moat at the Moat House, Uckington—With reference to Minute No. 13 of the proceedings of this Committee, of date the 12th inst., Resolved, That the Council do not admit any liability.

GEORGE BENCE,

Chairman.

TOWN IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 19th day of February, 1900— Present, The Mayor ; Aldermen Drew and Winterbotham ; Councillors Baker, Bence, Dix, Lenthall and Macdonald (Alderman Winterbotham in the chair)—

1-- Road between Crescent Gardens at Pittville- A memorial was read from General Percival and seven other residents in Pittville Crescent protesting against the proposal to turf over this road and enclose it with the gardens on either side so as to form one long garden. Resolved, That consideration of the matter be adjourned, and that meanwhile the proposed alteration be not proceeded with.

2— Piece of Land in Albert Road, Pittville, near the Crescent Gardens—Resolved, That the Mayor and Alderman Drew be authorised to approach the owner of the triangular piece of waste land situate as above with a view to its purchase by the Corporation, to be laid out with flowers.

3--Winter Garden—Resolved, To instruct the Borough Surveyor to bring up an estimate of the cost of erecting a match boarding partition to divide off the rink from the dome.

4- Telephone to Winter Garden for Missionary Loan Exhibition--A letter was read from Mr. Ley Wood stating that it was essential that during the Missionary Loan Exhibition the Winter Garden building should be connected with the Telephone Exchange, but the Telephone Company had said that the Council would not permit any wire to go overhead in the Square, and asking if the rule could not be relaxed for such a temporary requirement. Resolved, That if Mr. Ley Wood is prepared to make all the necessary arrangements for the connection, the Council will grant permission for the wire to cross the Square temporarily during the exhibition, on condition that it is removed immediately afterwards.

5—Advertising Missionary Loan Exhibition--A letter was read from Mr. Horace Edwards requesting permission to make use of the boards belonging to the Corporation at the Winter Garden for posting the bills of the exhibition on. Resolved, That the permission asked for be granted.

6—Advertising the Town In the Journal of Balneology and Climatology--A letter was read from Mr. Ward-Humphreys suggesting that the Council should advertise the town in this publication, the terms for which were for a full-page single insertion £3. or for a whole year £8, half page 35s or £5, and quarter page 20s or £3. Resolved, That if Mr. Ward-Humphreys will be so kind as to write the

article or advertisement and arrange for its insertion, the Council will authorise an expenditure of £8 for a full page advertisement for the whole year in the publication referred to.

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7—Fireworks at Montpellier Gardens—A letter was read from Messrs W. and J. Wilder, of Birmingham, applying for use of the Montpellier Gardens for firework displays, &c., on Easter Monday, Whit Monday, and two days in Cricket Week. Resolved, To inform Messrs. Wilder that the Council have resolved not to permit in future any screen to be erected round the gardens to hide them from the view of the outside public, but that they will favourably consider an application for the use of the Made Hill Annexe at Pittville or any of the recreation grounds for a similar purpose.

8--Montpellier Gardens during Cricket Week—Resolved, That the Montpellier Gardens during Cricket Week be reserved for the disposal of the Entertainment Sub-Committee.

9—Horticultural Show at Montpellier Gardens--A letter was read from Major-General Winson, the Hon. Sec of the Horticultural Society, applying for the use of the Montpellier Gardens on Saturday, the 2nd of June, and Whit Monday, the 4th, for their annual spring show and on the Monday an athletic meeting and firework display, and asking the Council to grant the application on as favourable terms as possible, having regard to the financial condition of the Society. Resolved, That the application as regards the use of the gardens on Whit Monday be not acceded to, but that the use of the gardens on the Saturday for a horticultural show only be granted free of charge, subject to the restriction against screening off the view of the gardens from the outside public by canvass or otherwise, and provided that no charge for admittance be made to the subscribers to the gardens.

10-Archery at Montpellier Gardens—A letter was read from Miss Carnegie, Hon. Sec. of the Cheltenham Archery Club, applying for the use of the usual ground for the meetings of the club from the 1st of April to the 31st of October next upon the same terms as hitherto, viz., £11 for the ground and £1 for the man to put up and take down the targets. Resolved, That the application be acceded to.

11--Circulation of Leaflets Describing the Attractions of the Town—A letter was read from the Seaside Central Agency suggesting that the Corporation should become members of the Agency, the terms for which were as follows, viz. :— One year, £35 ; two, £30 per annum; four and upwards, £25 per annum, for which reliable information would be given to enquirers and the Agency would circulate discriminately at the right season of the year such pictorial leaflets and books as might be supplied for that purpose. Resolved, That the suggestion be not entertained.

12—Reason Tickets for Montpellier and Pittville Gardens—Resolved, That with a view of cheapening the rates, the system of issuing family tickets as hitherto be abolished, and that season tickets be issued to individuals at 2s 6d each for each garden, and that the 5s hitherto charged to payers of the Pittville Rent Charges for admittance to the Marle Hill Annexe be in future remitted, and that the Resolution to Minute No. 1 of this Committee's proceedings of date the 9th March, 1894, approved by the Council, be altered accordingly.

13—Botanical Garden at Pittville--Mr. W. L. Mellersh waited upon the Committee to request that certain conveniences for watering the flowers. &c., and otherwise for the more efficient management of the garden might be supplied, the cost of which he estimated would not exceed

£30. Resolved, That Mr. Mellersh do consult Aldermen Haddon and Winterbotham and Councillor Bence, and that they be authorised to expend a sum not exceeding £30 to carry out such of Mr. Mellersh's suggestions as they should deem reasonable and expedient. Further Resolved, That the thanks of the Council be given to Mr. Mellersh for the time and trouble expended by him in establishing and managing the garden.

JAS. B. WINTERBOTHAM,

Chairman.

LIGHTING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Wednesday, the 21st day of February, 1900— Present .
The Mayor, Councillors Baker, Brown, Dix, and Macdonald (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

LOW PRESSURE CABLES.

Date.	Legal Standard.	Test at Manchester Street
1900. Jan. 27th	200 Volts.	208 Volts.
Feb. 15th	“	208 “

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

ILLUMINATING POWER.		PURITY—SULPHUR.	
1900		1900 Grains per 100 cubic ft.	
Jan. 27th..	16.58 candles	Feb. 13-14	11.55
Feb. 15th.	16.20 “		
“ 20th.	<u>16.65 “</u>		
Average..	16.48 “		

3—Gas Inspector's Report—The Gas Inspector reported that the hourly average consumption of Gas per lamp during the previous month had been for ordinary lamps 4.125, for No. 4 Incandescent lamps 4.986, and for No.3. 3.902 cubic feet.

4—Lamp Book—This book was produced and examined. Ordinary lamps extinguished-29 metered, 109 unmetered ; and 7 burning dimly. Incandescent lamps extinguished 46 and 16 burning dimly.

5—Lighting of St. George's Street—A letter was read from the Rev. S. Dalzell, Minister of the Wesleyan Church, St. George's Street, calling attention to the insufficient lighting of the street. The Mayor reported that having regard to special services being held he had regarded the matter as somewhat urgent, and had asked the Manager of the Gas Company to have incandescent burners placed in the lamps in this street. Resolved, That the action of the Mayor be approved.

6—Lighting of St. Margaret's Road from St. George's Street to North Place Resolved, That the lamps along this road, between the points above named, be fitted with Incandescent burners.

7 -Lamp at Priory Lodge—A letter was read from Mrs. Margrett, stating that the electric lamp which had been placed on the corner of her house had been taken away, and requesting that the electric light be replaced or the bracket removed and the gas lamp replaced at the corner of the road as before. Resolved, That the bracket on Mrs. Margrett's house be furnished with an incandescent gas lamp.

8—Action by Mr. Rucker—A letter was read from Messrs, Deacon, Gibson and Medcalf, on behalf of the Transformer Patent Defence Fund Committee, stating that the Action brought by Mr. Rucker against the London Electric Supply Corporation, Limited, had been dismissed with costs,

9—Lighting of St. George's Road--Resolved, That for the present the lamps in this road be fitted with incandescent gas burners.

10—Lighting of St. Stephen's Road—Resolved, To pay a visit to inspect the lighting of this road.

11—Report of the Electrical Engineer The Borough Electrical Engineer reported—

That the heavy snow and rain storms of the 13th, 14th and 15th instants had flooded some of the out-door works and caused temporary cessation of electric supply to some customers ; that all damage had been repaired and supply resumed.

That he recommended that the cables along St. George's Place and Bayshill Road, which were included in a recent schedule approved by the Council, should be laid at once.

That the Coal Contract would expire at the beginning of March, and that he recommended acceptance of the tender of the New Bowson Colliery Co., per Mr. Nott, for the supply of coal for a period of three months at 16s 6d per ton.

That he had had certain correspondence with Mr. Nevins in reference to the Electric Tramway, and that he recommended that the mode of charging Mr. Nevins for energy should be upon the basis of a certain percentage upon such capital outlay as might be exclusively due to the Tramway undertaking, plus a charge per unit for energy upon a sliding scale.

That the cost of changing over the pressure of supply would be £2,100 and that he recommended immediate application to the Local Government Board for sanction to borrow the same.

Resolved, That the recommendations of the Electrical Engineer above-mentioned be approved and adopted ; that application be made to the Local Government Board to sanction the loan of £2,100 above referred to; and that the Promoters of the Electric Tramway to Cleve Hill be invited to meet the Committee at an early date to discuss the details as to the price of supply, &c.

12--Breakage of Window at Messrs. Shirer & Haddon's—Resolved, That the claim of the National Provincial Plate Glass Insurance Co., Ltd., be paid.

13— Claim by Cavendish House Co. for Failure of Electric Lighting--A letter was read from the Managing Directors of Cavendish House, claiming £5 for damages owing to failure of the electric

light at their Establishment, which the Electrical Engineer reported W. occasioned by flooding of the Sub-stations and injury to the mains owing to the extraordinary wet weather, especially on the day on which the failure occurred, and was quite unavoidable. Resolved, That while regretting that so much inconvenience was caused by the breakdown, which could not possibly have been foreseen or prevented, the Council cannot admit any liability in the matter.

14 —Extension of Manchester Street Sub-Station—The following Tenders were received for carrying out this work, viz. :—

Messrs. A. C. & S. Billings	£313 0 0
Messrs. Malvern & Sons	£296 0 0
Mr. Allen Wilson	£296 0 0
Messrs. Channon & Son	£295 0 0
Messrs. Collins & Godfrey	£258 10 0

Resolved, That the tender of Messrs. Collins & Godfrey be accepted.

GEO. NORMAN,

Chairman.

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WATER COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Thursday, the 22nd day of February, 1900—Present : The Mayor, Councillors Baker, Bence, Bennett, Davis, Lenthall, Rickerby, and Waghorne (Councillor Waghorne is the chair)—

1 —Report of the Water Engineer—The Water Engineer reported that on the 21st inst. the supply from Hewletts and Northfield springs was 368 gallons, the average for the last four years being 303 gallons per minute, and the quantity of water at Hewletts and Leckhampton was 15,771,879 gallons.

On the 21st instant the depth of water in the Dowdeswell Reservoir was 32ft. and the contents 100,023,701 gallons, which gave a total of 115,795,580 gallons, or about 121 days' supply, exclusive of the daily yield of the springs, which was then about 2,949,408 gallons.

That a claim had been made by Mr. W. H. Parker for damages against the Corporation for a burst service pipe, the allegation being that the Inspector of the Corporation failed to properly turn off the stop tap, in consequence of which the water in the pipe froze and burst it. The Inspector reported that he had properly turned off the tap, and suggested that the burst was occasioned by Mr. Parker's neglect to draw off the water between the stop cock and the cistern. Resolved, That the Council do not admit any liability for the claim.

2--Water Supply to No. 17 ½ Burton Street—A letter was read from Mr. J. W. Gunning, of Somerton Villa, Great Western Road, stating that he had received notice to fix a flushing apparatus at No. 17 ½ Burton Street, but to lay on the water would necessitate opening the road across the tall width, and stating that he understood the Council carry the service pipes to the stop cocks outside the houses and keep them as their property, and he suggested that the Council should accordingly lay the

service pipe in this case also ; but if he had to do the whole of the work he would require time to provide for the cost- Resolved, To inform Mr. Gunning that he is misinformed as to the practice of the Council as to laying service pipes, which is contrary to that stated by him, and that he must do all the work at his own expense, and that as regards allowing him time to do the work, his letter be referred to the Public Health Committee

3—Water Rate on No. 1, Alpha Villas—A letter was read from Mr. Shruballs, objecting to pay an increase in the water rate charged upon these premises, Resolved, To inform Mr. Shruballs that the increase is the result of a recent revision with the Valuation Lists for the poor rate (upon which the Water Rate is based) made by the Overseers of the Assessments upon which the water rate is charged, and the balance due from him must be paid.

4 —Tewkesbury Water Works—The Water Engineer laid before the Committee plans of the proposed alterations and additions at the Tewkesbury Pumping Station for new filters, extension of the engine house, and construction of coal wharf and tramway from the river to the engine house. A Tender was received from Messrs. Collins & Godfrey for carrying out these works at a cost of £2,496. Resolved, That the plans of the filters and extension of the engine house be approved. That the tender of Messrs. Collins & Godfrey for these works only, at £2,096, be accepted. That the amount required be provided out of the surplus standing to the credit of the Water Undertaking; and That the plan of the Coal Wharf and Tramway be not at present approved.

5—Pumping Engine—Resolved, That application be made to the Local Government Board to sanction a loan for the £2,117 required to provide for the cost of the additional engine, which, by the Resolution to Minute No. 8 of the proceedings of this Committee, at their meeting of date the 30th of November last, it was decided to purchase.

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

H. WAGHORNE,
Chairman.

ART GALLERY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 19th day of February, 1900—Present The Mayor: Aldermen Haddon and Winterbotham Councillor Hayward, and The Baron de Ferrieres (Alderman Winterbotham in the chair)—

1—Loan from South Kensington Museum—Mr. W. W. Watts, an Inspector from the Victoria and Albert Museum, South Kensington, made an inspection of the Art Gallery, and the nature of the Loan to be made from the Victoria and Albert Museum was discussed with the Inspector.

JAS. B. WINTERBOTHAM,
Chairman.

GENERAL PURPOSES AND WATCH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 20th day of February, 1900—Present : The Mayor ; Alderman Winterbotham ; Councillors Baker, Bence, Davis, Dix, Hayward, Lenthall, Moles, Preston, and Waghorne (The Mayor in the chair)—

1-Telephone Sub-Committee—This Sub-Committee reported that at a meeting held this date, there were present the Mayor, Councillors Bence, Dix and Hayward. A letter was read from the Secretary of the Municipal Corporations Association giving notice that a meeting of the Corporations interested in the question of establishing Municipal Telephone Exchanges would be held on the 27th inst. at the Westminster Palace Hotel, at 2 p.m., and that the attendance at the meeting of representatives from this Corporation was requested. Resolved, To instruct the Town Clerk to write in reply that the Council very much regret they are unable to be represented at the meeting, as there is a meeting of the Council fixed for that day, but they are very much interested in the matter, and hope to receive a full report of the proceedings. Further, that having regard to this notification, action with regard to the matter be adjourned pending the receipt of a report of the proceedings above mentioned. Resolved, That the resolutions of the Sub-Committee above stated be approved and adopted.

2-Drivers. Licences An application was received from Frederick Hall, of Charlton Park Stables, for a hackney carriage driver's licence. Resolved, That the same be acceded to. The Street Inspector reported that the undermentioned drivers had been more than once convicted within a period of so months of offences against the bye-laws, viz.—Josiah Jones, jun., George Clifford, and Albert Bullingham,

3-Hackney Carriage Licences—Letters Were read from W. P. Jones, of Clarence Mews, and Frederick Hall, of Charlton Park, applying for the transfer of the licence for landau No. 1 from the former as vendor to the latter as purchaser. Resolved, that the application be acceded to. Letters were read from Thom. Maisey, of No. 2, Union Street, Great Norwood Street, and Mrs. Elizabeth Martin, of the Midland Temperance Hotel, applying for the transfer of license No. 103 for a pony carriage from the former as vendor to the latter as purchaser of the pony and trap. Resolved, That subject to approval of the pony and trap by the Mayor, the application be acceded to. A letter was read from J. Smith, of No. 235, High Street, applying for permission to work his brougham in place of his full licensed open carriage No. 91 for five or six weeks while it is being repaired.

4 —Cabmen's Shelters—Letters were read from Miss Ashby stating that she wished to have the shelter at Pittville handed over to her intact, including the gas stove which was in it, as she had permission to place a shelter inside the railings at the Midland Station, and proposed to move the shelter from Imperial Square to that position, and place the shelter from Pittville in Imperial Square: Resolved, To leave it to the Borough Surveyor to settle the matter in such manner as he may be able to arrange, having regard to the wishes of the Committee.

5— Bye Laws as to Roundabouts, &c.— A letter from the dome Office was read stating that the bye-laws appeared to the Secretary of State to be open to considerable objection in many respects, and would require amendment before they could be allotted to come into force, and setting forth in detail the observations which the Secretary of State had to make and the amendments he suggested. Resolved, That copies of the bye-laws be sent to each member of the Committee with the

suggested alterations and amendments shown thereon in red ink, and that a special meeting of the Committee be held on the following Monday at mid-day to consider them

6—Municipal Offices Sub-Committee— This Sub-Committee reported that at a meeting held on the 16th inst., there were present the Mayor, Councillors Baker, Bence, Davis, and Harvard, and it was resolved that the Mayor be appointed Chairman of this Committee. The Mayor having reported that the offices then occupied by Messrs, Brydges, Mellersh, and Brydges on the ground floor of the present municipal buildings would be vacant in about a month's time, and had been offered for the use of the Corporation for too long as the Corporation should continue to occupy the present municipal buildings at the same rental as paid by the firm mentioned, viz. £70 per annum, it was Resolved that having regard to the pressing necessity for more space in all the Departments, the offer be accepted subject to the additional rooms being put into a tenantable state of repair; and as regards the Council Chamber, it was Resolved to instruct the Borough Surveyor to have this room properly ventilated by means of a fan or fans, and to consider and report as to alteration of the seating arrangements by means of small desks or tables instead of the existing long table. Resolved, That the resolutions of the Sub-Committee be approved and adopted.

7—Cab Stands Sub-Committee—Resolved, That the following members be appointed to constitute this Committee, viz. :— Councillors Baker, Bence, Dix, Lenthall, and Moles, and that they be requested to have a meeting early next month.

8--Tablets for Inscribing Names of Volunteers, &c., at the Art Gallery—Resolved, To instruct the Borough Surveyor to bring up a plan and estimate of the cost of tilling in the panels of the wall of the Art Gallery abutting upon Clarence Street with polished granite for inscribing thereon the names of the Volunteers proceeding to the front in South Africa, and of others whom the Council may decide to honour in such manner.

GEO. NORMAN,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 26th day of February, 1900.---Present The Mayor; Councillors Baker, Better, Davis, Dix, Hayward, Lenthall, Moles, and Preston (The Mayor in the chair),—

9—Byelaws under Sec. 23 of the Municipal Corporations Act, 1882 — A Letter was read from the Secretary of State with which he returned the Byelaws made by the Council stating that he was unable to approve them in their present form and making certain observations and suggestions, and amongst others that the words " to the annoyance or obstruction of any person" must be added to the Byelaws No 3 (e) and No. 3 (f), the words "to the annoyance of residents or passengers " to No. 3 (g) and the words " so as to cause annoyance or interruption of the public" to No. 3 (i) and with regard to byelaw No.4 (c) that the words "so as to cause obstruction or danger to the traffic" roast be added. The draft of a letter from the Town Clerk in reply having been settled, Resolved. That further consideration of the matter be adjourned pending a reply thereto.

GEO. NORMAN, Chairman.

BATHS AND RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, the 19th day of February, 1900—Present: The Mayor ; Alderman Drew Councillors Baker, Bennett, Brown, Hayward, and Lenthall (Councillor Lenthall in the chair)—

1—Alstone Baths—The Borough Surveyor reported that since the 22nd of January the receipts had amounted to £1 17s. 10d., and that the sand ordered for the open swimming bath had been delivered.

2 — Montpellier Baths—The Borough Surveyor reported that the Contractor was making very good progress and it was probable that the scaffolding would be removed from the Swimming Bath about the end of the following week.

3 --Caretaker's House at Naunton Park Recreation Ground—The Borough Surveyor laid before the Committee Plan of the Caretaker's House at the Naunton Park Recreation Ground, the cost of which he estimated at £525. A letter was read from the Local Government Board enquiring whether the Council propose to apply for sanction to borrow money for erection of the house. Resolved, To instruct the Town Clerk to reply that the Council do not for the present propose to proceed with its erection.

4—Lodge, &c., at the East Ward Recreation Ground— The Borough Surveyor laid before the Committee a plan of the proposed Lodge, Public Shelter, Conveniences and Store at the East Ward Recreation Ground, the cost of which he estimated at £685 10s. Also an estimate of the cost of the fencing, gates, and laying the turf amounting to £385 15s, Resolved, That the plan and estimates be approved and that application be made to the Local Government Board to sanction loans for the amounts and for the purposes above mentioned.

5—Fencing of Extension of Agg-Gardner Recreation Ground—The Borough Surveyor laid before the Committee an estimate of the cost of fencing the new addition to the Agg-Gardner Recreation Ground amounting to £202 1s. 6d. Resolved, That application be made to the Local Government Board to sanction a loan for this amount.

6—Enfranchisement of Montpellier Baths--A letter was read from the Stewards of the Manor of Cheltenham stating that they understood that the consideration for this enfranchisement was practically settled at £50 with two members of the Committee, and notwithstanding that large sums had since been spent on the building, they would advise the Lord to accept £50. Resolved, That it be left to the Town Clerk to arrange for the enfranchisement in such manner and for such an amount not exceeding £50 as in his discretion he may deem expedient and reasonable.

7—Caretaker at Montpellier Baths—An application for this appointment was received from Thos, Bruce Nicholas, of 2, Rosebank, Moorend Road. Resolved, That the Committee are not yet prepared to consider applications for this appointment.

J. S. LENTHALL,

Chairman.

BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Friday, the 23rd day of February, 1900—Present The Mayor Alderman Haddon, Councillors Baker, Brown, Cypher, Davis, and Rickerby (Alderman Haddon in the chair).—

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

2-Afternoon Funerals—Resolved, To apply to the Bishop to sanction an alteration of the Rules to enable the Resolution of this Committee to Minute No. 2 of their proceedings of date the 22nd of December last to be put into force.

3—Designs—Resolved, That the following designs be approved, viz:—Headstones to Mary Jane Lewis, Frances Tanner, Thomas M. Broster, Elizabeth Dredge and Frederica Laura Colquhoun ; and Monument to Annie Eliza Staley.

4—Accounts—Resolved, That a cheque be drawn and signed in payment of stages as follows, viz G. C. Pratley £14 1 6

JOHN HADDON,

Chairman.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, the 20th day of February, 1900 Present The Mayor; Alderman Drew, Councillors Cooper, Gurney, Hayward and Macdonald (Councillor Gurney, in the chair)—

1--Report of the Borough Accountant re Loans The Borough Accountant reported that he had arranged, subject to the approval of the Council, to borrow the following loans for repayment of debentures held by Lloyds Bank, viz.:—

Electric Lighting £3,355 Loan.—£10,000 loan Messrs. Richard William Vick and others, of West Hartlepool, at 3 ¼ per cent. per annum for 6 months at a commission of £7 10s.

Pittville Park £2,454, Abattoir £2,500, Street Improvement £2,000, and Promenade Improvement £2,740 Loans —£3,000 from Colonel Philip Smith and another at 3 ¼ per cent. for 7 years, subject to 6 months' notice to terminate at the end of any year, and ¼ per cent. commission.

£3,000 from Mr. Charles Moorey, of Cheltenham, at 3 ¼ per cent. for 12 months and after at 6 months' notice.

The above sums to be allocated as follows, viz Abattoir £2,500, Street Improvements £2,000, and Promenade Improvement £1,500

Resolved, That the arrangements made as above be approved, and that the seal of the Council be affixed to the debentures to be issued as securities for the amounts.

2- Reciprocal Investment of Sinking Funds—The Borough Accountant reported that a correspondence had taken place between himself and the Borough Accountant of Swansea as to the continuance of the loans of the two Corporations, viz. Cheltenham to Swansea £6,000 at 3 ¼ per cent., Swansea to Cheltenham £10,650 at 3 ¼ per cent., it being suggested that the loans be continued, subject to 6 months' notice by either side to terminate the arrangement. Resolved, That the suggestion be agreed to.

3--Interest on Bank loans—A letter was read from the manager of Lloyds Bank, Limited, Cheltenham, stating that the interest on the advances by the Bank would now be at the rate of 4 per cent,

4-- Sinking and Loans Funds—The Borough Accountant reported that there was then standing to the credit of the Sinking and Loans Funds awaiting investment the sum of £3,300, and suggested that if it could be satisfactorily arranged the same should be invested reciprocally with another borough which would invest with the Cheltenham Corporation alike amount. Resolved, That this suggestion be approved.

5—Sewerage Loan— A letter was read from the Solicitor to the Public Works Loan Board, with which he sent engrossments of the deed of security for the loan of £11,747 and order for certificate for the first advance of £1,500 Resolved, That the seal of the Council be affixed thereto.

6-Rates of Interest of Public Works Loan Board—A letter was read from the Public Works Loan Board stating that the rates of interest on loans by the Board after the 18th ulto. would be for 30 years 3 ¼ per cent., 40 years 3½ per cent., and 50 years 3 ¾ per cent. per annum.

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7--North Place Private Improvement Works— The letter from Dr. Mason, which was laid before this Committee in June last, asking to be allowed to pay all by degrees the amount due from him, viz, £42 10s. 9d., for the cost of these works apportioned in respect of the frontage of Livorno Lodge, was again considered. Resolved, That he be allowed a period of six months from the date of this meeting within which to pay the amount due, subject to his agreeing to pay interest on the amount due from time to time at the rate of £5 per cent. per annum from the date the amount was due.

8—Loan from Mr. J. Page—Notice dated the 5th ulto. was received from Mr. James Page to repay to him at the expiration of six months the £3,000 lent by him to the Corporation.

9--General District Rate—The Report of the Borough Accountant of date the 28th instant, on the collection of the second instalment of this rate was read. Amount collected £15,177 0s. 10d., leaving outstanding £2,157 10s. 6d.

10—Water Rate. The Report of the Borough Accountant of date the 28th instant on the collection of this rate was read. Amount received £8,631 18s. 2d., leaving outstanding £2,270 10s. 6d.

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 £17,523 5s. 4d. (including Loans £9,694) ordered to be paid by the Borough Treasurer.

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

The following was the General Statement :—

Overdrawn on the 30th January last		£975 11 1
Paid since that date—		
Bills and General Expenses	£8732 19 5	
Loans Repayment to Bank	<u>£25374 0 0</u>	
		£34106 19 5
		£35082 10 6
Received since that date—		
Rates and General Receipts	£12749 12 8	
Loans to replace Loans paid all	<u>£25374 0 0</u>	
		£38123 12 8
Balance in hand		£3041 2 2

W. GERALD GURNEY,

Chairman.

TECHNICAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, the 28th day of February, 1900—Present Alderman Skillicorne Councillors Bennett, Davis, Davies, Hayward and Preston (Councillor Davis in the chair)—

1—Technical Grant--The Chairman reported that an interview had been held by Councillor Hayward and himself with Sir John Dorington and a Committee of the County Council of which he was Chairman in support of the contention of this Committee that until the Grammar School Scheme was in full working order the grant should be paid to the Town Council as hitherto, and that the Chairman of the County Council had replied that the grant had been divided as hitherto by the Town Council, and had been or would be paid by the County Council direct with the exception of the £100 to the Public Library, which payment the County Council had not made as they were advised it would be illegal, and it having been suggested that the County Council might be relieved in that respect by making the payment to the Town Council without specifying the object, the discussion was terminated by the Chairman of the County Council stating that the Committee could not depart from the resolution that had been passed by the County Council, under which the distribution of the Grant was being made direct by the County Council and not through the Town Council as hitherto, and unless the representatives of the Borough on the County Council could get that resolution reversed it must be adhered to, and suggesting that if the Town Council desired to have their request complied with, the proper way to proceed would be by means of the Borough representatives on the County Council. Resolved, That the representatives of the Borough on the County Council be urgently requested to use their utmost endeavours to obtain payment to the Town Council of the balance of the Grant remaining undisposed of for distribution by the County Council.

M. DAVIS,

Chairman.

PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 20th day of February, 1900—Present Alderman Skillicorne ; Councillors Bennett, Rickerby, Hayward, Preston and Moles; The Baron de Ferrieres, The Rev. J. Evans; Messrs. J. G. Carr, M. Cresswell, and G. H. Palmer, (Councillor Hayward in the chair)—

1- Librarian's Report—The Librarian's Monthly Report was read. Receipts £6 4s. 3d. He also reported that the Baron de Ferrieres had presented the Library with 2 Vols. of the " Illustrated London News," (1898).

2-New Book Shelves for Lending Library—Mr. Chatters attended this meeting of the Committee and laid before them the plans he had prepared for the new Bookshelves and Gallery, and the same having been explained and considered, Resolved, That the plans be approved and that the Town Clerk do advertise for tenders for the execution of the work in the Examiner and Echo, tenders to be sent in by 12 noon the 17th prox.

3—Sub-Committee's Report---The Sub-Committee recommended that the list of books submitted by the Librarian be purchased for about 46. They also reported that they had considered the 34 applications sent in for the post of Chief Assistant, and reduced the number to four, viz., F. C. Cooper (Leyton), C. W. Hedden (Cardiff), D. McDougall (West Ham), R. May (St. George's, Hanover Square), and had interviewed these four candidates, and they unanimously recommended the appointment of Mr. F. C. Cooper, of the Leyton Public Libraries, at a commencing salary of £70 per annum, with yearly increase of £5 until the amount of £100 is reached, the increase to be subject to satisfaction being given to the Librarian and the Committee. Resolved, That the recommendations of the Sub-Committee be approved and adopted.

4-- Accounts—The following Accounts were examined and passed for payment, viz.

W. Jones, Wages for March	£18 15 6
Petty Cash ..	£ 5 0 0
Library Association, Subscription for 1900	£ 1 1 0
C. Chivers, Books (Replacements) ..	£ 1 18 6
Electric Lighting	£12 0 0
S. H. Harris, Coals (Leckhampton £1 4s) . .	£ 8 10 0
Gas-Light and Coke Company, Coke (Library, School of Art, School of Science) ..	£ 7 11 8

C. HAYWARD,

Chairman.

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, the 28th day of February, 1900 Present Aldermen Haddon and Skillicorne Councillors Bennett, Cypher, Moles, and Preston (Councillor Preston 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 762 names of absentee children had been extracted, all of whom had been visited. They also reported that the parents of 65 children had been summoned to attend before the Local Committees, who had held 8 meetings ; that parents had been prosecuted, and that Attendance Orders were made in each case with 5s costs.
- 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. ;—Walter Newman, Katherine Tucker, Joseph Cook, W. T. Wildsmith and Charles Dix and That proceedings under Sec. 12 of the Act of 1876, be taken against the parent of May Excell on the first breach of the Attendance Order made against her.
- 3- No, 34, Sherborne Street—Resolved, That the attention of the Medical Officer of Health be called to the insanitary and overcrowded condition of this and the neighbouring houses.

WILLIAM PRESTON,

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 2nd day of April, 1900.

STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 12th day of March, 1900--Present: The Mayor: Alderman Haddon: Councillors Baker, Bence, Brown, Cypher, Dix and Lenthall (Councillor Baker in the chair)—

1-Liverpool Place Private Improvement Works—A letter was read from Mr. Arthur Hill, of No. 98, High Street, objecting to the apportionment of the cost of carrying out the private improvement work, in Liverpool Place as regards the sum of £8 16s. 4d. charged upon him in respect of the frontage of his premises, on the ground that Messrs., Miller's premises are co-extensive with the whole of one side of the road and nearly one-fourth of the other side, and they make much more use of the road than any of the other abutting owners. Resolved, That the Council see no adequate reason for making any alteration in the apportionment as approved.

2 --Hatherley Road Footpath—A letter was read from Mrs. A. S. Thorp. of Godfrey House, asking for remission of the cost of carrying out the private improvement works in the Hatherley Road apportioned in respect of the frontage of Godfrey House, amounting to £37 5s. 11d. on the ground

that the Hatherley Road is a Main Road repairable by the County Council and the County Council having made to grant to the Town Council for the repairs of all the Main Roads in the Borough ; therefore the costs in question should be paid out of that fund. Resolved, To inform Mrs. Thorp that she is misinformed as to the Hatherley Road being a Main Road and that the Council are unable to accede to her request.

3—Chester Walk Private Improvement Works—A Letter was read from Messrs. Bubb & Co., Solicitors for Mrs. Brickwell, the owner of Chester Cottage, objecting to the specification that the sides of the road shot/be bid [?] with blue and the centre with McDougall's bricks, having regard to the very small amount of traffic, and that their client, acting on their advice, would repair her one half of the road with the ordinary materials used by the Borough Surveyor in repairing other roads in the town, and if the Corporation does carry out the repairs according to the specification their client would defend any proceedings taken against her to recover the outlay incurred beyond a reasonable amount for repairing the road in the usual way. Resolved, That the specification as approved must be adhered to.

4-Refuges In Crossings at Montpellier Resolved. That the Committee begs to respectfully inform the Council that they still adhere to their previous resolution that they do not consider the provision of refuges for foot passengers at any of these crossings is necessary.

5—White Hart Street--Resolved, To instruct the Town Clerk to write to the Great Western Railway Co. to enquire when they intend to commence their new line as the street is in such bad condition that it toast shortly be repaired. 6 Building Plans—The Borough Surveyor laid before the Committee the following Plans which he had received of intended new buildings, viz.:—

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No. of Plan.	Name.	Description.
1274	M. H. Adcock	Two semi-detached Villas in Hayward's Road.
1275	Trustees of St. Paul's Training College	New Lecture Rooms.
1276	H. Williams	Two cottages at St. Mark's.

Resolved, That the plans above mentioned be approved as shown,

WILLIAM A. BAKER,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Saturday, the 21th day of March, 1900—Present: The Mayor; Alderman Haddon; Councillors Baker, Boyce, Brown, Davis, and Dix (Councillor Baker in the chair).

7—Street Projections—Letters were read from Messrs. H. Baker & Son, applying for permission to put up a 3-light electric pendant on the front of their premises adjoining No. 83, High Street, similar to those already placed on their present shop and subject to the approval of the Corporation.

From Messrs. W. H. Treleaven & Co. applying for permission to put up a small sign plate at the top of their window at No. 27, Clarence Street, size 18 ½ x 12 ½ .

From the District Manager of the London Central Meat Co., Ltd., applying for permission to remove an existing gas rail at No. 3, Westall Buildings, Bath Road, and substitute therefor one double incandescent burner; and

From Mr. C. Turner applying for permission to allots the Brush to remain that he had put up at the corner of his house, No 1, Brunswick Street North

Resolved, That subject to compliance with the regulations as to height, projection, and hours of bushing so far as the same may be applicable in each case, the applications be acceded to.

8--Report of the Borough Surveyor to Highways—The Borough Surveyor reported that the work done by the Highways Department for the month ending March 16th, 1900, had been as follows :—

Repaired with Clee Hill Stone—New Street, and the Park proceeding.

Repaired with Wickwar Stone—Crescent Terrace 1070 super yards, New Street proceeding, Swindon Road proceeding, Kin, Street 1167 super yards, Christ Church Road 470 super yards.

Patched with Clee Hill Stone—High Street, St. George's Road, Trafalgar Street, Rodney Road, Reddings, Evesham Road, Tewkesbury Road, County Court Road, Montpellier Parade, Marle Hill Road. Clarence Street, St. George's Place, Winchcomb Street, Fauconberg Road, Hewlett Street, London Road, St. Paul's Street South, Hales Road, Naunton Lane, Grosvenor Street, Gloucester Road, Promenade, St. Stephen's Road, Bayshill Road, Montpellier Street, Oriel Road, Painswick Road, Suffolk Road, Queen's Road, Lansdown Parade, Sandfield Road.

Patched with Radnor Stone—Marle Hill Parade, North Place, The Park and St. George's Road.

Patched with Wickwar Stone—Sandfield Road, St. Ann's Terrace, Rosehill Street, back Queen's Parade, Duke Street, College Road, Old Bath Road, back Little Norwood Street, Lower Park Street, Courtenay Street, Albert Road, Pittville Lawn, York Street, Royal Well Place, Wellington Road, Naunton Crescent, Berkeley Street. Clarence Square, Spa Road and St. George's Road

Repairs to Paving, Kerb, Crossing, and Channelling—St. George's Street, High Street, Windsor Street, Park Street, Promenade, Crescent Place, Duke Street, Paragon Parade, Queen's Parade, Winchcomb Street, All Saints' Road, Prestbury Road, Tivoli Street, Swindon Road, College Road, Hewlett Street, Rutland Street, Bath Street, Clarence Square, Bath Road, St. Stephen's Road, Burton Street, The Park, Albion Street, Que.'s Street.

The footpath in Fauconberg Road was being repaired with Wickwar gravel.

The footpath between York Terrace and Bayshill Terrace leading down to the Chelt had been laid with plugged bricks.

The crossing in the Park at the end of St. Stephen's Road had been relaid with plugged bricks.

A new surface water drain was being put down in Naunton Lane. The improvement in Old Bath Road was proceeding.

Trees Pruned—Ambrose Street, Promenade, Oriel Road, North Street and Rodney Road.

Private Improvements—Hewlett Road finished and Clare Parade proceeding.

9-Paragon Buildings Road Private Improvement Works—A letter was read from Mrs. E. K. Broster, of No. 5, Paragon Buildings, declining to pay the amount due from her in respect of the cost of these works which the Council had repaired the damage done to her property.

A letter was also read from Mrs. Harvey, of Dan-y-Rallt, Paragon Buildings, stating that the work had not been properly completed, and specifying certain defects, and that she and her husband were waiting for thorough repair of the road and the damage which had been done. She also complained of the removal of an entirely new stone step belonging to them, and they considered the work most unsatisfactory. Resolved, To leave the matter in the hands of the Borough Surveyor to deal with.

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10—Knapp Road Private Improvement Works—A letter was read from Mr. A. R. H. Jessop, of No. 26, Lansdown Crescent, trustee of Somerset House, in the Knapp Road, asking for an abatement of the sum of £27 18s. 6d., due from him in respect of the cost of executing these works, as when notice to repair was served in September, 1898, no application was made to the owners for their sanction to the opening of the road, and he was surprised to find later on that the road had been opened to the public. Resolved, To inform Mr. Jessop that the road has not yet been declared a highway, and that the amount due from him must be paid in full.

A letter was also read from Mr. F. Willett, on behalf of his father, Henry Willett, his mother, Ellen Mary Willett, and himself, disputing the amount apportioned to be paid by them for work done in Knapp Road adjoining their property, on the ground that they had already done the work of edging, channelling, and crossing at a cost of £25 ; that they objected to being charged for the making of the road through the piece of garden ground purchased by the Council from the Great Western Railway Company; that they had never wished the road to be made, nor did they wish the road which led to their house, which they regarded as a private road for the use of the householders only, to be thrown open to all the heavy traffic of the lower part of the town ; and he trusted the matter would be arranged favourably to them, in which case his mother would be willing to accept £50 for the piece of ground required by the Council at the end of her property, and would undertake not to let it for any bill-posting purposes. Resolved, Having regard to Minute No.6 of the proceedings of this Committee of the 13th of November last and the resolution thereto, and having regard to the work of edging, paving, and channelling having been previously done, as above mentioned, to remit the charge made for the private improvement works provided that Mrs. Willett agrees to convey to the Council the piece of land referred to for the sum of £50. and to enter into a covenant to bind herself and all future owners of the remainder of her property not to allow thereafter any bill-posting thereon, and otherwise to observe the terms of the resolution above mentioned, viz., to pull down and set back the wall, the Corporation to renew and reset the kerbing and channelling and reinstate the footpath, in which case Mrs. Willett's offer be accepted.

11—Elm Street—Resolved, To instruct the Borough Surveyor to repair, as required, the edging, &c., in this street.

12—Road West of No. 1, Otago Terrace—Resolved, To instruct the Town Clerk to require the removal of the building materials and rubbish now deposited in this street, and to instruct the Borough Surveyor to bring up a plan and specification of the works required to be done by the abutting owners to put the street into repair.

13—Brandon Terrace—Resolved, To instruct the Borough Surveyor to carry out the necessary repairs required in this street in due course.

14—Railing in Front of No. 23, North Place—A letter from Mr. S. James was read, requesting the Council to reconsider their decision not to allow him to put up this railing. Resolved, That the resolution of the Council be adhered to.

15—Roadway In Colonnade --Resolved, That the roadway in the Colonnade be laid with jarrah wood blocks from High Street to a line from the corner of the paving by Messrs. Martin and Co.'s premises to the opposite side of the Colonnade; that tenders for the same be advertised for; that the work be proceeded with as soon as a tender shall have been accepted and that an application be made to the Local Government Board to sanction a loan for the amount of the tender.

16—Road behind Ormond Place A letter was read from Mr. H. W. Grimes, solicitor for Mrs. Emily Catherine Holloway, enquiring if this road would be declared a highway. Resolved, To inform Mr. Grimes that as soon as the cost of executing the private improvement works has been paid by all the abutting owners the road will be declared a highway.

17—Leighton Road—The Town Clerk submitted the draft of the conveyance from Mr. Baylis of the sewer under the road for approval as regards some alterations and amendments therein made by Mr. Baylis. Resolved, That the same be approved as altered.

18—Purchase of Horses- Resolved, That the Chairman, Alderman Haddon, and Councillor Davis be authorised to purchase four more horses.

19—Building Plan—The Borough Surveyor submitted for examination the following plan which he had received of an intended new building, viz :—

No. of Plan.	Name	Description.
1278.	G. Davis.	Three Cottages in Upper Bath Street.

WILLIAM A. BAKER,
Chairman.

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 12th day of March, 1900—Present: The Mayor ; Councillors Bence, Davies, 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 24 cases of Scarlet Fever, 4 of Enteric Fever, 2 of Erysipelas, and 7 of Diphtheria; that 20 cases of Scarlet Fever, 2 of Enteric Fever, and 4 of Diphtheria had been sent into the Delancey and other hospitals ; and that the number of cases then in the Delancey Hospital sent in by the Corporation was 19, of Scarlet Fever, 2 of Enteric Fever, and 2 of Diphtheria. He called attention to the evidence he had obtained that 15 cases of Scarlet Fever, occurring since the previous meeting of the Committee, had been caused through a milk supply, and he reiterated his frequent warnings to the public to sterilize all milk before consumption, this advice being particularly applicable to all families, schools, or other establishments which include children and young persons.

2- Nuisance from Drains, &c., at No. 5, North Place, Nos. 14, 15, 16, & 17, Russell Place, The Carpenter's Arms, and No. 6, Baker Street—The Inspector of Nuisances having made written application under Section 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.

The Inspector of Nuisances reported that the drainage at Nos. 5, 6, and 7, Suffolk Parade was found to require urgent attention, and the Town Clerk having been consulted, action was taken under Sec. 4.1 to open and examine the drains, Resolved, That this action be approved and confirmed.

3—Water Closets without Flushing Apparatus—The Medical Officer of Health handed in a list of houses having water closets without Flushing Apparatus. Resolved, That Notices under Sec. 28 of the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1889, be given to the Owners requiring them to provide the necessary flushing apparatus, and to the Occupiers to lay on a proper supply of water thereto, and that in default of compliance with such Notices proceedings be taken for the penalties.

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

5—Cleansing and Limewashing at No 53, Worcester Street, Nos. 3, 3a, 4, 5, & 6, Orchard Place, and Hall's Cottage, Sherborne Street—The Medical Officer of Health having certified under Sec. 46 of the Public Health Act, that the above-named dwelling houses were in such a filthy and unwholesome condition that the health of the inmates was affected or endangered thereby., Resolved, That Notice be given to the owners under the said Section, requiring the houses to be cleansed and limewashed.

6- Houses Let in Lodgings, viz,, No. 19, Room behind No. 20, and Nos. 22, 78, 79, 80, & 81, Stanhope Street—The Medical Officer of Health reported that these houses were let in furnished apartments, and he recommended that they should be registered under the lodging House Bye-Laws. Resolved, That notices under Bye-Law No. 7 of the said Bye-Laws be served upon the Landlords of the said houses to supply the information necessary for registration and statement of the particulars specified by the said Bye-Law.

7— Insanitary Property at No. 6, Orchard Place, Butt's Court, Sherborne Street, No. 31, New Street, and Nos. 20 & 21, Stanhope 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, 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.

8—Insanitary Urinals at the Hop Pole Inn, Gloucester Road, and the Bayshill Inn—The Medical Officer of Health reported that these urinals were in such an insanitary condition as to constitute a nuisance, Resolved, That notice under Sec. 94 of the Public Health Act, 1875, be served on the owners requiring chest to abate the nuisances, and for that purpose to lay on a sufficient supply of water for flushing, and carry out such works of reconstruction and amendment as may be specified.

9- Additional Inspector of Nuisances- -The Medical Officer of Health laid before the Committee a report with reference to the work of the Inspector of Nuisances, with which he said the present staff was unable to cope satisfactorily, and he recommended that an additional inspector should be appointed. Resolved, That consideration of the matter be adjourned until the next meeting of the Committee, and that meanwhile a copy of the report be sent to each member of the Committee.

10- Slaughter-House at back of 278 High Street—The Town Clerk reported that Mr. O. J. Williams, the Arbitrator appointed to settle the amount of the compensation to be paid to the owner of this slaughter-house for its compulsory closing, had fixed the amount at RDA and awarded that each party should pay their own costs. Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to withdraw forthwith all offers made by the Corporation in other cases which had not been accepted. Also Resolved, that the thanks of the Council be given to Mr. James, Mr. Waghorne, Mr. Dutton, and Mr. Willis for the assistance given by them to the Corporation at the enquiry.

11—Flooding from Sewer at No. 4, Battledown Cottages, Hewlett Road—A letter from Mr. B. Leighton was read, complaining of flooding of his premises during the recent heavy rain by backwash from the sewer, greatly to the detriment of health and property. Resolved, To inform Mr. Leighton that the Borough Surveyor has been instructed to have a back valve fixed in the sewer, and that the Committee very much regret the inconvenience which has been caused.

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12- Wall of No. 66, Worcester Street—A letter from Mr Bradbury was read, stating that the props which the Council had had placed against his wall to support it had apparently sunk, with the result that the wall was falling out, and that if the house collapsed in consequence, he would hold the Corporation liable for removing the previous support without furnishing an adequate substitute. Resolved, To instruct the Borough Surveyor to take such action as the Town Clerk may advise, having regard to the legal obligation (if any) of the Council.

13—Laying on Water Supply to Flushing Box—A letter was read from Mr J. W. Gunning, of Somerton Villa, Great Western Road, with reference to a notice served upon him to fix a flushing apparatus at his house, No. 17 ½, Burton Street. He stated that to lay on the water would necessitate opening the road across the full width, and he understood the Council would carry the pipe to the stop tap, but if

he had to do the whole of the work he must ask for time, so as to get the money to pay for it, as his tenants were in arrear over £9. Resolved, To inform Mr Gunning that he must do the whole of the work at once.

14— Dangerous Wall at the back of No. 20, Lansdown Terrace—A letter was read from Mrs. Ringer with reference to a notice which the Borough Surveyor had served on Deputy Surgeon-General Ringer, requiring him to forthwith take down or secure the wall which was in a ruinous state and dangerous to passengers, protesting against being put to expense in order to remedy a damage to her property caused by the neglect of the Council to supervise the work done under their orders in relaying the sewer, Resolved, To instruct the Borough Surveyor to see Mrs. Ringer and explain to her that the wall in question is not the one she evidently imagines, but another one which could not be affected by the relaying of the sewer.

15—Tenancy of Haydon Knoll Farm House—Resolved, To make an allowance to Mr. Smith of £1 per week from the time he vacated the house until the expiration of his tenancy.

16--Extension of the Abattoir—The Borough Surveyor laid before the Committee the plan showing a complete extension of Its Abattoir, to provide additional slaughter-houses and pens, with the necessary buildings appurtenant thereto. Resolved, That application be made to the Local Government Board to sanction a Loan of £9,000, the estimated cost of carrying out the whole scheme ; that the work of constructing so much of the extension shown on the plan to the extremity marked on the plan by the Chairman be carried out forthwith, and that tenders for the same be advertised for as soon as the specification can be ready.

17—Building Plans—The Borough Surveyor laid before the Committee the following plans which he had received of intended new buildings necessitating drainage, vi. :—

No. of Plan.	Name.	Description.
1274.	M. H. Adcock.	Two semi-detached villas in Hayward's Road.
1275.	The Trustees of St. Paul's Training College.	New lecture rooms at St. Paul's Training College.
1276.	Henry Williams.	Two cottages at St. Mark's.

Resolved, That so far as regards drainage, the same be approved as shown.

GEORGE BENCE,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 19th day of March, 1900—Present The Mayor Councillors Bence, Davis, Davies, Gurney, Lenthall, Moles and Waghorne (Councillor Bence in the chair)—

18 —Zymotic Obsess—The Medical Officer of Health reported that there had been notified since the last meeting of the Committee 7 cases of Scarlet Fever ; that 6 cases of Scarlet Fever had been sent into the Delancey and other Hospitals; and that the number of cases then in the Delancey Hospital sent in by the Corporation was 20 of Scarlet Fever, 1 of Diphtheria, and 2 of Enteric Fever.

19—Wells at No. 3, Berkeley Avenue and two Cottages in Yard in Berkeley Avenue—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—Cleansing and Limewashing at No. 42, Sun Street, No. 51, Worcester Street, Nos. 49 6. & 58 Stanhope Street. and No. 52, Queen Street —The Medical Officer of Health having certified under Sec. 46 of the Public Health Act that the above-named dwelling houses were in such a filthy and unwholesome condition that the health of the inmates was affected or endangered thereby. Resolved, That Notice be given to the owners under the said Section requiring the houses to be cleansed and limewashed,

21--Nuisance from Drains, &c, at No.78, Winchcomb Street—The Inspector of Nuisances having made written application under Sec. 41 of the Public Health Act, 1875, stating that the drains, &c., on or belonging to the above-named house were in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to health. Resolved, That authority be given to the Inspector of Nuisances to open the ground, examine the drains, and, if necessary, give the notices and act as provided by the said section.

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

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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. 35 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-Dilapidated and Dangerous Buildings, viz., No. 39, Queen Street and adjoining Premises, and Building adjoining Workshop behind the Shop of Mr. Fisher, Tailor, in High Street and approached through yard of Mr. Nathaniel Smith—The Medical Officer of Health reported that these premises were in a dilapidated and dangerous condition, Resolved, To instruct the Borough Surveyor to inspect the premises, and, if necessary, proceed as directed by Sec. 75 of the Towns Improvement Clauses Act, 1847.

25—Urinal In County Court Road—The Medical Officer of Health reported that a nuisance constantly arose near the bakehouse of Messrs. George's, Limited, and Messrs. Dobells' premises in County Court Road for want of a public urinal. Resolved, That the Chairman, with the Borough Surveyor, be requested to have an interview with Messrs. Dobell and Co., with a view to making some arrangement with them for the erection of a public urinal near to or upon their premises.

26—Urinals at the New Inn, Gloucester Road, arid the Carpenter's Arms, Portland Square---The Medical Officer of Health reported that these Urinals were in such an insanitary condition as to be a

nuisance or injurious to health. Resolved, That Notices under Section 94 of the Public Health Act, 1875, be served upon the owners of the premises requiring them to abate the nuisances, and for that purpose to lay on a sufficient supply of water for flushing purposes and execute such other works as shall be specified.

27--Alleged Overcrowding at No. 34 Sherborne Street and Neighbouring Houses—With reference to Minute No. 3 of the proceedings of the School Attendance Committee at their last meeting, which called the attention of the Public Health Committee to the overcrowded and insanitary condition of the houses above mentioned, the Medical Officer of Health reported that inspection had been made, but the houses in question were not found to be overcrowded, but some sanitary defects were noticed and were receiving attention. Resolved, That the School Attendance Committee be informed of the result of the inspection.

28—Want of Water Supply—The Medical Officer of Health reported that at Keynsham Cottage, No. 68, St. George's Place, No. 10, New Street, No.27, Russell Street, and Oakville, Moorend Road, water fittings had been put in pursuant to notices served on the owners, but the water had not been turned on. Resolved, To request the Water Committee to have the water turned on to these houses.

29-- Additional Assistant Inspector of Nuisances--Resolved, That consideration of this matter be further adjourned for three weeks.

30 —Moat at Moat House, Uckington—A further letter was read from Messrs. Winterbothams and Gurney, expressing regret at the conclusion arrived at, as their client could not let the matter rest with a mere denial of liability, and they would be glad to know upon what grounds the liability is denied. And if it is disputed that the pollution arises from sewage matter finding its way from the Chelt into the Moat, they would willingly fall in with some amicable way of testing the question, but failing this their client must necessarily resort to proceedings, which he would much regret, as the nuisance is too serious and too continuous to be allowed to continue. Resolved, That the Council are not prepared to add anything further to their last minute and resolution on this matter.

31—Compensation for Laying Sewer through Garden of Carlton House—A letter was read from Messrs. Ticehurst and Sons with reference to the owner's claim for compensation in this matter, and that they would be glad to receive a cheque for the amount claimed, viz., £55 5s. Resolved, To inform Messrs. Ticehurst and Sons that as soon as the work is finished and the Borough Surveyor is in a position to report with regard to it, their clients claim shall receive attention.

32-- Hatherley Brook Sewer—Resolved to authorise the Borough Surveyor to instruct the contractor to proceed at once with the re-laying of this sewer.

33- Building Plans—The Borough Surveyor laid before the Committee the following plans which he had received of an intended new building, viz.

No. of Plan,	Name.	Description.
1277	Charles Moorey,	New bedroom and alteration of existing bedroom into w.c. and bath room at No. 2a, St. James's Villas.

Resolved, That the same be approved.

GEORGE BENCE, Chairman.

TOWN IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Wednesday, the 7th day of March, 1900—Present The Mayor; Alderman Winterbotham ; Councillors Baker, Bence, and Dix (Alderman Winterbotham in the chair)—

1—Use of Montpellier Gardens by the Athletic Society—With reference to the resolution to Minute No. 6 of this Committee's proceedings of date the 22nd of January last, a letter was read from the Secretary of the Athletic Society, stating that the Society would accept the resolution of the Council as to no canvassing being allowed, but they hoped that the Council would make some reduction in the charge for the use of the Gardens on Easter Monday next. Resolved, That the Montpellier Gardens be let to the Society on Easter Monday next, that they be informed that it is the opinion of the Committee that the Gardens should not again be let to them, as there will shortly be an athletic Ground available in the town, that no reduction can be made in the charge for the use of the Gardens, and that the Society must provide proper urinal accommodation to the satisfaction of the Borough Surveyor, for the public attending the sports.

JAS. B. WINTERBOTHAM,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 19th day of March, 1900— Present : The Mayor ; Aldermen Drew and Winterbotham ; Councillors Baker, Bence, Cooper, Dix, and Lenthall (Alderman Winterbotham in the chair)—

2—Report of the Entertainment Sub-Committee—This Committee reported that in consequence of the Missionary Exhibition occupying the Winter Garden, three sacred concerts had been held during the past month in Pittville Pump Room with great success, the building being perfectly adaptable and the acoustic properties excellent.

The Committee recommended that the Borough Surveyor should be instructed to bring up a plan and estimate for a proper proscenium at the Montpellier Gardens for the summer concerts; also that steps should be taken early to fix the incandescent electric lamps, so as to be ready for the season.

The Committee had negotiated with Mr. Alfred W. Newton for providing in Cricket Week the White Viennese Band and two vocalists on six week nights and two afternoons; also Sunday afternoon and evening concerts. Mr Newton agreed to do this on his being allowed two thirds of the gross takings, but the Committee considered that 65 per cent. would satisfy him, the Corporation providing advertisements and all local expenses, and they recommended that this offer be made to him. Resolved, That the recommendations of the Sub-Committee be approved and adopted ; that the Town Clerk be instructed to draw up an agreement with Mr. Newton, to include (inter alia) the terms of admittance of subscribers and non-subscribers ; and that the Sub-Committee, in consultation with the Mayor and Councillor Bence., as members of the Lighting Committee, with the Electrical Engineer, be instructed to bring up a report and more detailed recommendation as to the lighting of the Montpellier Gardens with electric light.

3- Lighting of Pittville Gardens—Resolved, That the Entertainment Sub-Committee, in consultation with the Mayor, Councillor Bence, and the Electrical Engineer, be instructed to report and bring up a recommendation as to the lighting of Pittville Gardens from the lake to the Pump Room across the turf walk and in the vicinity of the Pump Room with electric light.

4-Band Stand at Pittville Park—Resolved, To instruct the Entertainment Sub-Committee to bring up a report and recommendation as to the provision of a band stand at Pittville Park,

5-- Lodge Keeper at Pittville Gardens—An application was received from John Fluck, of Bafford Lane, Charlton Kings, for appointment as lodge keeper at Pittville Gardens. Resolved, To inform Mr. Flack that the vacancy will be filled up with one of the present employees of the Corporation.

6-- Advertising the Town— Letters were received from Messrs. J. and J. Paton, T. Cook and Son, H. G. Somerville, and T. G. Johnson, offering terms for advertisements of the town in the undermentioned publications, viz.: "The Holiday Home Register," " Cook's Excursionist," " The Court Circular," and "The Overland Weekly Edition of The Times of India." Resolved, That the same be not entertained.

7-Fishing at Pittville Park—A letter was read from Mr. T. Haines, of 7, Hamilton Place, St. Paul's, complaining of having to pay the usual entrance as well as 10s 6d for the right to fish. Resolved, To inform Mr. Haines that he can obtain a ticket of admittance for twelve months for 2s 6d, and to reduce the price for a season fishing ticket from 10s 6d to 7s 6d ; and that the resolution to Minute No. 6 of this Committee's proceedings of date the 18th January, 1897, be altered accordingly.

Also one from Mr. J. G. Crisp, Hon. Sec. and Treasurer of the Cheltenham Popular Angling Association, requesting the Council to restock the water with fish. Resolved, To expend £5 in restocking the water with coarse fish.

8-Root, Grain, and Chrysanthemum Show at Winter Gardens—A letter was read from Mr. R. Walker, Hon. Sec. of the Cheltenham Root, Grain, and Chrysanthemum Society, stating that the Society had decided to hold their next show in the Winter Garden on the 7th and 8th of November on the terms quoted, viz., £10 for the use of the building and to pay in addition for the electric light.

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9-Horticultural Show—A letter was read from General Winson, Hon. Sec. of the Horticultural Society, applying for the use of the Montpellier Gardens upon the terms quoted for the 30th of May instead of the 2nd of June, and for permission to hold an illuminated concert in the evening, and that the condition that subscribers should be admitted free should not be insisted upon. Resolved, That the application be acceded to, that the condition referred to be not insisted upon, and that the resolution to Minute No. 9 of this Committee's proceedings at its meeting on the 19th ulto. be varied accordingly.

10--Purchase of Boat for Pittville Park—Application having been made from the College for an additional boat for practice on the lake at the Matte Hill annexe, Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to purchase another boat similar to the one at present reserved for the use of the College.

JAS. B. WINTERBOTHAM, Chairman.

TOWN IMPROVEMENT & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEES.

At a joint Meeting of these Committees, held on Friday, the 16th day of March, 1900 —Present: The Mayor ; Aldermen Drew and Winterbotham ; Councillors Baker, Bence, Cooper, Hayward, Dix, Gurney, Lenthall, Preston, and Moles (The Mayor in the chair)—

1—Chairman—Resolved, That the Mayor be appointed Chairman of this Joint Committee.

2---Provision of a Budding for Entertainments--The Chairman reported that the Assembly Rooms had been purchased by Lloyds Bank, Limited, and that they would enter into possession of it in June next. Consequently the Assembly Rooms would no longer be available for the winter balls and other entertainments. The question of making use of a site at the Winter Garden for the erection of a building to provide accommodation for entertainments for which the Assembly Rooms had heretofore been used, or of converting a part of the present Winter Garden building into suitable rooms for like purposes, was there-upon discussed, and it was Resolved, To summon a meeting of all the members of the Council to discuss the matter, with a view to some action being taken without delay to meet the necessity which has arisen.

GEO. NORMAN,

Chairman.

At a joint Meeting of these Committees, held on Wednesday, the 28th day of March, 1900—Present : Alderman Winterbotham ; Councillors Baker, Cooper, Dix, Gurney, Hayward, Lenthall, Preston and Waghorne (Alderman Winterbotham in the chair)—

3 - Chairman—In the absence through illness of the Mayor, the Deputy Mayor was appointed Chairman at this meeting.

4--Assembly Booms—The question of the provision of rooms available in the place of the present Assembly Rooms was further considered. Resolved, That it is desirable forthwith to take steps to supply an Assembly Rooms to take the place of the rooms purchased by Lloyd's Bank, and that such rooms should be on some part of the space around the present Winter Garden and should comprise accommodation for all purposes for which the present Assembly Rooms are used.

Resolved, further, That this Joint Committer be authorised to appoint some of its members to visit some of the best halls erected in the country during recent years with a view to ascertain what has been accomplished, at what cost and by what architects, and to report to the full Committee in time to enable them to bring up a Resolution for confirmation at the May Meeting of the Council.

Temporary Provision—Resolved, That the Surveyor be instructed to report to the Committee what temporary measures can best be taken by the Council for the accommodation of visitors and the public during the next Winter Season.

JAS. B. WINTERBOTHAM,

Chairman.

LIGHTING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Wednesday, the 21st day of March, 1900— Present : The Mayor, Alderman Haddon; Councillors Baker, Brown, and Dix, (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 follow:-

LOW PRESSURE CABLES,

Date.	Legal Standard.	Test at Manchester Street
1900. Feb. 27th	200 Volts.	208 Volts.
Mar. 20th	“ “	<u>204</u> “
		Average 206 Volts.

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

ILLUMINATING POWER.		PURITY—SULPHUR.	
1900 Feb. 27th..	15-91 candles	1900	Grains per 100 cubic ft.
Mar. 13th..	16.81 “	Mar, 13-14	13.25
“ 15th.	<u>17.58</u> ”		
	Average.. 16.78 ”		

3--Gas Inspector's Report—The Gas Inspector reported that the hourly average consumption of Gas per lamp during the previous month had been as follows Ordinary burners, 4.1763 cubic feet ; Guildhall lamps, with No. 4 Incandescent burners, 4.1921 cubic feet ; Ordinary lamps, with No.3 Incandescent burners, 3.692 cubic feet.

4—Lamp Book—This book was produced and examined. Ordinary lamps extinguished---12 metered, 45 unmetered and 1 burning dimly. Incandescents— 20 out and 5 burning dimly.

5--Borough Electrical Engineer's Report—The Electrical Engineer reported that in order to supply electrical energy to the proposed Light Railway, it would be advisable to replace two of the present 100 kilowatt alternators by continuous current dynamos, and to order a 500 kilowatt steam-alternator immediately.

He had, therefore, obtained tenders from four principal manufacturers as follows :—

Name	Steam Consumption in lbs. per unit Kilowatts at 80 per cent. of full load,		Price £	Date of Completion at Cheltenham.
Brush Co.	375	30.0	£4970	December 7th, 1900.
Ferranti	550	25.8	£5135	December 7th, 1900.
Siemens	550	24.8	£4780	March 3rd, 1900.
Parsons	550	25.0	£3820	December 7th, 1900.

And he recommended acceptance of the lowest tender subject to the interview, re some details, he had arranged with Messrs. Parsons and Co. on the following day being satisfactory.

He was making enquiries, both here and in Germany, re dynamos for the traction plant, and would report further shortly. Small extensions in Grafton Road and Upper Bath Road were required for private supply at costs of £135 and £75 respectively, and he recommended that these be approved and carried out.

The number of customers then connected was 380, with an equivalent of about 23,300 8-candle-power lamps. Resolved, That the recommendations of the Electrical Engineer be approved and adopted, and that the sums of £135 and £75 be added to the loan for which application has been made for the sanction of the Local Government Board.

6 -Lighting at Agg-Gardner Recreation Ground—With reference to the third and fourth resolutions to Minute No.5 of the proceedings of the Baths and Recreation Grounds Committee at their last meeting, Resolved, That the lamp near the corner of Marle Hill Road, opposite Brunswick Street, be moved to that corner ; that the lamps near the two entrances to the ground be fitted with incandescent burners ; and that a lamp be fixed in the conveniences in the ground, so as to light both divisions.

7--Lamp between St. George's Street and St. Paul's Cross—Resolved, That this lamp be fitted with an incandescent burner.

8.-Lighting of Suffolk Road, Parade, and Great Norwood Street—A letter was read from Mr. R. Negus, the proprietor of the Bon

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Marche, stating that many of the residents in the vicinity were anxious to have Suffolk Road and Parade lighted by the electric light before the autumn. Resolved, That Suffolk Road, Parade, and Great Norwood Street be lit in due course with electric arc lights.

9—Extension of Electric Lighting Area—A letter was read from the Board of Trade stating that they were not prepared to dispense with the consent of the Cheltenham Rural District Council, and were unable to proceed with the application in so far as it related to the district of that Council, that inasmuch as the Cheltenham Rural District separates the existing area of the Corporation from the Winchcomb Rural District, the Board were unable to include any portion of the last-named district in the proposed area of supply ; and that the Board had decided to proceed with the application in respect of the Urban District of Charlton Kings only.

The Town Clerk reported that on the receipt of the letter he had replied asking for an interview, and the Board had appointed Friday next at 11.30 a.m., as the Mayor and several other members of the Committee would be in London on Thursday next in connection with the Light Railway.

GEO. NORMAN,

Chairman.

WATER COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held ass Tuesday, the 20th day of March, 1900 —Present : The Mayor ; Councillors Baker, Bence, Davis, Dan Rickerby, and Waghorne (Councillor Waghorne to the chair)—

1 —Report of the Water Engineer—The Water Engineer reported that on the 16th inst. the supply from Hewletts and Northfield springs was 319 gallons, the average for the last four years being 260 gallons per minute, and the quantity of water at Hewletts and Leckhampton was 18,419,850 gallons.

On the 16th instant the depth of water in the Dowdeswell Reservoir was 32ft. and the contents 100,023,701 gallons, or about 140 days' supply, exclusive of the daily yield of the springs, which was then about 2,629,850 gallons. The contractors had finished the rebuilding of the whole of the wall at No. 3 Reservoir at the Hewletts, but about 60ft. of parapet remained to be built. the filling in of a portion of the earth at the back of the wall, and replacing a small portion of the brick paving upon the berm in the reservoir at the foot of the wall. The bottom had been cleaned, and water was being stored in it.

2-Water Supply to Southwick and Cow Pons Farm, Tewkesbury—A letter from the Town Clerk of Tewkesbury was read, stating that these premises were situate within the Borough of Tewkesbury, and therefore within the area in which the Cheltenham Corporation is bound to supply water to Tewkesbury at 7 ¼ d. per 1000 gallons, that there would be no extra cost to Cheltenham, as the meters would be paid for or rented by Tewkesbury ; and that there was not, and never had been, any intention to charge 1s 3d per 1000 gallons to the customers. The scale then in force at Tewkesbury would be adhered to, varying from 1s to 9 ½ d. per 1000 gallons, according to the quantity used. Resolved, To request the Tewkesbury Corporation to supply a tracing from the ordnance map showing the exact situation of the premises to which the supply is required ; that further consideration of the matter be adjourned pending a visit of inspection by the committee; and that the Tewkesbury Town Council be invited to appoint a deputation, with their Town Clerk, to meet the Committee on that occasion to discuss the subject:

3--Worcester Severn Water Supply Scheme —The Town Clerk reported that he had written to the Town Clerk of Worcester to request information with regard to enquiry' which had been recently held by an Inspector of the Local Government Board as to an application by the Worcester Corporation for sanction to borrow £12,613 for (inter alia) the provision of engines capable of drawing 100,000 gallons of water per hour from the Severn and supplying 75,000 gallons to the reservoirs which supply the city, and as to what powers, Parliamentary or otherwise. he considered his Corporation had to take the quantity of water from the Severn, but that as yet the information which he had asked for had not been supplied. Resolved, To instruct the Town Clerk to write to the Local Government Board, unless further and more satisfactory explanation of the matter is afforded.

4-No. 1, Bath Street—A letter was read from Messrs. Griffiths, Ryland, and Co., solicitors, enquiring on behalf of a client whether the Corporation would sell No. 1, Bath Street, and if so, at what price. Resolved, That the Corporation are prepared to sell for £825, being 15 years' purchase on the present rental of £55 per annum which is paid by the Inland Revenue authorities as yearly tenants.

5--Superheater at Tewkesbury—Resolved That the tender of Messrs. Simpson and Co., Ltd., for a superheater at Tewkesbury at £117 be accepted.

6—Contract with Messrs. Simpson and Co.—The Town Clerk reported that the contractors for the new pumping engine, &c., at Tewkesbury, when executing the contract, had struck out of the "conditions of contract " the clause as to the payment by them of the standard rate of wages. Resolved, That the amendment by the contractors be agreed to.

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

H. WAGHORNE,

Chairman.

GENERAL PURPOSES AND WATCH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 20th day of March, 1900—Present : The Mayor Councillors Baker, Bence, Davis, Dix, Hayward, Moles, Preston, and Waghorne (The Mayor in the chair)—

1—Drivers' Licences—Applications for drivers' licences were received from William Smith, of No, 10, Regent Place, Swindon Road, and Walter Evans, of No. 29, Sydney Street. Resolved, That the applications be acceded to. The Inspector reported that James Frederick Paul and Henry John Tilley had been twice convicted of offences against the bye-laws within twelve months.

2-Transfers of Hackney Carriage Licences—A letter was read from Mr R. E. Steel, solicitor for Mrs. Jane Williams, wife of Mr. Thomas Williams, of Granville House, Granville Street, applying for the transfer of one of the licences from the name of Mr. Williams to Mrs. Williams, Resolved, That the application be acceded to, that the present licence be cancelled, and a new one issued to Mrs. Williams for a different number.

A letter was read from Mr. A. Lamb, solicitor for Mrs. Susannah Evans, the purchaser of the business carried on by Mr. Offer, of the Railway Hotel, applying for the transfer of the pony-carriage licence held by Mr. Offer to Mrs. Evans, Resolved, That the application be acceded to.

3-Hackney Carriage Stands--The Sub-Committee reported that on the 13th inst. Councillors Baker, Bence, Lenthall, and Moles, with the Borough Surveyor, inspected all the existing stands and considered the requests made by: Messrs. Spreadbury and Eager, on behalf of the hackney carriage proprietors, for additional stands, and they recommended that the standing spaces, which now accommodate 88 carriages, be increased to provide accommodation for 120 carriages, as follows :—

Situation of Stand.	Present Accommodation	Accommodation Recommended.
Back of Albert Place, Pittville	.. 2	.. .6
Albion Street, East end	.. 3	.. .3
Bath Road, Birdlip House	.. 4	.. .4
„ Elkstone House..	.. 2	.. .2
„ Thirlestaine House	.. 2	.. .2

[Situation of Stand]	[Present Accomodation]	[Accommodation Recommended]
Cambray, High Street end ..	2 ..	4
Clarence Parade, front of Echo Office	2 ..	2
Clarence House, Queen's Circus	2 ..	2
Crescent Terrace, side of 14, Promenade	1 ..	1
Clarence Street, Imperial Circus	2 ..	2
Great Western Railway Station	4 ..	7
High Street, Keynsham Bank	2 ..	2
„ Belle Vue Hotel	1 ..	8
Imperial Square, North end ..	6 ..	8
“South end ..	3 ..	4
Lansdown Place end of Lypiatt Terrace	1 ..	9
opposite Nos. to 10, 11, and 12.	3 ..	3
Lansdown, Lansdown Hotel...	3 ..	4
Montpellier Rotunda ..	2 ..	2
„ Walk ..	4 ..	8
Midland Railway Station ..	10 ..	15

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Situation of Stand.	Present Accommodation	Accommodation Recommended.
Oriel Road ..	2	2
North Street ..	2	—
Portland Street, opposite Nos. 9, 10, and 11	3	3
„ Masonic Hall ..	2	2
„ Pittville Parade ..	—	2
Promenade Gardens, North end ..	1	4
“ South end ..	1	1
Promenade, opposite Queen's Hotel ..	2	2
Royal Well Chapel and South end of Fountain	3	4
Suffolk Place, back of Tower	1	—
Suffolk Square... ..	2	—
Winchcomb Street, Pittville Gates ..	3	2

They also recommended that these stands be pitched with suitable material, properly drained, and washed as frequently as possible. Resolved, That the recommendations of the Sub-Committee be approved and adopted.

4—North Ward Allotments—The same Sub-Committee also recommended that structures of every kind on the allotments be forthwith taken down that are within 50ft. of Wyman's Brook boundary, and that no structure of any kind be allowed within the before-mentioned distance. Also that the oak and elm trees on the boundary and in the field itself be cut down, and that the portion of the

field used for tipping road refuse on be strongly fenced round. Resolved, That these recommendations be approved and adopted.

5--Borough Extension—A letter from the Local Government Board was read, stating that after carefully considering the evidence given at the Inquiry, together with the Report of their Inspector, they were of opinion that no case had been made out for the extension of the Borough at the present time in the directions proposed.

6—Allotments feet Collector and Weighbridge Attendant -A letter was read from Mr. J. Sollors, stating that owing to failing health and old age he was obliged to give up his occupation as collector of the North Ward Allotments rents and weighbridge attendant, and that he would like to give up at the end of March, but would stay on a little longer if his successor was not appointed by then. Resolved, That the resignation be accepted as taking effect on the 31st instant, and that Mr. B. W. Constable, of No. 21, White Hart Street, be appointed to fill the vacancy, his duties to commence on the 2nd prox.

7—Bye-Laws under Sec 23 of the Municipal Corporations Act—A further letter was read from the Secretary of State, making additional observations on the proposed Bye-Laws, and on the existing Bye-Laws made in 1888, which he suggested should be revised as indicated in his letter. Resolved, To instruct the Town Clerk to redraft the proposed new Bye-Laws and revise the Bye-Laws of 1888 in accordance with the observations and suggestions of the Secretary of State, and submit the drafts thereof for his approval in the first instance.

8—Yeomanry Drill Ground -The Borough Surveyor having reported that Mr. Corbett had become the lessee of Prestbury Park and was willing to enter into an agreement with the Corporation for granting the use of the drill ground for the Yeomanry training similar to the agreement entered into by Mr. Burroughs, Resolved, That an agreement be entered into with Mr. Corbett for the use of the drill ground for the Yeomanry training similar to the agreement with Mr. Burroughs for a period coterminous with his lease of Prestbury Park.

GEO. NORMAN,

Chairman.

BATHS AND RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 19th day of March, 1900—Present : The Mayor; Alderman Drew ; Councillors Baker, Brown, Dix, Hayward, Lenthall, and Moles (Councillor Lenthall in the chair)—

1--Alstone Baths--The Borough Surveyor reported that the receipts since the Baths were opened on the 22nd November amounted to £7 8s. 2d., and the total receipts for the period from the 1st April to the 30th September last (the date when the Baths were closed) amounted to £325 18s. 0d., making with the sum aforesaid a total of £333 6s. 2d.

2—Aquatic Entertainment— Resolved, To sanction the holding of an aquatic entertainment at the Alstone Swimming Bath on the 4th of April, and that the caretaker be cautioned that in future he must not announce such entertainments until after they have been sanctioned by the Committee.

3—Old Cemetery Grounds—A letter was read from Mr. C. Marshall, as Churchwarden, applying for the usual grant of £10 towards the expense of keeping open the Old Cemetery Grounds for the use of those living in the locality. Resolved, That the application be acceded to.

4—Special Constable at Agg-Gardner Recreation Ground— Resolved, To instruct the Town Clerk to take steps to have the caretaker at the Agg-Gardner Recreation Ground appointed a special constable.

5—Agg-Gardner Recreation Ground—Gifts : A letter was read from the caretaker reporting that he had received 8 pairs of cricket pads and sundry cricket gloves from the Roseleigh Cricket Club, per Mr. Kimber. Resolved, That the thanks of the Council be given to the club for the gifts. Band Stand— Resolved, To instruct the Borough Surveyor to have this stand painted. Lighting of Entrances— Resolved, To recommend to the Lighting Committee that the lamps at both entrances to the ground should be fitted with incandescent gas burners. Lighting of Urinals—Resolved, That a lamp be fixed inside the urinals, so as to light both divisions.

6—Montpellier Baths -Resolved, That the Mayor, Alderman Drew, Councillors Baker, Dix, Hayward, and Lenthall, with the Borough Surveyor, be authorised to visit Harrogate to inform themselves as to the details of the management of the Baths there, with a view to the knowledge so gained being of use for the framing of the rules and regulations for the management of the Montpellier Baths.

J. S. LENTHALL,

Chairman.

BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Friday, the 23rd day of March, 1900—Present : Alderman Haddon, Councillors Brown, Davis, Rickerby, and Moles (Councillor Moles in the chair)—

1-Superintendent's Report—The Superintendent reported that the new ground would require to be mapped out shortly, no as to be available for purchases. He also reported that the front entrance gates to the cemetery again required a little attention, that the lawn mower was out of repair, and a new rope was needed for the Church bell. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor do have the gates and lawn mower attended to and the new rope provided, and that the Committee pay a visit of inspection to the Cemetery next month.

2--Funerals Exempt from Fees for " Minister and Clerk "---The Town Clerk reported that he had made application to the Bishop for his sanction to the proposed alteration of the hour for these funerals, but he had not yet received such sanction. The Rector had written saying that he had no objection to the proposed alteration.

3-- Keeping Graves In Order -A letter was read from Messrs. Ticehurst and Sons stating that a client of theirs was desirous of handing over to the Burial Board a capital sum sufficient to produce 30s per annum, such last-named amount to be applied from time to tittle in keeping in order her parents'

grave in the Cheltenham Cemetery, and asking whether the Burial Board were prepared to receive that sum, as an arrangement at this nature would frequently be much appreciated by relatives of deceased persons. Resolved, That the request be acceded to, and that Messrs. Ticehurst be informed that the Burial Board will keep the grave in order for the sum mentioned.

4-Designs—The following designs were examined and allowed, viz:—Memorial Stones to Lavinia Smith, Jessie Ann Brown Rideout Macdonald, Caroline Percy, and Susan Jane Cooke Kerbing to Frank Crispian Lawrence.

5- Wages-- The following account for wages was allowed, viz :— G. C. Pratley .. £13 12 0

J. V. MOLES,

Chairman.

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FINANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 26th day of March, 1900 —Present :
Alderman Drew: Councillors Bence, Cooper, Dix, Gurney, and Hayward (Councillor Gurney in the chair)—

1—Loans—The Borough Accountant reported that £15,000 had been received from Messrs. Vick and others at West Hartlepool at 3¼ per cent with £11 5s. 0d. commission, and Debentures had been issued and the amount received applied to the payment of £11,000 borrowed from Lloyd's Bank and £3694 borrowed from Mr. W. G. Cooley, and the balance of £306 appropriated for Electric Lighting capital.

That £3,000 had been borrowed from Colonel P. H. Smith and the Rev. A. Armitage at 3 ¼ per cent. And ¼ per cent. commission, for which Debentures had been issued, and £3,000 upon the like terms from Mr. Charles Moorey, making together £6,000, which had been applied to the repayment to Mr. W. G. Cooley of £2,500, and the sums of £2,000 and £1,500 had respectively been appropriated to Street Improvement and Promenade Improvement expenditure.

That he had received the following offers upon the same terms, viz.— Mr. Charles and Mrs. Mary Jane Margrett, £3,715 for seven years, determinable on either side at the end of the second or any subsequent year by 6 months' notice; Miss Gladys Margrett, £2,000, determinable at 6 months' notice on either side after the end one year; Mr. C. E. F. Nash, £600; and Miss E. R. Hooke, £200 for twelve months and afterwards at 6 months' notice. The above, making £6,515, to be applied to repay £5,000 borrowed from Lloyds Bank, £800 for expenditure on Waterworks, and £715 for expenditure on Street Improvements. This would result as follows, viz. :--

Paid off to Lloyds Bank ..	£42,174
Leaving owing to the Bank	<u>£53,485</u>
Out of the total sum of ..	£95,659

borrowed from the Bank on Debentures.

Resolved. That the Report be approved, that the offers mentioned therein be accepted, and that the Corporate Seal be affixed to Debentures for the security of the amounts thereof.

Notices were received from Messrs. Ulrich Holborow, J. B. Winterbotham, and David Templeton, requiring repayment at the expiration of 6 months of the sums of £550 and £450 borrowed from them and Mr. Lauriston Winterbotham, deceased.

2-Public Library Fittings—With reference to the resolution to Minute No. 2 of the proceedings of the Public Library Committee at their last meeting. Resolved, That the sum of £450 be borrowed as therein mentioned on account of the sum of £650 remaining unborrowed, for which sanction had been received.

3--Return of General District Rate, Reduced Assessment—A letter was read from Mr. F. A. Shruballs, stating that the assessment on No. 1, Alpha Villas had been reduced on appeal, and he applied for a return of a proportion of the General District Rate paid on the original amount of the assessment above the reduced amount, or a credit given on the next demand. Resolved, That it being contrary to the practice to make these returns, the application be not acceded to.

4-General District Rate—The Report of the Borough Accountant of date the 26th instant on the collection of the second instalment of this rate was read. Amount collected £16,223 0s. 10d., leaving outstanding £1,110 10s. 6d.

5-Water Rate—The Report of the Borough Accountant of date the 26th instant on the collection of this rate was read. Amount received £9,814 28s. 5d., leaving outstanding £1,188 16s. 4d.

6- Accounts—The Financial Statement of the Receipts and Expenditure since the last meeting and the Bills and Accounts to be paid were examined, and the latter, amounting to £26,239 6s. 4d. (including repayment of Loans on Debentures £11,800), 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 :—

Balance in hand on the 28th February		£3041 2 2
Received since that date-		
Rates and General Receipts	£ 3723 0 2	
Loans (including £20694 to replace Loans paid oft)	<u>£22500 0 0</u>	
		<u>£26223 0 2</u>
		£29264 2 4
Paid since the 28th, February—		
Bills and General Expenses	£ 7487 17 5	
Loans Repayment	<u>£20694 0 0</u>	
		<u>£28181 07 5</u>
Balance in hand		£1082 4 11

W. GERALD GURNEY,

Chairman.

PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Friday, the 23rd day of March 1900—Present Councillors Hayward, Moles, and Preston ; The Revs. R. G. Fairbairn and J. Evans Messrs. A. Beckingsale, Evan Butler, J. G. Carr, and G. H. Palmer (Councillor Hayward in the chair)—

1—Librarian's Report--The Librarian's Monthly Report was read. Receipts £6 17s. 5d. He also reported that four pamphlets had been presented to the Library by the Agent-General for Queensland.

2-New Book Shelves, &c., for the Lending Library--The following tenders were received in response to the advertisement :—

	£	s.	d.
Messrs. A. C. & S. Billings	410	0	0
Messrs. C. Malvern and Sons	418	10	0

Resolved, That the tender of Messrs. A. and C. S. Billings be accepted, and elect the Finance Committee be requested to take steps to raise £450 to provide for the expenditure.

3- -Sub-Committee's Report--The Sub-Committee submitted a list of books which they recommended should be purchased to replace worn-out copies. Resolved, That the recommendation be approved and adopted.

4-Leckhampton Branch Reading Room—Mr. Palmer brought to the notice of the Committee several recommendations of the Local Management Committee of the Leckhampton Branch Reading Room. Resolved, That in the opinion of this Committee the attendance at the room does not warrant any further outlay at present.

5-Accounts—The following Accounts were examined and passed for payment, viz. :—

W. Jones, Wages Account ..	£19	10	0	
H. Ashley, Fittings (Leckhampton)	£ 0	12	9	
J. J. Banks, Books ..	£ 6	19	2	
“ Periodicals ..	£ <u>0</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>0</u>	
		£ 7	4	2
Gas Co., Coke		£15	13	4

C. HAYWARD,

Chairman,

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, the 28th day of March, 1900—Present Alderman Haddon ; Councillors Bennett, Cypher, and Preston (Councillor Preston 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 44 schools, from which 789 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 6 parents had been prosecuted, and 3 were 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. :—Bessie Carter, Albert Ballinger, Annie Poytress Winnie Savery, Beatrice Cook, Rose Bond, Charles Shellam, Sidney Haines, Winifred Savage, Elsie Morris, and Gertrude Bromage ; and That proceedings under Sec. 12 of the Act of 1876 be taken against the parent of James Sullivan for breach of the Attendance Order made against him.

3-- East Ward Local Committee--The Chairman having reported that Mr. A. Cockshott, of Lorraine Villa, Pittville Crescent, and Mr. E. Gridley, of No. 26, Priory Street, were willing to act. Resolved, That they be appointed members of the East Ward Local Committee.

4-Deaf and Dumb Child, C. W. Smith—A letter was read from the Bristol District Institution for the Deaf and Dumb, reporting very satisfactorily indeed of this boy's attainments, and that he had quite distinguished himself; that steps were being taken to have him apprenticed to a good trade, and enquiring, in case a premium should be required, if a sum could be provided for or towards. This purpose from any local fund. Resolved, That the Committee are gratified to receive such an excellent report, but regret that they have no fund at their disposal out of which they can make such a contribution as is suggested.

WILLIAM PRESTON,

Chairman.

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Borough of Cheltenham

MINUTES of the Proceedings the 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 May, 1900.

STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this of this Committee held on Monday, the 9th day of April, 1900—Present: The Mayor; Alderman Haddon ; Councillors Baker, Bence, Brown, Cypher, Davis, Dix and Lenthall (Councillor Baker in the chair)—

1—Rodney Road Improvement—The Mayor reported that he had received an offer on behalf of Lloyds Bank Ltd. of a strip of the site of the present Assembly Rooms, from the High Street to Tavistock Place, sufficient to widen Rodney Road to 30ft., for the sum of £1,500, Resolved, That the Mayor be authorised to negotiate for the purchase of the strip referred to at a price as nearly approaching the sum of £1,000 as he can arrange for.

2-Knapp goad--A letter was read from Mr. A. R. H. Jessop. of No. 26, Lansdown Crescent, protesting against the road being open to traffic, and requesting that its privacy should be restored. Resolved, That the Council considers there is no reasonable cause for complaint.

3- Linden Terrace, Cleveland Street--A letter was read from Mr. John Powell, of Jersey House, Hewlett Street, stating that he had an objection to payment of the amount charged against him of the cost of carrying out the private improvement works in this street, and asking for an interview to enable him to explain his objection. Resolved, That the Committee see no reason to accede to the request.

4-White Hart Street—A letter was read from the Solicitor to the G.W. Railway Company, stating that the construction of the Cheltenham and Honeybourne Railway is to be proceeded with and Mr. Inglis's men were already upon the ground with a view to preparing the plans for letting the Contract. He thought, therefore, that it would certainly not be worthwhile to spend much money in putting the street referred to into repair, and he would endeavour in a than time to give a more definite idea as to when the line would be actually commenced.

5-Trinity Church Lane Private Improvement Work —A letter was read from Mr. K. Dighton, asking for a reduction of the sum of £20 11s. 2d. charged against him in respect of the cost of carrying out these works, as the lane was of no use to him, and was used principally by tradesmen who rent the stables in it and people who preferred going to church by the back way, and he considered it was quite unnecessary to spend money upon it. Resolved. That tile Council are unable to make an exception in this case, and to inform Mr. Dighton that they are unable to accede to his request.

6-Marle Hill Road- Resolved, To instruct the Borough Surveyor to bring up a plan and specification of the works required to be done by the abutting owners in this street. Maud's Elm - Resolved, To instruct the Borough Surveyor to have the dead wood cut away, and do what he may deem to be necessary to preserve the tree.

8 --- Gratings over Chelt in Rodney Road—A letter was read from Colonel Beale Browne, of No. 7, Imperial Square, suggesting that these gratings should be closed up, as the children throw stones over the wall and watch their flight through the gratings, with the result that damage is done to the Vinery in the garden. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have shutters fixed inside the gratings to hide the view of the stream.

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9—Building Plans—The Borough Surveyor laid before the Committee the following plans, which he had received of intended new buildings, viz. :—

No. of Plan	Name	Description.
1273	J. Barrett	House in the Old Bath Road.
1279	H. & A. Bradshaw	Two houses in Naunton Park Road.
1280	Cavendish House Co., Ltd	Engine Room for Cavendish Works.
1281	Mrs. Mace	New Bath Room at No. 8, Pittville Villas.
1282	J. N. Harvey	Out-house and w.c. in Ambrose Place.
1283	Geo. Loveday	Nine Cottages at Alstone Croft Road.
1284	Mrs. Wigley	House in Leckhampton Road.

Resolved, That Nos. 1281 and 1283 be disapproved, and that the other plans above-mentioned be approved.

WILLIAM A. BAKER,
Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Saturday, the 28th day of April, 1900 --Present : The Mayor ; Councillors Baker, Bence, Brown, Davis, and Dix (Councillor Baker in the chair).

10—The View—The following Members attended the View Meeting on the previous day, viz:—The Mayor; Councillors Baker, Bence and Brown.

11—Street Projections. -Letters were read from Mrs. A Woodhouse, of Hale's Road Dairy, applying for permission to suspend outside her premises two advertising tins of Kardonah Tea ; and from Mr. A. G. Sanders applying for permission to erect three electric light brackets outside the shop front of Messrs. Dicks & Sons premises in Great Norwood Street, Resolved, That the applications above-mentioned be approved.

12— Knapp Road Improvement.- -A letter was read from Mr. F. Willett, stating that his mother was quite willing to convey to the Council the piece of land required subject to the conditions mentioned. Resolved, To instruct the Town Clerk to prepare the necessary contract for signature.

13- - Gloucester Road Private Improvement Works—A memorial was received from Mr. G. F. Banting and five other abutting owners in the Gloucester Road, requesting a reply to their contention that as this road is a main road it is repairable by the County Council, that grants having been received for this purpose from the County Council they were not liable as abutting owners for the private improvement works carried out opposite their premises, and that they understood that other parts of the road had been paved and repaired by the County Council and no demand had been made upon the abutting owners. Resolved, To inform the Memorialists that the County Council have been advised that the obligation of the County Council to contribute towards the expense of maintaining and improving the main roads within the Borough generally does not relieve abutting owners from their liability to pay for private improvement works carried out under the provisions of the Cheltenham Improvement Acts.

14-Linden Terrace Private Improvement Works— A letter was read from Mr. J. E. Davis objecting to pay the amount charged to him in respect of these works until the crossing in the footway opposite the entrance to his yard had been properly laid. Resolved, To instruct the Borough Surveyor to give the matter attention if necessary.

15-Damage to Window and Stock at Imperial House, Bath Road--A letter was read from Mr. J. Holyoake claiming £10 16s, the cost of repairing his shop front window broken by a cart and horse belonging to the Corporation and replacing damaged show vases and stock in the window. Resolved, That the amount claimed be paid.

16-Sale of Horses to Public Health Committee Resolved, To approve the sale of two horses to the Public Health Committee for £10 each.

17 - Rodney Road Improvement—The Mayor reported that after some demur Mr. Vassar Smith had agreed on behalf of Lloyds Bank, Limited, to accept £1000 for the strip of land to widen Rodney Road from the High Street to Tavistock Place on condition that the re-paving be done by the Corporation, Resolved, That the contract be entered into accordingly, and that the Mayor be thanked for his trouble in negotiating the matter.

18-Damage to Tree by Horse belonging to the Great Western Railway Co.—A report was read from Constable M. H. Delaney that he had seen a horse in a van belonging to the Great Western Railway Co. damage a tree in the Promenade by biting on the bark while the driver had gone into a sloop, and that there were several trees in the Promenade which had been damaged in the same way. Resolved, To instruct the Town Clerk to write to the Company to call attention to the matter and to give notice that a claim for damage will be made should it occur again.

19-Ditch opposite Delancey Hospital—A letter from Dr. Wilson was read calling attention to the dangerous condition of this ditch and suggesting that it should be piped and tilled in. Resolved, That the suggestion be acceded to, provided the width of the ditch be given up to widen the road and footpath.

20-Ditch near St. Germain's—Resolved, To instruct the Borough Surveyor to fence round the end of this ditch near St. Germain's.

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21-Gas Lane --Resolved, To instruct the Borough Surveyor to bring up plan and specification of the works required to be done by the abutting owners to edge, pave and channel the footpaths on both sides of this street.

22 --Road from All Saints' Road to Glenfall Street---Resolved, That this street between the extremities above mentioned be called Winstonian Road.

23-Winstonian Road Private Improvement Works—Resolved, To instruct the Borough Surveyor to bring up plan and specification of the works required to be done in this street from Victoria Place to Glenfall St.

24—Report of the Borough Surveyor re Highways—The Borough Surveyor reported that the work done by the Highways Department during the month ending April 27th, 1900, was as follows :-

Repaired with Clee Hill Stone—New Street and The Park proceeding. Gloucester Road 2,250 super yards.

Repaired with Wickwar Stone—Swindon Street 1,454 super yards, New Street proceeding.

Repaired with Local Stone—Naunton Lane 694 super yards.

Patched with Clee Hill Stone-Royal Well Place, London Road, High Street, Promenade, St. George's Road, Hewlett Street, Swindon Street, Imperial Square, St. George's Place, Trafalgar Street, Market Street, Winchcomb Street, Prestbury Road, Portland Street, Bath Road, Regent Street, Malvern Road, Wellington Street, Queen's Circus, Moorend Road, Suffolk Parade, Great Norwood Street, Charlton Lane, Norwood Road, Tivoli Place and St. Phillip's Terrace.

Patched with Gore Stone—Queen's Circus and Montpellier Walk.

Patched with Wickwar Stone—Spa Road, Princes Street, Fairview, Milsom Street, Knapp Road, Leighton Road, St. George's Road and Keynsham Road.

Repairs to Paving, Kerbing, Crossing and Channelling— The Park, Albion Street, Parabola Road. Painswick Road, Spa Road, Albert Street, Townsend Street, Gloucester Road, Upper Bath Street, Rodney Road, Suffolk Road, St. George's Road, Shurdington Road, Leighton Road, County Court Road, York Passage, Cambray, High Street, Lansdown Place, Tewkesbury Road, College Lawn and Paragon Parade.

The Footpath in Fauconberg Road had been repaired with Local and Wickwar gravel (827 super yards).

The Footpath in Douro Road had been repaired with Local and Wickwar gravel (294 super yards).

A new surface water drain had been put down in Naunton Lane to replace the defective one.

The Crossing in Gloucester Road near the Lansdown Inn had been relaid with MacDougall's patent bricks.

Trees Pruned—Bayshill Road, High Street and North Street.

Private Improvement Works— Clare Parade paving, kerb and channelling finished, Road proceeding, Oakfield Road proceeding.

Ashes Collected—1158 loads collected, 1132 loads consumed, 1329 tons 11cwt. 2 qrs.

25—Private Improvement Works Apportionments, viz., Church Lane, back of Clarence Street, Sydenham Villas Road, and Swindon Road — The Borough Surveyor reported that the costs of carrying out these works amounted respectively to £27 6s. 6d., £365 0s. 4d., and £528 16s. 11d., which amounts he had apportioned respectively amongst the several abutting owners according to their respective frontages.

26— Montpellier Parade and Vittoria Walk and Oxford Passage—Specifications from the Surveyor of the Works required to be done to the above streets were read and approved. 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.

27- - Ewlyn Road and Winstonian Road—Specifications from the Surveyor of the Works required to be done to the above Streets were read and approved. Resolved, That the necessary plans, sections, and estimates be prepared, and Notices be given under Section 150 of The Public Health Act, 1875, to the Owners of the Premises fronting, adjoining, or abutting upon the parts of the said streets requiring to be sewered, levelled, paved, metalled, flagged, channelled, or made good ; requiring them to do the specified works within 28 days ; and that, if such Notices are not complied with, the

Surveyor do proceed to execute the works mentioned or referred to therein ; and that the expenses thereof be recovered in the manner provided by the Act, and the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1889.

28—Building Plans—The Borough Surveyor laid before the Committee the following plans of intended new buildings, viz.

No. of Plan.	Name	Description.
1281	E. J. Maisey	Bath room at No. 8, Pittville Villas.
1285	E. A. Trapnell	Additions to the Star Hotel, Regent Street.
1286	Alfred Hill	New roads over Glencairn Park Estate from Queen's Road to the Lansdown Road.
1287	C. H. Slader	Shop at corner of Bath Street, Bath Road.
1288	Worth's Food Syndicate Ltd.	Bakery with Loft over in Chester Walk.
1289	W. McLandsborough	Bath Room and w.c. at Selsley Lawn, Hales Road.
1290	John Burke	Cottage at back of No. 220a High Street.
1291	George Loveday	Nine Cottages in Alstone Croft Road.

Resolved, That No. 1290 be disapproved and that the other plans above mentioned be approved as shown.

WILLIAM A. BAKER,

Chairman.

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held Monday, the 9th day of April, 1900-Present: The Mayor: Alderman Skillicorne ; Councillors Bence, Davis, Davies, Gurney, 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 9 cases of Scarlet Fever, a of Enteric Fever, 4 of Diphtheria, and 2 of Erysipelas ; that 9 cases of Scarlet Fever and 1 of Enteric Fever had been sent into the Delancey and other hospitals ; and that the number of cases then in the Delancey Hospital sent in by the Corporation was 16 of Scarlet Fever, 2 of Enteric Fever, and 1 of Diphtheria.

2-Wells at Nos. 1, 2, C., 3, Dovey's Cottages, Elmfield, Swindon Road, Fielder's Cottage, near Maud's Elm, Maud's Elm House, Swindon Road, and the Turk's Head Inn, Fairview 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.

3-Water Closets without Flushing Apparatus-The Medical Officer of Health handed in a list of houses having water closets without Flushing Apparatus. Resolved, That Notices under Sec. 28 of the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1889, be given to the Owners requiring them to provide the necessary flushing apparatus, and to the Occupiers to lay on a proper supply of water thereto, and that in default of compliance with such Notices proceedings be taken for the penalties.

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

5-Cleansing and Limewashing at No 5, Princes Terrace, No. 81, Union Street, No. 13, Bloomsbury Street, No. 26, Stoneville Street, Fairholme, Hewlett Street, Nos. 15, 16, & 17, Princes Street, Nos. 1, 2, & 4, Carlton Place, and Nos. 47, 51, & 55, Russell 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.

6-Nuisance from Drains, &c., at Elmfield, Swindon Road, and Nos 8 & 10, Windsor Street-the Inspector of Nuisances having made written application under Section 41 of the Public Health Act, stating that the drains, Re., 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 drain, and, if necessary, give the notices and act as provided by the said section.

7- Insanitary Property at No. 61, Union Street, Nos. 15 and 17, Princes Street, Nos. 1, 2, & 4, Carlton Place, and No. 47 Russell Street-The Medical Office, of Health reported that the premises above-mentioned were in such a state as to be injurious to the health of the inmates owing to defective roofs, walls, ceilings, floors, 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. 01875, 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.

8-Urinals at the Brown Jug Inn, and Gloucester House, Gloucester Place-The Medical Officer of Health reported that the urinals at these premises were so foul and in such a state as to be a nuisance. Resolved, That notices under Sec. 94 of the Public Health Act, 1875, be served upon the owners requiring them to abate the same. and for that purpose to lay on efficient supplies of water for flushing, and carry out such works of amendment as may be specified.

9-Sewer Extensions In Swindon Road-Resolved, To extend the sewer in this road to receive the drainage from three cottages-known as Nos. 3, & 5, Swindon Road, North. Also to extend the sewer near Maud's Elm to receive the drainage from Nos. 1, 2 & 3, Dovey's Cottage, and Fielder's Cottage.

10-Houses without effectual Drainage, viz :-Nos. 1, 2 & 3, Dovey's Cottages, and Fielder's Cottage, Maud's Elm--The Medical Officer of Health reported that these houses were each without a drain sufficient for effectual drainage. Resolved, That Notices under Section 23 of the Public Health Act, 1875, be served upon the owners of the houses requiring them to make for each house a covered drain emptying into the sewer, when the same has been extended, such drains to be of such materials and size, and to be laid at such levels and with such falls as the Borough Surveyor shall require.

11 -Farm Stock- Resolved, To authorize Councillor Davis, in consultation with the Farm Bailiff, to purchase such Stock for the farms as is required at the present time.

12-Additional Assistant Inspector of Nuisances - Resolved, That an additional Assistant Inspector of Nuisances be appointed at a salary of £100 per annum, and that the Town Clerk be instructed to advertise for applications.

13-Hatherley Sewer-A letter was read from Mr. W. C. Prance, of No. 5, New Square, Lincolns Inn, stating that the Hatherley Court Estate was about to be developed as a building estate, That a new road would have to be made, and he suggested that the new sewer should follow the course of the new road, and nothing should be done until the Surveyor, who would be to Cheltenham on Easter Tuesday or Wednesday, had called upon the Town Clerk and Surveyor. Resolved, That Mr. Prance's request be acceded to.

A letter was read from MP. J. H. Burrows, of No 4, Tivoli Place, stating that he proposed to mow land in his occupation in Hatherley Road, through which the sewer would pass this year, and requesting to be informed what compensation the Council would be prepared to pay him. Resolved, To inform Mr. Burrows that the Contractor has agreed to take over the liability of the Council to make compensation, and that he should apply to him for the information he requires.

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14—Extension of the Abattoir—With reference to the resolution to Minute No. 31 of the proceedings of this Committee of date the 24th of April, 1899, that the Borough Surveyor be instructed to prepare plans of two chambers for hanging up carcasses of cattle and pigs until required for removal to the shops. Resolved, That this extension be carried out, and that tenders for the work be advertised for. Further Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to prepare a plan of the remainder of the proposed extension considered by the Committee at their meeting of date the 12th ulto.

15—Drainage Requirements at No. 5, Suffolk Parade—A letter was read from Mrs. Caroline Stevens, of No 3, Hamilton Street, Charlton Kings, with reference to notice served upon her to carry out drainage works at No. 5, Suffolk Parade, applying to the Council to do the work for lose, for which she would pay £2 5s. 0d. per quarter with 5 per cent. per annum interest on the amount due from time to time. Resolved, That the request be acceded to.

16 —Sewer in the Old Bath Road—Resolved, To instruct the Borough Surveyor to have the sewer in the Old Bath Road extended to the Borough boundary in Charlton Lane from Naunton Park Road, the cost of which he estimated at £652 0s. 0d., and that application be toads to the Local Government Board to sanction a loan to provide for this expenditure.

17—Sewer In Shelburne Road—A letter was read from the Local Government Board, stating the Board would hold a local Inquiry as regards the application for sanction to borrow £2,500 to provide for the cost of this sewer as soon as the other engagements of the Inspectors would permit.

16—Building Plans—The Borough Surveyor laid before the Committee plans which he had received of intended new buildings necessitating drainage, viz.

No. of Plan.	Name.	Description.
1273 ..	J. Barrett ..	House in the Old Bath Road.
1279 ..	H. & A. Bradshaw ..	Two houses in Naunton Park Road
1281 .,	Mrs Mace	Bath Room at No 8, Pittville Villas
1282 ..	J. N. Harvey ..	Outhouse and w.c. in Ambrose Place
1283 ..	Geo. Loveday ..	Nine Cottages at Alstone Croft Road.
1284 .	Mrs. Wigley ..	House in Leckhampton Road.

Resolved, That No. 1283 be disapproved, but that the other plans mentioned be approved.

GEORGE BENCE,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 23rd day of April, 1900—Present The Mayor Alderman Skillicorne ; Councillors Bence, Davis, Gurney, Lenthall, Moles and Waghorne (Councillor Bence in the chair).

19 —Zymotic Disease—The Medical Officer of Health reported that there had been notified since the last meeting of the Committee 2 cases of Scarlet Fever, and 1 of Diphtheria; that the case 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 8 of Scarlet Fever, and 2 of Diphtheria.

20-Nuisance from Drains, &c., at Nos. 138, High Street, 11, Regent Place, and 3, Hawarden Parade—The Inspector of Nuisances having made written application under Sec. 41 of the Public Health Act, 1875, stating that the drains, by., on or belonging to the above-named houses were in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to health. Resolved, That authority be given to the Inspector of Nuisances to open the ground, examine the drains, and, if necessary, give the notices and act as provided by the said section.

21--Overcrowding at No. 8, Brunswick Terrace--The Medical Officer of Health reported that the above premises were so over-crowded as to be dangerous or injurious to the health of the inmates. Resolved, That, the Committee being satisfied of the existence of a nuisance on the said premises, Notices under Sec. 94 of the Public Health Act be served on the owners and occupiers thereof requiring them to abate the same.

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

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. 22, Upper Norwood Street, No. 5, Orchard Place, No. 50, Rutland Street, No. 10, Sherborne Street, No 85, Stanhope Street. No. 6, St. Paul's Street South, and Nos. 35 & 37, Sherborne Street—The Medical Officer of Health having certified under Sec. 46 of the Public Health Act that the above-named dwelling houses were in such a filthy and unwholesome condition that the health of the inmates was affected or endangered thereby. Resolved, That Notice be given to the owners under the said Section requiring the houses to be cleansed and limewashed.

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25---Well at No. 168, High Street—The Medical Officer of Health having certified that the water in this well was used or likely to be used by man for drinking or domestic purposes, and was so polluted as to be injurious to health. Resolved, That proceedings under Sec. 70 of the Public Health Act, 1875, be taken to obtain orders for this well to be closed.

26—Insanitary Property at Nos. 5, 8, 10 & 11, Brunswick Terrace, No. 11, Bennington Street, No. 13, Commercial Street, and Exmouth Buildings, Bath 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, floors, walls, rain water pipes, &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 words specified in the Notices.

27—Ambulance Sheds at Delancey Hospital— Resolved, To instruct the Borough Surveyor to have the old Ambulance Sheds at the Delancey Hospital repaired, limewashed, and painted, also to have some pitching laid in front of the new shed, and to have the new shed well ventilated.

28—Drainage at the Small Pox Block—The Inspector of Nuisances laid before the Committee a Report as to the drainage of this Block at the Delancey Hospital, from which it appeared that defects had been caused by movement of the clay in which they are laid. Resolved, That a copy of the Report be sent to the Trustees of the Delancey Hospital.

29—Non-compliance with Notice to Fix Flushing Box and Provide Ash-receptacle at No. 23, Hungerford Street--The Medical Officer of Health reported that Mrs- Moxey, the owner of these premises, stated that she had no means and was wholly unable to comply with the notice as above mentioned, being dependent for her living on her married children Resolved. To instruct the Town Clerk to inform Mrs. Moxey that the notice must be complied with, but the Council will endeavour to assist her if she will state how she will be able to pay the cost of compliance with the notice.

30- Sanitary Works at No. 6, Suffolk Parade--The Medical Officer of Health reported that the Council having agreed to do the work required at these premises for Mrs. Stevens, the owner, and to accept repayment in instalments from her of the cost of the work, he had obtained tenders from Messrs.

Saunders and Sons at £17 17s. 6d. and from Mr. R. R. Skemp at £16 10s. 0d. Resolved, That the tender of Mr. Skemp be accepted.

31—Sewer at Rear of Oriel Terrace—With reference to Minute No. 21 of the proceedings of this Committee of date the 18th of September last and to the claim of £55 5s. 0d. made by Messrs. Ticehurst and Sons, solicitors, for Mr. Palmer, of Carlton House, for compensation for damage caused by the laying of a sewer through the garden of the house, the Borough Surveyor reported that everything had been restored and made as good as before the ground was opened, and no damage had been caused. Resolved, That having regard to this information, the Council consider they are unable to admit any liability to pay compensation, no damage having been sustained.

32—Building Plans—The Borough Surveyor laid before the Committee the following plans which he had received from the following persons intending to erect new buildings necessitating drainage, viz :—

No. of Plan.	Name	Description
1281 ..	Mrs. E. J. Maisey	Bath Room at No. 8, Pittville Villas
1285 ..	E. A. Trapnell ..	Additions to the Star Hotel, Regent Street
1286 ..	Alfred Hill ..	New roads at Glencairn Park Estate from Queen's Road to the Lansdown Road
1287	C. H. Slader ..	Shop at corner of Bath Street and Bath Road
1288 ..	Worth's Food Syndicate	Bakery with loft over in Chester Walk

Resolved, That so far as regards drainage, the same be approved as shown.

GEORGE BENCE,

Chairman.

TOWN IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 23rd day of April, 1900—Present : The Mayor Alderman Drew Councillors Baker, Bence, Dix, Cooper, Lenthall, and Macdonald (Alderman Drew in the chair)—

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

2-Entertainments at Montpellier—The Borough Surveyor laid before the Committee a plan which he had prepared of a proscenium for the entertainments at the Montpellier Gardens. Resolved, That the same be approved, that the Borough Surveyor be instructed to obtain tenders for carrying it out, and that the Committee be authorised to accept a tender to enable the work to be proceeded with as soon as possible.

3—Band Stands at Marle Hill Annexe and at Pittville—The Borough Surveyor submitted designs of two Band Stands. Resolved, That the circular design be approved for the Band Stand to be erected in the Marle Hill Annexe on the site of the existing temporary stand, that the other design be approved

for the Stand to be erected on the space in front of the Point, Boom at Pittville, and That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to obtain tenders for carrying out the works.

4—Promenade Improvements —Resolved, That further effort be made to complete and carry out these improvements, and that the Town Clerk be instructed to act accordingly.

5— Sunday Opening of Montpellier Gardens—Resolved, That the Montpellier Gardens be opened on Sundays to holders of keys at 9 o'clock a.m.

6— Opening of Marle Hill Annexe--Resolved, That the free opening of the Manic Hill Annexe on the afternoons of Wednesdays and Saturdays during the Summer months be resumed. That both entrances be open. That records be kept of the number of persons entering at each gate, and that notices be placed on boards at the entrances and at the entrance to Pittville Gardens by Essex Lodge to inform the public.

7—Barrier in Clarence Road—A letter was read from Mr. N. W. Olive enquiring whether the Committee were prepared to take up seriously the consideration of the removal of this barrier. Resolved; To inform Mr. Olive that the Committee are not prepared to take any action in the matter.

8—Noise from Peacocks—A letter was read from Mrs. Parr enquiring if there was no remedy against the discordant cries of the peacocks at night in the Pittville Gardens. Resolved, To inform Mrs. Parr that the Committee regret they are unable to discover any means of preventing the annoyance other than the destruction or removal of the birds.

9—Advertising in Financial News Holiday Guide—A letter was read from the Manager of the Financial News asking for a renewal of the advertisement of the town in the holiday number of the Financial News upon the terms quoted in his circular, Resolved, That the advertisement be discontinued.

10—Advertising in Midland Railway Paris Exhibition Pocket Guide —A letter was read from Mr. G. H. Turner, General Manager of the Midland Railway Company, Derby, offering to insert an advertisement of the Town in the illustrated Pocket Guide of the Company for distribution at the Paris Exhibition at a charge of £5 per page. Resolved, That a one page advertisement in English, with illustration, be authorised. That the Borough Surveyor be requested to obtain a suitable photographic process block, and That the Mayor and Alderman Drew be requested to settle the descriptive letter press.

11—Electric Lighting of Montpellier Gardens -Resolved, That 40 incandescent electric lamps be fixed at the Montpellier Gardens under the direction of the Entertainment Sub-Committee.

J. W. DREW,

Chairman.

TOWN IMPROVEMENT & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEES.

At a joint Meeting of these Committees, held on Tuesday, the 24th day of April, 1906--Present The Mayor ; Councillors Baker, Bence, Cooper, Davis, Dix, Gurney, Moles, Macdonald, and Preston (The Mayor in the chair)—

1.—Temporary Accommodation for Entertainments—The Borough Surveyor submitted a report as to the means of adapting the Winter Garden building to provide a room for entertainments next winter similar to those hitherto held at the old Assembly Rooms, and of an alternative scheme for snaking use of the Pump Room at Pittville for the same purpose. Resolved, that the report be printed and a copy sent to each member of the Committee before the next meeting, to be held on the 30th inst.

GEO. NORMAN,

Chairman.

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At a joint Meeting of these Committees, held on Monday, the 30th day of April, 1900— Present : The Mayor ; Aldermen Dre:, and Winterbotham ; Councillors Baker, Cooper, Davis, Dix, Gurney, Lenthall, Macdonald and Moles (The Mayor in the chair)—

2—Temporary Accommodation for Entertainments—The Report of the Borough Surveyor as to the means of adapting the Winter Garden Building to provide a room for Entertainments next winter was further considered. Resolved, That the Mayor be requested to communicate with the Chairman of the New Club to ascertain A he can give the Committee any guidance as to the best means of meeting the probable requirements of next winter season, and to invite a conference on the subject.

3—Alterations to Winter Garden — With reference to the Resolution to Minute No, 1 of the proceedings of the Town Improvement Committee of date the 19th of June last, confirmed by the Council, Resolved, To instruct the Borough Surveyor to proceed with a view to the work being carried out forthwith.

GEORGE NORMAN,

Chairman,

LIGHTING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Wednesday, the 25th day of April, 1900 — Present : The Mayor Alderman Haddon, Councillors Baker, Brown, and Macdonald, (The Mayor in the chair)—

Electrical Inspector's report—The Electrical Inspector reported the result of his tests of the Electric supply during the past month, as follows: —

LOW PRESSURE CABLES.

Date	Legal Standard.	Test at Manchester Street
1900.		
April 11th....	200 Volts,	202 Volts,
April 21st	“ “	<u>208 “</u>
		Average 206 Volts

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

ILLUMINATING POWER.	PURITY.
1900 April 11th 16.64 candles	1900 Grains of Sulphur per 100 cubic ft.
April 21st .. <u>15.98 "</u>	April 21-22 15-34
Average .. 16.01	

3-Gas Inspector's Report—The Gas Inspector reported that the hourly average consumption of Gas per lamp during the previous month had been as follows: Ordinary burners, 4.2036 cubic feet ; Guildhall lamps, with No 4 Incandescent burners, 5.361 cubic feet ; Ordinary lamps, with No. 3 Incandescent burners, 4.052 cubic feet.

4-Lamp Book- -This book was produced and examined. Ordinary lamps extinguished—15 metered, 46 unmetered ; and 11 burning dimly. Incandescents— 18 out and 7 burning dimly.

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5-Gas Testing Apparatus—The Gas Examiner reported that he had received an offer of £20 for the apparatus used at Manchester Street sub-station for testing the purity of the gas. Resolved, To authorise him to accept the offer.

6—Lighting of Entrance to Trinity Church—A letter was read from Mr. Cockshott suggesting that the electric lamp near the entrance to Trinity Church should be moved so as to light the entrance without throwing a shadow on the steps, as at present. Resolved, That the Committee regret they are unable to comply with the suggestion, and suggest that a gas lamp placed inside the railings so as to light the steps during hours of service would be sufficient to destroy the shadow cast by the electric lamp.

7—Report of the Electrical Engineer—The Electrical Engineer reported—

That all work, both of extensions and ordinary running, had proceeded satisfactorily during the past month, and that, in addition to 212 arcs for street lighting, there was the equivalent of 23,700 8-candle power lamps connected for private supply.

That the Borough Surveyor had estimated the cost of the necessary engine-room extension at about £1,550, and that it was necessary to proceed with this work as soon as possible. That he recommended acceptance of Messrs. Siemens' tender for a continuous current dynamo at £480—this dynamo being required for driving the condensing plant motors, charging the accumulators, &c.

That an additional trimming ladder was required for the arc lighting at a cost of £25.

That small extensions to private supply mains were required in the Upper Bath Road and in the Colonnade, at costs of £30 and £30 respectively.

That Mr. Griffiths had applied for electric supply to a new house to be built opposite The Leasowe," and that the cost of the necessary extension to the mains would be £310; that the costs of further

extensions at Battledown in the road past Battledown Court and in the road to, and as far as, Battledown House would be £165 and £75 respectively.

That he considered that one additional arc was required near the Queen's Hotel and another in Warwick Place, the cost of which would be about £100 for the two.

That he had obtained Tenders for the first required traction dynamo and that, subject to his inspection of their works being satisfactory, he recommended acceptance of Messrs. Witting's tender at £420 as being much the lowest in price and quickest in delivery.

Resolved, That the Report of the Electrical Engineer be approved and adopted; that Tenders for the Building Extension be obtained and that application be made to the Local Government Board for sanction to borrow £3,185 to cover the Works and Extensions referred to in the said Report.

8—Extension of Electric Lighting Areas—In reply to a letter from the Town Clerk offering on behalf of the Committee to fix and light three incandescent electric lamps of 30 candle power each at each of the three corners referred to in the letter of Mr. Ticehurst, Clerk to the Rural District Council, to the Board of Trade, a letter from Mr. Ticehurst was read stating that he had been instructed to communicate with the Prestbury Parish Council thereon, but he did not think it at all likely that the District Council would consent to the Town Council having what is practically a concession of the monopoly of supplying electric light in their district.

A letter was read from the Board of Trade stating that, having regard to the period of the Parliamentary Session, the Board were unable to defer consideration of the matter of the extension of the area any longer, and they proposed to proceed with the Order in respect of the Urban District of Charlton Kings only.

GEO. NORMAN,

Chairman.

WATER COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Thursday, the 27th day of April, 1900—Present:
Councillors Baker, Bennett, Bence, Davis, Dix, Rickerby, and Waghorne (Councillor Waghorne in the chair)—

1-Report of the Water Engineer—The Water Engineer reported that the supply from Hewletts and Northfield springs was 171 gallons, the average for the last four years being 151 gallons per minute, and the quantity of water at Hewletts and Leckhampton was 26,359,630 gallons.

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On the 25th instant the depth of water in the Dowdeswell Reservoir was 30ft.. 11 ½ in. and the contents 94,756,149 gallons, which gave a total of 121,115,799 gallons, or about 134 days' supply, exclusive of the daily yield of the springs, which was then about 727,536 gallons.

That an application had been received for a supply of water to Ben Venue, Battledown, the cost of which would be about £53, and he recommended that providing the usual agreement be signed by

the Owner or Occupier a supply on ordinary terms be given. Resolved, That the recommendation of the Water Engineer be approved and adopted.

2--Water Supply to Cowpens and Southwick near Tewkesbury—A letter from the Town Clerk of Tewkesbury was read stating that his Committee were willing to recommend the Tewkesbury Town Council to agree that in cases where the Cheltenham Main is tapped for the supply of individual consumers the nett profit between 7 ¾ d. per 1000 gallons and the price paid by consumers in accordance with the scale for the time being in force in that Borough should be equally divided between the two Boroughs. He also suggested that the Cheltenham Town Council should waive the charge of 1s per hydrant for repairs so that they may be at once put in order. Mr. Badham also stated that the owner of Cowpens Farm proposed to connect the premises with the Cheltenham Main by means of lead piping instead of asking for a continuation of the Main. He believed the property was opposite the main and therefore after crossing the road the owner of the farm could continue the piping on his own ground. Also further letters to and from the Mayor, Alderman Baker (the Chairman of the Tewkesbury Committee), and the Town Clerk of Tewkesbury were read, Resolved, That the provisional arrangement come to at the interview at Tewkesbury being that the difference between the awarded cost of the water and the price paid by the consumers in accordance with the scale for the time being in force in the Borough of Tewkesbury should be equally divided between the Corporation of Cheltenham and the Corporation of Tewkesbury as a payment by the Corporation of Tewkesbury for the use of the main, and which arrangement is confirmed by the letter of Alderman Baker to the Mayor, this Committee propose to adhere to it, It having been suggested that the charge of 1s. per hydrant should be waived, Resolved, That this be agreed to.

3- Water Supply to Keynsham Cottage, No. 68, St. George's Place, No. 10, New Street, No. 27, Russell Street, and Oakville, Moorend Road—Resolved, To comply with the request contained in the Resolution to Minute No. 28 of the proceedings of the Public Health Committee of date the 19th day of March, 1900, to have the water turned on to these houses.

4—Sandford Allotment No. 4--A complaint was received from the tenant of this Allotment on account of a pump having been put on it and the other allotment holders having the use of it whereby the ground around it could not be planted, and he applied for a reduction of the present rent of 16s. as compensation. Resolved, To reduce the rent to 14s.

5- Assessment of Mains in the Parish of Deerhurst—A letter was read from Mr. Badham, the Clerk to the Tewkesbury Union Assessment Committee, giving formal notice to the Cheltenham Town Council that on the 25th inst. the Assessment Committee of that Union would consider a new Valuation List for the Parish of Deerhurst, in which list the Cheltenham Corporation would be assessed in respect of water mains, &c., at £51 gross and £45 net, but it did not alter the amount, of the assessment. Resolved, To leave the matter in the hands of the Chairman to take action if he shall think fit after consultation with the Town Clerk and the Water Engineer.

6- -Water Supply to Mr. Ferguson's Cottages in Grafton Passage - The Chairman placed before the Committee a plan which he had received from Mr. Ferguson, showing the manner in which he suggested the water should be laid up to his cottages in Grafton Passage. Resolved, That in the absence of the Water Engineer consideration of the matter be adjourned until the next meeting of the Committee,

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

H. WAGHORNE,

Chairman.

ART GALLERY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Friday, the 27th day of April, 1900—Present : The Mayor Alderman Winterbotham ; Councillor Hayward, and The Baron de Ferrieres (Alderman Winterbotham In the chair)—

1—Contractors' Bill for the Art Gallery ---The Bill received from Messes. A. C. and S. Billings (not including a sum of £83 10s paid by the Baron de Ferrieres for extras) amounting to £840 4s. 6d., being £646 the balance of the contract after payment by the Baron de Ferrieres of the sum of £1,000. and £200 16s. 9d. (less £6 12s. 3d. received on account) for extras was examined. Resolved. That the balance of £840 4s. 6d, be paid, and that the balance of this amount re-maining after the loan of £1500 has been expended be defrayed out of the halfpenny rate.

2--Accounts—Resolved, That a cheque be drawn and signed in payment of a bill from Mr. Arthur Whitcombe for £6 8s. 9d.

JAS. B. WINTERBOTHAM,

Chairman.

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GENERAL PURPOSES AND WATCH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Wednesday, the 4th day of April, 1900—Present: The Mayor, Alderman Winterbotham Councillors Bence, Davis, and Gurney. (The Mayor in the chair)—

1-Municipal Offices —With reference to Minute No. 6 of this Committee's proceedings, of date the oath of February, last, the Committee considered to what departments the additional accommodation at the disposal of the Council should be allotted. Resolved, That the two front rooms of the offices formerly occupied by Messrs. Brydges, Mellersh & Brydges be devoted to the purposes of the rates collection, and the two other rooms to the Borough Surveyor, the smaller of the two to be used as a store room for plans, the office at present occupied by the Rate Collector to be added to the Water Office. Resolved further, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to place before the Committee a plan showing the arrangements above proposed, and what alterations are necessary to the rooms in order to make them suitable, and to estimate, what repairs the Landlord should pay for, all the work of alteration and repair to be done by the Corporation.

2 --Orders of Council—The motion of Councillor Cooper on the subject of Monthly Reports to the Committees and Quarterly Reports to the Council of all matters ordered by the Council not carried out, referred to this Committee by the Council with a view to the same being given effect to, was considered. Resolved, That the Town Clerk do write to Mr. Cooper to ascertain from him in what

form he suggests such returns or reports should be made, and what matters should be included or excluded.

3—Suggested Police Sub-Station for Lower High Street—A copy of a Memorial signed by 13 residents in Lower High Street, addressed to the Chief Constable, submitting that a Police Sub-Station in Lower High Street was most desirable and essential for the benefit and protection of the district, was read. Resolved, That Admiral Christian be informed that this Committee appease of the suggestion contained in the memorial.

GEO. NORMAN,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 24th day of April, 1990—Present: The Mayor; Councillors Baker, Bell, Davis, Dix, Gurney, Hayward, Lenthall, Moles, and Preston. (The Mayor in the chair)—

4- Police Station in Lower High Street— A letter was read from Mr. E. T. Gardom, Clerk of the Peace, stating that at a quarterly meeting of the Police Committee an application by the inhabitants was submitted for the establishment of a Police Station in the lower part of the High Street, Cheltenham, That the Committee expressed their willingness to allow this to be done on the Cheltenham Town Council undertaking to pay the cost, and that a cottage for the purpose would be rented as soon as the necessary agreement had been entered into between the Cheltenham Town Council and the Standing Joint Committee. Resolved, That the undertaking be given, and that the Town Clerk be instructed to settle the Agreement with Mr. Gardom, and that the seal of the Council be affixed thereto.

5--Drivers' Licences—Applications for Drivers' Licences were received from Albert George Preston. Arthur Liddiard, Edward Poulton, Ernest William Smith, and Charles Phillips. Resolved, That the applications be acceded to.

The Inspector reported that George Clifford had been four times convicted of offences against the Hackney Carriage Bye-Laws within a period of twelve months.

6—Hackney Carriage Licences—Applications were received from Henry Winters and C. W. Trinder for pony carriage licences, and from C. Mackay and Frederick Jones for landau licences. Resolved, To inform Messrs. Winter and Trinder that there are no pony carriage licences available, but to offer slot landau licence recently held by Mr. Phillips to Mr. Waters, and that Messrs. Mackay and F. Jones be informed that there is no landau licence available.

Inspection of Hackney Carriages—Resolved, To hold the Annual Inspection of Hackney Carriages at the Agg-Gardner Recreation Ground at 8.30 a.m. on the 30th proximo.

That the last day for sending in applications for renewal of licences be the 14th proximo.

That the inspection of Wheel Chairs be held in the Parish Churchyard on the 8th of June 10.30 a.m., and

That the inspection of the Omnibuses be delegated to Councillors Baker, Bence, and Lenthall.

Licensing Meeting—Resolved, To hold this meeting on the 8th of June at 11 a.m.

7—Omnibus Licenses.—A letter was read from the Omnibus Company applying for a license for a new Char-a-Banc, but should the Committee not see their way to granting a new licence, they suggested that they be allowed to transfer the licence from Omnibus No. 1 to the new vehicle. Resolved, To adjourn consideration of the application for a new licence pending information as to whether the Char-a-Banc is to run on a route or ply for hire generally, and to accede to the application as regards the transfer of the licence from Omnibus No. 1.

8—Arrears of Municipal Work—A letter was read from Councillor Cooper suggesting that the Minutes of the Committees approved by the Council should be laid before the respective Committees after an interval of one month, and those carried out struck

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through and the remainder left uncanceled, and in succeeding months, should the work of any such Minutes remain un-completed, the same should be cut out of the poet and pasted on a sheet of paper to be again from time to time brought before the respective Committees. That for the Council a printed statement should be sent out with the Minutes for the quarterly meeting in November of any matters ordered by the Council during the 3 months ending May 7th, and he saw no reason why all the items on the Council Agenda or Minutes should not be treated upon the same plan above suggested. Resolved, That consideration of the matter be adjourned until the next monthly meeting of the Committee, and that Councillor Cooper be invited to attend it and offer any further explanation needed as to his views.

9—Yeomanry Drill—A letter was read from Major Bishop stating that the Colonel of the Royal Gloucestershire Hussars had decided to camp at Ross this year, but they would, he hoped, be back at Cheltenham next year as usual.

10—Tolls for Amusements at Mops and Fairs—A letter was read from W. Symonds, of No. 9, Magdala Road, Gloucester, making an offer for the sole right of amusements at the Cheltenham Mops and Fairs, to open the night before the Mop and Fair in each week and continue until the day following, being three days in each week, Resolved, That consideration of the offer be adjourned pending communication from Mr. Studt.

11—Urinals at Public Houses—Resolved, That the Mayor and Town Clerk be requested to confer as to the expediency of making representation to the Licensing Justices with a view to the better provision of conveniences at licensed houses, and report thereon to the Committee,

12—Record of Volunteers for Active Service—The Borough Surveyor submitted a design of tablets to be fixed in the three panels outside the wall of the Art Gallery, to be constructed of hammered copper, upon which to record the names of Volunteers who had been sent to active service. Resolved, That the same be approved, and that the Borough Surveyor be instructed to obtain tenders for the three tablets and for one.

13—Municipal Offices—The Borough Surveyor laid before the Committee a plan which he had prepared for rearrangement of the Municipal Offices in accordance with the resolution of this Committee of the 4th inst., the cost of which he estimated (exclusive of the sum of £25 which he

estimated as the cost of carrying out the necessary repairs to be done by the land-lord) inclusive of the cost of carrying out the necessary renovations and alterations throughout the building, at £125. Resolved, That the plan be approved, and that the Borough Surveyor be instructed to obtain and accept a tender and have the work proceeded with as soon as possible.

14-Weighbridge Charges—Resolved, To adjourn consideration of this matter until the next meeting of the Committee.

GEO. NORMAN,

Chairman.

BATHS AND RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this committee, held on Monday, the 23rd day of April, 1900—Present : The Mayor Alderman Drew Councillors Baker, Bennett, Brown, Dix, Lenthall and Moles (Councillor Lenthall in the chair)—

1--Alstone Baths—The Borough Surveyor reported that the receipts from the 18th January last, when the Baths were re-opened, to the 31st March last, had amounted, inclusive of Season Tickets, Clubs, Schools, and other large establishments. to the sum of £336 10s 0d., and that the receipts for the period from the 1st April to the 22nd April, 1900 had amounted to the sum of £8 5s. 4d.

2—Custodian at Montpellier Baths--A letter was read from Mr. T. B. Cowley, late Sergeant of the 10th Lancers, 3, Cambridge Terrace, Woolwich, applying for the post of Custodian at the Montpellier Baths. Resolved, That consideration of the application be adjourned until the time shall arrive for making the appointment.

3--Season Tickets at Alstone Baths -A letter was read from the Hon. Sec. of the Alstone Swimming and Polo Club, enquiring when the Season Tickets expire. Resolved, To inform the writer that all Season Tickets will in future expire on the 31st of March in each year, without regard to the date of issue, but a ticket issued on or after the 1st of April will remain in force until the 31st of March following.

4--Recreation Grounds Bye-Laws--Resolved, That these Bye-Laws be printed and posted on notice boards at the Agg-Gardner and Naunton Park Recreation Grounds.

5—Visitors for the Month—Resolved, To appoint as visitors for the month, Alderman Drew for the Alstone Baths, and Councillor Bennett for the Recreation Grounds.

6—Rental of Grazing at Naunton Park—The Town Clerk reported that Mr. Willis, against whom the Corporation had obtained a judgment in the County Court for £5 for rental of grazing at Naunton Park and 15s costs, and upon whose goods execution had been levied, had offered to pay 15s costs and the remainder by instalments of 10s per month, and that he had authorised the execution to be held over, with power to re-enter, pending the decision of the Committee. Resolved, That the action of the Town Clerk be approved, and that the offer be accepted, provided that if the instalments be

not punctually paid the Town Clerk be instructed to at once re-levy the execution for the whole of the balance of the debt remaining due.

7--Loans of £3,723 for Recreation Grounds, &c.—A letter from the Local Government Board was read stating that before deciding upon the application made to the Board to sanction loans for various auras amounting to £3,723 for purposes of public walks and pleasure grounds, the Board would direct a Local Inquiry to be held by one of their Inspectors as soon as other engagements would permit.

8—Appointment of Caretaker at Agg-Gardner Recreation Ground as an Additional Constable—A letter was read from Admiral Christian, stating that if Mr. C. W. Lodge, the caretaker at the Agg-Gardner Recreation Ground, would attend any day the magistrates sat, he would be declared an Additional Constable. Resolved, To direct Mr. Lodge to attend accordingly.

J. S. LENTHALL,
Chairman.

BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Friday, the 27th day of April, 1900—Present The Mayor; Alderman Haddon ; Councillors Baker, Brown, Davis, Moles and Rickerby, (Councillor Moles in the chair)—

1 -Funerals Exempt from Fees for Minister and Clerk —A letter was read from Mr. F. Hannam-Clark, the Bishop's Secretary, stating that the Bishop had no objection to sanction an alteration of the Rules and Regulations to meet the variation desired by the Board fixing the hour for these funerals for 3 o'clock in the afternoon throughout the year and requesting a remittance of his fee of 5s. Resolved, That the fee be paid and that notice of the alteration be sent to all the Under-takers in the Borough.

2—Damage to Grave Curbing--A Letter was read from Mr. C. Stuart Millard, of Wyastone, Bayshill, complaining that the curbing round the grave of his child had been damaged by the employees at the Cemetery in the course of removal, and that the Superintendent had replied when he spoke to him about it that he had had the worth of his money. He sent a copy of a tender from Messrs. Martyr & Co. to repair the damage for £1, and this he suggested should be paid by the Board. Resolved, That the Board regret that there should have been any cause for complaint and to inform Mr. Millard that the Superintendent denies having made the curt reply attributed to him. That the amount of Messrs. Martyr and Co's. charge for repairing the kerbing be paid by the Board. That the Superintendent be instructed in future not to allow any employees at the Cemetery to remove stones or kerbings for the Undertakers, and That notice of this be sent to all the Undertakers in the Borough.

3—Designs—The following designs were examined and allowed, viz:—Headstones to Elizabeth Spurle, William David Draper, Justiana Stevenson, John Reginald Payne Cook and Francis Henry Izard.

4—Wages—The following account for wages was allowed, viz G. C. Pratley £16 15 0

J. V. MOLES, Chairman.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 1st day of May, 1900—Present Councillors Bence, Gurney, Hayward and Macdonald (Councillor Gurney in the chair)—

1-Budget Meeting—Resolved, That the Budget Meeting of this Committee be held on Wednesday, the 9th instant, at 3 p.m.

2--Salaries of Assistants, Borough Accountant's Department—On the recommendation of the Borough Accountant, Resolved, That the Salary of Mr. H. J. Gummer Chief Assistant in the Borough Accountant's Department, be increased from £60 to £70 per annum from the 1st ulto., and that the Salary of Mr. G. B. Pearce, a Junior Clerk in the Department, be increased from 10s to 12s 6d per week from the 1st instant.

3—Loans--The Borough Accountant reported that since the last meeting of the Committee the following Loans then passed had been completed :—

Electric Lighting Loans, from Mr. Charles and Mrs. M. J. Margrett	£3715
Do do. Miss G. Margrett .	<u>£2000</u>
	£5715
Waterworks Loans, from Mr. Nash and Miss Hooke	<u>£ 800</u>
	£6515

and corresponding Debentures had been paid off to Lloyds Bank except for the £715, which was a balance of the Street Improvement £1265 Loan not before raised.

A Loan of £161, balance of Electric Lighting £10,667 Loan, had been arranged from Mr. C. Margrett and Mrs. M. J. Margrett at 3 ¼ per cent. with ¼ per cent. commission, the term to be 12 months certain and afterwards six months' notice by either party. Also a Loan of £500 from Mr. Richard Gopsill Brown at 3 ¼ per cent., term 12 months certain and afterwards six months' notice, to be applied towards repayment of Electric Lighting Debentures still owing to Lloyds Bank, ¼ per cent. for introduction to be paid in this case.

He also reported as to the negotiations he had had with the Building Society for continuance of their Loan of £5,000 for the present.

Farms Stock and Implements Loan (£3,000)—The Borough Accountant reported that he should probably be able to obtain this Loan for the whole period sanctioned (10 years) at 3 ¼ per cent. per annum with ¼ commission.

Resolved, That the Debentures for £161 and £500 be sealed and issued accordingly, and that the Borough Accountant be authorised to arrange for the continuance for the present of the amount advanced by the Building Society.

4--Accounts—The Financial Statement of the Receipts and Expenditure since the last Meeting and the Bills and Accounts to be paid were examined, and the latter amounting to £10,167 0s. 5d., including repayment of £1000 Debenture to Lloyds Bank, 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 :—

Balance in hand on the 26th March last	£1082 4 11	
Received since that date—		
Rates and General Receipts	£3014 16 4	
Loans (including £5,800 to replace Debentures paid off), and £500 to be paid off	<u>£7176 0 0</u>	<u>£10190 16 4</u>
		£11273 1 3
Paid since the 6606 March—		
Bills and General Expenses	£16072 19 0	
Loans Repayment	<u>£ 5600 0 0</u>	<u>£21872 19 0</u>
		£10599 17 9
Balance overdrawn		

W. GERALD GURNEY,

Chairman.

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PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 24th day of April, 1900—Present: Alderman Skillicorne, Councillors Bennett, Hayward, Moles, and Preston Rev. J. Evans, Baron de Ferrieres, Dr. Davis, and Messrs. A Beckingsale, Evan Butler, J. G. Carr, G. H. Palmer, and T. Whittard (Councillor Hayward in the chair)—

1 -Librarian's Report—The Librarian's Monthly Report was read. Receipts £7 3s. 1d. He also reported that the following gifts had been made to the Library during the past month, viz.:—

	vols.	pamphlets.
A Chancery Barrister	1	0
Baron de Ferrieres	3	2
County Directory Publishing Co.	1	0
Crown Agent for the Colonies .. • ..	1	0
W. J. Crawford . . . -	1	0
Greenberg and Co...	1	0
W. P. Kelly . . . •	1	0
W. Lloyd	1	0
Miss A. Longridge	1	0
Principal Librarian, British Museum ..	4	0
Ruskin Museum, Sheffield	1	0

2 -Salary of Caretakers at Library .Resolved, To increase the wages paid to Mr. and Mrs. Addis by this Committee from 22s to 25s per week.

3—"Looker-On"—Mr. Palmer having reported that Mr. Crawford sent a copy of the "Looker-On" each week to the Branch Reading Room at Leckhampton free of charge. Resolved, That the thanks of the Committee be given to Mr. Crawford for his gift.

4- Accounts-The following Accounts were examined and passed for payment, viz. :—

The Athenaeum, Advertisement ..	8s 0d
J. J. Banks —Books. New, 19s ; Newspapers and Periodicals, £13 2s. 0 ½d. ; Magazines, £3 12s. 5d. ..	£17 13 5 ½
J. J. Banks—Newspapers and Magazines (Leckhampton) ..	£ 2 9 6
Norman and Sawyer- Binding and Lettering,	£13 3 8
Stationery and Printing, 15s. 11d.	£13 19 7
J. Tinkler, Cleaning Requisites	£ 1 5 0
Yost Typewriter Co., Stationery	8s 2d
Wages for May .. .	£15 12 0
Art Gallery, on account of petty cash	£10 0 0

C. HAYWARD,
Chairman.

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, the 2nd day of May, 1900—Present Aldermen Haddon and Skillicorne Councillors Bennett, Cypher, and Preston (Councillor Preston in the chair.)

1-Attendance Officers' Report--The Monthly Report of the Attendance Officers was read, from which it appeared that duplicate registers had been received from 39 schools, from which 495 names of absentee children had been extracted, all of whom had been visited. They also reported that the parents of 80 children had been summoned to attend before the Local Committees, who had held 5 meetings; that 12 parents had been prosecuted, that so were fined, and an Attendance Order made against the parent of Albert Ballinger. That 9 Commitments had been issued; 6 had paid, 2 were withheld owing to sickness in the family, and one had gone to prison.

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.--George Jeenes, Annie Gage, James Bowstead, Thomas Bartlett, Thomas Bennett, Frederick Guppy, Ellen Townsend, Dorothy Agg, John Harris, Rose Stevens, Richard Morris, Emily Stevens, Miria Moxey and William Tanner; and That proceedings under Sec. 11 of the Act of 1876 be taken against the parents of James Lloyd, Alfred Williams, Louisa Davis, Albert Purver and Alfred Jenkins; and that proceedings under Sec. 12 of the Act of 1876 be taken against the parent of Ernest Matthey.

3—Partial Exemption--A letter from the Town Clerk to the Board of Education was read, enquiring whether, having regard to the fact that there is no provision now in the Byelaws for the granting of certificates for partial exemption, it would be necessary (to meet the provision contained in the Elementary Education (School Attendance) Act (1893) Amendment Act, 1899, enabling a child over twelve years of age to obtain partial exemption from School if such child has made 300 attendances

in not more than two Schools during each year for five preceding years) to introduce a partial exemption Byelaw where such Byelaw was not previously in force, The Board had replied that they were not aware that the Act imposes any such obligation.

WILLIAM PRESTON,

Chairman.

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Borough of Cheltenham

MINUTES of the Proceedings of the several Committees of the Town Council to be submitted for approval at a Monthly Meeting of the Council, to be held on Monday, the 11th day of June, 1900.

STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monthly, the 14th day of May, 1900—Present: The Mayor Alderman Haddon ; Councillors Baker, Bence, Brown, Cypher, Davis, and Dix (Councillor Baker it, the chair)—

1-Harp Hill Improvement —A letter was read from the Local Government Board, with which was enclosed the formal sanction of the Board to a loan of £700 for carrying out this Improvement. Resolved, To instruct the Borough Surveyor to prepare the specification and advertise for tenders.

2-Ditch opposite Delancey Hospital—With reference to the resolution of the Council that this ditch be piped on condition that the Trustees of the Hospital would give up the width of the ditch to widen the footpath, a letter was read from Dr. Wilson, on behalf of the Trustees, expressing their thanks to the Council for their action, and accepting the terms mentioned in the resolution.

3-Road at back of the Railway Inn, Norwood Road—Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to bring up a specification of the works of repair and improvement to this street to be done by the abutting owners.

4-Building Plans—The Borough Surveyor laid before the Committee the following plans, which he had received of intended new buildings, viz.:—

No. on Plan	Name.	Description.
1293	W. Buckle	Porch at the Brown Jug Brewery, Bath Road.
1294	E. Saunders & Sons	Bath Room and new square Bay Window at 1, Argyle Place.
1295	Flower & Sons	Additions to the British Union Inn, Painswick Road.
1296	James Page	New Sitting Room and Scullery with bedroom and w.c. over at 19, Promenade.
1297	T. Nelson Foster	New Paddock Boxes at Alt Dinas.
1298	Miss Beale	Additions to Cambray House.
1299	Mr. Hill	Stables at rear of No. 2, Fairfield Villas, Leckhampton Road.
1300	John Burke	Cottage at back of No. 220a, High Street.

Resolved, That the plans above-mentioned be approved as shown.

WILLIAM A. BAKER,

Chairman.

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At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 28th day of May, 1900—Present The Mayor Councillors Baker, Bence, Brown, Davis, and Dix (Councillor Baker in the chair).

5—The View—The following Members attended the View Meeting on the previous Friday, viz :— Alderman Haddon ; Councillors Baker, Bence, Brown, and Davis.

6—Street Projections—A letter was read from Mr. A. Hacker, of No. 66, High Street, applying for permission to alter his outside Blind so as to rest on two horizontal iron arms from the shop front instead of on three upright iron standards from the curb stone as at present. Resolved, That subject to compliance with the regulation as to height the application be acceded to.

A letter was read from Mr. Oates, of No. 120, High Street, applying to the Committee to sanction the fixture over his shop of a gas lamp. Resolved, That subject to compliance with the regulations, the application be acceded to.

A letter was read from Mr. G. F. Murch, Mr. F. Taylor, and Mr. M. A. Hood, of Nos. 5, 6, and 8, Charlton Place, Bath Road, complaining that Mr. Stretton, Cycle Manufacturer, of Bath Road, had erected an awning on his premises in front of No. 7, Charlton Place which partially obstructed the light and view of No. 6, was unsightly, deteriorated the value of adjoining property and partially obstructed the view from No. 8, and for these reasons requesting the Council to compel its removal, Resolved, To inform the writers that the Council regret that they have no power to comply with their request.

7—Corporation Land S.E. end of Manchester Street—A letter was read from Mr. Ley Wood, stating that the Committee of the Training Colleges contemplated altering the entrance to St. Mary's Hall by 'flaking a carriage drive up to the front door, and suggesting that it would be an improvement to the approach if the piece of land adjoining, which faces Manchester Street, were acquired, and that it might be arranged so as to form a very desirable street improvement, and that the Council might consider the improvement of the street of sufficient importance to join in some way in effecting it. Resolved, To inform Mr. Ley Wood that the Council have no intention of parting with the site referred to.

8--Railing West Side of St. Matthew's Church—Resolved, To instruct the Borough Surveyor to have this railing with the plinth rounded off at the unfinished end, so as to bring it in line with the wall of Mr. Bendall's premises.

9-- Direction Posts—A letter was read from the County Surveyor stating that the County Council wished all the District Roads where the ends join main roads to be furnished with direction posts with the name of the village or place to which the road leads and the distance painted thereon. That the County Council were willing to supply cast iron heads and fitted finger arms if the District Council

would provide and fix the posts and paint the inscriptions and distances thereon. Resolved, That this Council will willingly comply with the suggestion of the County Council, and that the Borough Surveyor be instructed to inform the County Surveyor what number of heads and arms will be required for use in the Borough.

10--Ewlyn Road—A letter was read from Mr. S. A. White, of Ormsby, Ewlyn Road, complaining of the had condition of this road. Resolved, To inform Mr. White that Notices are about to be served upon the abutting owners requiring them to carry out the necessary, works of repair, and that as soon as the notices have expired the work will at once be taken in hand and carried out by the Corporation

11 — Crossing from Wellington Road to Marle Hill Road- A letter was read from Mrs. Antill, calling the attention of the Council to the necessity of a crossing as above mentioned. Resolved. To inform Mrs Antill that the Marie All Road is about to be repaired by the abutting owners, after which it will be probably declared a highway, and her suggestion shall then receive favourable consideration.

12-Great Western Terrace—Resolved, To instruct the Borough Surveyor to bring up a specification of the works of repair in this street required to be done by the abutting owners.

13— Report of the Borough Surveyor re Highways—The Borough Surveyor reported that the work done by the Highways Department for the month ending May 25th, 1900, had been as follows: —

Repaired with Clee Hill Stone—Gloucester Road (proceeding),

Repaired with Wickwar Stone—Ashford Road 2224 super yards

Patched with Clee Hill Stone—Bayshill Road, St. George's Street, St. James's Square, Leckhampton Road, Leamington Place, Lansdown Place, Norwood Road, Hale's Road, Tivoli Place, Promenade, Queen's Parade, Tewkesbury, Road, Royal Well Place, High Street, Manchester Street, Tivoli Road.

Patched with Wickwar Stone—Charlton Lane, :Montpellier Drive, Keynsham Road, Waterloo Street, Sydenham Villas., Worcester Street,

Crossings had been renewed with McDougall's patent bricks at Wellington Square, Shurdington Road, Pittville Circus, Leamington Place, and High Street (end of Berkeley Street).

Repairs to Paving, Kerbing, Crossing and Channelling—Wellington Road, St. George's Road, Shurdington Road, High Street, Brandon Terrace, Suffolk Parade, Pittville Circus, York Street, Sherborne Street, Cambay, Fairview Road, Montpellier Terrace, Promenade, Princes Terrace.

Pope's Alley, New Street, had been repaired with asphalte, 114 super yards.

The widening of Old Bath Road is proceeding.

Ashes Collection and Disposal-878 loads collected, 854 loads consumed, (854 tons 4 cwt.)

Private Improvements—Clare Parade finished, Oakfield Street and Hermitage Street proceeding.

Clinker Paving—The estimate for the above not having been sent to the Local Government Board, he had taken the opportunity to examine the items and found that owing to the great advance in the price of all metal the sum originally stated would be insufficient for the buildings and fittings.

The sum asked for was £2,600. He was of opinion that at present prices the cost would be nearly £3,000, and he therefore recommended that the application be altered to that amount. The principal item of the price was £1,500 and this being a definite quotation formally accepted could not be added to. Resolved, That the recommendation of the Borough Surveyor be approved and adopted, and that application be made to the Local Government Board accordingly.

4—Building Plans—The Borough Surveyor laid before the Committee the following plans which he had received of intended new buildings, viz.:—

No. of Plan.	Name.	Description.
1295	Flower & Sons, Limited.	Additions to the British Union Inn.
1302	General Oldfield	Store and open sheds and glass porch to entrance at Westwood, Hale's Road.
1303	C. Phillips	Conversion of Cottage adjoining Suffolk Cottage into two semi-detached houses.

Resolved, That No. 1295 be disapproved, and that the other plans above-mentioned be approved as shown.

WILLIAM A. BAKER,

Chairman.

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 14th day of May, 1900—Present The Mayor, Alderman Skillicorne ; Councillors Bence, Davis, Davies, 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 6 cases of Scarlet Fever, 3 of Enteric Fever, 4 of Diphtheria, and 1 of Erysipelas ; that 6 cases of Scarlet Fever and 2 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 7 of Scarlet Fever, and 1 of Enteric Fever.

2—Nuisance from Drains, &c., at No. 12, Priory Terrace, No. 47, Grosvenor Street, No. 9, Albert Place, and No. 26, Promenade Villas--The Inspector of Nuisances having made written application under Section 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 House in Barnes' Court, Grove Street, occupied by William Richards—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--Wales- 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, 08Sig, 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 No. 97, Tewkesbury Road, No. 16, Princes Street, No. 2, Mitre Street, and No. 276, 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 Notice be given to the owners under the said Section, requiring the houses to be cleansed and limewashed.

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7—Wells at No. 27, Russell Street and Nos. 15 and 16, Portland Street--The Medical Officer of Health reported that the water in the wells at the above-mentioned premises was used or likely to be used by man for drinking or domestic purposes, and was so polluted as to be injurious to health. Resolved, That proceedings under Sec. 70 of the Public Health Act be taken to obtain orders for these wells to be closed.

8— Insanitary Property at No. 17, Cleveland Street, No. 2, Mitre Street, and No. 16, Princes 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, 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.

9—Urinals at the Cambridge Inn, North Street, and the Farmers' Arms, Worcester Street—The Medical Officer of Health reported that these Urinals were in such an insanitary condition for want of repair and water supply for flushing as to be a nuisance or injurious to health. Resolved, That the Council are satisfied of the existence of nuisances at the premises above-mentioned from the defects referred to, and that Notices under Sec. 94 of the Public Health Act, 1875, be served on the owners, requiring them to abate the nuisances and for that purpose to lay on a sufficient and proper supply of water for flushing, and execute such structural alterations and repairs as are necessary.

10—Pubic Abattoir- The Medical Officer of Health reported that in his opinion further space was required at the Abattoir for killing in the general slaughter houses, where oxen, sheep and calves are

killed, if it is to serve the purpose for which it was intended, viz., to take the place of existing slaughter-houses. There was no immediate necessity to increase the number of the pig slaughter-houses. The general slaughter-houses on the other side, however, should be increased, so that two or three apartments would be available to be let on equitable terms to individual butchers. He recommended the building of one slaughter-house of two or three times the size of either of those existing, and one hanging shed for the general use of the whole Abattoir, both for pigs and other carcasses, as the more immediate requirement. Resolved, To adjourn consideration of the matter until the next meeting of the Committee.

11 -- Closing of Slaughter-houses—Resolved. To instruct the Town Clerk to write to all the owners and occupiers of slaughter-houses in respect of which Notices have been served to cease slaughtering, to call attention to the fact that non-compliance with the Notices renders them liable to penalties which will be enforced if they continue to contravene the provisions of the Order

12-Sewer under Garden of Carlton House—A letter was read from Messrs. Ticehurst & Sons with reference to the resolution of the Council, that they were of opinion, having regard to the report of the Borough Surveyor, that no damage had been sustained, submitting that the laying of a sewer and the construction of a manhole in the garden of a private residence cannot be compensated for by the ground being restored, and that their client could not be expected to rest content with the decision of the Council, and they could Only suppose that the decision was come to under a misapprehension as to what was done on their client's premises. Resolved, That further consideration of the matter be adjourned.

13—Building Plans—The Borough Surveyor laid before the Committee the following plans of intended new buildings necessitating drainage, viz.

No. of Plan.	Name.		Description.
1294	E. Saunders & Sons	..	Bath Room and new square Bay Window at No. 1, Argyle Place.
1296	Jas. Page	New Sitting Room and Scullery with Bedroom and w.c. over at No. 19, Promenade
1297	T. Nelson Foster		New Paddock Boxes at Alit Dinas,
1298	Miss Beale		Additions to Cambray House.
1299	Mr. Hill	Stables at rear of No. 2, Fairfield Villas, Leckhampton Road.
1300	John Burke		Cottage at back of No. 220a, High Street,

Resolved, That the same be approved as shown, as regards drainage and other sanitary matters.

GEORGE BENCE,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 21st day of May, 1900 —Present : The Mayor Alderman Skillicorne ; Councillors Bence, Davis, Davies, Gurney, Moles and Waghorne (Councillor Bence in the chair)

14- Zymotic Disease—The Medical Officer of Health reported that there had been notified since the last meeting of the Committee 5 cases of Diphtheria; that 4 had been sent into the Delancey Hospital and that the number of cases then in the Delancey Hospital sent in by the Corporation was 6 of Scarlet Fever, and 1 of Enteric Fever.

15—Nuisance from Drains, &c., at Nos. 1, 2, 3 and 4, St. Anne's Terrace, Mulberry Villa, London Road, Nos. 15 and 16, Portland Street, No. 3, Oxford Buildings, and No. 16, Priory Terrace—The Inspector of Nuisances having made written application under Sec. 41 of the Public Health Act, 1875, stating that the drains, &c., on or belonging to the above-named houses were in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to health. Resolved, That authority be given to the Inspector of Nuisances to open the ground, examine the drains, and, if necessary, give the notices and act as provided by the said section.

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16—Overcrowding at No. 7, Roebuck Cottages, adjoining Nailsworth 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.

17-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 Sec. 28 of the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1889, be given to the owners, requiring them to provide the necessary flushing apparatus, and to the occupiers to lay on a proper supply of water thereto, and that in default of compliance with such notices proceedings be taken for the penalties.

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

19—Cleansing and limewashing at West Cottage, Tivoli Cottage, back of No. 187, High Street, Nos. 45 and 46, Townsend Strat, Nos. 4, 7, 8, and 12, Edward Steed, Not. 8 and 9, Hewlett Place, No, 1, St. Peter's Place, Nos. 42 and 44, Stanhope Street, Nos. 28 and 29, Rutland Street, and Nos. 2 and 3, Belmont Terrace —The Medical Officer of Health having certified under Sec. 46 of the Public Health Act that the above-named dwelling houses were in such a filthy and unwholesome condition that the health of the inmates was affected or endangered thereby. Resolved, That Notice be given to the owners under the said Section requiring the houses to be cleansed and limewashed.

20-Closing of School on account of Measles—The Medical Officer of Health reported that he had ordered St. Mark's School in Hatherley Lane to be closed for 3 weeks from May 15th, owing to the development of Measles amongst the scholars, and that the matter had been duly reported to the Local Government Board.

21—Destruction of Diseased Meat—The Medical Officer of Health reported that two forequarters of a sheep affected with pneumonia and pleurisy, which had been killed at the Abattoir, were destroyed as unfit for food on May 18th.

22—Offensive Trade of Tripe Boiling—The Medical Officer of Health recommended that the Committee should again consider the question of establishing a place in connection with the Abattoir for tripe boiling. He reported that several places in the town where tripe was prepared were ill-suited for the purpose, and it would be a distinct aid to the health of the town to have a tripe boiling place connected with the Abattoir. Resolved, That the matter be adjourned until the next meeting of the Committee for consideration in connection with the proposed extension of the Abattoir.

23--Slaughtering in Slaughter Houses in respect of which Notices to Close have been Served- The Medical Officer of Health reported that the Inspector of Nuisances had recently visited these places, and had found Mr. Smith, of No. 280, High Street, killing a pig at the time of his visit.

The Town Clerk read a letter which had been sent on the 14th Oct. to the owners and occupiers of all the above-mentioned premises, calling attention to the fact that they were liable to penalties for continuing to slaughter after the expiration of six months from the service of the Notice to cease slaughtering, which penalties, after the receipt of his letter, would be enforced if the Notices should thereafter be contravened.

A letter was read from Mr. A. Smith, the tenant of the slaughter house at 280, High Street, alleging that when the members of the Council visited his premises last year a settlement was arranged, and he promised to commence killing at the Abattoir the following week, but it was deferred until the landlord, Mr. J. Blake, had been communicated with.

Mr. Smith attended for an interview with the Committee, and after some discussion ultimately offered to accept £45 as his compensation for the closing of the slaughter-house. Resolved. That this offer be accepted.

A letter was read from Mr. J. Blake, the owner, alleging that it was an understanding that the slaughter-house should be used until such time as he should be compensated, and had he complied with sloe Notice he received two years ago he would have been at the loss of the rent since that time He considered the £200 he asked for to be a fair sum, and that the Corporation should have met him in the matter long ago. Resolved, That without prejudice Mr. Blake be offered £100 as compensation.

24---Assistant Inspector of Nuisances—The Town Clerk reported that he had received 57 applications in response to the advertisement for an Assistant Inspector of Nuisances. Resolved, That the Chairman with Councillor Davies, the Medical Officer of Health, and Inspector of Nuisances be requested to go through the applications and make a selection for the consideration of the Committee.

25—Building Plans—The Borough Surveyor laid before the Committee the following plans of intended new buildings which he had received, viz :—

No. of Plan.	Name.	Description
1292	Eggleton & Co.	Bedrooms at Nos. 1 and 2, Preston Place, Baker Street.
1301	C. Phillips	Conversion of Cottage adjoining Suffolk Cottage into a pair of semi-detached houses.

Resolved, That as regards drainage and other sanitary matters No. 1292 be approved, but that No. 1301 be disapproved.

GEORGE BENCE, Chairman.

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At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Wednesday, the 23rd day of May, 1900—Present : the Mayor ; Alderman Skillicorne ; Councillors Bence, Davies, Davis, Gurney and Moles (Councillor Bence in the chair,)—

26—The following members paid a visit of inspection to the Sewage Farms on the 21st instant :— The Mayor, Alderman Skillicorne, Councillors Bence, Davies, M. Davis, and Waghorne.

27—Assistant Inspector of Nuisances—The Chairman reported that Councillor Davies and himself, with the assistance of the Medical Officer of Health and the Inspector of Nuisances, had been carefully through all the 57 applications received, and had selected the following for consideration by the Committee, viz. :—Mr. J. H. Drury, York, Mr. E. J. Franklin, Cheltenham, Mr. R. Johnson, Scarborough, Mr. W. Tedham, Tunbridge Wells, and Mr S. D. Wright, Wolverhampton. Resolved, To invite the other five Candidates to appear before the Committee at 5 o'clock on Monday next, and to pay them third class return railway fare and 10s for expenses.

GEORGE BENCE,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 28th day of May, 1900—Present: The Mayor Alderman Skillicorne ; Councillors Bence, Davis, Davies, Gurney, Moles and Waghorne. (Councillor Bence in the chair).

28—Assistant Inspector of Nuisances—The five Applicants selected by the Committee for interview attended this Meeting and were each seen in turn, and having been questioned and heard in support of their applications, Resolved, That the Committee are unable to make any recommendation at present, and that further consideration of the matter be adjourned.

GEORGE BENCE,

Chairman.

TOWN IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday., the 21st day of May, 1900—Present : The Mayor ; Aldermen Drew and Winterbotham ; Councillors Baker, Bence, Cooper, Lenthall, and Macdonald (Alderman Winterbotham in the chair)—

1—Masonic Entertainments at Pittville Pump Room—A letter was read from the Mayor applying for the use of the Pittville Pump Room on Friday, the 15th of June, on behalf of the Provincial Grand Master (Mr. Vassar Smith) and the Mark Master Masons of Gloucestershire, for a luncheon to Provincial Grand Lodge, and on Friday, the 6th of July, for a luncheon to the Quatnor Coronati Lodge on its visit to Cheltenham. Resolved, That the application be acceded to for both occasions, free of charge.

2--Notting at Pittville Lawn Garden—A letter was read from Capt. Daubeney, complaining that wire netting had been put up across the turf in this garden, thereby obstructing the promenade on the turf. Resolved, To inform Capt. Daubeney that the netting was put up expressly to meet the complaints of persons who had been struck by tennis balls, but to meet his objection the Borough Surveyor had been instructed to have the lengths of netting fixed in echelon.

3-Advertising the Town—A letter was read from Mr. A. C. Grylls, Editor of the Medical Guide to Health Resorts, in which an article on Cheltenham, from notes supplied by Dr. Ward-Humphreys, had been Inserted, canvassing for an advertisement in the Guide at £5 per page. Resolved, That as the fund available for advertising is so small, the Committee are unable to recommend the expenditure. Mr. Burrows, on behalf of Messrs. W. Mate & Sons, Ltd., of Bournemouth, submitted a proposal for the issue of an Illustrated Guide to the town, free of charge, on condition that they might be allowed to state thereon that it was issued under the auspices of the Town Council, or as an alternative, that if the Council would order an insertion of a page advertisement in one of the other similar guides of other towns published by them, for which the charge would be £25, they would pre-send to the Council 250 bound copies of the proposed Guide to Cheltenham. Resolved, To adjourn consideration of the matter until the next Monthly Meeting of the Committee to enable Messrs, Mate & Sons to submit their offer in writing.

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4—Pittville Estate Fencing—With reference to the Resolution to Minute No. 2 of the proceedings of this Committee at their meeting of date the 9th of October last, Resolved, To authorise the Borough Surveyor to obtain 300 yards more fencing for placing round the gardens on the Pittville Estate.

5—Season Tickets for Pittville Gardens—With reference to the resolution of this Committee to Minute No. 12 of their proceedings of date the 19th of February last to charge 2s 6d for Season Tickets, a letter was read from Mr. Deane, the Hon. Sec. of the Female Orphan Asylum, complaining that the change resulted in the Asylum having to pay about £3 per annum instead of 15s as heretofore, and appealing to the Council to make an exception in this case as the Asylum is a charitable institution. Resolved, That the inmates of the Asylum be allotted entrance to the Pittville Gardens free of charge.

6—Queen's Birthday and Relief of Mafeking—Resolved, That the expense to be incurred and the arrangements for special Entertainments to celebrate the Queen's birthday and the relief at Mafeking be left as to details to the discretion of the Mayor and Councillor Dix.

JAS. B. WINTERBOTHAM,

Chairman.

LIGHTING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Wednesday, the 23rd day of May, 1900—Present : The Mayor Alderman Haddon; Councillors Baker, Macdonald, and J. Waghorne (The Mayor in the chair)—

1-- Street Gas Lighting—A letter was read from the Clerks to the Gas Co. with regard to the Contract dated 12th June, 1873, under which the Company was then carrying on a portion of the public lighting within the Borough, stating that having regard to the changes in public lighting made in compliance with the requirements of the Council at different times, and having regard to other matters affecting the gas industry, the Directors considered that a new Contract should take the place of the old upon terms to be mutually agreed, and they enclosed a formal Notice that the Contract above-mentioned would expire and the same and all other Contracts for lighting (if any) existing between the Corporation and the Company were thereby determined on and from the 29th day of October, 1900. Resolved, To instruct the Town Clerk to reply, suggesting that an interview should take place between the Committee and the Directors to arrange the terms of the new Contract.

2— Electrical Inspector's Report—The Electrical Inspector reported the result of his tests of the Electric supply during the past month, as follows :--

LOW PRESSURE CABLES.

Date,	Legal Standard,	Test at Manchester Street
1900 May 5th	200 Volts.	208 Volts.

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

ILLUMINATING POWER.

1900 May 5th.	16.05 candles
May 15th	<u>15.82 "</u>
Average..	15.98 "

PURITY.

1900	Grains of Sulphur per 100 cubic ft.
May 15-16	15.30

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4.---Gas Inspector's Report—The Gas Inspector reported that the hourly average consumption of Gas per lamp during the previous month had been 4.187 cubic feet for ordinary lamps, 5.289 cubic feet for No. 4, and 4.177 cubic feet for No.3 Incandescent burners.

5-Lamp Book—This book was produced and examined. Ordinary lamps extinguished-4 metered, 6 unmetered ; and 9 burning dimly. Incandescent lamps extinguished-23.

6—Lighting of Parabola Road, lane at back of Pittville Crescent, Queen's Retreat, from Henrietta Street to the Agg-Gardner Recreation Ground, and the Approach from the High Street to Grosvenor Place, South—Letters were read from Mr. E. H. Parsonage, suggesting the substitution of incandescent for ordinary burners in the lamps in Parabola Road, from Major Cyril Taylor and 6 other

residents in the vicinity, requesting an additional lamp in the lane behind the houses in Pittville Crescent, and from Mr. A. G. Sanders with a memorial from A. C. Shadwick and 17 other residents in Grosvenor Place, South, requesting the provision of an arc lamp at the bottom of Grosvenor Place, South, to light the approach from High Street. Resolved, To adjourn consideration of these matters for the Committee to view ; also that at the same time the lighting of Queen's Retreat and from Henrietta Street to the Agg-Gardner Recreation Ground be viewed.

7- Report of the Electrical Engineer—The Electrical Engineer reported : That all work, both of extensions and ordinary running, had proceeded satisfactorily during the past month, and that the equivalent of 24,100 eight candle power lamps was now connected to the private supply mains.

That, in accordance with the last Council minutes, he had inspected the Works of Messrs. Witting Brothers, and on finding these very satisfactory, had confirmed the conditional order for the first traction dynamo. That in view of the specially low price of this dynamo, he had, subject to the Committee's approval, agreed with Messrs, Witting Brothers to pass them an order, conditional on the sanction of the Local Government Board to a loan, for a duplicate dynamo at the same price.

That the two 110 Kilowatt Belliss Engines could be altered and adapted for driving the 160 Kilowatt traction dynamos at a cost of about £350, and that he recommended that this work be put in hand without delay.

That it would be necessary to increase the estimate, included in the last application for a loan, of the cost of new condensing plant from £1,700 to about £2,100 in consequence of the advisability of providing separate condensing plant for the steam turbine, and of the increased price of materials, and that he recommended acceptance of Messrs. Korting's tender for the first instalment of condensing plant at £1,306.

That he recommended that a large water storage tank be placed over the new condensing chamber instead of an ordinary roof, as this would provide additional security against breakdowns, and also reduce the amount of spare condensing plant required later ; that the necessary tank would hold about 22,000 gallons and would increase the amount of the Borough Surveyor's estimate for building extensions by about £350. That a small extension in Grosvenor Place, South, had been carried out at a cost of £40—it being urgently required to supply a customer.

That the Coal Contract expired at the end of May, and that he recommended its renewal for a further period of three months, at the same price, viz :-16s 6d per ton delivered at the Works. Resolved, That the report of the Electrical Engineer be approved and adopted; and that application be made to the Local Government Board for sanction to borrow £790 to cover the costs of the works mentioned in the third, fourth and sixth paragraphs of the Engineer's Report,

GEO. NORMAN, Chairman.

WATER COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 28th day of May, 1900—Present Councillors Baker, Bence, Bennett, Davis, Lenthall and Waghorne (Councillor Waghorne in the chair)—

1—Report of the Water Engineer—The Water Engineer reported that on the 26th instant, the supply from Hewletts and Northfield springs was 117 gallons, the average for the last four years being 131 gallons per minute, and the quantity of water at Hewletts and Leckhampton was 24,580,799 gallons.

On the 26th instant the depth of water in the Dowdeswell Reservoir was 29ft. 4in, and the contents 86,162,620 gallons, which made a total of 110,743,419 gallons, or about 123 days' supply, exclusive of the daily yield of the springs, which was then about 498,508 gallons.

He reported that an application had been received for an extension of the water main from Suffolk Street to Norwood Road to supply four houses. The cost would be about £12, and he recommended that the application be acceded to. Resolved, That the recommendation of the Water Engineer be approved and adopted.

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2 — Water Supply to Cowpens Farm and Southwick —A letter was read from the Town Clerk of Tewkesbury, stating that his Council had unanimously agreed to the resolution to Minute No. 2 of the proceedings of this Committee at their last meeting, and he presumed that the best way would be for his Council to provide and fix the meter, and for this Council to connect the with the main, and they could then take the scale of the meter agreed to. Resolved, That this suggestion be approved and

3—Water Supply to Mr. Ferguson's Cottages in Grafton Passage—Mr. Ferguson's request to have the water supply laid on to these cottages from the main in the Rose and Crown Passage was again considered. Resolved, That the further consideration of the matter be adjourned.

H. WAGHORNE,

Chairman.

GENERAL PURPOSES AND WATCH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 22nd day of May, 1900—Present : The Mayor ; Councillors Baker, Bence, Cooper, Davis, Dix, Hayward, Preston and Moles (The Mayor in the chair)—

1-Swine Fever Order-- A letter was read from the Secretary of the Board of Agriculture that in consequence of the improved condition of the Petty Sessional Divisions of Newent and Cheltenham and of the Borough of Cheltenham with regard to Swine Fever, they had felt justified in withdrawing the Swine Fever (Infected Areas) Order of 1896 from those districts.

2—Hackney Carriage Drivers' Licences—Applications for Hackney Carriage Drivers' Licences were received from :--Frederick Wynn, 13, Francis Terrace, Bath Road ; Edward Walker, 11, Princes Terrace, Tivoli, William Nash, 25, St. James' Street James Fletcher, 62, Fairview Street; William Craker, 2, Finsbury Cottages, Prestbury Road ; Thomas Buswell, 3, Upper Norwood Street, Charles Fisher, East End Cottage, Charlton Kings; John Margretts, No. 7, Commercial Street ; Albert James Mitchell, No. 1, Derby Cottages, Lower Alstone; Oliver Long, No. 18, Bath Terrace, Frederick Pash, Albion Street; Henry Cook, No. 20, Princes Street; Richard Baylis, No. 25, Moorend Street; Charles Elliott, Montpellier Mews; Henry Cunnington, No. 7, Bayshill Parade; W. Willis, No. 5, Lypiatt Street;

Richard Hawker, No. 1, Sherburne Place ; and John Elliott, Montpellier Mews. Resolved, That the applications of the first seven above-named be acceded to, and that the remainder be not considered, the applicants not being present as directed in support of their applications.

3- -Hackney Carriage Licences—A letter was read from S. Hill, of Lansdown Crescent Mews, applying for transfer of his Landau Licence No. 60 to an open carriage. Resolved, That the application be not acceded to.

Letters were read from F. Hall as vendor and F. G. Baldwin as purchaser of the licensed vehicle No. 1, applying for the transfer of the licence with the vehicle. Resolved, That the application be not acceded to, as unless Mr. Hall is prepared to make use of the licence himself the Committee have decided to transfer it to Mr. Trinder. A letter was read from Mr. C. Trinder, of No. 3, Upper Park Street, stating that he wished to have both a pony carriage and a landau licence, but if he could not have both he would be glad to have either. Resolved, To inform Mr. Trinder that the Committee have decided to grant him the next licence becoming vacant.

A letter was read from Mr. F. Jones reminding the Committee that he had been informed last October that he was first on the list of applicants for a landau licence, and as he understood there was a licence vacant he trusted his application would be acceded to. Resolved, To inform Mr Jones that as he is already the holder of two licences, the Committee consider that he should give way to those who have none.

A letter was read from F. Bishop, of Portland Mews, applying for a landau licence. Resolved, To inform Mr. Bishop that the Committee have no licence at their disposal.

A letter was read from J. L. Tremblin, of Longmead Stables, St. Mark's, stating that he had recently become the owner of the cab, &c., formerly belonging to George Bunday, received in lieu of money due to him from Bunday previously to his leaving the town, and thereby forfeiting the Licence, and applying for the transfer of the licence with the cab. Resolved, That the application be not acceded to.

4—Wild Birds' Protection Acts, 1880 to 1896--A letter was read from the Clerk to the County Council, stating that the County. Council considered it desirable to apply to the Home Secretary for an Order to prohibit the taking or killing of Wild Birds on Sundays in the County, and he would be obliged by the proposal being brought before the Town Council at an early date and by his being informed whether the Town Council is in favour of such an order being made. Resolved, That this Council desires to express its cordial approval of the proposed action of the County Council.

5-Letting of Market Tolls- An offer of thirty guineas having been received from Mr. C. Studt for the right to collect these tolls, Resolved, That the offer of Mr. W. Symonds of £60, as stated in Minute No. tea/[?] the proceedings of this Committee at their last meeting, be accepted on condition that the full amount is paid on or before the 1st of September next.

6—Weighbridge Tolls— Resolved, That the following scale of charges be adopted at the Corporation Weighbridge, viz.:—

Goods in Vehicles drawn by hand	2d.
Goods in two-wheel Vehicles not drawn by hand	3d.
Goods in four-wheel Vehicles under one ton	3d.
Over one ton	4d.

7—Keeping and Use of Petroleum—The Town Clerk laid before the Committee a copy of Regulations dated 26th April last made by the Secretary of State under Sec. 5 of the Locomotives on Highways Act, 1896, as to the keeping and use of Petroleum for the purposes of Light Locomotives.

8--Arrears of Municipal Work—A letter was read from Councillor Cooper suggesting the method in which these arrears should be brought before the notice of the Committees and of the Council from time to time. Resolved, That the matter be left to the Mayor and Councillor Cooper to elaborate.

9—Fairview Street--Resolved, That this street be re-numbered.

10--New Station of G.W. Railway Co. The Committee being informed that the G.W. Railway Co, intended to build their new station upon the site of White Hart Street instead of in St. George's Road as before intended, Resolved, To instruct the Town Clerk to write to the Solicitor to the Company to express a hope that this will not be done without an opportunity being afforded to the Council to lay their views on the matter before the Directors of the Company.

11---Level Crossings at St. Mark's and Hatherley—Resolved, To instruct the Town Clerk to write to the G.W. Railway Co. to inform them that another death has just occurred at the level crossing over their line at Hatherley, and to request them to consider and reply at an early date to the resolution of the Council of the 2nd of January, 1899, that the attention of the Railway Companies concerned be called to the dangers of these crossings, and to the advisability of a bridge at Hatherley and a subway at St. Mark's being provided in the public interest.

GEO. NORMAN,

Chairman.

BATHS AND RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 21st day of May, 1900—Present The Mayor; Alderman Drew.; Councillors Baker, Brown, Dix, Hayward, Lenthall and Moles (Councillor Lenthall in the chair)—

1---Alstone Baths—The Borough Surveyor reported that the admissions and fees paid to the Alstone Baths up to the 19th instant amounted to £42 8s. 2d., and an additional sum of £8 6s. 8d, was due for tickets issued, making a total of £50 14s. 10d. Resolved, That advertisements be inserted in the local papers for the information of the public that the open air swimming bath is now open at a charge of rd., and that like Notices be also sent to each of the Elementary Schools in the Borough.

2—Queen's Birthday—Resolved, That popular Concerts be given in the Montpellier and Pittville Gardens, the charge for admittance to be 2d. for adults and 1d. for children.

3-Horse Show at Agg-Gardner Recreation Ground—A letter was read from Mr. J. G. Villa, Hon> Sec. of the Cheltenham Horse Show Committee, enquiring if, in the event of the Show being held next

September, the Council would grant the use of the Agg-Gardner Recreation Ground as on former occasions. Resolved, That Mr. Villar be informed that as the Council are not yet possessed of the additional space which they are endeavouring to acquire for the enlargement of the Recreation Ground, they are unable to grant the use of the Agg-Gardner Recreation Ground for the Horse Show this year.

4—Ticket Office at Alstone Baths—The Borough Surveyor submitted a plan for a new ticket office at the Alstone Baths. Resolved, That the same be approved ; that the Borough Surveyor be instructed to bring up an estimate of the cost, and that the Committee be empowered to have the plan carried out. Visitors—Resolved, That for this month Councillors Brown and Hayward be appointed Visitors for the Baths and Councillor Lenthall for the Recreation Grounds.

5- -Fees at Alstone Baths—Resolved, That Councillors Baker, Brown, Hayward and Lenthall be appointed a Sub-Committee to revise the fees charged at the Alstone Baths and bring up a recommendation to the Committee.

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6—Agg-Gardner Recreation Ground- -The Custodian reported that the following gifts had been recently received, viz. :—

Three Cricket Bats and Balls from the Pawnbrokers' C. C.

One dozen Tennis Balls from W. V. Anderson, Esq.

Sundry Balls from Mr. Gillet.

Resolved, That the thanks of the Council be expressed to the donors.

7—Concerts at the Agg-Gardner Recreation Ground—. A letter from Mr. Lodge, the Custodian, was read, suggesting that another series of Concerts should be held as was done last Summer Resolved, That consideration of the matter be adjourned.

J. S. LENTHALL,

Chairman.

BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Friday, the 25th day of May, 1900—Present The Mayor ; Alderman Haddon ; Councillors Baker, Brown, Davis, and Moles (Councillor Moles in the chair)—

1--Report of the Superintendent of the Cemetery—The Superintendent reported that Mr. Wood had declined to have the grass from the Cemetery this year as heretofore; That he would be glad to have the bedding plants, as before, from Pittville; That he would be glad to be able to have the assistance, when necessary in emergency, of a man from the Highways Department for grave digging, as one of his men had recently left. Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to write to Mr. Minett, the tenant of the land adjoining the Cemetery, to know if he would take the grass and what he would give for it; That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to supply the Superintendent with 500 bedding-out plants from Pittville, and to lend a man from his Department when required in emergency for grave digging.

2—Sale of Crave Space 2542 P. -A letter was read from Mr. T. H. Evans, of Walsall, Solicitor for the relatives of Mr. G. W. Haywood, the purchaser of this grave space, alleging that someone not connected with Mr. Haywood in any way was buried there, and asking for an explanation. The Superintendent reported that the allegation was correct as two grave spaces were purchased, and he regretted to have to report that owing to his having only registered the purchase of one of them a mistake had occurred, and the other space had been sold again and used for a burial. There was, however, another space, No. 2459 P, at the head of the late Mr. Haywood's grave which, perhaps, the relatives would accept, and he would be glad to pay any expenses that may be incurred owing to his mistake. Resolved, To instruct the Town Clerk to write to Mr. Evans informing him of the Superintendent's explanation; to express the great regret of the Board, and to offer the space referred to by the Superintendent in lieu of the space No. 2542 P.

3—Designs-. -A letter was read from Mr. J. S. Farley, Sculptor, of Kensal Green, London. W., with which he submitted a design Iota monument to Anne Eliza Davies, asking permission to exceed the regulation height of 5 feet by one foot, as two spaces had been purchased and a 5 ft. figure on so large a space would look small. Resolved, That permission be granted on condition that a fee be paid equivalent to the fee for two Vault spaces, and a brick foundation 9 inches in thickness be laid as shown by a plan drawn by the Borough Surveyor on the margin of the design.

Resolved, That the following designs be approved, viz. :—Headstones and Memorial Crosses to Caroline Amy Clinch, Frederick Edward Pockets, Eliza Meek, William Tilley, Josiah Hilyer James, Jane Hyde, Ada Bishop, Anne Collier, Atwell Goulding, Henry Shirley, James Steel, Elizabeth Anne Rainer, Major-Genl. Arthur Francis, Dep.-Surg.-Genl. David Cullen, Heneage Norman Wadsworth, Anna Louisa Wilson ; Tomb Stone to Elizabeth Ann Bradbury.

4—Accounts—Resolved, That the following Accounts be passed for payment :—

G. C. Pratley—Wages ..	£14 5 0
F. H. Gregory—Prestbury Rates	£ 9 15 0
M. B. Tallboy ..	£ 0 1 10
J. Tinkler	£ 0 7 0
Nicholas & Co.	£ 0 12 3

J. V. MOLES,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Saturday, the 2nd day of June 1900. Present :—Alderman Haddon ; Councillors Brown, Cypher, M. Davis and Moles. (Councillor Moles in the chair.)

5--Grass at Cemetery—A letter was read from Mr. E. Minett, tenant of the land adjoining the Cemetery belonging to the Burial Board, offering the sum of £5 for the whole of the grass produced at the Cemetery during the season 1900, the grass to be cut by the Cemetery Employees, and removed by him at such reasonable times as the Superintendent may require. A Letter was also read from Mr. Hackford, Bee Hive Inn, Prestbury, offering £5 5s. for the grass on the same conditions as to cutting and removal. Resolved, That Mr. Minett's offer be accepted.

6—Sale of Crave Space No. 2542, Section P.—With reference to the Resolution to Minute No. 2 of this Committee's proceedings at its last meeting, a letter was read from Mr. T. H. Evans in reply to such Resolution, stating that his clients could not accept the offer contained therein, and that one or more members of the family would shortly call and see the Town Clerk on the matter,

J. V. MOLES, Chairman.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 29th day of May, 1900—Present : The Mayor, Alderman Drew; Councillors Bence, Gurney, Hayward, Macdonald, and J. Waghorne (Councillor Gurney in the chair)—

1—Loans- -The Borough Accountant reported that since the last meeting of the Committee the Loans then reported, as arranged, had been completed, viz :—

Electric Lighting	£161	Messrs. Margrett
“ “	£	£500 Mr. R. Gopsill Brown

The notice from the Building Society relative to the repayment of £5,000 Loan having expired, arrangements had been made subject to the approval of the Council for its continuance temporarily, at 3 ½ per cent. Three months notice to be given on either side, it being considered better to do this for the present than to incur the expense on re-borrowing of Stamp Duty and Commission which would have to be paid on a change of lender.

It had also been arranged, subject to approval of the Council, to borrow from Mr. Charles and Mrs. Mary Jane Margrett, £3,000 at 3 ¼ per cent. and ¼ per cent. Commission for introduction, payable to Mr. James Gale. He had suggested this for a term (if possible) of 10 years, which is the period sanctioned for the Farms Stock and Implements, or it might be for 10 years, determinable by either party on six months notice, to expire at the end of the 3rd, 5th, or 7th years. If otherwise settled it could be applied to the repayment to Lloyds Bank or others, as may be decided.

He was keeping in mind the raising of money, at low rates, and would not lose an opportunity when it offered. Resolved, That the Report of the Borough Accountant be approved, and that the arrangements made by him be confirmed.

2—Linden Terrace Private Improvement Expenses—A letter was read from Mr. J. E. Davis, of Cleveland Street, asking permission to be allowed to pay the sum of £9 16s. 6d due from him in respect of the frontage of Fern Cottage and yard belonging to him in Linden Terrace, in the following manner, viz £5 down and the balance at a future date, with 5 per cent, per annum interest. Resolved, To accept payment of £5 down and the balance in three months, with interest at the rate of 5 per cent per annum.

3— Annual Meeting of the Corporate Treasurers and Accountants Institute—A letter was read from the Hon. Sec. of this Institute stating that the Annual Sleeting would be held at Worcester, on Thursday and Friday, the 21st and 22nd proximo, and inviting the Mayor and Chairman of the Finance Committee and the Borough Accountant to attend. Resolved, To authorise the Mayor, the Chairman and the Borough Accountant to attend the meeting.

4-General District Rate—The Report of the Borough Accountant of date the 29th instant, on the collection of the first instalment of this Rate, was read. Amount collected £53 13s. 10d., leaving outstanding £17,377 2s. 2d.

5—Accounts— The Financial Statement of the Receipts and Expenditure since the last Sleeting and the Bills and Accounts to be paid were examined, and the latter amounting to £8,918 7s. 8d., ordered to be paid by the Borough Treasurer.

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

The following was the General Statement :—

Overdrawn last month ..	£10,599 17 9
Paid since that date	£ <u>9,059 17 2</u>
	£20,259 14 11
Received since ditto	£ <u>3,225 54 2</u>
Balance overdrawn	£17,034 09

W. GERALD GURNEY, Chairman.

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TECHNICAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, the 25th day of May, 1900—Present ; The Mayor ; Alderman Skillicorne, Councillors Bennett Davis, Hayward and Preston (Councillor Davis in the chair)—

1—Grammar School Scheme—A letter was read from the Secretary of the Charity Commissioners, enclosing draft of a scheme for the administration of Pate's Grammar School and Almshouses Charity, stating that they had directed notice of a proposal to establish this scheme to be published in accordance with the provisions of Sec. 6 of the Charitable Trusts Act, 186, and that any objections or suggestions respecting the proposed scheme should be made within 21 days.

A letter from Alderman Winterbotham was read, stating that a Special Committee of the County Council had resolved that no alteration need be sought in the draft, and he hoped that this Committee might take the some view so that on the expiry of the official notifications he might urge on the Commissioners the sealing of the Order.

Another letter from Alderman Winterbotham was read, with which Its enclosed a copy of a resolution of the Managers of the School of Art, which was as follows:—" That the Committee of Managers of the Cheltenham School of Art welcomes the "proposal of the Gloucestershire County Council that the School be affiliated to the Cheltenham Grammar School, and approves "the amended scheme issued by the Charity Commission for the administration of the Grammar School. That this "Committee is ready to make such arrangements as the Governors may think desirable for the transfer of the School to the " governing body of the Grammar School Foundation, and also to render any assistance in their power in the future "management of the School." Resolved, That this Committee concurs in the resolution of the County Council as above stated.

M. DAVIS,
Chairman.

PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 22nd day of May, 1900 —Present: Alderman Skillicorne ; Councillors Bennett, Hayward, Moles, Preston and Rickerby ; Rev. R.G. Fairbairn ; Messrs. A Beckingsale, W. Cresswell, J. G. Carr, and T. Whitford (Councillor Hayward in the chair)—

1 - Librarian's Report—The Librarian's Monthly Report was read. Receipts £5 12s. 2d. He also reported that the following gifts had been made to the Library during the past month, viz.:—

	Vols.
Board of Trade ..	1
J. Passmore Edwards ..	1
Moulding & Co.	30
University College of Wales	1

2-Sub-Committee's Report—The Sub-Committee reported that they recommended that the Lending and Reference Libraries be closed on June 23rd, the day of the Corporation Outing; and That the wages of S. G. Ball be increased from 6s to 8s per week. Resolved, That the recommendations of the Sub-Committee be approved and adopted.

3-Leckhampton Branch Rending Room—A letter from Mr. Palmer was read, suggesting the provision of some Notice Boards and a brass slip for binding the edge of the linoleum, involving a trifling outlay. Resolved, To leave the matter to the Chairman to deal with.

4-Acconts—The following Accounts were examined and passed for payment, viz. :—

	£ s. d.
J. J. Banks—Books	11 7 0
Bristol and Gloucestershire Archaeological Society Subscription, 1899 & 1900	1 1 0
Gas Company—Coke (Balance)	0 10 0
R. E. & C. Marshall—Lighting and Repairs	2 1 4
Wages for June	16 10 0

C. HAYWARD,

Chairman.

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, the 30th day of May, 1900—Present : Alderman Haddon: Councillors Bennett, Cypher, and Preston (Councillor Preston 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 41 schools, from which 759 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 to meetings; that 17 parents had been prosecuted, that 13 were fined, and an Attendance Order was made in the case of James Lloyd.

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. :—Emma Kearsy, Edward Alfred Short, Frederick Jenkins, Thomas Brown, Daisy Nelmes,, Charles Dix, Elsie Eden, Nellie and Alice Williams, Harry Phipps ; and against the parents of William Thomas Wildsmith for breach of Attendance Order; and that proceedings under Sec. 11 of the Act of 1876 be taken against the parents of Florence Morris for an Attendance Order.

3—Coltham Fields Infants' School—A letter was read from the Board of Education, stating that they had received an intimation from the Managers of the Coltham Fields Infants' School, that they were unable to carry it on as a Voluntary School after the 30th April, 1900, that the number of children without school places in consequence would be approximately 100, and enquiring whether there was any other school the children could attend, H. M. Inspector having reported that St. John's School was too far for infant children to walk to. The Town Clerk reported that in reply to a letter, the Managers of the Coltham Fields Infants' School had informed horn that after the tot instant there would be only 29 children resident in the Borough for whom school places would have to be found, and he had so informed the Board of Education.

The School Attendance Officers reported, as the result of enquiries made by them, that only two of the children formerly attending Coltham Fields School were not attending some school, the others attending either, the Holy Apostles, All Saints, St. John's, Highbury or Lyefield Schools. One of these two children was away in the country and the parents of the other had removed from that part of the Borough. Resolved, That the Town Clerk do write to the Board, with a copy of this minute and resolution, and also informing the Board that this Committee understand from the Managers of the All Saints' and St. John's Schools that they have plenty of accommodation for more infants than at present attend those Schools.

WILLIAM PRESTON,

Chairman.

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Borough of Cheltenham

MINUTES of the Proceedings of the several Committees of the Town Council to be submitted for approval at a Monthly Meeting of the Council, to be held on Monday, the 2nd day of July, 1900.

STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 12th day of June, 1900—Present The Mayor ; Alderman Haddon ; Councillors Bence, Cypher, M. Davis, and Brown (Alderman Haddon in the chair)—

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

2—Swindon Road Private Improvement Expenses—A letter was read from Mr. W. H. Mack, Trustee of the Swindon Road Wesleyan Chapel, stating that he understood it was usual for the Town Council not to charge places of worship with private improvement expenses, and asking that the £5 18s, 2d. in respect of which notice had been received by hint for private improvement works executed in Swindon Road should therefore be remitted. Resolved, That the application be acceded to.

3—Tenders for Wood Paving In Colonnade— The Tenders, 3 in number, received in response to the advertisement were opened and considered. Resolved, That the further consideration thereof be adjourned to the next meeting of the Committee.

4—Rodney Road Improvement—The Town Clerk laid before the Committee the draft contract for the purchase of a strip of land from Lloyds Bank Limited, with the observations of Messrs. Ticehurst & Sons. as Solicitors for the Bank, on certain additions made by the Town Clerk to the draft as drawn by them. Resolved. That the alterations and additions made by the Town Clerk be not insisted on, and that the draft as now settled be approved.

5—Building Plans—The Borough Surveyor laid before the Committee the following notice and plan, received by him :—

No. of Plan.	Name.	Description.
1304 ..	Miss Hamilton	New w.c. at Glenar buck Lodge.

Resolved, That the same be approved as shown.

JOHN HADDON,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Friday, the 22nd day of June, 1900, Present The Mayor; Alderman Haddon ; Councillors Bence, Brown, Cypher, Davis and Dix (Alderman Haddon in the chair)—

6---The View—The following members were present at the View preceding this Meeting, viz. :— Alderman Haddon, Councillors Bence, Brown, Cypher and Davis.

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

8—Breakage of Window of Shop at Messrs. Cash & Co's in High Street—A letter was read from Messrs. Cash & Co., giving notice that a claim would in due course be made against the Council for replacing the window in their shop front which had been broken by at-art and horse belonging to the Corporation and driven by a servant in their employ.

9- Swindon Road Private Improvement Works—A letter was read from Miss E. Bradbury, of Ashcroft Cottage, Swindon Road, stating that there had not been ally work done specially to this footpath on account of her property, and being an old highway and the footpath having always been repaired by the Local Authority without charge to her, she asked that she might not be held liable for the £15

15s which she had been called upon to pay. Resolved, To inform Miss Bradbury that she had already been allowed about £4 for the curbing previously existing, and that the Council do not admit that she has any further claim for favourable treatment as suggested.

10—Swindon Road Private Improvement Works—Councillor Bence, on behalf of the Cheltenham Board of Guardians, having called attention to the fact that notice had been served on that body to pay £63 8s. 9d. in respect of these works, and stated that some years ago the Corporation had acquired from the Board a piece of land for the widening and improvement of Swindon and St. Paul's Roads subject to the proviso that any works of repair to the footpaths should be executed and paid for by the Corporation, and the Town Clerk having reported that he had been unable to find any record of such an arrangement either in the Deed of Conveyance or on the Minutes. Resolved, That the amount charged against the Guardians Le consisted.

11—Land East side of Albert Road, Pittville, near Crescent Gardens--Resolved, To offer the owner the sum of £75 for the purchase of this piece of land, and if the same is accepted to apply to the local Government Board to sanction a loan to provide the amount.

12-Triangular piece of Land In Tivoli Place Road at back of Harley House—Resolved, To offer the owners the sum of £75 for the purchase of this piece of land, and if the same is accepted to apply to the Local Government Board to sanction a loan to provide the amount.

13—Report of the Borough Surveyor re Highways—The Borough Surveyor reported that the work done by the Highways Department for the month ending June 15th, had been as follows. –

Repaired with Clee Hill Stone--Gloucester Road 2889 super yards.

Patched with Clee Hill Stone--High Street, Sherborne Place, Tewkesbury Road, Winchcomb Street and :Montpellier Walk.

Patched with Wickwar Stone—Fairview Road,

Repairs to Paving, Kerb, Crossing and Channelling—Oriel Place, Parabola Road, Albion Street. Elm Street, Montpellier Terrace, Tewkesbury Road, High Street, Spa Road, Fairview Street, Lansdown Place, Winchcomb Street and Bath Road.

The Footpath on the North side of Shurdington Road had been repaired with Wickwar Gravel 1250 super yards. The widening of Old Bath Road was proceeding.

Private Improvement Works—Oakfield Street finished 1,200 super yards road. Hermitage Street proceeding.

Ash. Collection and Disposal-632 loads collected, 629 loads consumed (639 tons. 18 cwts. 2 qrs.)

14—Clinker Paving—The Town Clerk reported that he had received notice from the Local Government Board of their intention to hold a Local Inquiry on the 29th instant into the subject matter of an application by the Council for sanction to a loan of £3000 for the provision of plant for the manufacture of Concrete Paving Slabs,

15—Wood Paving In the Colonnade—Resolved, in the absence of the Borough Surveyor, to further adjourn consideration of the Tenders received for this work.

16—Footpath North side of Tivoli Place Road -Resolved, To instruct the Borough Surveyor to bring up a Specification of the Works required to be done by the abutting owners to pave or asphalt and edge and channel this footpath.

17-Building Plans--The Borough Surveyor laid before the Committee the following Plans which he had received of intended new buildings, viz. :--

No. of Plan.	Name.	Description.
1295	Flower & Son, Limited	Additions to the British Union Inn,
1305	T. Curtis	Box Room and w.c. over vestibule of No 14 Lansdown Place.
1307	Trustees of Wesley Chapel ..	Additions to the Chapel in St. George's Street.
1308	H. Packer	Office at No. 23 Townsend Place, Tewkesbury. Road.
1309	Jesus College, Oxford	Building Estate adjoining Six Chimneys Farm, Gloucester Road
1310	B. Combe	Shop at No. 9. Portland Street, Pittville.

Resolved, That No. 1295 be approved subject to the North end of the bay at the same end of the building being built up solid without window. That No. 1307 be approved subject to the doors being made to open in such manner as the Borough Surveyor shall approve. That No. 1310 be disapproved, and that the other Plans above-mentioned be approved as shown.

JOHN HADDON,

Chairman.

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 11th day of June, 1900—Present The Mayor, Alderman Skillicorne ; Councillors Bence, Davis, R. Davies, 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 4 case. of Scarlet Fever, 2 of Enteric Fever, 15 of Diphtheria, and 1 of Erysipelas that 3 cases of Scarlet Fever, 1 of Enteric Fever and 11 of Diphtheria had been sent into Isolation Hospitals; and that the number of cases then in the Delancey Hospital sent in by the Corporation was 2 of Scarlet Fever, 2 of Diphtheria, and 1 of Enteric Fever.

2—Wells at Nos. 20 and 21, North 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—Insanitary Property at Nos 32 and 33, Cleveland Street, No. 5, Edward Street, and No. 4, Russell 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, 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

4—Cleansing and Limewashing at No. 3, Hanover Parade, Nos. 5, and 22, Edward Street, No. 4, Russell Street, and No. 59, Sun 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.

5—Nuisance from Drains, &c., at Nos 32 and 33, Cleveland Street, No. 2, Rowanfield Villas, No. 4, Hanover Parade, No. 3, Portland Terrace, Nos. 8 and 11, Montpellier Villas, No. 16, Dogma, Villas, No. 2, Suffolk Road and No. 1, Grafton Street—The Inspector of Nuisances having made written application under Section 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—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.

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—Urinals at The Salisbury Arms, Rotunda Terrace, and the Calcutta Inn, Gloucester Road—The Medical Officer of Health reported that these urinals were in such an insanitary condition for want of water supply and structural defects as to be a nuisance and injurious to health Resolved, That Notices under Sec. 94 of the Public Health Act, 1875, be served on the owners of the premises requiring them to abate the nuisances and for that purpose to lay on proper supplies of water for flushing, and carry out such structural alterations as shall be necessary.

9—Typhoid Ambulance--Resolved, That the old ambulance now used for the conveyance of typhoid cases be fitted with rubber tyres.

10--- Sewer Manholes—Resolved, That the open covers to the sewer manholes in the streets of the Borough be plugged, and that in future no ventilation of the sewers be permitted at the ground level in the streets.

11—Cottages on the Allotments—The Medical Officer of Health having reported that these cottages were in such a dirty and dilapidated condition as to be injurious to the health of the inmates, Resolved, That the General Purposes and Watch Committee be requested to order their demolition.

12 - Sewer under Garden of Carlton House—With reference to Minute No. 12 of the proceedings of this Committee of date the 14th ulto.. Resolved, That the Council do not admit liability to make any compensation, but in order to avoid litigation offer without prejudice £10 to settle the matter.

13.—Subsidence of Paving in yard at back of No. 20, Lansdown Terrace—A letter was read from Dep.-Surg.-Genl. Ringer, claiming £1 1s. 8d., the cost which he had incurred for relaying the paving in his back yard, the subsidence of which his builder, Mr. C. H. Rainger, alleged was caused by the earth being badly rammed over the new sewer carried through the yard by the Corporation workmen. Resolved, In the absence of the Borough Surveyor to adjourn consideration of the matter.

14-Drainage of St. Aryan's, Evesham Road—A letter, dated 6th June, 1900, was received from Mr. F. G. Adams, of No. 4, Promenade, as follows--"I have just purchased the house 'St. Aryan's,' Evesham Road, Pittville, and am about to modernise and bring " it up to date."

" Among the necessary items to be attended to is the reconstruction of the sanitation, and, if it could be arranged, I should like " to have the work carried out on such lines as will enable the Corporation Sanitary Certificate being granted. This, of " course, would mean the preparation of a report with recommendation by your Sanitary Inspector, Mr. Hudson, and I am

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" now writing to ask you whether you would allow him to act for me. I am quite aware that under ordinary circumstances

" the Sanitary Inspector deals only with residences within the confines of the Borough, but as St. Arvan's is to all intents

" and purposes a Cheltenham house, overlooking as it does the Pump Room Garden, I thought you might not object to

" Mr. Hudson going over the house for me. Perhaps you will kindly consider the matter."

Resolved, To inform Mr. Adams that the Council very each regret they are unable to give him the assistance he asks for, as they have no power to take such action as he suggests outside the boundary of the Borough.

15-Holidays in the Health Department- Resolved, To authorise the Medical Officer of Health to arrange for the holidays of the Staff in his Department.

16-Water Supply to Sewage Farms - Resolved, That where necessary the Corporation water supply be laid on In the fields com-prising the Corporation Sewage Farms.

17-Building Plans, The Borough Surveyor laid before the Committee the following plans of intended new buildings, viz.:-

No. of Plan.	Name,	Description.
1303	G. Phillips ..	For converting into a pair of semi-detached houses a cottage adjoining Suffolk Cottage,
1304	Miss Hamilton ..	New W.C. at Glenarbuck Lodge, The Park.

Resolved, That the same be approved so far as the drainage is concerned.

GEORGE BENCE,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 18th day of June, 1900--Present : The Mayor ; Councillors Bence, Davis, Davies, Gurney, 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 Erysipelas and 1 of Diphtheria; and that the number of cases then in the Delancey Hospital sent in by the Corporation was 1 of Scarlet Fever, 1 of Diphtheria, and one doubtful case.

19- Wells at Nos. 1 & 2, Milsom Street, Kingston Cottage at back of No. 1, Pittville Villas-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 to 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-Overcrowding at No. 2, Whitehart Street- The Medical Officer of Health reported that the above premises were so overcrowded as to be dangerous or injurious to the health of the inmates. Resolved, That, the Committee being satisfied of the existence of a nuisance on the said premises, Notices under Sec. 94 of the Public Health Act be served on the owners and occupiers thereof requiring them to abate the same.

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

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

23--Urinal at the Bee Hive Inn Montpellier Villas--The Medical Officer of Health reported that this Urinal was in such an insanitary condition for want of water supply for flushing and owing to structural defects, as to be a nuisance and injurious to health. Resolved, That Notices under Sec. 94 of the Public Health Act, 1875, be served on the owners, requiring them to abate the nuisances and for that purpose to lay on a sufficient water supply for flushing, and carry out such works of amendment as may be necessary.

24-Cleansing and Limewashing at No. 14, Northfield Passage, 4, 5, 6, 11, 12, 27, 34, 35, 237, Swindon Place-The Medical Officer of Health having certified under Sec. 46 of the Public Health Act that the above-named dwelling houses were in such a filthy and unwholesome condition that the health of the inmates was affected or endangered thereby, Resolved, That Notices be given to the owners under the said Section requiring the houses to be cleansed and limewashed.

25 -Nuisance from Drains, &c., at Nos. 7 & 14, Montpellier Villas, and No. 5, Great Norwood Street-The Inspector of Nuisances having made written application under Sec. 41 of the Public Health Act, 1875, stating that the drains, &c., on or belonging to the above-named houses were in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to health. Resolved, That authority be given to the Inspector of Nuisances to open the ground, examine the drains, and, if necessary, give the notices and act as provided by the said section

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26—Insanitary Property at Nos. 12, 15, 19, 20, 21, 23, 24, 25, 26, 29, 30, 31, 33,35, 37 & 38, Swindon 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 eaves, spouting, paving, &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—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, That the Town Clerk be instructed to take proceedings to compel compliance with the notices.

28—Closing of School—The Medical Officer of Health reported that the Infants' Department of St. Luke's School had been closed in due form on the 15th of June, owing to measles prevailing amongst the scholars, and the matter was duly reported to the Local Government Board.

29-Slaughter House at back of No. 296, High Street--A letter was read from Mr. R. E. Steel, Solicitor for Mr. Yarnold the tenant of this Slaughter-house, demanding £60 as compensation for the closing of this Slaughter-house. Resolved, To offer £60 without prejudice.

30—Assistant Inspector of Nuisances—A letter was read from Mr. E. J. Franklin, one of the selected candidates for this appointment, stating that he would be willing to serve for the first year at a salary of £80 feeling sure that he would give such satisfaction that at the year's end the Council would not hesitate to raise his salary to £100 for the second year, Resolved, To offer the appointment to Mr. Franklin, at an unconditional salary of £80 per annum, and that Minute No. 12 of this Committee's proceedings of the 9th April last be altered accordingly.

31—Extension of Abattoir— Resolved, To appoint a Sub-Committee consisting of the Chairman, Councillors Davis and Waghorne to consider this matter, and bring up a report and recommendation to the Committee.

30—Old Bath Road Sewer Extension—A letter from the Local Government Board, was read, notifying the Council that an Inspector would attend on the 29th instant to hold a Local Inquiry into the application of the Council for sanction to borrow the sum of £652 for works of sewerage.

33— Hatherley Brook Sewer -A letter from the Local Government Board was read, with which they enclosed their sanction to the borrowing of the sum of £3,603 for the re-construction of the Hatherley Brook Sewer.

34—Building Plans—The Borough Surveyor laid before the Committee the following plans of proposed new buildings necessitating drainage, viz :----

No. of Plan.	Name.	Description.
1307 ..	Trustees of Wesley Chapel ..	Additions to Wesley Chapel, St. George's Street.
1309 ..	Jesus College, Oxford	Building Estate adjoining Six Chimneys Farm and Gloucester Road

Resolved, That as regards drainage and other sanitary matters, the plans be approved as shown.

GEORGE BENCE,

Chairman.

TOWN IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee. held on Friday, the 8th day of June, 1900—Present The Mayor Aldermen Drew and Winterbotham, Councillors Bence, Dix, Lenthall, and Macdonald (Alderman Winterbotham in the chair)—

1—Entertainments—The Entertainment Sub-Committee reported that they had had a Meeting on the 7th of June, when there were present :—Councillors Dix and Lenthall.

That Tenders were received as follows for the erection of the Proscenium, viz — Messrs. Collins & Godfrey £337 10s.; Messrs. Billings £325 ; and Mr. Joseph Yeates £300 and it was Resolved, To accept the tender of Mr. Yeates.

That the Concert held on the occasion of the Celebration of the entry of the British Forces into Pretoria realized £19 18s. 0d., the number of admittances at admittances being 2,242 and 200 Subscribers.

That the Concert on the 6th of June realized £18 3s. 4d., the number of admittances at 2d. being 1,846, and Subscribers 200, Sale of Programmes £1 12s. 6d., and Chair Receipts £1 3s. 7d.

That a letter from Mr. Newton was read, offering to provide Concerts on the afternoon and evening of the 28th of July, in the Montpellier or Winter Gardens, by the Band of the Royal Mounted

Artillery, on the following terms, viz., the Council to do the necessary advertising, billposting and local expenses, and to receive 35 per cent of the gross receipts, and Mr. Newton to provide the Band without any guarantee from the Council, and receive 65 per cent. of the gross receipts, and it was Resolved. That this offer be accepted.

That it was Resolved, To authorize the Chairman to engage the Cheltenham Brass Band for a period of 19 weeks, to play two evenings per week, one at the Naunton Park Recreation Ground and the other at the Agg-Gardner Recreation Ground for the sum of £40; and

That it was Resolved, To approve of a plan submitted by Mr. Kilgour for the lighting of the Montpellier Gardens with incandescent electric lamps. Resolved, That the report of the Sub-Committee be approved, and that the resolutions therein mentioned be confirmed and adopted.

2—Triangular Piece of Land West Side of Harley Lodge—Resolved, That the Mayor and Councillor Macdonald be authorised to ascertain upon what terms this piece of land can be acquired by the Council for improvement purposes.

3—Winter Garden Concert Room—A letter was read from Messrs. Dale, Forty & Co., asking if this room would be available on the evening of the 8th of January next, and what the rent would be, to which the Mayor had replied that the Borough Surveyor was unwell and unable to attend to business, but he had assured him the Concert Room within the Winter Garden would be ready by the end of the year, and it would therefore be ready on the date above-mentioned. That they might place the charge at the same amount as they paid for the Assembly Rooms for a similar Entertainment, to which Messrs. Dale & Forty had replied definitely engaging the room for the evening of the 8th of January next, and stating that they paid the Assembly Rooms Company according to the Concert, viz., 6 or 8 guineas, and they had written their London Agent that the Hall had been booked to them. Resolved, That the letter of the Mayor be approved and his action adopted.

JAR. B. WINTERBOTHAM,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 18th day of June, 1900—Present The Mayor, Aldermen Drew and Winterbotham Councillors Baker, Bence, Drs and Macdonald (Alderman Winterbotham in the chair)—

4—Official Guide to Cheltenham—A letter was read from Mr. E. J. Burrow, stating that he had prepared a scheme for the publication of an Official Guide to Cheltenham as follows, viz., to obtain articles from the Heads of the Colleges, the Medical Officer of Health, and other prominent persons of the town, to illustrate the same with 40 or 50 photographs, and print 3,000 copies at a cost for the whole of about £150, which he proposed to defray by means of about 10 pages of advertisements at the beginning and end of the book, but none in the letterpress, That for his work in publishing, editing and securing the advertisements he would ask for from the Council, who would be the proprietors-of the complete edition of 3,000 books for that amount. Resolved, To adjourn consideration of the matter until this-time next year.

5--Hire of Winter Garden for Dog Show—A letter was read from Mr. T. Mc L. Lochhead, Hon, Sec. of the Cheltenham Dog Show Committee, stating that the last Dog Show had resulted in a heavy financial loss, and having regard to the benefit derived in the town generally from the Show he had, under the circumstances, been instructed by his Committee to apply to the Council to waive payment of the £14 17s. charged for the use of the Winter Garden and supply of electric light, &c. Resolved, That the Council see no sufficient reason to enable them to accede to the application.

6—Peacocks at Pittville—A letter from Mrs. Parr was read again complaining of the damage done in her garden by the peacocks from Pittville, and enquiring if the Council would take steps to prevent a repetition of the annoyance, or if she should take the law into her own hands. Resolved, To inform Mrs. Parr that endeavours have been made but without success to confine the birds, but if they can be caught again a further attempt shall be made.

7--- Netting at Pittville gardens—Capt. Daubeny again wrote complaining that the tennis players were monopolising the Lawn Garden at Pittville. and appeared to claim proprietary rights by placing of wire nets, seats marked private, &c. Resolved, To inform Capt. Daubeny that the seats referred to by him are provided by the players themselves and are therefore private property, and the Committee consider that the instructions they have already given to the Borough Surveyor are as much as they can do in the matter with regard to the wire netting.

8-Supply of Saline. Works—A letter from Dr. E. T. Wilson was read, suggesting that bottles should be supplied at the Spas for those requiring to carry away water for invalids actable to come to the Spas. Resolved, To instruct the Borough Surveyor to obtain a design for bottles and labels to affix on the same for dispensing the Saline Waters in.

9- Uniform Caps for Man on Duty at Montpellier Gardens—Resolved, To provide three uniform caps with bands for the men on duty at the Montpellier Gardens.

JAS. B. WINTERBOTHAM,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Thursday, the 28th day of June, 1900—Present Aldermen Drew and Winterbotham ; Councillors Baker, Bence and Dix (Alderman Winterbotham in the chair)—

10—Band Stands at Pittville—A tender from Messrs. Collins and Godfrey for the erection of two band stands in accordance with the drawings and specifications prepared by the Borough Surveyor, being the only one received, for the sum of £317, with an addition of £60 if the roofs are covered with oak shingle instead of tiles. Resolved, That the tender be accepted subject to the Corporation having the option of substituting a shingle roof on one or both of the stands.

JAS. B. WINTERBOTHAM,

Chairman.

TOWN IMPROVEMENT & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEES.

At a joint Meeting of these Committees, held on Wednesday, the 13th day of June, 1900—Present The Mayor Aldermen Drew and Winterbotham; Councillors Bence, Cooper, Dix, and Preston. (The Mayor in the chair)—

1—Winter Garden --Resolved, That the Firm of Messrs. Halliwell & Co. be requested to send a representative to meet the Committee on Monday afternoon next, at 4 o'clock, to confer with them on the subject of the re-glazing of the roof of the Winter Garden, with a view to his Firm submitting a tender for the execution of the work. Further that the strengthening of the iron work of the roof and the abutments of the building be proceeded with immediately, according to the Borough Surveyor's specifications. That as regards the strengthening of the iron work, the Firm of Messrs. Hill & Smith be requested to send a representative to meet the Committee, an before mentioned, with a view to his Firm submitting a tender for the execution of this work. And that as regards the strengthening of the abutments of the building and general repairs to the brickwork, a specification be prepared and brought up to the Committee at their next meeting.

2-New Assembly Room—Resolved, That the Members of the Committee appointed to pay visits to other towns to inspect halls of similar character to what is now required to replace the Old Assembly Rooms in Cheltenham, be instructed to consult Mr. Waller, Architect, Gloucester.

3—Meetings of the Council in the Art Gallery—Resolved, To authorise the Mayor to make arrangements and incur such expenditure as is necessary to provide for the meetings of the Council in the Art Gallery.

GEO. NORMAN,

Chairman.

At a joint Meeting of these Committees, held on Monday, the 18th day of June, 1900.—Present The Mayor ; Aldermen Drew and Winterbotham ; Councillors Baker, Bence, Dix, Hayward, Lenthall, Macdonald, Moles and Preston (The Mayor in the chair)—

4--Winter Garden—Mr. Brettell for Messrs. Hill and Smith, of Brierley Hill, Staffordshire, attended the meeting, and having heard what was proposed for the strengthening of the ironwork of the roof, and Mr. Dairy for Messrs. Helliwell & Co., having attended the meeting and heard what was proposed for the reglazing of the roof, Resolved, That they be asked respectively to send in tenders for the strengthening of the ironwork and reglazing of the roof.

5—New Assembly Room—Resolved, That Mr. Waller, of Gloucester, be requested to meet the Committee on Thursday next, with a view to instructing him to prepare sketch plans for the new Assembly Rooms to be erected on the North side of the Winter Garden.

GEO. NORMAN,

Chairman.

At a joint Meeting of these Committees, held on Thursday, the 21st day of June, 1900—Present The Mayor ; Aldermen Dew and Winterbotham ; Councillors Baker, Bence, Dix, Gurney, Hayward, Macdonald, Moles and Preston (The Mayor in the chair)--

6—New Assembly Room-Mr. Waller attended the Meeting of this Committee as requested, and submitted rough block of plans of three alternative schemes, viz., A, B and C. Resolved, That the Mayor, Aldermen Drew and Winterbotham and Councillor Macdonald be appointed a Consultative Sub-Committee to arrange with Mr. Waller for the preparation of draft plans in general accordance with the suggestion submitted by him in Plan C, to arrange a fee for such work and to submit a report to the Committee,

GEO. NORMAN,

Chairman.

At a joint Meeting of these Committees, held on Thursday, the 28th day of June, 1900—Present Aldermen Drew and Winterbotham:, Councillors Baker, Bence, Cooper, Dix, Moles, Macdonald and Hayward (Alderman Winterbotham in the chair)—

7--Winter Garden—A letter from Messrs. Hill & Smith was read, offering to execute the work to the ironwork of the roof of the Winter Garden, including supplying, fixing, and removing the necessary scaffolding, taking off the existing Sash Bars, which are to become their property, cleaning and painting the existing ironwork, overhauling the whole of the work and supplying new bobs or rivets where necessary, for the sum of £1,670.

A letter was also read from Messrs. Helliwell & Co., Ltd., offering to execute the necessary work of glazing. with glass and copper, for the sum of £1,842 18s. 1d.

Resolved, That the Tenders be accepted subject to proper contracts being entered into, and to the sanction of the Local Government Board being obtained to a loan for the amount of the tenders, for which application be at once made.

Further Resolved, That as soon as the necessary plans and specifications for the brickwork, &c.. have been prepared and approved by this Committee, Tenders for the execution of the work be advertised for, and that this Committee have power to accept a Tender, and that the amount of such tender be added to the amount of the loan, for sanction to which application is to be made to the Local Government Board.

JAS. B. WINTERBOTHAM,

Chairman.

LIGHTING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Wednesday, the 20th day of June, 1900 —Present The Mayor ; Alderman Haddon; Councillors Baker, Dix, Macdonald, and J. Waghorne (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 :— LOW PRESSURE CABLES.

Date.	Legal Standard.	Test at Manchester Street.
1900.		
June 7th.	200 Volts.	206 Volts.

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

ILLUMINATING POWER.	PURITY.
1900 June 7th . 16.60 candles	1900 Grains of Sulphur per 100 cubic ft.
	June 7-8 12.46

3—Gas Inspector's Report—The Gas Inspector reported that the hourly average consumption of Gas per lamp during the previous month had been as follows :—Ordinary Burners 4.2296 cubic feet ; Incandescent No. 4 Burners 5.416 cubic feet ; and Incandescent No. 3 Burners 4.311 cubic feet.

4--Lamp Book --This book was produced and examined. Ordinary lamps extinguished--5 metered, 3 un-metered ; and burning dimly; and to Incandescent lamps out.

5--- Building Extensions at Electric Works —The following Tenders were received for carrying out the building extensions at the Electric Works, viz :—From

Messrs. A. C. & S. Billings	£1,894
“ Collins & Godfrey.	£1,873

Resolved, That the Tender of Messrs. Collins & Godfrey be accepted, provided that they are prepared to give an unqualified undertaking to complete the work by the 15th of September next, as the matter is urgent.

6—Report of the Electrical Engineer—The Electrical Engineer reported: That all work, both of extensions and ordinary running, had proceeded satisfactorily during the past month. That the equivalent of about 24,200 eight-candle power lamps were then connected to the mains for private supply, about 400 having been added during the month, and the Assembly Rooms having been disconnected. That he had received Tenders for the necessary overhead travelling crane, both for operating by hand and electricity, but in view of the comparatively infrequent use of the crane, and of the large extra cost of the electric equipment, he recommended acceptance of a tender retriend from Messrs. Carrick & Ritchie for a hand operating crane at £260, including delivery and erection. Resolved, That the recommendation of the Electrical Engineer be approved and adopted.

7—Lighting of Passage from Rip Street to County Court Road--A letter was read from the Manager of Georges Limited, complaining of the dirty and insanitary condition of this passage at the back entrance to their premises, and suggesting that it should be better lighted. Resolved, To adjourn consideration of the matter for inspection of the locality.

8- Lighting of Naunton Crescent and Francis Street—Resolved, That Incandescent Burners be placed in the lamps in these streets to replace the ordinary burners.

9—Lighting of Naunton Lane Resolved, To consider at the next View Meeting the improvement of the lighting in this locality.

GEO. NORMAN, Chairman.

WATER COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Thursday, the 21st day of June, 1900—Present : The Mayor Councillors Baker, Bow, Bennett, Davis, Dix and Waghorne (Councillor Waghorne in the chair)—

1—Report of the Water Engineer—The Water Engineer reported that on the 20th instant, the supply from Hewletts and Northfield springs was 93 gallons, the average for the last four years being 100 gallons per minute, and the quantity of water at Hewletts and Leckhampton was 22,281,028 gallons.

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On the 20th instant the depth of water to the Dowdeswell Reservoir was 26ft. 9in. and the contents 73,734,947 gallons, which gave a total of 96,015,975 gallons, or about 96 days' supply, exclusive of the daily yield of the springs, which was then about 286,440 gallons.

The foundations and floors of the new filters at Tewkesbury were finished and the side walls commenced, and the pumping well was being sunk and intake pipe laid. The new engine room and bed was ready for the pumping plant which was being erected at Messrs. Simpson's works. He anticipated that it would be ready in a few days.

2—Water Supply to Cricket Pavilion at Tewkesbury--A letter was read from the Town Clerk of Tewkesbury stating that he presumed there was no objection to lay on the water to the Cricket Pavilion from the Cheltenham Corporation main the same as at Southwick and the Cowpens, on the terms agreed. Resolved, To inform the Town Clerk of Tewkesbury that the Cheltenham Town Council have no objection to the proposal.

3—Tewkesbury Pumping Engine—The Town Clerk reported that he had received notice from the Local Government Board of their intention to hold a Local Inquiry on the 29th inst. with reference to the application of the Council to borrow £2,117 for works of water supply.

4—Sale of Land South side of Banbury and Cheltenham Railway—A letter was read from Mr. W. H. Williams, of the Surveyor's and Estate Office of the Great Western Railway Co., stating that the Company desired in connection with the proposed widening of the above line to acquire the 5 perches of land shown in red upon the plan which they enclosed which they believed was the property of the Corporation. Resolved, To request the Company to make an offer for the land.

5---Appeals--The Appeals entered in the Appeal Book were considered and the rates settled and adjusted.

H. WAGHORNE,

Chairman.

ART GALLERY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Wednesday, the 20th day of June, 1900—Present : The Mayor Aldermen Haddon and Winterbotham, Councillor Hayward, and The Baron de Ferrieres. (Alderman Winterbotham in the chair)—

1--Cleaning—Resolved, To leave it to the Curator to arrange for the cleaning of the Art Gallery, a proportion of the expense to be charged in respect of the meetings held there by the Council or Committees of the Council.

2—Gift of Fossils—The Curator reported that he had received the Fossils given to the Town Council by Mr. Pierson in 1888, which had been stored at Messrs. Shirer and Haddon's. Resolved, That the Curator be authorised to incur a present expenditure not exceeding £5 in commencing a classification of the fossils.

3—Grant from the Board of Education—A letter was read from one Board of Education calling attention to the fact that a sum of £1000 had been taken in the estimates of that Board as a grant towards aid in the purchase of Objects by Local Museums in connection with the Board of Education, South Kensington, or established under the Public Libraries Act, with which was enclosed a form of application. Resolved, That consideration of the matter be adjourned.

4—Accounts—Resolved, To sanction payment of the following Accounts, viz.:—

W. Jones, on a/c of Wages, &c	£10 0 0
R. BA C. Marshall ..	£ 0 19 8
Great Western Railway Co., Conveyance of Loan Collection from South Kensington	£ 2 7 0

JAS. B. WINTERBOTHAM,

Chairman.

GENERAL PURPOSES AND WATCH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 19th day of June 1900- Present : The Mayor; Councillors Baker, Bence, Davis, Dix, Hayward, and Preston (The Mayor in the chair)-

1-Fire Brigade-The Superintendent of the Fire Brigade reported that on the 18th inst. the Brigade was called to extinguish a fire at No. 15, Rodney Terrace, occupied by Mr. F. Paget, Antique Dealer, &c., damage being done amounting to about That the building and contents were insured. That the expenses incurred amounted to £2 13s. 6d., the particulars of which in due course would be sent to the Borough Accountant

2- Drivers' Licences-Resolved, That Drivers' Licences be granted to the following applicants, viz :- Walter Teale, Henry Cook, Richard Bayliss, James Puttick, W. Willis, Richard Hawker.

3 -Employment of Children as Newsvendors-A letter was read from Mr. E. Gowing-Scopes, the General Secretary of the Retail Newsagents and Booksellers' Union, enquiring if the Council would

be willing to assist the Union in obtaining an Act of Parliament with regard to selling in the streets, especially by newsvendors, with a view to prohibiting children under eleven from selling at all, while those of eleven years and upwards employed in street selling shall hold a free licence issued by the police, and thus become amenable to such regulations as the police authorities may think fit to enforce.

A copy was enclosed with the letter of the clauses contained in a Local Act in force in Liverpool conferring powers similar to those which the Union proposed should be sought for by a General Act. Resolved, To adjourn consideration of the matter, and in the meantime to request Mr. Gowing-Scopes to be good enough to forward a dozen copies of the clauses above referred to for perusal by the Members of the Committee.

4-Weighbridge Tolls-Letters a-ere read from Messrs. Gwinnell & Co., Webb Bros. Limited, and Messrs. Voile & Co., complaining of the scale of charges fixed by the resolution to Minute No 6 of the proceedings of this Committee at their last meeting as they affected contracts which they had entered into, and the charges were very much in excess of those charged by either of the Railway Companies which were only rd per ton. Resolved, To rescind the resolution above referred to, and that the scale of charges be fixed as follows, viz.

Goods in Vehicles drawn by hand	1d
Goods in Two-wheel Vehicles not drawn by hand	2d.
Goods in Four-wheel Vehicles up to One Ton nett	2d.
For every- additional Ton or part of a Ton	1d.

5-Game Licences-Resolved, to grant the following applications for renewal of licences to deal in game. viz., from Mr. H. J. Woore, 25 Montpellier Walk, Mr. Chas. Barnett, No. 86, High Street, Mr. William Wilks, No. 372, High Street, Mr. Nolan Wellesley Olive, No. 4, Colonnade, Mr. Edwin Henry Harris, No. 1, Winchcomb Street, Mr. B. Steptoe, 18 Winchcomb Street, Mrs. Morris, Columbia House, Winchcomb Street, and Mr. T. B. Woodward, Nos. 1 & 2, Montpellier Avenue.

6-Level Crossings at St. Mark's and Hatherley- A letter was read from the General Manager of the Great Western Railway Company, stating that the Resolution of the Council with reference to the level crossings at Hatherley and St. Marks was receiving the Company's best attention.

7-Employees of the Corporation in the Volunteer Engineers-A letter was read from Lieut.-Colonel Rogers, Colonel commanding the 1st Gloucestershire Royal Engineers (Volunteers), stating that the Secretary of State for War had granted an extension for which Volunteer Camps were to be held this year, and he asked that all Employees of the Corporation who are members of that Corps might be granted leave from their employ this year to enable them to benefit by the extended course of instruction. That the Camp would be held at Callowell, Stroud, from Friday, July 6th to Saturday, July 21st inclusive, Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to grant facilities to enable the men to attend as requested.

8-- Yeomanry Drill Ground -Resolved, To inform Mr. Corbett that the Council are not prepared to vary the terms of the Agreement as entered into with Mr. Burroughs.

9-Cottages on the Allotments-With reference to the Resolution to Minute No. 11 of the Public Health Committee of the 11th instant, Resolved, To instruct the Borough Surveyor to have these cottages demolished.

10-Storage of Petrol-A letter was read from the Cheltenham Engineering Company., Limited, stating that they stored at their Works a small quantity of Petrol for use in Motor Cars, Resolved, To inform the Company that they are liable to penalties for storage of Petrol without having first obtained a licence under the Petroleum Acts, for which they must make application to this Committee.

GEO. NORMAN,
Chairman.

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BATHS AND RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Wednesday, the 13th day of June, 1900—Present The Mayor; Alderman Drew ; Councillors Bennett, Brown, Dix, Hayward, Lenthall and Moles (Councillor Lenthall in the chair)—

1—Free Bathing for School Children at Alstone Baths—Resolved, That children attending the Elementary Schools in the Borough be admitted free in charge of a responsible teacher to the Outdoor Swimming Bath at Alstone, at times to be fixed upon, such children to provide themselves with towels or pay 1d. for the hire of each towel if provided at the Baths.

2-Use of Swimming Bath at Alstone by the Cheltenham Swimming Club—A letter was read from Mr. A. Maule, on behalf of the Cheltenham Swimming Club, applying for the use of Alstone Swimming Baths for practice on Monday and Friday Evenings from 9 to 10 p.m., at a charge of 2d. per head, also to allow the Club two free nights for aquatic entertainments, the selection of the dates for the same to be left to the Club. Resolved, That the application be not acceded to, but to inform Mr. Maule that the Club may be treated on the same terms as before if they wish.

3—Inspection of Alstone Baths--Resolved, That the Chairman, with Councillors Brown and Hayward be appointed a Sub-Committee to bring up a recommendation as to what further accessories (if any) are required at the Baths.

J. S. LENTHALL, Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 18th day of June, 1900—Present Alderman Drew; Councillors Baker, Bennett, Brown, Dix, Hayward, Lenthall and Moles (Councillor Lenthall in the chair)—

4-Alstone Baths—The Borough Surveyor reported that the admission fees and other receipts at the Alstone Baths up to the 17th inst, had been as follows: —

Reported last month	£50 14 10
Received since (including £2 19s. for Season Tickets)	<u>£25 7 11</u>
	£76 2 9

5—Superintendents at Montpellier Baths—Eighteen applications were received for this appointment and duly considered. Resolved, that the following candidates be invited to meet the Committee at 2 o'clock on Wednesday afternoon next, and to pay them third-class return railway fares for each one both man and wife, and 5s each for expenses except in the case of the candidates from Gloucester who be paid 2s 6d each, viz., Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Braint, No. 50, George Street, Gloucester, Mr. and Mrs. W. Walker, 32, New Lloyd Street, Kirkstall Road, Leeds, and Mr. and Mrs. James Wolfe, Royal Baths, Stafford.

6— Concerts at Agg-Gardner Recreation Ground—Resolved, To discontinue the Concerts at the Agg-Gardner Recreation Ground.

7—Montpellier Baths Contract —A letter from Messrs. Channon & Son was read, explaining that the delay in completing their contract was being caused through the strike of Labourers in the town, and giving an instance with regard to the removal of some scaffolding.

8--Football at Naunton Park --A letter was read from Mr. F. J. Palmer, Hon. Sec. of the Naunton Park Rugby Football Club, stating that the Club had passed a hearty vote of thanks to the Committee for the use of Naunton Park during the past season, and they hoped to have the pleasure of being allowed the privilege of playing there again next season.

9—Private Improvement Works in Mario MPH Road—Resolved, To rail, curb and pave the frontage of the piece of land abutting upon the Marle Hill Road belonging to the Corporation.

J. S. LENTHALL, Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Wednesday, the 20th day of June, 1900—Present The Mayor, Alderman Drew ; Councillors Baker, Bennett, Brown, Dix, Hayward, and Lenthall (Councillor Lenthall to, he chair)—

10—Recreation Grounds Loans—A Letter was read from the Local Government Board, enclosing sanctions to the following Loans, viz :—

£2,450 for purchase of land in Whaddon Lane, and land for extension of the Agg-Gardner Recreation Ground.

£685 for the erection of a Lodge at the new Recreation Ground in Whaddon Lane.

£588 for fencing, gates, &c., at Whaddon Lane Recreation Ground and the Agg-Gardner Recreation Ground.

11-Appointment of Superintendents of Montpellier Baths--The following candidates for this appointment appeared and were inter-viewed by the Committee, viz., Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Braint, No. 50, George Street, Gloucester, Mr. and Mrs W. Walker, 22, New Lloyd Street, Kirkstall Road, Leeds, and Mr. and Mrs. James Wolfe, Royal Baths, Stafford. Resolved, That Mr. and Mrs. Braint be appointed, to commence from the time of the completion of the Contract by Messrs. Channon & Son.

J. S. LENTHALL, Chairman.

BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Friday, the 22nd day of June, 1900—Present: The Mayor; Alderman Haddon ; Councillors Baker, Brown, Cypher, Davis, Moles and Rickerby (Councillor Moles in the chair)—

1—Report of the Superintendent of the Cemetery—The Superintendent reported that he had received several complaints as to the insufficiency of the means of watering the graves, Resolved, To instruct the Borough Surveyor to obtain half-a-dozen watering pots for the Cemetery with the Board's name thereon, and to have the water trough connected with the main.

2—Sale of Grave Space No. 2542P—The Town Clerk reported that M. G. W. Haywood and his brother had called at his office and declined to accept any other space in lieu of the one purchased by them even if the additional expense of another tombstone, &c. was paid by the Board, and they requested the Board to take steps to disinter the body in the above-mentioned space, and restore the space to them. Resolved, To instruct the Town Clerk to write to point out the difficulty of following this course, as the representatives of the deceased person buried there would inevitably oppose any application to the Secretary of State for the necessary Order. That the Board were anxious and willing to do anything in their power to settle the matter satisfactorily to the purchasers, and with a view to this end that they would transfer to them any double space they might choose in lieu of the Spaces purchased, and the Board would use their best endeavours to obtain an Order for the removal of the body of the purchaser's deceased relative, and pay all the expense consequent thereon,

3—Designs—Resolved, That the following designs be approved, viz :--.Monument to Bobbie Foord and Edward Bromley Foord, Maria Fowler and Harriet Pinder. Headstones to Alfred Harry John Cox and Ann Stratford.

4—Account—Resolved, To pass the following Account for payment, viz

G. C. Pratley—Wages £16 1 0

J. V. MOLES, Chairman.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 26th day of June, 1900—Present The Mayor, Councillors Bence, Dix, Gurney Hayward, Macdonald, and J. Waghorne (Councillor Garvey in the chair)—

1—Swindon Road Private Improvement Works—A letter was read from Mr. J. Shrides, of No 20, The Avenue, Kidsgrove, Stoke-on-Trent, applying for time to pay the £5 5s. 10d.. due from him as his share of the cost of carrying out these works until the end of August. Resolved, That the application be acceded to, subject to payment of interest at 5 per cent. per annum.

The Town Clerk reported that Mrs. Bowles, the owner of property in Swindon Road, had applied for time to pay the turn of £37 13s. 10d. due from her as her share of the cost of carrying out these

works, and offered to pay instalments of £1 per month with the usual interest. Resolved, That the application be acceded to.

2—General District Rate—The Report of the Borough Accountant of date the 26th instant, on the collection of the first instalment of this Rate, was read. Amount collected £2,595 15s. 11d., leaving outstanding £14,835 0s. 2d.

3--Water Rate—The Report of the Borough Accountant of date the 26th instant, on the collection of this Rate, was read. Amount received £2,309 10s. 11d., leaving outstanding £7,721 10s. 3d.

4—Accounts— The Financial Statement of the Receipts and Expenditure since the last Meeting and the Bills and Accounts to be paid were examined, and the latter amounting to £11,287 15s. 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 :—

Overdrawn on the 29th May last	£17,034 0 9
Paid since that date	<u>£ 8,295 9 6</u>
	£25,329 10 3
Received since the 29th May	<u>£ 5,685 2 8</u>
Overdrawn	£19,644 7 7

W. GERALD GURNEY,

Chairman.

PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 19th day of June, 1900—Present: Councillors Bennett, Preston and Hayward, The Baron de Ferrieres, The Rev. J. Evans and Dr. Davis; and Messrs. Beckingsale, Cresswell and Palmer. (Councillor Hayward in the chair)—

- 1- Librarian's Report—The Librarian reported that the Receipts at the Library since the date of the last meeting amounted to £ 5 14s. 8d.
- 2- Leckhampton Branch Reading Room—Resolved, To request the Borough Surveyor to have the grass cut and the edges of the turf trimmed at the Leckhampton Branch Room

3—Sub-Committee's Report—The Sub-Committee recommended:—That the Tender of Messrs. Norman, Sawyer & Co for the binding of books be accepted.

That the Tender of Messrs. Cossens & Knight for the supply of New Literature, Magazines and Periodicals be accepted.

That the List of New Books be purchased at a cost not exceeding £10.

That the List of Worn-Out Books submitted by the Librarian be approved, and that the Books be replaced at a cost not exceeding £11.

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

4-Accounts—Resolved, That the following Accounts be passed for payment, viz. :—

	£	s.	d.
Messrs. A. C. & S. Billings—Repairs	3	7	0
“ Bryant & Co.—Janitor's Uniform	1	7	0
“ Harris & Co.—Coal	2	14	6
Mr. W. Jones—for Wages	21	5	0

C. HAYWARD,

Chairman.

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SCHOOL ATTENDANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, the 27th day of June, 1900—Present Aldermen Drew and Skillicorne: Councillors Bennett, Cypher, Moles, Preston and Rickerby (Councillor Preston in the chair.)

1—Attendance Officers' Report—The Monthly Report of the Attendance Offsets was read, from which it appeared that duplicate registers had been received from 36 schools, from which 501 names of absentee children had been extracted, all of whom had been visited. They also reported that the parents of 56 children had been summoned to attend before the Local Committees, who had held 5 meetings ; that to parents had been prosecuted, that to were fined, and an Attendance Order with costs was made against George Morris to attend the Ragged School.

2--Local Committees—The Minute books of the several Local Committees were gone through and examined. Resolved, That proceedings under the Bye-law's be taken against the parents of the following children, viz. :—Bessie Carter, Beatrice Trapp, Kate Lynch, Harry Lippett, Carrie Hopkins and Louie Turtle. That proceedings under Sec. 11 of the Act of 1876 be taken against the parent of Lilian Ballanger for an Attendance Order, and that proceedings under Sec. 12 of the same Act be taken against the parents of Walter Hill, May Excell, and James Lloyd for breach of Attendance Orders.

3--- East Ward Local Committee—A letter was read from the Rev. J. Evans resigning his membership of the East Ward Committee. Resolved, That the Central Committee receives with regret Mr. Evans's resignation and desires to thank him for his past services and to express the hope that he will reconsider his decision.

4— Coltham Fields Infant School— With reference to Minute No. 3 of the proceedings of this Committee at their last meeting a letter was read from the Board of Education stating that H.M. Inspector, Mr. de Sausmarez, reported that of 88 children on the books of the Coltham Fields Infants' School about 60 came from Cheltenham, and he was of opinion that it was essential for a new Infants' School to be built, not only to make provision for the children referred to, but in order to accommodate such children as might come from streets then being opened in the immediate

neighbourhood. That the Board would be glad to hear what vacant places there were in the existing schools of the District of the Committee to which the 60 children above referred to could be admitted, and that the distance of St. John's School from the homes of the majority of those infants appeared to preclude the possibility of their attending there. The Town Clerk reported that there were no streets then being opened in the immediate neighbourhood, that there was accommodation at St. John's Schools for 50, and at All Saints' Infant School for 51 (inclusive as regards St. John's of 12 and as regards All Saints of 10 of the children formerly attending at the Coltham Fields Schools who now attend St. John's and All Saints' Schools respectively) that only two of the children as stated at the last meeting were not attending some other school, and that the distances from the East end of Rosehill Street, in which the Coltham Fields School was situated to St. John, School was 933 yards, and to All Saints' School 1133 yards, over paved or asphalted footpaths the whole distance, Resolved, To instruct the Town Clerk to reply as above.

5-- Proficiency Certificates—The Town Clerk reported that the result of the Special Examination for Certificates of Proficiency, held on the 26th ult., was as follows, viz.:—

Boys--Number examined	46—	
Number passed in Standard 5	22	
Number failed in Standard 5	24-	46
Girls—Number examined	32—	
Number passed in Standard 5	14	
Number failed in Standard 5	18-	32
Total number passed	36	
Total number failed	42-	78

WILLIAM PRESTON,

Chairman.

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Borough of Cheltenham.

MINUTES of the Proceedings of the several Committees of the Town Council to be submitted for approval at the Quarterly Meeting of the Council, to be held on Tuesday, the 7th day of August, 1900.

STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held 011 Monday, the 9th day of July, 1900—Present: The Mayor, Alderman Haddon, Councillors Baker, Bence, Brown, Cypher, and Dix (Councillor Baker in the chair)—

1- Wood Paving In Colonnade—Tenders for laying Jarrah wood paving in the Colonnade were received from Mr. Marshall Lovell of No. 12, Tamworth Place, Arley Hill, Bristol; The Acme Wood Flooring Co., of 'Victoria Park, London ; and Messrs. A. Krauss & Son, Lawrence Hill, Bristol. Resolved,

That subject to the Concrete bed being not less than 8 inches thick the tender of Mr. Marshall Lovell, being the lowest, be accepted.

2—Folly Lane Private Improvement Works—Resolved, To instruct the Town Clerk to take the necessary steps to settle by arbitration as required by the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1889, and the Public Health Act, 1875, the amount to be paid by Mr. Thomas Smith, of the cost of the Private Improvement Works in this street.

3—Rodney Road Improvement -Resolved, To apply to the Local Government Board for sanction to borrow £1,050 to provide for the purchase of the strip of land agreed to be sold by Lloyds Bank Limited, and the amount of the estimated cost of paving, edging and channelling the footpath, and making up the roadway.

4—Damage to shop window at No. 139, High Street—A letter was read from Messrs, Cash & Co. claiming £10 15s. 2d. as compensation for the damage caused by the breakage of their shop window by a horse and cart belonging to the Corporation. Resolved, That the amount claimed be paid subject to production of a Voucher for £9 15s. 0d. the cost of replacing the window.

5—Hester's Way Road— A letter was read from Mr. G. Godwin, junr, of Ivy Cottage, Hester's Way, calling attention to the bad condition of the road leading through the Hester's Way Estate, and suggesting that Ashes should be brought from the Destructor and tipped on the road, and the tenants would see to the placing of the same. Resolved. To inform Mr. Godwin that, aa he Corporation are not responsible for the repair of the road, they are unable to accede to his request.

6—Insurance of Boilers of Steam Rollers— A letter was read from the National Boiler and General Insurance Company, Limited, Manchester, calling attention to the fact that the Boilers of both the Steam Rollers were under-insured, and offering to cover all losses to property arising out of an explosion, and against claims at Common Law for injury from the same cause to person, or in case of death, for £1,000 each, at £2 2s. 0d. per boiler, or £2,000 each, at £3 3s, 0d. Resolved, To accept the terms quoted for £1,000 on each boiler.

7 -Building Plans----The Borough Surveyor laid before the Committee the following Plans which he had received of intended new buildings, vie. :--

No. of Plan.	Name.	Description.
1306	G. Watts	House in Suffolk Street
1311	J. G. Moore	Pair of semi-detached Villas, on the Glencairn Estate
1312	Lance & Co., Limited	New Dormitories between No. 8, North Place and Crosby House

Resolved, That No. 1312 be not approved and that Nos. 1306 and 1311 be approved.

WILLIAM A. BAKER,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 30th day of July, 1900, Present : The Mayor; Councillors Baker, Bence, Brown, Cypher, and Davis (Councillor Baker in the chair)

8—The View—The following members attended the View Meeting on the previous Friday, viz, :— Alderman Haddon, Councillors Baker, Bence, Cypher and Davis.

9- Wood Paving in Colonnade—The Tenders referred to in Minute No. 1 of the proceedings of this Committee at their last meeting were as follows, viz.

Marshall Lovell	£539 0 0
Acme Wood Flooring Co.	£653 5 0
A. Krauss & Son	16s 10d per yard super

A letter from Mr. Marshall Lovell was read agreeing to lay in 8in. of concrete under the paving. Resolved, That the Tender of Mr. Marshall Lovell be accepted.

10-Harp Hill Improvement- -The following Tenders were received for carrying out this improvement, viz.

Messrs. Mark Williams & Co .	£539 10 0
Messrs. Packer & Griffin ..	£583 12 0

Resolved, That the Tender of Messrs. Mark Williams & Co. be accepted.

11-Extension of Harp Hill Sewer into Charlton Kings—A Tender from Messrs. Mark Williams & Co. for extending this sewer 200ft. into Charlton Kings for the Charlton Kings Urban District Council for the sum of £30 8s. was read. Resolved, That this Tender be accepted.

12-Footpaths in front of St. Paul's and St. Gregory's Schools—Resolved, That the footpaths in St. Paul's Road coextensive with the frontages of St. Paul's and St. Gregory's Schools be edged, paved and channelled at the expense of the Corporation.

13—Privets Improvement Works East side of Gloucester Road—Letters were read from Mr. J. James, of No. 5, Promenade, protesting against having to pay as an abutting owner for the private improvement works executed on the East side of the Gloucester Road, as he considered it was unjust that he should be treated differently to the abutting owners higher up the road where similar work had been carried out without the cost of executing same having been charged against them. Resolved, To inform Mr. James that he is legally liable and must pay the amount due from him in respect of his property, as the omission to charge the other owners referred to by him must have been unintentional.

14—Seat near No 4, Lansdown Place—A letter was read from Mrs. Watson, the occupier of No. 4, Lansdown Place, requesting that the bench placed near her house should be moved higher up. Resolved, To inform Mrs. Watson that the Borough Surveyor reports that her request has been complied with.

15—Folly Lane Private Improvement Works--The Town Clerk reported that the draft of the appointment of an Arbitrator herein had been prepared and sent to Messrs. Ticehurst & Sons for

approval. A letter from Messrs. Ticehurst & Sons, Solicitors for Mr. Smith, was read, calling attention to the fact that both Mr. Smith's entrances to the lane were only a few yards down it, and that his user of the lane, both as regards the length and the wear and tear, was infinitesimal, and the apportionment was consequently extremely unfair to Mr. Smith. That if the Corporation would not declare the road a highway then all their client desired was for some fair arrangement to be made as to the future maintenance of the road. That they suggested that the road should be repaired at least once a year by the Corporation under their statutory power, and a fair proportion assessed upon Mr. Baylis according to the degree of benefit derived. That as regarded the filling up of their client's ditches, they considered that was an entirely wrongful act on the part of the Contractor for the Corporation. The result was that Mr. Smith's hedges were considerably weakened, and his land on the East side in wet weather was flooded to the extent of six feet from the hedge and his crops damaged. That if the Corporation preferred not to restore the ditches then they considered that they should pipe them so as to protect Mr. Smith's land from the surface water, in which case an acknowledgement would be required that Mr. Smith continued entitled to three feet from the middle of his hedges, and there would then only remain to be settled the amount to be paid by Mr. Smith under the present apportionment and the amount to be paid to him in respect of the permanent weakening of his hedges and the past flooding of his land, Resolved. To adjourn consideration of the matter until the next meeting of the Committee at which Mr. McIlquham, from Messrs. Ticehurst & Sons' Office, be invited to attend. That that Meeting be summoned for 3 instead of 4 o'clock in the afternoon, and that this business be placed first on the Agenda of business to be transacted at that meeting.

16—Second Meetings In month and View--Resolved, To request the General Purposes and Watch Committee, to alter the meetings of this Committee fixed for View and the second meetings in each month as follows, viz. :—The View Meetings to take place at 10 o'clock in the mornings of the last Mondays in the months to be immediately followed on each occasion by the Ordinary Meeting.

17—Trafalgar street—Resolved, To instruct the Borough Surveyor to bring up a Specification of the works required to be done by the abutting owners to channel the roadway in this street on both sides, and to asphalt the footpath on the West side.

18---Report of the Borough Surveyor re Highways—The Borough Surveyor reported that the work done by the Highways Department during the month ending July 27th, 1900, had been as follows:—

Repaired with Clee Hill Stone—Hatherley Road (proceeding).

Patched with Claus Hill Stone—Queen's Road, Queen's Parade, Montpellier Street, St. James's Square, High Street, Gloucester Road, Bath Road, Great Norwood Street, Tewkesbury Road, Lansdown Road, Malvern Road, and Queen's Circus. Patched with Radnor Stone—Regent Street.

Repaired with Wickwar Stone—Thirlestaine Road, 1935 super yards; and Elm Street, 867 super yards.

Patched with Wickwar Stone—Nailsworth Terrace, Hewlett Road, Brunswick Street, Suffolk Square, and Upper Park Street.

The road in New Street from Burton Street towards High Street w. being paved with patent blue bricks.

The footpath in Hewlett Road was being repaired with Wickwar gravel.

Repairs to Paving, Kerb, Crossing and Channelling—Evesham Road, Winchcomb Street, Tewkesbury Road, Henrietta Street, Elm Street, Regent Steed, Hewlett Road, Hale's Road, St. George's Road, Malt House Lane, Portland Square, Church Street, County Court Road, Warwick Place, High Street, Malvern Road, Imperial Lane, and Rose and Crown Passage.

A MacDougall's brick crossing had been put down in Queen's Road.

Trees Pruned—Pitville Circus, All Saints' Road, High Street, North Street, Monson Avenue, Clarence Square, Wellington Square, Evesham Road, Wellington Road, Pittville Lawn, Leamington Place, Prestbury Road, Pitville Circus Road, Selkirk Street, Cemetery Road, Hewlett Road, Albion Street, King's Road, Hale's Road, Keynsham Road, College Road, Oriel Road, Vittoria Walk, Spa Road, Montpellier Street, Fauconberg Road, Bayshill Road, Promenade, St. George's Road, Parabola Road, Overton Road, Christ Church Road, Queen's Road, Lansdown Road, Sydenham Road, Sydenham Villas, Lansdown Place, Gloucester Road, Ambrose Street, Cranham Road, Tivoli Road, Leckhampton Road, Moorend Park Road, St. Phillips' Terrace, Grafton Road, Montpellier Grove.

Dead Trees Removed—Brandon Terrace 1, Lansdown Place 1, Bayshill Road 1, Albert Road 1, Promenade 1, Montpellier Parade 1, Montpellier Terrace 1, Hale's Road 1.

A 9" surface water drain was being laid at Lansdown Place

Private Improvement Works-- Hermitage Street and Great Norwood Street finished. Ashes Collection and Disposal—Loads collected 1268: loads consumed 1260: 1143 tons. 6 cwts. 2 qrs.

19—Building Plans—The Borough Surveyor laid before the Committee the following plans of intended new buildings, viz.

No. on Plan.	Name.	Description.
1312	Lance & Co., Limited	New Dormitories between No. 8, North Place and Crosby House
1314	E. W. Moore	Six cottages in Charlton Lane
1315	J. T. Burrows	Bay window at No.4, Tivoli Place
1316	Council of the .. Cheltenham College	Additions to Boyne House, College Road
1317	G. H. Watts	House in Suffolk Street, corner of Norwood Road
1319	J. D. Bendall	Shed at rear of Brookville, Leckhampton Road

Resolved, That No. 1314 be not approved; that No. 1315 be passed subject to the Borough Surveyor being satisfied as to the stability of the proposed method of constructing the floor, and that the other plans above mentioned be approved as shown

WILLIAM A. BAKER,

Chairman.

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 9th day of July, 1900-- Present The Mayor
Alderman Skillicorne Councillors Bence 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 5 cases of Scarlet Fever, 1 of Emetic Fever, 3 of Diphtheria, and 1 of Erysipelas ; that 5 cases of Scarlet Fever had been sent into the Hospitals; and that the number of cases then in the Delancey Hospital sent in by the Corporation was 3 of Scarlet Fever, and 1 of Diphtheria.

2—Well at No. 30, King Street—The Medical Officer of Health reported that the water en the well 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 an order for this well to be closed.

3—Water Closets without Flushing Apparatus—The Medical Officer of Health handed in a list of houses having water closets without Flushing Apparatus. Resolved, That Notices under Sec. 28 of the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1889, be given to the Owners requiring them to provide the necessary flushing apparatus, and to the Occupiers to lay on a proper supply of water thereto, and that in default of compliance with such Notices proceedings be taken for the penalties.

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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.

5—Cleansing and Limewashing at Not 4, 10, 11, 12, 13 & 16, Hungerford Street, No. 23 ½, All Saints' Road, Nos. 3 & 4, St. Anne's Terrace, and No. 61, Sherborne Street—The Medical Officer of Health having certified under Sec. 46 of the Public Health Act, that the above-named dwelling houses were in such a filthy and unwholesome condition that the health of the inmates was affected or endangered thereby. Resolved, That Notice be given to the owners under the said Section, requiring the houses to be cleansed and limewashed.

6—Nuisance from Drains, &c., at No 3, All Saints' Road, No. 1, Blenheim Parade, No. 9, Rodney Terrace, The Star Hotel, Regent Street, Rosebank, Moorend Road, and the Albion Inn, Albion Street—The Inspector of Nuisances having made written application under Section 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.

7—Overcrowding at No. 2, Zarah Cottages, Fairview—The Medical Officer of Health reported that the above premises were so over-crowded as to be dangerous or injurious to the health of the

inmates. Resolved, That, the Committee being satisfied of the existence of a nuisance on the said premises, Notices under Sec. 94 of the Public Health Act be served on the owners and occupiers thereof requiring them to abate the same.

8--Destruction of Diseased Pig—The Medical Officer of Health reported that the diseased carcase of a pig slaughtered at the Abattoir was seized on the 6th instant, and destroyed on a Magistrate's Order as being unfit for human food.

9—Unsanitary Urinal at the Star Hotel, Regent Street--The Medical Officer of Health reported that this urinal was in such a state as to be a nuisance Resolved, That Notice under Sec 94 of the Public Health Act, 1875, be served on the owner, requiring him to abate the nuisance, and for that purpose lay on a proper and sufficient water supply for flushing purposes, and execute such structural amendments as may. be necessary.

10—Closing of Slaughter-house at No. 213, High Street—A letter was read from Messrs. Brookes & Badham, of Tewkesbury, Solicitors for the owner and occupier of this Slaughter-house, enquiring whether the Council had any offer to make as to the compensation to be made for the closing of this Slaughter-house, otherwise they suggested that the arbitration should be proceeded with. Resolved, To offer, without prejudice, £50 to the owner and £5 to the tenant.

11-Housing of Working Classes A circular letter from the Local Government Board, was read, calling attention to the powers of Local Authorities for dealing with insanitary dwellings, apart from the powers given by the Housing of the Working Classes Act for the making of improvement schemes in respect of unhealthy areas in urban districts. Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to try and obtain a sufficient number of copies of this letter to supply one to each member of the Council.

12—Subsidence of Paving in Yard at back of No 20, Lansdown Terrace- -Resolved, To pay the sum of £1 1s. 8d, charged to Deputy Surgeon-General Ringer, for re-laying the paving in his yard, where the taste had sunk after the laying of a sewer by the Corporation.

13--Assistant Inspector of Nuisances—A letter was read from Mr. E. J. Franklin, accepting this appointment at an unconditional salary of £80 per annum,

14—Nuisance at Licensed Premises in Fairview Road—A letter was read from Mr. J. A. Gale, of No. 5, Sherburne Street, complaining of a nuisance caused by the want of a urinal at the licensed premises of Messrs. Dobell, in Fairview Road, and suggesting that some steps should be taken by the Council to have the nuisance abated. Resolved, That a copy of the letter be sent to Messrs. Dobell, with an expression of desire on behalf of the Committee that they will provide a proper urinal at their premises with a view to an abatement of the cause of complaint.

15—Workmen at Sewage Farms—Resolved, That the dismissal and appointment of the workmen on the Sewage Farms be delegated to the uncontrolled discretion of the Farm Bailiff.

16—Building Plans—The following plans necessitating drainage were laid before the Committee, viz

No. of Plan.	Name.	Description
1306 ..	G. Watts	House in Suffolk Street.
1311 ..	J. G. Moore	Pair of semi-detached Villas, Glencairn Estate, Lansdown Road

Resolved, That No. 1306 be passed, subject to the provision of a damp-proof course in the old wall throughout its length and breadth, and that 1311 be approved as shown.

GEORGE BENCE,

Chairman.

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At a Meeting of Mis Committee, held on Tuesday, the 17th day of July, 1900—Present The Mayor; Alderman Skillicorne Councillors Bence, Davis, Davies, Gurney, and Lenthall. (Councillor Bence in the chair).

17—Hatherley Tank— Complaint having been made as to the nuisance in the neighbourhood of the Hatherley Tank, and the Committee having Paid a visit of inspection to the Tank and its locality. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to bring up a Report as to the best means of conveying the sewage direct to the Sewage Farms.

GEORGE BENCE, Chairman.

At a Meeting of that Committee, held on Monday, the 23rd day of July, 1900. Present Mayor; Alderman Skillicorne Councillors Bence, Davis and Lenthall (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, 4 cases of Scarlet Fever, 3 of Erysipelas and a of Diphtheria; that 4 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 5 of Scarlet Fever, and 4 of Diphtheria.

19--Nuisance from Drains, &c., at No. 5, St. Paul's Street, S.th, Fairview Inn, Fairview Road, and Nos. 5 & 6, Devonshire Street—The Inspector of Nuisances having made written application under Sec. 41 of the Public Health Act, 1875, stating that the drains. No., on or belonging to the above-named houses were in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to health. Resolved, That authority be given to the Inspector of Nuisances to open the ground, examine the drains, and, if necessary, give the notices and act as provided by the said section

20—Overcrowding at a Cottage at back of No, 47, Sherborne Street, and No. 47, Sherborne Street— The Medical Officer of Health reported that the above premises were so overcrowded as to be dangerous or injurious to the health of the inmates. Resolved, That, the Committee being satisfied of the existence of a nuisance on the said premises, Notices under Sec. 94 of the Public Health Act be served on the owners and occupier, thereof requiring them to abate the same.

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

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

23—Cleansing and Limewashing at No. 6, 8, 24, 26, 28, 38, 40 & 42, Union Street, Nos. 4, 41, 43, Columbia Street, No. 6, Alma Place, and 29, Sherborn 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—Notices got Complied with--The Medical Officer of Health handed in a list of Notices to revile flushing apparatus and ash receptacles, and remedy defects of drainage, w.c's &c, which had been served, but had not been complied with. Resolved, To instruct the Town Clerk to take proceedings to compel compliance with the notices.

25—Insanitary Property at No. 20, Malvern Street, Nos. 9, 10, 11, 14, 15, and 52, Elm Street, and Nos. 5, 7, 10, 18, 20, 27 and 30, Worcester 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, No, 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.

26--Seizure of Unsound Meat--The Medical Officer of Health reported that on the 16th instant, 44 pieces of pork, weighing 66 ½ lbs, were seized as unfit for the food of man, and were destroyed after condemnation by a magistrate.

27— Sower at back of houses on North side of Battledown Approach Road— A letter was read from Mrs. Field, the occupier of Battle-down Gates house, complaining that she was unable to put the drainage of her house into proper order, as the sewer which passes at the back of the above houses was imperfectly constructed, and nearly choked up with solid sewage matter. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have the sewer cleaned out and properly constructed.

28---Slaughter House at back of No. 296, High Street —A letter was read from Mr. R. E. Steel, Solicitor for Mr. Yarnold the tenant of this slaughter house, declining to accept the offer of £20 made by the Council for his compensation for the compulsory closing of it, but offering to accept £45 in settlement. Resolved, To close with the offer made by Mr. Steel on behalf of his client.

29-Sewer under Garden of Carlton House—A letter was read from Messrs, Ticehurst & Sons, Solicitors, stating that they were instructed to accept the sum of £100 which the Council resolved to offer as compensation for damage alleged to have been occasioned to this property by the laying of a sewer under the garden.

30—Want of Urinal at premises of Messrs. Dobell & Co., in Fairview Road--A letter was read from Messrs. Dobell & Co., submitting that they were under no more obligation to provide a Urinal to their retail house in the Fairview Road than any of the other similar establishments in the vicinity, and that it would be used less by their comparatively few customers than by the general public, who would come for that purpose alone, and that would be a great nuisance and disadvantage to their premises and to the neighbours, but if there was thought to be a need for a public urinal in that immediate neighbourhood, they would be ready to subscribe towards its erection if a suitable place could be found, and this would do for all the other licensed premises in the vicinity as well. Resolved, That further consideration of the matter be adjourned.

31—General Instructions to the Farm Bailiff for regulating the Management of the Sewage Farms—The draft of these instructions was perused. Resolved, That as now settled the same be approved and printed, and that a copy be sent to each member of the Council with the Minutes.

32---Building Plan- Resolved, That as regards drainage and other sanitary matters, the undermentioned plan be approved, viz :—

No. of Plan.	Name.	Description.
1356	The Cheltenham College Council	Alterations to Boyne House.

GEORGE BENCE, Chairman.

TOWN IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 23rd day of July, 1900, Present The Mayor ; Councillors Baker, Bence, Dix, Lenthall, and Macdonald (The Mayor and Councillor Dix in the chair)—

1—Chairmen—In the absence of the Chairman, The Mayor, and subsequently on the Mayor having to leave, Councillor Dix were appointed Chairmen at this Meeting.

2—Proscenium—Resolved, To instruct the Borough Surveyor to have a rustic fence erected round the Proscenium at Montpellier Gardens.

3- Report of Entertainment Sub-Committee—The Entertainment Sub-Committee reported that Sunday Concerts had been held at Pittville on June 24th, July 8th and 22nd; at Montpellier, July 1st, 15th and 22nd.

Week-Night Concerts at Montpellier June 20th and 27th, July 4th, 11th, 14th, 19th, 20th, 21st and on one afternoon, Saturday, July 21st.

The total expenditure for Artistes, also balloons, &c., had been £62 6s. 8d. and the total receipts £126 13s. 0d. There were then One Thousand and Seventy-two Subscribers paying 2s 6d each : Total £134.

The numbers of admissions, including Subscribers, were 19,250, or an average of 1,480 persons to each Concert.

The Proscenium at the Montpellier Gardens was then practically finished, and gave general satisfaction; and they recommended that a new artistic shelter be provided for the gardens.

4—National Free Church Mission—A letter was read from Mr. C. Hayward, Hon. Sec. of the Cheltenham Free Church Council, asking for the use of the Winter Garden on the 11th of March next, for a Meeting of the National Free Church Mission, free of charge, except for lighting, heating and necessary attendance. Resolved, That if the Winter Garden is disengaged and otherwise available on the date named, the application be acceded to.

5—Industrial Trades' Exhibition—A letter was read from the Industrial Trades' Exhibition, enquiring if the Council would let the Winter Garden for ten days for the purpose of a General Trades' Exhibition, and if so upon what terms. Resolved, That the Council are unable to let the building, as it is undergoing repair.

6—Exhibition of Cookery—A letter was read from Miss Baddeley, on behalf of the Gloucestershire School of Cookery', applying for the use of the Winter Garden on the second Wednesday in May next, for the purpose of an exhibition of Cookery take arranged for the elementary school children who have attended cookery classes. Resolved, That having regard to the fact that the building is undergoing repair and the uncertainty as to whether it will be available for letting on the day mentioned for the purpose referred to, the Council are unable to give a definite reply so long beforehand.

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7—Electric Lighting at Montpellier Gardens—A letter was read from Messrs. Steel Bros., asking to be allotted to tender for the installation of the electric lighting at the Montpellier Gardens. Resolved, To inform Messrs. Steel Bros. that it is being done by the staff of the Electric Light Department of the Council.

8—Grant to Town Committee—A letter was read from Councillor Cooper, asking the Council to make a grant of £20 as has been done before by them to the outside Town Improvement Committee, as they needed £38 15s. 9d. to clear off their indebtedness. Resolved, That the Committee are unable to recommend the Council to accede to the application.

GEO. NORMAN, S. B. DIX, Chairmen

LIGHTING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Wednesday, the 26th day of July, 1900 —Present : The Mayor ; Councillors Baker, Brown, and Macdonald, (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-

LOW PRESSURE CABLES.

Date.	Legal Standard.	Test at Manchester Street
1900. July 3rd ...	200 Volts.	207 Volts.

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

ILLUMINATING POWER.

PURITY.

Grains of Sulphur per 100 cubic ft.

1900 July 3rd.... 15.59 candles

1900 June 25-26

11.55

July 10-11

13.16

Average

12.25

3--Gas Inspector's Report—The Gas Inspector reported that the hourly average consumption of Gas per lamp during the previous month had been as follows:—Ordinary Lamps 4.2696 cubic feet ; Guildhall Lamps with Incandescent Burners No. 4 5.972 cubic feet ; and Ordinary Lamps with Incandescent Burners No. 3 4.301 cubic feet.

4---Lamp Book—This book sex: produced and examined. Ordinary lamps extinguished-6 metered, 5 unmetered; 12 Incandescents out, and 6 lamps burning dimly.

5--- Street Lighting--A letter front the Clerks to the Gas Company was read with reference to the resolution of this Committee proposing an interview between the Committee and the Directors to arrange the terms at the new Contract for the public lighting of the Borough, stating that the Directors had resolved that the Committee be informed that the Directors will be happy to receive the Committee for that purpose.

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A subsequent letter was read, proposing that the interview should take place at the Central Gas Offices, on the 27th July, at 3 p.m. Resolved, That an appointment he made accordingly.

6—Lighting of Vauxhall Place--A letter was read from Mr. F. A. Seward, calling attention to the fact that the lamp had not been used in this passage as promised. Resolved, To instruct the Borough Surveyor to have the lamp fixed as soon as possible.

7—Apparatus for Testing Purity of Cat--The Gas Examiner reported that he had disposed of this apparatus for £20.

8— Extension of Electric Light Station—A letter from Messrs. Collins & Godfrey was read, agreeing to give an unqualified guarantee to complete this work by the 15th of September next.

9—Damage by Omnibus to Electric Light Standard- The Chairman reported that he had authorised the Town Clerk to accept an offer made by the Omnibus Co. to pay half the amount of the claim and Court fees, amounting together to £21 1s. Od., in settlement of the Action which had been commenced by the Corporation in the County Court. Resolved, That the action of the Chairman be approved and confirmed.

10—Report of the Electrical Engineer---The Electrical Engineer reported that satisfactory progress had been made during the past month. Mess's, Collins & Godfrey had raised the main walls of the new part of the engine-room to nearly the floor level, and had made a fair start in the new

condensing chamber. Two of the old substations had been fitted with improved water-tight and drainable covers; a third was in hand and a fourth would be commenced that week he hoped.

He had obtained quotations from Messrs. Collins & Godfrey and from Messrs. Billings for the new Cooling Pond at £188 and £207 respectively for work in accordance with his specification and drawing. The Schedule prices for excavating and 12 to 1 concrete were 1s 10d and 11s per yard cube for Messrs. Collins & Godfrey and 2s and 11s 6d per yard cube for Messrs. Billings. He recommended acceptance of Messrs. Collins & Godfrey's tender.

One extension in the Douro Road to supply Col. King-Harman had become necessary in the past month at a cost of £100 and he recommended that this should be carried out. Resolved, That the report be approved, and that the recommendations therein mentioned be approved and adopted.

GEO. NORMAN,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Friday, the 27th day of July, 1900—Present : The Mayor ; Alderman Haddon ; Councillors Baker, Dix, and Macdonald (The Mayor in the chair)—

11—Conference with Gas Co.—Resolved, That the Mayor and Councillors Baker and Macdonald be appointed a Sub-Committee to meet the Directors of the Gas Co. in conference to-day with respect to the public lighting.

GEO. NORMAN,

Chairman.

WATER COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, Held on Thursday, the 12th day of July, 1900—Present Councillors Baker, Bence, Bennett, Lenthall and Waghorne (Councillor Waghorne in the chair)—

1-Contract for Re-Construction of Well at Hewletts Reservoir—The Contractor's Bill for extras was perused and considered. Resolved, That the matter be adjourned for further consideration at the next Meeting of the Committee.

H. WAGHORNE,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Thursday, the 26th day of July, 1900— Present : Councillors Baker, Bence, Bennett, M. Davis, and H. Waghorne (Councillor H. Waghorne in the chair)—

1-Borough Engineer's Report—The Water Engineer reported that on the 26th instant, the supply from Hewletts and Northfield springs was 69 gallons, the average for the last four years being 78 gallons per minute, and the quantity of water at Hewletts and Leckhampton was 16,120,070 gallons.

On the 24th instant the depth of water in the Dowdeswell Reservoir was 21ft. 6in. and the contents 50,715,217 gallons, which gave a total of 66,835,287 gallons, or about 74 days' supply, exclusive of the daily yield of the springs, which was then about 161,472 gallons.

He had received an application from Mr. John Baker for an extension of the water main to Lower Alstone Mill, a distance of 44 yards, which would cost about £7.

Good progress was being made with the reconstruction of the new pumping plant at Tewkesbury.

Resolved, That the Committee view with satisfaction the very much better state of the water storage than at this time last year, and that the extension of the main to Lower Alstone Mill be carried out. Further Resolved, That the Committee pay a visit to Tewkesbury Water Works on Wednesday next, leaving here at 11 a.m.

3--Re-Construction of Hewletts Reservoir Wall—The Borough Engineer presented his final certificate of the amount due to the Contractor for the re-construction of the Reservoir Wall at Hewletts.

Resolved, That the same, amounting to £22, be passed for payment.

4 -Widening of Banbury and Cheltenham Railway—Land at Dowdeswell—With reference to the Resolution to Minute No. 4 of this Committee's proceedings of date the 21st ulto., a letter was read from Mr. W. H. Williams, of the G.W.R. Survey and Estate Office, offering the sum of £5 for the 5 perches of land belonging to the Corporation at Dowdeswell, the Company paying all proper charges in connection with the transaction. Resolved, That the offer of the Company be accepted.

New Main at Tewkesbury—A letter from the Town Clerk of Tewkesbury was read, asking the Council to lay as soon as it could be conveniently done a water main in Spring Gardens, Tewkesbury.

Resolved, That the extension asked for be made on the usual terms.

1, -Water Rate on Pittville House--A letter was read from Mr. W. K. Eddis on behalf of Mrs. McDonell, stating that Pittville House would be cleared of all furniture on the 18th instant, and asking that she should be relieved from payment of the water rate from that date to the 29th September. Resolved, That Mrs. McDonell be only charged to the 11th August, half-quarter day.

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

H. WAGHORNE,

Chairman.

ART GALLERY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 30th day of July, 1900—Present: The Mayor ; Alderman Winterbotham ; and Councillor Hayward (Alderman Winterbotham in the chair)—

1- Rent and Compensation to Public Library--The Committee having had before them for consideration the application of the Library Committee for £60 for rent of the land appropriated to this Committee due up to the 24th inst., and for the sum of £150 for compensation for

encroachment, &c., upon the space of the Library, and the Library Committee having furnished the following particulars of the claim for compensation, viz :—

Permanent encroachment on about 40 square feet of space and 30 square feet in corridor in consequence of which new book cases had to be provided and erected at a cost of £450, and Temporary inconvenience in cutting through four doors.

Resolved, To pay the £60 due for rent, and the sum of £150 claimed for disturbance, new shelving and permanent encroachment on the Library space.

2 - Fossils presented by Mr. Pierson—A letter was read from Mr. Wethered on behalf of the Cotteswold Naturalists Field Club thanking the Corporation for allowing the Club to see the collection of Fossils at the Library, which they considered a very good collection, and hoped that someday the specimens. might be properly named and classified.

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3-Report of the Curator- The Curator reported that there were 989 visits to the Gallery during the month ; that the members of the Cotteswold Naturalists' Field Club on July 14th viewed the collection of Fossils presented by the late C. Pierson, Esq., and that considerable progress has been made with the cleaning of the collection since the last meeting, and some of the specimens had been placed in the glass cases and exhibited in the Gallery.

4—Account—Resolved, That the following Account be passed for payment, viz.:—

W. Jones, Petty Cash £10 0 0

JAS. B. WINTERBOTHAM,

Chairman.

GENERAL PURPOSES AND WATCH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Wednesday, the 11th day of July, 1900—Present The Mayor ; Alderman Winterbotham ; Councillors Baker, and Moles (The Mayor in the chair)—

1—Deputy Town Clerk—The Mayor reported that he had received the following letter from Mr. Brydges, the Town Clerk:—

Municipal Offices, Cheltenham, 6th July, 1900.

Dear Mr. Mayor,—

I hear that my absence from the Office has been remarked on. This may be accounted for partly from the time I have had to give to my removal from Charlton Kings, with the object of economising and being nearer my work, and partly from the state of my health, which prevents my devoting too much time to the discharge of my duties as I used to do, and to climb frequently the high stairs to my office is bad for me.

I do not think, however, that the public service has suffered from this, as I give a general supervision to the work, and my Deputy does most of my detail work. At the same time he would be prepared to practically, devote all his time to the duties of the office if he was paid a salary. At present, as I believe you are aware, what I pay him comes out of my own pocket, but I should be prepared to consent to his being paid independently and to a corresponding reduction being made in my own salary, although in several Boroughs of equal and even smaller size, the Deputy is paid in addition.

My son would, I believe, agree to devote all his time to the duties of the Office, except that he would wish to be allowed to retain the offices of Clerk to the Charlton Kings Urban District Council and School Board and of Steward of the Manor of Charlton Kings, if that can be arranged.

I remain, Dear Mr. Mayor, Yours very truly, E. T. BRYDGES.

To The Right Worshipful The Mayor, Municipal Offices, Cheltenham.

In view of the small attendance of the members of the Committee it was decided to simply place the letter upon the Minutes,

GEO. NORMAN,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 11th day of July, 1900—Present The Mayor ; Councillors Bence, Dix, M. Davis, Gurney, Hayward, Lenthall, Preston, and Waghorne (The Mayor in the chair)—

2--Diseases of Animals Acts - Superintendent Hopkins reported that the Borough was entirely free from contagious disease amongst animals.

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3-Fire Brigade Report-The Superintendent of the Fire Brigade reported that on the 27th ult. the Brigade was called to extinguish a fire on premises occupied by Mr. Amos Wilson in the Swindon Road. Damage about £500. Cause not apparent, property partly insured. The extinction expenses amounted to £4 17s.

4-Hackney Carriage Drivers' Licences-Applications for Hackney Carriage Drivers' Licences were received from W. H. Little, of 17, North Place, Henry Cunningham, of 7, Bath Parade, and Oliver Long, of 18, Bath Terrace. Resolved, That the application of W. H. Little be acceded to and that the other two applications be adjourned for the attendance of the applicants.

5-Deputy Town Clerk - The letter from the Town Clerk, of date the 6th instant, was read and considered, Resolved, That in consideration of the state of health of the Town Clerk it is desirable that Mr. George Brydges be appointed as paid Deputy Town Clerk upon the terms stated in Mr Brydges' letter of the 6th inst, at a salary of £350 per annual, the said salary to be deducted from the amount now paid to Mr. E. T. Brydges, and the Committee resolve accordingly it being a condition of the arrangement that the appointment of Mr. George Brydges is not to be considered as binding the Council to any particular course of action in the event of the Town Clerkship becoming vacant.

Also Resolved, That the Resolution of the Officers' Committee, of date the 28th March, 1892, fixing the salary of the Town Clerk at £850 per annum, and the Resolution of the Council of date the 4th April, 1892, approving the same be altered or varied accordingly.

6-Borough Surveyor's Chief Assistant-The Borough Surveyor reported that his Chief Assistant, Mr. W. V. Anderson, had been appointed City Surveyor of Winchester, and would leave his present position on the 31st prox. The Borough Surveyor also stated that in his opinion it was not advisable at present to appoint anyone in Mr. Anderson's place.

Resolved, That this Committee thank Mr. Anderson for the efficient services which he has rendered during the past six years, and congratulate him on his appointment to which they wish him every success.

7- Alteration of Council Chamber-The Borough Surveyor submitted a plan for the conversion of the present Council Chamber into three rooms, one to be for use by the Mayor, one as a Committee Room, and the third for the Borough Accountant. He estimated the cost of the conversion at about £35. Resolved, That the plan be approved and carried out.

8-Bell Ringing-A letter was read from Mr. C. Marshall, Churchwarden, stating that he had felt bound to have the Parish Church Bells rung on the receipt of the news of the relief of Mafeking, and on the entry of the British troops into Pretoria, but as he had no funds out of which to pay the ringers, he applied to the Corporation to do so. Resolved, That the matter be left to the Mayor to settle.

9-Ordnance Survey Maps-A letter was read from the Director General of the Ordnance Surveys, stating that the revision of the 1/2500 scale of the Ordnance Survey Plans of the County of Gloucester was then in progress, and that if the Corporation desired to have the existing plans of the town on the 1/500 scale revised the difference of cost between a revision of surveys on the scales mentioned, amounting to about 15s per acre and 4s for publication, would have to be defrayed by the town, as in future the revision at the public cost will not include any plans on a scale larger than the 1/2500, and enquiring whether the Corporation desired to have the revision on the larger scale. Resolved, That the letter be referred to the Borough Surveyor to report upon.

10 -Salary of Borough Surveyor and Water Engineer-A letter was read from the Borough Surveyor and Engineer, applying for an increase in his salary, at present £650 per annum. He mentioned that he had now held his present position to years, that many of the works which are now in progress and which have been carried out in the Borough are in other towns paid for separately, and that the increase in the water consumers during the time he had been here was from 6,100 to 11,320, with a corresponding increase of revenue, Sc. Resolved, That Mr. Hall's salary be increased by £100 per annum from the 30th ulto., and that the resolution of this Committee of date the 21st February, 1894, and the resolution of the Council approving the same be altered or varied accordingly.

11-Yeomanry Drill Ground-With reference to Minute No. 5 of this Committee's proceedings of the 19th ulto., a letter was read from Mr. Corbett, stating that he should be content with the payment provided for by the draft agreement sent to him in respect of the years when the ground was used as a drill ground, but he must request reasonable payment (say £30) for any year when the ground was not so used as some compensation for keeping such a large area undivided into more useful

sized fields, Resolved, That the further consideration of the matter be adjourned until the next Monthly Meeting of the Committee.

GEO. NORMAN,

Chairman.

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BATHS AND RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 23rd day of July, 1900 —Present : The Mayor; Councillors Baker, Brown, Dix, Hayward, and Lenthall (Councillor Lenthall in the chair)—

1—Alstone Baths—The Borough Engineer reported that the admissions and fees paid to the Alstone Baths up to the 22nd inst. had been as follows, viz. :—

Amount reported last month	£76 2 9
Received since —	
479 at 3d.	£ 5 19 9
446 at 4d.	£ 7 8 8
2004 at 2d.	£16 14 0
1090 at 1d.	£ 4 10 10
1135 Washing	£ 9 9 2
286 Gordon Boys	£ 1 3 10
86 Union Boys	£ 0 7 2
Extra Towels	£ 0 11 9
Season Tickets	£ <u>1 12 0</u>
	£ 47 17 2
	£123 19 11

2—Use of Alstone Swimming Bath for Polo Matches—A letter was read from the Hon. Assistant Secretary of the Cheltenham Swimming and Water Polo Club, accepting the terms offered by the Committee for the exclusive use of the Alstone Swimming Bath on one night in August and two in September to play return polo matches with other towns.

3—Gifts of Flowers, &c., to Naunton Park Recreation Ground—The Caretaker reported that gifts of flowers for the Naunton Park Recreation Ground had been received from the following persons, viz: -The Rev. J. Mugliston, Mrs. Creek, Mrs. St. Clair Ford, Mrs. Cox, Mr. J. Cypher. Messrs. Norman and Amos, Mr H. Young, Mr. Mayo, Mr. H. Carter, and Mr. H. Bartlett; and that new vases had been received from Mr. C. Marshall, Mr Skillicorne and Mrs. St. Clair Ford. Resolved, That letters of thanks be written to the donors for their generous gifts.

4—Staff at Montpellier Baths--A letter was read from NI. A. Burrige, of No. 6, Oriel Walk, asking to whom application should be made for employment at the Montpellier Baths. Resolved, That consideration of the letter be adjourned until the time arrives for appointing the staff of Assistants.

5---Holiday of Caretaker at Agg-Gardner Recreation Ground—A letter was read from Mr. C. W. Lodge, applying for permission to take a holiday. Resolved. To accede to the application, and that Mr. Lodge be allowed a fortnight's leave of absence at such time as the Borough Surveyor may deem most convenient.

6- Insurance of Montpellier Baths—Resolved, To revise the Fire Insurance on the Montpellier Baths property as follows, viz:-

Shop and dwelling house in occupation by Mr. Steel	£ 450 0 0
Baths and Caretaker's house	£5000 0 0
Dwelling house adjoining	<u>£ 250 0 0</u>
	£5700 0 0

Also Resolved, To instruct the Borough Engineer to have the boilers insured for such a sum as he may deem advisable and sufficient.

7- Visitors—Resolved, That Councillors Baker, Brown, and Hayward be appointed the Visitors for the ensuing month to the Baths and Recreation Grounds, and that they be requested to report in writing at the next Monthly Meeting of the Committee.

J. S. LENTHALL,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, the 2nd day of August, 1900, Present :—
Councillors Baker, Bennet, Dix, Hayward and Lenthall. (Councillor Lenthall in the chair).

8-Free Admittance to Alstone Open Swimming Bath for Children attending Elementary Schools outside the Borough—A letter was read from Mr. G. W. S. Brewer, asking if the privilege of free admittance to the Open-air Swimming Bath at Alstone of children attending the Elementary Schools in the Borough, would be extended to the children attending the Holy Apostles' Schools at Charlton Kings. Resolved. That the Committee are not prepared to recommend the Council to extend the privilege to children attending the Elementary Schools outside the Borough.

J. S. LENTHALL, Chairman.

BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Friday, the 27th day of July, 1900—Present : The Mayor Alderman Haddon Councillors Baker, Brown, M. Davis, and Cypher (Alderman Haddon in the chair)—

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

2-Report of the Superintendent of the Cemetery—The Superintendent reported that he had received the watering pots, and that the new supply of water to the Cemetery was greatly appreciated by the public.

That he would be glad to know when the new ground could be used for burials, as he was very short of purchased grave spaces.

That the Mortuary doors were falling to pieces and required a carpenter to repair them.

That he required another cask of weed killer, 6 garden besoms, 1 Dutch hoe, 1 grafting tool, and 2 shovels for use at the Cemetery.

Resolved, That the Town Clerk be requested to report to this Committee at a meeting to be held on Tuesday next, at 10 a.m., on the question of the consecration of the new ground now prepared for burials; and that the Borough Surveyor do give attention to the Mortuary doors and supply the articles required by the Superintendent.

3—Superintendent's Leave of Absence—On the application of the Superintendent, Resolved. That Mr. Pratley be granted 3 days' leave of absence, to be taken at a time most convenient, having regard to his duties and subject to his making proper arrangements for their discharge during his absence.

4—Designs—Resolved, That the following designs be approved, viz, Headstones to Amy and Ernest W. B. Robinson, Sarah Ann and Kezia Wilks, Jane Mason, John Kenney Herbert, Ellen Sophia Hyde, William Marmon, Mary Stanbridge, Spencer Charles Greaves, Walter Leonard 'Morgan, and James Child and John Minett. Memorial Crosses to John Heyworth, A. Williams, George William Fraser, and Henry Ewbank. Tomb Stone to William Roberts.

5—Wages —The following Account for wages was allowed, viz..— G. C. Pratley £22 6 0

JOHN HADDON,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, the 31st day of July, 1900—Present The Mayor Alderman Haddon Councillors Baker, Brown, M. Davis and Cypher (Alderman Haddon in the chair.)

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

7 —Inspection of Cemetery— The Committee proceeded to inspect the Cemetery. Resolved, That a patio 8 feet in width be formed from Space No. 2245 to Space No. 2126 on the new ground in a Northerly direction, and that the Borough Surveyor do have the water trough removed altogether and a basin with small fountain jet placed at the back of the Cemetery Chapels and a similar one in the circular space in the drive through the new ground.

8—Consecration of New Ground—This matter was further considered Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to communicate with the Bishop's Secretary on the subject of the consecration of the whole or a portion of the new ground,

JOHN HADDON, Chairman.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 31st day of July, 1900—Present The Mayor; Councillors Bence, Dix, Gurney, Hayward, and Macdonald (Councillor Gurney in the chair)—

1---Report of Borough Accountant re Loans—The Borough Accountant reported that the amount then owing to the Bank on Debentures at 4 per cent. was £52,485. The following offers had been received to lend at 3 ¼ per cent., which he recommended should be accepted, viz. :—

Mr. James Smith, Monson Terrace	£ 550
The Rev. E. Gibson and others for ten years, subject to payment of Commission at ¼ per cent. to Lloyds Bank	£4,000
E. Pearce, Lagarie, Eldorado Road, for three years, subject to Commission as above	£ 588
Dr. Gooding and Mrs. M. Richardson, subject to Commission as above	<u>£ 238</u>
	£5,376

Sinking Fund Investment—There was over £5,000 to the credit of the Sinking and Loans Fund which should be invested, and he recommended that an offer which he had received from the Rhondda Urban District Council to borrow the amount at 3 ½ per cent. for 10 years, to be repaid by equal yearly instalments of principal with interest on the balances, should be accepted. Resolved, That the recommendations of the Borough Accountant be approved and adopted, subject to the approval of the Town Clerk to the security offered.

2--Borough Accountant's Salary—A letter was read from the Borough Accountant, applying for an increase of his salary, and giving statistics showing the additional work which had devolved upon him since the amount of his salary was last adjusted, especially in connection with the Water and Electric Light undertakings. Resolved, That further consideration of the matter be adjourned until next month, and that in the meantime a copy of the letter be supplied to each Member of the Committee and also to the Chairmen of the Lighting and Water Committees, and that the Borough Accountant be requested to obtain information from towns of similar size and character to Cheltenham, as to the salaries paid in the Accountant's Department.

3—Private Improvement Works Expenses—The Town Clerk reported that Mr. Banting, from whom £8 2s 5d. was due in respect of the Private Improvement Works on the East side of the Gloucester Road, had offered to pay one pound down and the remainder by instalments of one pound a month. Resolved, That subject to payment of interest at the rate of 5 per cent, per annum the offer be acceded to.

The Town Clerk further reported that Mr. John Mills, from whom £1 6s. 2d. was due for works in Orchard Place, had paid 5s, and had offered to pay the balance by instalments of 5s a month. Resolved, That the offer be acceded to.

The Borough Accountant laid before the Committee a list of amounts due in respect of Private Improvement Works. Resolved, To instruct the Town Clerk to take action to obtain payment of the same.

4— Remission of General District Rate—An application was received on behalf of Mrs. Wakeman, at 9, Sydney Street, for remission of the General District Rate on that house on the ground of poverty. Resolved, That the application be acceded to.

5—General District Rate—The Report of the Borough Accountant of date the 31st instant, on the collection of the first instalment of this Rate, was read. Amount collected £8,235 0s. 10d., leaving outstanding £9,095 15s. 2d.

6—Water Rate—The Report of the Borough Accountant of date the 31st instant, on the collection of this Rate, was read. Amount received £5,065 3s. 8d., leaving outstanding £4,865 17s. 6d.

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 £12,309 18s. 0d., ordered to be paid by the Borough Treasurer.

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

The following was the General Statement

Overdrawn on the 26th June last	£19,644 7 7
Paid since that date	<u>£11,986 5 5</u>
	£31,630 13 0
Received since 26th June .	£13,864 0 8
Overdrawn	£17,766 12 4

W. GERALD GURNEY,

Chairman.

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PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 24th day of July, 1900—Present ; Alderman Skillicorne ; Councillors Bennett, Hayward, Preston and Rickerby; The Rev. J. Evans Messrs, A. Beckingsale, Evan Butler, J. G. Carr, G. H. Palmer, and T. Whittard. (Councillor Hayward in the chair)—

1--Librarian's Report—The Librarian reported that the Receipts at the Library since the date of the last meeting amounted to £7 0s. 6d. and that the following gifts had been made to the Library during the past month, viz :—

Trustees of the British Museum	7	Volumes
Mrs. F. Swiney	4	“
Rev. W. L. Lang	20	“

2—Sub Committee's Report—The Sub-Committee reported that they recommended :—That the list of books submitted be purchased for about £6 10s.

That application be made to the Art Gallery Committee for the rent due, viz.,--£60 for the land appropriated to them for purposes of the Museums Act, from January 24th, 1899, to July 24th, 1900, as agreed upon; also that they be asked to contribute the sum of £150 towards the cost of the new Book Cases, which were being erected at a cost of about £450, partly to make provision for the books displaced by the encroachment upon the book space accommodation in the library. The calculation had been made upon the erection of five double Book Cases each to hold 20,000, and to cost £30 each. Resolved, That the Report of the Sub-Committee be approved, and their recommendations and resolutions adopted.

3- Accounts—Resolved, That the following Accounts be passed for payment, viz. :—

Banks, Mr. J. J.--Books (New £13 4s. 11 ½ d., Replacements £6 18s. 8d.,	
Newspapers and Periodicals £13 3s. 0 ½ d., Magazines £3 15s. 9d) ...	£37 2 5
“ Newspapers and Magazines (Leckhampton)	£ 2 9 1
Norman & Sawyer—Binding and Lettering £1 17s. 5d.,	
Stationery and Printing £2 1s. 0d.	£ 3 18 5
Mr. Thorp—Books	£ 0 15 0
Yost Type Writer Company—Stationery	£ 0 12 6
Mr. W. Jones—for Wages	£16 0 0
London Supply Company—Cleaning Materials	£ 1 3 0

C. HAYWARD,

Chairman.

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, the 1st day of August, 1900—Present Alderman Haddon, Councillors Cypher and Preston. (Councillor Preston 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 858 names of absentee children had been extracted, all of whom had been visited. They also reported that the parents of 66 children had been summoned to attend before the Local Committees, who had held 7 meetings; that 9 parents had been prosecuted, and that 8 were 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. :—Albert Tanner, Archibald Sadler, Lizzie Wildmith, Kate and Henry Clapham, Hairy Bowstead, Maggie Welfair, Beatrice Cook, Florence Dix, by and Lilian Johnson, Maggie Murphy, Rose Kesterton and Fanny Lewis. That proceedings under Sec. 11 of the Act of 1876, be taken against the parents of Charles Dix, Charles Watts, Harry Lewis, Ellen Llewellyn, Ann Smith and Maud Dyer for an Attendance Order, and that proceedings under Section 12 of the said Act be taken against the parents of Maud Healy, Florence Morris, Ernest Matthey and William Wildsmith, for breach of Attendance Orders.

3—East Ward local Committee—With reference to this Committee's resolution at its last meeting, a letter was read from the John Evans expressing his thanks to the Committee for their resolution, but stating that he was unable to withdraw his resignation as a member of the East Ward Local Committee.

4—Coltham Fields Infants' School —With reference to Minute No. 4 of this Committee's proceedings at their last meeting, a letter was read from the Board of Education stating that it appeared that H.M. Inspector was incorrect in saying that new streets were now being opened in the neighbourhood of the Coltham Fields Infants' School, but he pointed out that new houses were being built on both sides of the road, and that a new street to connect with Rosehill Street would probably be opened out at an early date. The Board pointed out that the distances to St. John's and All Saints' Schools were greater than in a district of that nature younger infants could be expected to walk four times a day, and that according to the figures of the Committee both the Schools named would be filled up at once and no room be left for expansion of population either at Coltham Fields or in the neighbourhood of the Schools. The Board therefore considered that a prima facie deficiency of a material amount existed, and urged that the School lately closed should be replaced by voluntary effort, as if this was not done it would become the duty of the Board to issue notices defining the deficiency and calling for the provision of the required accommodation. Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to again call the Board's attention to the fact that mention was made of the amount of accommodation available at St. John's and All Saints' Schools as being the nearest Schools, but as the Board have already been informed by this Committee some of the children formerly attending at Coltham Fields Infants' School were attending now the Holy Apostles, Highbury and Lyefield Schools, and even if the whole of the children living in the Borough formerly attending at the school now closed were to attend at St. John's or All Saints' there would be ample accommodation at either school.

WILLIAM PRESTON,

Chairman.

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Borough of Cheltenham

MINUTES of the Proceedings at the several Committees of the Town Council to be submitted for approval at the Monthly Meeting of the Council, to be held on Monday, the 3rd day of September, 1900.

STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday the 13th day of August, 1900 — Present: The Mayor ; Councillors Bence, Brown, Cypher, Davis, and Dix (Councillor Bence in the chair)--

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

2—Land in Albert Road and at back of Harley Lodge, Pittville--A letter from the Local Government Board, was read, requesting to be furnished with plans of the properties to be acquired and the line of the proposed improvements, and enquiring whether there would be any surplus land available for re-sale after the improvement had been carried out. Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to forward the plans to the Board and to inform them that it is proposed to throw the lands to be acquired into the roads, and that there will not be any surplus land available for re-sale,

3—Folly Lane—Resolved. To convene a Special Meeting of the Committee for the 24th instant, at 3 p.m., to hear Mr. McIlquham from Messrs. Ticehurst & Sons, Solicitors for Mr. T. Smith, on his behalf, with reference to the claim of the Corporation against him in respect of the Private Improvement Works in Folly Lane.

4—Street Watering A letter was read from Mr. E. Parker, complaining of the insufficient watering of the road opposite his shop in 'Montpellier Avenue. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be requested to give his attention to the subject matter of the letter.

5—Street Projections—A letter was read from Mr. C. Dickens, asking permission to place outside his new premises at No. 96, High Street, four or five lamps to light the window, similar to those then in use outside his shop at 390, High Street. Resolved, To accede to the request, provided that the usual conditions are properly complied with.

6--Wood Paving in the Colonnade—Resolved, That application be made to the Local Government Board to sanction a loan at £539 to provide for the cost of this improvement.

7—Re-Numbering, &c. of Baker Street—Resolved, That this Street be re-numbered and the name affixed in conspicuous positions at the ends of the Street.

8—Building Plans—The Borough Surveyor laid before the Committee the following Plans which he had received of intended new buildings, viz.:—

No, of Plan.	Name.	Description.
1313	Cavendish House Company, Limited	Warehouse in Regent Street.
1321	G. Poulton	Additions to No. 46 Bloomsbury Street.
1322	R. Robinson	Stables, Coach House, &c., at Rhodeville, Shurdington Road
1323	J. Merriman	House on East side of Marle Hill Parade.
1324	F. W. Strange	Two pairs of Villas in Glencairn Park Road, Lansdown.
1325	Council of the Ladies' College ..	Proposed Alterations and Additions to Burwell House, Suffolk Square.

Resolved, That the same be all approved as shown,

GEORGE BENCE,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, the 24th day of August, 1900. Present—The Mayor Councillors Bence, Brown, Cypher, Davis, and Dix. (Councillor Bence in the chair).

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

10-Folly Lane Private Improvement Works—With reference to the claim of the Corporation against Mr. Thomas Smith, for the sum of £74 17, 8d. the amount apportioned to be paid by him in respect of the Private Improvement Works in Folly Lane, Mr. McIlquham, Solicitor from Messrs. Ticehurst & Sons, Solicitors for Mr. Smith, attended this meeting, and having been heard in support of Mr. Smith's contention that in settling the apportionment he had not been equitably treated, having regard to the greater degree of benefit derived by the owner of other premises making use of the road. Resolved, That the Council are of opinion that there is no sufficient reason to justify a variation of the apportionment, and that the matter be referred to the Town Clerk to take such steps and proceedings as he may consider necessary to get it settled.

11—Colonnade Wood Paving--A letter was read from Mr. Marshall Lovell, acknowledging the receipt of the copy Specification and Contract sent to him to sign, and stating that he had ascertained that the present price of Jarrah Wood Blocks had increased since the date of this tender to £2 2s. 6d per thousand, equivalent to 2s 4d per square yard extra upon his quotation, and that he could not carry out the work at his former price, but if allowed the extra 2s 4d per square yard, he would be pleased to carry out the contract. Resolved, To adjourn further consideration of the matter pending enquiry by the Borough Surveyor as to the alleged rise in price.

GEORGE BENCE,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, hold on Monday, the 27th day of August, 1900--Present: Councillors Bence, Cypher, Dix, Davis and Lenthall (Councillor Bence in the chair)—

12-Chairman-In the absence of the Chairman Councillor Bence was appointed Chairman at this meeting.

13-Borough Surveyor's Monthly Report —The Borough Surveyor reported that the work done by the Highways Department during the month ending August 24th, had been as follows :—

Repaired with Clee Hill Stone —Hatherley Road 8,800 super yards, Montpellier Street 1834 super yards, Norwood Road 511 super yards, Grosvenor Street 394 super yards, Hewlett Street 380 super yards.

Repaired with Wickwar Stone—Naunton Lane 1476 super yards, Devonshire Street 226 super yards, St. Paul's Road proceeding.

Repaired with Tar Macadam—Crescent Place 180 super yards.

Patched with Clee Hill Stone—Imperial Square, Great Norwood Street, St. George's Road, New Street, High Street, Lansdown Road, St. George's Place, Oriel Road, Tewkesbury Road, Winchcomb

Street, Portland Street, Queen's Road, Evesham Road, Lansdown Crescent, Prestbury Road, Lansdown Parade, Malvern Road, Regent Street and Suffolk Road.

Repaired with Gore Stone—Thirlestaine Road.

Patched with Wickwar Stone—Montpellier Villas.

A portion of New Street between Grove Street and Burton Street had been laid with Wooliscroft's patent paving bricks.

Repairs to Paving, Kerb, Crossing and Channel—Fairview Road, Pittville Street, Columbia Street, Albion Street, Hatherley Road, High Street, Princes Steed, Portland Street, Lansdown Road, Montpellier Street, Sandford Street, Tewkesbury Road, Overton Park Road, College Road, St. Paul's Road, Clarence Street and St. Luke's Road.

The footpath in Hewlett Road had been repaired with Wickwar Gravel 694 super yards.

The surface water drain in Lansdown Road had been renewed with gin pipes for a length of 1,600 feet.

Ashes Collection and Disposal—770 loads collected, 764 loads consumed-729 tons 10 cwts.

14—Private Improvement Works East she of Gloucester Road—The Resolution of this Committee at its meeting of date the 30th ult. on this subject having been referred back by the Council for further consideration, the letters from Sir. James, Mr. G. Wanting and others, protesting against having to pay for the works executed in Gloucester Road on the ,round that abutting owners in another part of the road where similar works had been executed had not been called upon to do so, were further considered. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to prepare and lay before this Committee an estimate of the cost of flagging, &c., in have of the new buildings on both sides of the Gloucester Road, the question of the repayment by the owners for the works already executed on the East side of the road to stand over in the meantime.

15—Rodney Road Improvement—A Letter was read from the Local Government Board enclosing their sanction to a loan of £1,500 for the Rodney Road Improvement, the repayment to be within 48 years from the date of the borrowing.

16- Trafalgar Street-. with reference to the Resolution of this Committee on the subject of the repair of Trafalgar Street, re. forted back by the Council for reconsideration, Resolved, To instruct the Borough Surveyor to bring up a specification of the works required to be done by the abutting owners to channel the roadway in this street on both sides, to pave the path on the East side where not now paved and to asphalte the footpath on the West side.

17-Imperial Lane —Resolved, To instruct the Borough Surveyor to bring up a specification of the works required to be done by abutting owners to channel the roadway and asphalte the footpath on the South side of this street.

18—Vittoria Walk and Montpellier Parade--Resolved, That the Resolution to Minute No. 11 of this Committee's proceedings of date the 16th October, 1899, and the Resolution to Minute No. 26 of date the 28th April, 1900, with reference to the works to be done by the abutting owners in Vittoria Walk and Montpellier Parade (Oriental Road to Montpellier Terrace, including Claremont) be amended by the substitution of asphalt for paving.

19—Wood Paving in Colonnade--The Borough Surveyor reported the result of his enquiries as to the increased price of Jarrah wood paving. Resolved, That under the circumstances the amount of Mr. Marshall Lovell's contract be increased as requested by him in his letter, and that the amount of the loan for sanction to which application has been made to the Local Government Board be increased accordingly.

20—Trees in King's Road—Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to remove all the trees in King's Road except the silver birches there and plant where necessary at the proper time some additional silver birches in the road.

21— Tree opposite No. 1, Greville Terrace—Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor do have this tree removed.

22—Private Improvement Works Expenses, viz., King Street and St. George's Place and Royal Well Place -The Borough Surveyor reported that the cost of carrying out these works amounted respectively to £58 7s. 6d, and £153 1s. 6d., which amounts he had apportioned amongst the several abutting owners according to frontage. Resolved, That the apportionments be approved and that notices thereof and of demand for repayment be served on the abutting owners referred to.

23—Harp Hill Improvement—The Borough Surveyor laid before the Committee a plan showing a suggested improvement of Harp Hill by widening it. Resolved, That Mr. Skillicorne be asked to give up the piece of land necessary to effect the suggested improvement, the Corporation doing all the necessary work and erecting a suitable fence along the new boundary of his land to the satisfaction of Mr. Skillicorne.

24—Crafton Road—Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to round off the South-east corner of the paving at the junction of Grafton Road and Norwood Road.

25—Indication Plates--Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor do have fixed to some of the street lamps in the principal streets plates indicating the way to Pittville Park and Montpellier Gardens-

26—Hester's Way Road—Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to raise the level of the Hester's Way Road at the approaches to the bridge over the Chelt.

27—Building Plans—The Borough Surveyor laid before the Committee the following plans of intended new buildings, viz.:—

No. on Plan.	Name.	Description.
1326	J. Belcher	Houses in Cleveland Street
1327	A. E. Hill	House on Glencairn Park Estate, Lansdown Road
1328	S. B. Willett	Scullery back of 8, Hewlett Street
1329	W. B. Haworth	Additions to Northwick Villa, Bath Road

1330	A. C. Bruce Pryce	New Play Room, Abbeyholme, Overton Park Road
1331	J. J. Barrett	Shed at rear of house, Old Bath Road
1332	H. Locke & Sons	Additions to No. 4, Montpellier Spa Place

Resolved, That all the Plans be approved as shown.

GEORGE BENCE,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Wednesday, the 29th day of August, 1900—Present. The Mayor Councillors Bence, Brown, Cypher, Davis and Dix (Councillor Bence in the chair)—

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

29—St. George's Place Improvement —A Letter was read from Mr. P. Bendall stating that he would be willing to set back the cottage between his new building and Crescent House to a line with the next cottage called Crescent Lodge provided he was given a reasonable consideration. Resolved, That an offer of £100 be made to Mr. Bendall for the purchase of the strip of his frontage clear of all buildings to widen the street, the re-paving, &c., to be carried out by the Corporation.

GEORGE BENCE, Chairman.

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PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 13th day of August, 1900-Present The Mayor ; Councillors Bence, Davis, Davies and Gurney (Councillor Bence in the chair)-

1-Zymotic Disease-The Medical Officer of Health reported that the had been notified since the last meeting of the Committee 1 case of Erysipelas and 1 of Diphtheria ; that 1 case 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 3 of Scarlet Fever, and 2 of Diphtheria.

2-Nuisance from Drains, &c., at No. 4, Hanover Parade, No. 77, High Street, and No. 28, Victoria Place, Fairview --The Inspector of Nuisances having made written application under Section 41 of the Public Health Act, stating that the drains, he., 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 Nos. 27 and 19, Waterloo Street. - The Medical Officer of Health reported that the above premises were so over-crowded as to be dangerous or injurious to the health of the inmates. Resolved, That, the Committee being satisfied of the existence of a nuisance on the said premises, Notices under Sec. 94 of the Public Health Act be served on the owners and occupiers thereof requiring them to abate the same.

4-Water Closets without Flushing Apparatus--The Medical Officer of Health handed in a list of houses having water closets without Flushing Apparatus. Resolved, That Notices under Sec. 28 of the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1889, be given to the Owners requiring them to provide the necessary flushing apparatus and to the Occupiers to lay on a proper supply of water thereto and that in default of compliance with such Notices proceedings be taken for the penalties.

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

6-Cleansing and limewashing The Medical Officer of Health handed to a list of houses which he certified under Sec. 46 of the Public Health Act as being 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-Well at Hereford Cottage, Hereford Place-The Medical Officer of Health reported that the water in the well 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, 1875, be taken to obtain an order for this well to be closed.

8-Insanitary Property at No. 3, St. James's Parade, No. 20, Malvern Street, Nos. 5, 7, 45, 48, 49, 50, 56, and 58, Worcester Street, No. 96, Tewkesbury Road, Nos. 9 and 16, Elm Street, Nos. 10, 11, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17 and 18, Stanhope Street, and Nos. 17, 19 and 21, Columbia 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, walls, traps, ho. 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 scooted 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-Urinals at the King's Head, High Street, and the Swindon Arms, Stanhope Street-The Medical Officer of Health reported that these Urinals were in such an insanitary condition owing to structural defects and want of water for flushing as to be nuisances or injurious to health. Resolved, That the Council being satisfied of the existence of nuisances from the Urinals referred to Notices under Sec. 9, of the Public Health Act, 1875, be served on the owners of the premises requiring them to abate the nuisances, and for that purpose to execute such works as may be necessary to amend the defects referred to, and lay on proper and sufficient supplies of water for flushing.

10-Registration of Houses let in lodgings-Resolved. That the Landlords of the following houses let in Lodgings, viz. :- 1, 2, 3, 4, 8, 9, 25, 26, 32 and 33, Gloucester Place and Hanley House, be served with Notices signed by the Town Clerk requiring them within seven days thereafter to supply the information necessary for the registration of such by the Council, as specified in Bye-Law No. 7 of the Bye-Laws with respect to houses let in lodgings,

11-Seizure of Unsound Meat-The Medical Officer of Health reported that on the 27th ulto, the carcass of a calf was seized at Mr. Barnett's refrigerator, to which it had been brought from the premises of Mr. G. Willis and deposited there for him. The condition of the meat was very bad, and it was destroyed by order of a magistrate.

On the 31st ulto. 4 cwt. 1 qr. of cheese was seized and destroyed on a magistrate's order. The cheese had been sent to the Cheltenham Market by Mr. Benjafield Henstridge, Blandford.

On August 3rd a side of pork was seized at Mr. Barnett's refrigerator in a decomposing condition and destroyed by permission in writing of the owner, Mr. H. Pryer, No. 308, High Street. Resolved, That consideration of what action, if any, should be taken with regard to the matters above referred to be adjourned

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12—Want of Urinal at Premises of Messrs. Dobell & Co.—With reference to Minute No. 30 of the proceedings of this Committee at their last meeting, Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to attend at the next Licensing Sessions on the 30th inst. to make a representation to the Magistrates to the effect contained in the resolution to Minute No. 11 of the proceedings of the General Purposes and Watch Committee at their Meeting of date the 24th of April last, with a view to the better provision of conveniences at licensed houses.

13---Closing of Slaughter House back of No. 280, High Street—A letter was read from NI, Joseph Blake, the tenant, declining to accept the offer of £100 for his compensation for the closing of this Slaughter House. Resolved, Without prejudice to renew the offer previously made of £132.

14—Sewer in Old Bath Road—A letter from the Local Government Board was read, with which they forwarded their formal sanction to the borrowing of the sum of £652 for works of sewerage in the Old Bath Road, repayable over a period of 30 years.

15—Nuisance from Sewage Farm at Haydon—A letter was read from the Clerk to the Cheltenham Rural District Council forwarding an extract from the report book of the Medical Officer of Health to his Council relative to the smell at times in the district of Haydon from the Corporation Sewage Farms. Resolved, To inform the Rural District Council that instructions have been given to the Farm Bailiff, the result of which the Council trust will be to mitigate the nuisance complained of.

16—Sanitary Requirements at No. 138, High Street—A letter from Mrs. Brooker was read submitting that she was not the owner of these premises, but if the Council decided that she was liable requesting them to do the work and accept repayment by instalments, as her late husband's estate was so heavily incumbered she had no means to carry out the work. Resolved, To inform Mrs. Brooker that she is undoubtedly liable as the person receiving the rack rent and must do the work, and that such an arrangement as she proposes the Council suggest she would be able to negotiate with the contractor employed by her.

17—Building Plans—The Borough Surveyor laid before the Committee the following plans of intended new buildings necessitating drainage, viz :—

No. of Plan.	Name.	Description.
1318	C. A. Trapnell	Drainage at Star Hotel, Regent Street.
1320	Josiah Barrett	Additions to front and rear of Hermitage Terrace, Bath Road.
1322	R. Robinson	Stables, Coach House, &c., at Rhodenville, Shurdington Road.
1323	J. Merriman	House on East side of Marle Hill Parade
1324	F. W. Strange	Two pairs of Villas in Glencairn Park Road, Lansdown.
1325	Council of the Ladies' College ..	Alterations and Additions to Burwell House.

Resolved, That No. 1320 be disapproved. that No, 1318 be approved subject to the drain under the house being of cast iron with lead joints, and Nos. 1322, 1323, 1324 and 1325 be approved as shown.

GEORGE BENCE,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 20th day of August, 1900.--Present : The Mayor, Councillors Bence, Davis, Gurney 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, 2 cases of Diphtheria which had been sent into the Delancey Hospital, and that the number of cases then in the Delancey Hospital sent to by the Corporation was 3 of Diphtheria and 1 of Scarlet Fever.

19—Houses without a Proper Water Supply, vis,, No. 6, St. James's Terrace, Suffolk Parade, and Nelson Villa, Trafalgar Street—It appearing on the Report of the Borough Surveyor, dated the 10th August, 1900, that the above premises were without a proper supply of water, but that such supply could be furnished at a cost not exceeding the Water Rate authorised by the Cheltenham Corporation Water Acts, Resolved, That Notice be given under Sec. 62 of the Public Health Act to the owners, requiring them to obtain such a supply and do all such things as may be necessary for that purpose.

20--Nuisance from Drains, &c., at The Britannia Inn, Swindon Road, 49, St .George's Street, & No. 8, Rodney Terrace—The Inspector of Nuisances having made written application under Sec. 45 of the Public Health Act, 1875, stating that the drains, &c., on or belonging to the above-named houses were in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to health. Resolved, That authority be given to the Inspector of Nuisances to open the ground, examine the drains, and, if necessary, give the notices and act as provided by the said section

21—Cleansing and Limewashing—The Medical Officer of Health handed in a list of dwelling houses which he certified under Sec. 46 of the public Health Act 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—Urinals at The Britannia Inn, Swindon Road, The Crown Inn, High Street, and The Early Dawn Inn, High Street—The Medical Officer of Health reported that these Urinals were in such astute as to be a

nuisance or injurious to health owing to want of water supply for flushing and defective state of repair. Resolved, That Notices under Sec. 94 of the Public Health Act, 1875, be served on the owners of the premises requiring them to abate the nuisances, and for that purpose to lay on sufficient and proper supplies of water for flushing, and carry out such works of repair as shall be specified.

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23—Insanitary Property at Nos. 13 and 14, Cleveland Street and Nos. 30 and 31, Tivoli 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, walls, ceilings, 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,

24—Wells at The Coffee Tavern, Clare Place, Nos 1 to 6 Arle End Cottages, and Nos. 1 and 3, St. Anne's Terrace—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.

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

26. -Houses without proper All 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.

27--- Notices not Complied with-- -The Medical Officer of Health handed in a list of Notices which had been served to fix flushing boxes, provide ash receptacles, provide receptacle for manure, and by on water to w.c., but which had not been complied with. Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to take proceedings to compel compliance with the Notices.

28—Houses let In Lodgings—The Medical Officer of Health recommended that the Landlords of the following houses let in Lodgings, viz.—Nos. 2, 8, 23, 24, 29 and 63, St. Paul's Street, North, be required to give the necessary information for registration. Resolved, That the Landlords of the houses above-mentioned be served with Notices duly signed by the Town Clerk, requiring them within seven days to supply the information necessary for the registration of the same as lodging houses by the Council, as specified in Bye-Law No. 7 of the Bye-Laws in force with respect to houses let in lodgings,

29—Sewage Fare Accounts—Resolved, That Councillors Bence, Davis and Moles be authorised to go through the Farm Accounts with the Bailiff.

30 - Seizure of Unsound Meat—Resolved, That the Town Clerk be authorised to take proceedings against the owner of the meat which was seized at Mr. Barnett's refrigerator and condemned as reported at the last meeting of the Committee.

31—Nuisance for want of Urinal at premises of Messrs. Dobell & Co. in Fairview Road—A letter was read from Messrs. Dobell & Co. stating that although they considered that a public urinal would be of more advantage to the neighbourhood they were giving an order to a builder to make a urinal on their business premises, Resolved, That the Committee desire to express their thanks to Messrs. Dobell & Co. for their willing compliance with the suggestion of the Council.

32 —Building Plans--The Borough Surveyor laid before the Committee the following plans which he had received of intended new buildings necessitating drainage, viz. :—

No. of Plan.	Name.	Description.
1326	John Belcher	House in Cleaveland Street.
1327	A. E. Hill ..	House on Glencairn Park Estate, Lansdown Road.
1328	S. B. Willett ..	Scullery at back of No. 8, Hewlett Street.
1329	W. B. Haworth	Additions to Northwick Villa, Bath Road.
1330	A. C. Bruce Pryce	Playroom at Abbeyholme, Overton Park Road.

Resolved, That No. 1306 be disapproved, and that the other plans above-mentioned be approved.
GEORGE BENCE,

Chairman.

TOWN IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 20th day of August, 1900—Present :
Councillors Bence, Dix, Lenthall, and Macdonald (Councillor Bence in the chair)—

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

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2—Root, Grain, and Chrysanthemum Show at Winter Garden--A letter was read from Mr. R. Walker, Hon. Sec. of the Cheltenham Root, Grain and Chrysanthemum Society, enquiring whether the Council would be able to carry out their agreement to let the Winter Garden to the Society on the 7th and 8th November. Resolved, To inform Mr. Walker that as the Winter Garden will then be undergoing repair and alteration it will not be available, and that the Society be offered the use of the Pittville Pump Room and the garden from the north side of the lake free of charge, except for lighting, heating and attendants, on the aforesaid dates, and that if the offer be accepted that notice be published that that part of the Gardens will on those same dates be closed to subscribers.

3—Industrial Trades Exhibition at Winter Garden--A letter was read from Mr. C. Jones, of the Industrial Trades Exhibition Syndicate, stating that he did not want to rent the Hall before next

February. Resolved, That Mr. Jones be requested to give full particulars of the character of the proposed Exhibition, and that consideration of the matter be adjourned pending receipt of this information.

4—Contract with Messrs. Hill & Smith—A letter was read from Messrs. Hill & Smith, requesting permission to delete the clause by which the Contract is made provisional upon the sanction of the Local Government Board being received, as the work had been partly carried out, and consequently they would not be entitled to recover payment for what had been done should the clause be allowed to remain, and the sanction of the Local Government Board be withheld. Resolved, That the Town Clerk be authorised to allow the omission of this condition in the contracts with Messrs. Hill & Smith and Messrs. Helliwell & Co.

5—Athletic Sports at Montpellier Gardens next Easter Monday—A letter was read from Mr. F. Wilks, Hon. Sec. of the Cheltenham Athletic Society, applying for the use of the Montpellier Gardens, on Easter Monday, 1901, for the Annual Sports of the Society. Resolved, That consideration of the letter be adjourned until the next meeting of the Committee.

6—Alteration and Renovation of Winter Garden—The Borough Surveyor laid before the Committee plans which he had prepared for the alteration and renovation of the Winter Garden. Resolved, That the same be approved, and that advertisements be published inviting tenders for carrying the same into execution.

A letter was read from the Local Government Board acknowledging the receipt of the application for sanction to borrow £3,513 for alterations to the Winter Garden, stating that a local inquiry would be held, and requesting to be furnished with plans and detailed estimates of the intended works. Resolved, That having regard to the urgency of the matter, the Local Government Board be requested to receive a deputation consisting of the Mayor, the Chairman of the Committee, and Councillor Macdonald, with the Town Clerk and the Borough Surveyor, to lay before the Board the plans and detailed estimates, and fully explain to the Board the proposals of the Council.

GEORGE BENCE,

Chairman.

LIGHTING COMMITTEE.

At a meeting of this committee, held on Wednesday, the 22nd day of August, 1900—Present The Mayor, Councillors Brown, Dix, and Macdonald, (The Mayor in the chair)—

—Gas Inspector's Report—The Gas Inspector reported that he had tested the gas during the past month with the following results .—

ILLUMINATING POWER,		PURITY.	
1900		1900	Grains of Sulphur per 100 cubic ft. 16.82
July 26th ..	16.11 candles	Aug- 15-16	19.48
Aug. 15 th	16.08 “	“ 20-21	16.32
	Average 16.29 “	Average....	17.90

2-Gas Inspector's Report--The Gas Inspector reported that the hourly average consumption of gas during the past month had been as follows, viz :—Ordinary lamps regulated to burn 4.25 cubic feet per hour, 4.2703 cubic feet. Guildhall lamps with Incandescent burner No. 4, 5.306 cubic feet. Ordinary lamps with Incandescent burner No. 3, 4.199 cubic feet.

3-Lamp Rook—Number of lamps reported as out :-2 Ordinary lamps with meters, 3 ditto unmetered, and 3 Incandescent lamps ; burning dimly—1 ordinary- lamp and 5 Incandescent.

4—Lighting of Sandford Mill Road and back of Raymond Terrace—A letter was read from Mr. E. A. Waghorne, stating that he had recently erected two new houses in the Sandford Mill Road, and applying for a lamp to be placed at the corner of this road, at its junction with the road at the back of Raymond Terrace. Resolved, To adjourn consideration of the matter for view.

5—Lighting of Glencairn Park Road—A letter was read from Mr. A. G. E. Hill, of West Cliff, Wells Road, Bath, requesting that the electric standard opposite to the junction of this road with the Queen's Road might be moved a few feet, and that a couple of arc lamps might be erected to light the road. Resolved, To adjourn consideration of the matter for view.

6—Access to Electric Light Works for Education -A letter was read from Mr. J. Style, Head Master of the Grammar School, stating that a Class was to be formed for Electrical study, under Mr. Soper as teacher, and requesting permission for Mr. Soper to instruct the class at the Electrical Works, with Mr. Kilgour's sanction. Resolved, That the request be acceded to on the understanding that the Committee shall be under no responsibility, and that no members or member of the class shall be allowed access to the Works except when with Mr. Soper.

7—Public Gas Lighting—The Chairman reported that a Conference had been held with the Directors of the Gas Company at the Gas Offices on the 27th ultimo, at which were present on the part of the Company, Mr. R. Ticehurst (the Chairman), Messrs. H. T. Carrington and J. B. Winterbotham, with Mr. W. H. Griffiths, Clerk, and Mr. Paterson, Manager; and on the part of the Corporation The Mayor, Councillors Baker and Macdonald with the Town Clerk and the Gas Examiner. After a discussion as to whether or not the contract, alleged to be existing, had expired, but which in the result is immaterial, the Directors intimated that they had decided to increase the price of gas to all consumers 3d. per 1,000 feet from the time of taking the next meter readings, which in the case of the Corporation would be about the 3rd week in October, to increase the charge for use of lamp-posts, lamps and burners and for cleaning, lighting and extinguishing from 17s 6d per lamp per annum to £1 0s. 6d., thus increasing the total estimated annual cost per lamp from £2 10s. 8d. to £2 17s. 1d. The No. 3 Guildhall Lamps to be increased from £3 10s. to £3 13s. 6d. each, and the No. Incandescents from £4 5s. to £4 9s. 4d. The Directors suggested that probably the Corporation would not care to retain the two large lamps at Hale's Road and near St. Luke's Church as the Company would have to charge £15 each as against £7 10s. now paid. The Directors also considered that it would not be unreasonable to require some notice, say 6 months, where lamps were required by the Corporation to be removed altogether or some payment for such removal. The charge for removal of lamps from one part of the Borough to the other to remain as heretofore at 12s. per lamp. The Deputation from the Committee suggested that if monthly payments were continued a larger discount than that allowed to private consumers should be allowed or quarterly payments

instead of monthly be accepted ; that the Company should consider and state on what terms they would change the whole or part of the ordinary street lamps to No. 3 incandescent, and that a schedule arranged accordingly should be annexed to the contract. The Directors stated that the cost of numbering the lamps would be 9d. per lamp. Resolved, That the suggestions of the Sub-Committee be approved and adopted.

8—View Meeting—On Friday, the 27th ult, there were present at the View Meeting The Mayor, Alderman Haddon, and Councillors Baker, Dix and Macdonald.

The Committee visited the Tivoli District and they recommended that the lamps in St. Stephen's Road be re-arranged, four lamps to be re-fixed. That thirty-nine lamps in St. Stephen's Road, Oakfield Street, Alexandra Street, Dagmar Road, Princes Road, Tivoli Street, Lypiatt Street, Hatherley Street, Tivoli Place and the back streets adjoining the same be altered to No. 3 incandescent burners.

That two lamps in Queen's Retreat be moved, one to be re-fixed opposite the end of the back lane and one near the North end of the street, and that two new lamps be fixed in the back lane on the West side of the street, and that all the four lamps be fitted with No. 3 incandescent burners. That the following lamps in the St. Paul's District be fitted with No. 3 incandescent burners—Victoria Street 2 ; back of Victoria Street 1; Albert Street ; back of Albert Street 1 ; Hungerford Street 2 ; end of Hungerford Street 3; Hanover Street ; Marlehill Road 4 ; Wellesley Lane 2; Brunswick Street 3 ; back of Brunswick Street 1 ; Courtenay Street 3; Marlehill Parade 3; Malthouse Lane ; Dunalley Parade ; lanes back of Clarence and Wellington Squares 0; St. Paul's Lane 3 ; St. Paul's Street North ; Rutland Street 3 ; Dunalley Street 2 ; St. Paul's Parade 1 ; Monson Avenue 3.

Resolved, To approve and adopt the recommendation with reference to the lighting of St. Stephen's Road and Queen's Retreat, but as regards the other recommendations, that consideration of the same be adjourned, and that the Electrical Engineer be requested to tender for carrying out the proposed improvements in the lighting with electric lamps.

9—Scaffolding outside Manchester Street Sub-Station—A letter was read from Miss Bendy-, Ladies' Milliner, No. 27, Manchester Street, applying for compensation for loss of trade, owing to the erection of scaffolding outside the Manchester Street Electrical Sub-Station, which she alleged had caused a decrease in her trade. Resolved, That the Council are unable to entertain the application.

10—Report of the Electrical Engineer—The Electrical Engineer reported that all work, both of extensions and ordinary running, had progressed satisfactorily during the past month. Since he last reported as to this, rather more than a dozen customers had been added, with the equivalent of about 800 eight-candle power lamps, making the total number of eight-candle power lamps connected equivalent to about 24,970.

As he considered it was useless to wait longer in order to include all the works necessary for the traction scheme be laid before the Committee in the appended Schedules—a detailed estimate of works to the value £6,000, for sanction to borrow which sum he recommended that application should be made to the Local Government Board.

All the items included in the £6,000 had been sanctioned by the Committee, except

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| 1. A small extension in Berkeley Street to supply Berkeley Villa | £ 40 |
| 2.—An extension to Pittville Lawn to supply Dorset Villa | £190 |
| 3. --Foundations, and Labour in erecting, for No. 2, Steam Exciter | £ 40 |

which he recommended should be carried out. In the £6,000 were included the value of the first traction dynamo and the cost of altering the two small Belliss engines, together with their foundations, to fit them for driving the traction dynamos. The value of the latter item he had increased from £350 to £450, in consequence of Messrs. Belliss having underestimated the cost of their part of the work when the matter was last before the Committee. He had also included the cost of the County Court Road Arc Lamp, which was ordered by the Council without an estimate of its cost having been laid before the Committee.

With exception of the items mentioned expressly as included on account of the traction scheme in the £6,000, he proposed to include the whole of the works required for traction in a later estimate, which he would complete when Mr. Nevins had been there to discuss the necessary particulars Resolved, That the recommendation of the Electrical Engineer be approved and adopted, but that before proceeding with any further work for traction purposes, the directions of the Tramways Committee be ascertained with regard thereto.

SCHEDULES REFERRED TO—£6000 LOAN.	£
Extensions to Buildings (as per Schedule 1)	£2460
Extensions to Works' Plant (as per Schedule 2)	1790
Extensions to Mains and Substations (as per Schedule 3)	1200
Extensions to Street Lighting (as per Schedule 1)	<u>199</u>
	5691
Contingencies ..	<u>351</u>
	£6,000
Schedule 1.	
Extension to Engine Room, new Condenser Chamber and Pipe Track	£1550
Water Storage Tank to hold 2,200 gallons .. .	350
Overhead Travelling Crane .	260
Additional Story at Manchester Street Substation	<u>300</u>
	£2460
Schedule 2.	
1 48 K.W. Exciter .. • .	£480
Foundations and Labour for ditto .	40
1 150 K.W. Traction Dynamo	420
Alterations to a Belliss 100 K.W. Engines and Foundations for a Traction Dynamos	450
Condensing Plant—Extra Cost ..	<u>400</u>
	£1790

Schedule 3.	£
From Grafton Road Substation along Grafton Road and Bath Road to Norwood Arms—one low	
pressure Distributor; from Grafton Road Substation along Grafton Road to Bath Road and	
along Bath Road in a Northerly direction for a distance of 110 feet—one low pressure	
Distributor. Plan 192..	£135
From Suffolk Road along Bath Road (West side) in a Southerly direction for a distance of 200	
yards—one low pressure Distributor. Plan No. 201 ..	£75
From Clare Street along Bath Road to Clare Parade—one low pressure Distributor. Plan No. 202	30
From High Street Substation along Colonnade for a distance of 65 yards—one low pressure	
Distributor. Plan 203 .	30
From South end along Grosvenor Place South for a distance of 100 yards—one low pressure	
Distributor. Plan No. 204	40
From Christ Church Road along Douro Road to the junction of Well Place and Lansdown Parade	
—one low pressure Distributor. Plan 208. .	110
From Albion Street along Berkeley Street for a distance of 100 yards—one low pressure Distributor.	
Plan 209 ..	40
From Hale's Road along Battledown Road to "The Leasowe"—one high pressure Feeder. Plan No. 206	310
From Battledown Road along the whole length of Oakley Road—one high pressure Distributor-	
Plan No 205	165
From Battledown Road along Battledown House Road for a distance of 275 yards--one high	
pressure Distributor. Plan No. 207	75
From Evesham Road to Pittville Lawn Back Lane—one high pressure feeder, along the lane—	
one low pressure Distributor ; one Transformer Chamber complete except transformer at end	
of feeder. Plan 210 ..	<u>190</u>
	£1,200

Schedule 4

Warwick Place—1 Am Lamp	£50
Queen's Hotel—1 Arc Lamp	50
County Court—1 Arc Lamp	60
1 additional Trimming Ladder	25
1 Bicycle	<u>14</u>
	£199

11—Tenders for Slack Coal for the Electric Works—Tenders for the supply of Slack Coal for the Electric Works for 3 or 6 months were received from Messrs Gwinnell & Co., Mr. Nott, and Messrs. Webb Bros. Resolved, To request the Electrical Engineer to report thereon.

12- Borough Accountant's Salary—Pursuant to the Resolution of the Finance Committee to Minute No. 2 of the proceedings at their last meeting, Resolved, That without entering upon the question of the salary of the Borough Accountant which rests with the Finance Committee, this Committee is prepared to make an allowance of £25 per annum for the keeping of the loan and other accounts of the Lighting Department.

GEO. NORMAN,

Chairman.

TRAMWAYS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, the 29th day of August, 1900—Present : The Mayor; Councillors Bence, Davis, Dix, and J. Waghorne (Councillor Dix in the chair)-

1—Traction Plant at Electric Works- - The Electrical Engineer having reported that the cost of the additions to the plant at the Electric Works still required to provide the supply of electric power for the tramway to Cleeve Hill and of the material to be purchased for the same purpose would amount to some thousands of pounds, and the Committee having had before them the Resolution of the Lighting Committee that the directions of this Committee be ascertained before proceeding with any further work for traction purposes, Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to write to the Solicitors for the Promoters of the Tramway to inform them that the Committee are unable to give any directions as to the purchase of plant and materials for the supply of electric motive power for the tramway until the necessary arrangements between the promoters and the Council relative thereto have been definitely determined, and in the absence of definite information as to the date by which such supply will be required.

S. B. DIX,

Chairman.

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WATER COMMITTEE.

At a meeting of this Committee, held on Thursday, the 23rd day of August, 1900—Present The Mayor ; Councillors Bence, Bennett, Davis, Dix, Rickerby and Waghorne (Councillor Waghorne in the chair)—

1-Borough Engineer's Report—The Water Engineer reported that on the 21st instant, the supply from Hewletts and Northfield springs was 60 gallons, the average for the last four years being 67

gallons per minute, and the quantity of water at Hewletts and Leckhampton was 11,553,746 gallons. On the 21st instant the depth of water in the Dowdeswell Reservoir was 17ft. 4in, and the contents 34,0169,037 gallons, which gave a total of 46,422,782 gallons, or about 46 days' supply, exclusive of the daily yield of the springs, which was then about 248,832 gallons.

2-Supply of Water to Drinking Trough in the Evesham Road—A letter was read from Capt. Ryves, Secretary of the local branch of the Royal Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, applying for a free supply- of water to the trough provided by some members of the local branch of the above named Society to be placed in the Evesham Road, near the corner of Prestbury Park. Resolved, That subject to the fittings and supply pipe being such as the Water Engineer shall approve the application be acceded to.

3- -Salary of the Borough Accountant—With reference to the resolution of the Finance Committee to Minute No, 2 of the proceedings of that Committee at their last meeting, Resolved, That no action be taken by this Committee.

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

H. WAGHORNE,

Chairman.

GENERAL PURPOSES AND WATCH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 21st day of August, 1900—Present : The Mayor; Councillors Bence, Davis, Gurney, Hayward, Lenthall and Preston (The Mayor in the chair)—

1— Swine Fever—Supt. Hopkins reported that an outbreak of Swine Fever had occurred at No. 5, Granley Road, in the occupation of Mr. William Price, where there were five pigs, one of which died and the remaining four were slaughtered under the directions of the Board of Agriculture. He had served the necessary notices and reported the case to the Board.

2-Fire Brigade—The Superintendent of the Fire Brigade reported that on the 28th ulto., the Brigade was called out at the request of Messrs. Clark and Morgan, at No. 24, Promenade Place, to extinguish a fire caused by upsetting mineral oil, which resulted in slight damage to a Motor Car. Messrs. Clark and Morgan had promised to pay all expenses incurred amounting to £2 14s. 0d. Resolved, That enquiries be made as to the storage on the premises of Messrs. Clark and Morgan of Petrol and other mineral oils to which the Petroleum Acts apply, and if it shall appear to the Mayor and Town Clerk that there has been a wilful breach of the provisions of the Acts, as to licensing and storage, that proceedings be taken against Messrs. Clark and Morgan for penalties in respect thereof.

3—Drivers' Licences—Applications for drivers' licences were received from Charles and John Elliott, Frederick Charles Griffin, Henry Cunnington, Oliver Long and Charles Jones. Resolved, That the applications of the first four above-named be acceded to, and that the applications of the two last be granted subject to the result of enquiry- by the Mayor being satisfactory.

The Inspector reported that Arthur Gardner had been twice convicted of offences against the Hackney Carriage Bye Laws within 12 months.

4-Bye-laws under see, 23 of the Municipal Corporations Act. —The Town Clerk laid before the Committee a print of the draft of these Byelaws which had been amended to comply with the requirements of the Home Office. Resolved, That the same be approved and re-submitted for the approval of the Secretary of State before being finally made by the Council.

5—Survey of Cheltenham—A letter was read from the Director General of Ordnance Surveys, stating that the revision on the 1/2500 scale of the Ordnance Survey Plans of the County of Gloucester was then in progress, but would not in future include at the public expense the revision of any plans on a scale larger than that of 1/2500 or 25.344 inches to a mile, He therefore desired to know whether the Council desired to have the existing plans of the Town on the 1s00 scale revised at the cost of the Town when the survey of the adjacent district is taken up. The difference in cost would be 15s an acre, and 4s an acre for publication.

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The Borough Surveyor reported that this would mean a total cost to the Town of £3,245, and as any revision required for the purposes of the Council could be made at a cost not exceeding 1s 6d per acre, or say £250, he recommended that the expense of the revision by the Ordnance Survey Department be not incurred, Resolved, That this recommendation be approved and adopted.

6—Yeomanry Drill Ground—The suggestion of Mr. Corbett that he should be paid a retainer for the ground in those years when the same was not required for the Yeomanry Drill, was considered. Resolved, To offer Mr. Corbett the sum of £10 to be paid to him as a retainer in such years as the ground is not required as above-mentioned, provided that the Council shall be entitled to require the use of the ground in such years for any other purpose than the Yeomanry Drill upon the same terms as if required for that purpose, in which event the retainer will not be payable.

7--Site of Nos. 7 and 8, North Street for Municipal Offices—A letter was read from Messrs, Bayley & Adorns on behalf of Mr. S. B. Dix, stating that a definite application for the property had been received, and they would like to know whether the Corporation were prepared to seriously consider a purchase, and requesting to be informed of their decision by the 29th of September. Resolved, That the matter be adjourned for consideration at a Special Meeting of the Committee to be held next month to further consider all the offers of sites which have been received.

8—Meetings of Street and Highway Committee—In accordance with a request received by this Committee, Resolved, To alter the time of the View and Second Meeting in the month of the Street and Highway Committee from the afternoons of the last Fridays and Mondays in the month to the mornings of the last Mondays in the month, the View Meetings to commence at 10 o'clock to be immediately followed by the ordinary meeting.

GEO. NORMAN,

Chairman.

BATHS AND RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of His Committee, held on Monday, the 20th day of August, 1900 —Present Councillors Bennett, Brown, Dix, Hayward, and Lenthall (Councillor Lenthall in the chair)—

1—Alstone Baths—The Borough Engineer reported that the admissions and fees paid to the Alstone Baths up to the oath inst. had been as follows, viz. :—

Amount reported last month	£123 19 11
Received since—including 11s for Season Tickets	<u>£ 44 15 1</u>
	£168 15 0

2—Football at Recreation Grounds—A letter was read from Mr. A. Ballinger, Hon. Sec. of St. Paul's Old Boys Rugby Football Club, applying for renewal of the permission granted in previous years to use the Agg.-Gardner Recreation Ground for football for one hour on Saturday afternoons. Resolved, Not to accede to the application, as it is considered desirable not to allow any football to be played on this ground during the ensuing season to enable the turf to recover.

Letters were read from Mr. L. Hailing, Hon. Sec. of the Courtenay United Association Football Club, applying for permission to play football on either of the Recreation Grounds once a week on every alternate week with any other Club during the coming season, and from Mr. F. J. Palmer, on behalf of the Committee of the Naunton Park Rugby- Football Club, applying for permission to play football at Naunton Park during the ensuing season. Resolved, That having regard to the requirements of the population in the vicinity for the ordinary user of the Naunton Park Recreation Ground and to the resolution of this Committee to the preceding Minute, the applications be not acceded to.

3—Free Admittance to Alstone Open air Swimming Bath for Children attending Elementary School outside the Borough—The letter from Mr. Brewer asking if the privilege of free admittance to the Open-Air Swimming Bath at Alstone of children attending the Elementary Schools in the Borough would be extended to the children attending the Holy Apostles Schools at Charlton Kings, was further considered. Resolved, That the privilege be extended to the children attending the Holy Apostles Schools residing within the Borough.

4—Washing Articles from Montpellier Baths—A letter was read from Mr. F. Handford, Proprietor of the Cheltenham Sanitary Steam Laundry, St. George's Street, Cheltenham, tendering for the washing and disinfecting of all towels, &c., from the Baths about to be opened at 6d. per dozen. Resolved, That consideration of the matter be adjourned.

5—Montpellier Baths—Resolved, That advertisements be published in the Examiner, Free Press, and Echo inviting tenders for the towels and other battling requisites required at the Montpellier Baths.

J. S. LENTHALL, Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, the 24th day of August, 1900, Present : The Mayor ; Councillors Bennett, Brown, Dix, Hayward and Moles (Councillor Hayward in the chair).

6-Chairman—In the absence of the Chairman Councillor Hayward was appointed Chairman of this Meeting.

7--Montpellier Baths—A schedule of utensils and bathing equipments required at the Montpellier Baths prepared by the Borough Surveyor was examined. Resolved, To instruct the Borough Surveyor to obtain several of the less numerous and smaller articles indicated by the Committee from tradesmen in the town, and for the supply of the remainder to invite tenders by advertisement.

Opening of Baths—Resolved, That the Baths be on view for a week after the opening, the first day by complimentary ticket and the remainder of the week by tickets to be obtained on application at the Water Office, and that the Baths be formally opened on Monday, the 10th prox., that the Mayoress be invited to perform the ceremony, that light refreshments be provided, and that an Aquatic Entertainment be given in the Swimming Bath on the evening of the opening, the charge for admission to be is.

Record of Events—Resolved, That a tablet be affixed in a suitable position at the Baths bearing an inscription recording the previous history and the opening of the Baths by the Mayoress, the draft of the inscription to be prepared by the Town Clerk and the Borough Surveyor.

Furnishing—Resolved, To appoint the Chairman, Councillors Dix and Hayward a Sub-Committee to carry out the furnishing of the Baths.

Caretaker's House—Resolved, To instruct the Borough Surveyor to prepare a Specification and obtain tenders by advertisement for carrying out the renovations required at the Caretaker's House.

C. HAYWARD, Chairman.

BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Friday, the 24th day of August, 1900—Present The Mayor ; Councillors Brown, Cypher, Davis, and Moles (Councillor Moles in the chair)—

1 -Purchased Crave Spaces—Resolved, To instruct the Borough Surveyor to provide a sufficient number of slabs to be sunk level with the ground to indicate unused grave spaces which have been purchased.

2- Designs- Resolved, That the following designs be approved, viz, :—Headstones to William Bastin, Hedevig Schoeman, Francis Oram Standish and Elizabeth J. Standish, Mary Anne Lochhead, Mary Fisher and Samuel Fisher, and Pedro Frederick Duser. Cross and Kerbing to Frances Helen Nott and Col. Sir C. B. Nugent, K.C.B. Memorial Cross to Surg.-Gen. John Alexander W. Thompson, A.M.S., and Headstone and Kerbing to George P. Thomas.

3—Accounts—Resolved, That the following Accounts be passed for payment, viz. :—

G. C. Pratley, wages ..	£16 3 0
H. H. Martyn & Co., Ltd., repairing and cleaning	
Kerb for Stuart Millard, Esq.	£ 1 0 0
F. Wilkins, Tools, Pots, &c. ..	£ 1 18 8
Town Improvement Committee for Plants from Pittville	£ 4 0 0

Nathl. Smith & Co., Weed Killer ..	£ 2 12 6
B. W. Pearce & Sons, Tool Handles ..	£ 0 1 4

J. V. MOLES,

Chairman.

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FINANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, had on Tuesday, the 28th day of August, 1900—Present: The Mayor ; Councillors Beset, Dix, Gurney, Hayward, Macdonald, and J. Waghorne (Councillor Gurney in the chair)-

1-Loan of £2,117 for Pumping Ermine at Tewkesbury—The Town Clerk reported that he had that day received the sanction of the Local Government Board to the borrowing by the Council of the sum of £2,117 for a new Pumping Engine for the Tewkesbury Water Works, repayment to be made within 15 years from the date of borrowing.

2—Loans—The Borough Accountant reported that since the last meeting the following Loans had been received and Debentures issued as reported arranged for last month at 3 ¼ per cent. with ¼ per cent. commission :—

Recreation Grounds (Mr. James Smith) to replace Loan to be paid to Messrs. Holborow and others	£550
Recreation Grounds, Edward Pearce, Esq. ..	£588
Alstone Baths, Caretaker's Rooms, on account of Loan £378, from Dr. Gooding and Mrs. Richardson	£238
Sewage Farms, Stock Account, The Rev. C. E. Gibson and others ..	£3000
Harp Hill Improvement ditto ditto	£700
Library ditto ditto	<u>£300</u>
	£5376

He had received notice from Mr. G. E. Brydges and the Rev. R. Coxwell Rogers requiring repayment at the end of 6 months from the date of the notice (the 8th inst.) of the sum of £1,500 lent by them to the Corporation. They were, however, prepared to re-advance upon similar security to their present security £1,300 at 3 ¼ per cent. interest. Resolved, That the offer be accepted.

3- Remission of Rates—A letter was read from Miss Christian, Hon. Secretary of the Soldiers and Sailors Families Association, asking whether the Town Council would, as had been done in one or two towns, remit the rates payable by the wives of soldiers at the front, and mentioning the names of four wives to whom the remission would apply, as otherwise the rates would have to be paid direct from the Association funds. Resolved, That the Committee regret they are unable to accede to the suggestion

4—Borough Accountant's Salary—With reference to the Resolution to Minute No. 2 of this Committee's proceedings at their last meeting, the Borough Accountant laid before the Committee

the information he had obtained from other towns as to the salary paid to the Borough Accountant and the total cost of the Finance Department. He also brought before the Committee his suggestions for the reorganisation and increase of his staff, Resolved, That the Borough Accountant be authorised to engage a Chief Assistant in the place of Mr. Gummer resigned at a salary of £100 per annum, rising after two years' service by £10 per annum to £150, and that the further consideration of Mr. Minett's application and suggestions be adjourned.

5— General District Rate—The Report of the Borough Accountant of date the aloft instant, on the collection of the first instalment of this Rate, was read. Amount collected £14,451 0s. 10d., leaving outstanding £2,979 15s. 2d.

6— Water Rate—The Report of the Borough Accountant of date the 28th instant, on the collection of this Rate, was read. Amount received £8,295 14s. 1d., leaving outstanding £2,373 15s. 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 £8,075 15s. 8d., ordered to be paid by the Borough Treasurer. The Treasurer's Accounts at the Bank were examined and the balances found to be correct.

The following was the General Statement :—

Overdrawn On the 30st July last	£17,766 12 4
Paid since that date	<u>£13,815 15 2</u>
	£31,582 7 6
Received since that date	<u>£16,377 4 0</u>
Overdrawn	£15,205 3 6

W. GERALD GURNEY,

Chairman.

PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 21st day of August, 1900--Present:
Councillors Bennett, Hayward, Rickerby and Preston ; The Rev. J. Evans ; The Baron de Ferrieres ; Messrs. W. Cresswell, G. H. Palmer, and T. Whittard. (Councillor Hayward in the chair)—

1 —Librarian's Report—The Librarian reported that the New Book-store was then almost completed, and the work of arranging and classifying the books was proceeding. That the Receipts at the Library since the date of the last meeting amounted to £5 12s. 8d., and that the following gifts had been made to the Library during the past month, viz-

Capt. Welch, R.N.	25	Volumes
Rev. W. L. Lang	20	"
Baron de Ferrieres	3	"
J. P. Briscoe ..	1	"
Board of Trade ..	1	"

British Museum 1 “
London Directory Co. 1 “

2-Contribution from Art Gallery Committee—The Chairman reported that the Art Gallery Committee had acceded to the application made pursuant to the Minute and resolution No. 2 of the proceedings of this Committee of date the 24th ulto. Resolved, That this Committee desire to express their thanks to the Art Gallery Committee for so readily acceding to the application.

3—Sub-Committee's Report—The Sub-Committee reported that they recommended :—That a new elbow be put in th6 fall pope from the School of Science Laboratory. That the Estimate of Messrs. Marshall, for the alteration of present electric-light Fittings, and for 26 additional lamps in the new Book-store, for the sum of £32, be accepted in the event of the Staff of the Electrical Engineer being unable to undertake the work.

That the salary of the Librarian be increased from £220 to £250 per annum, Resolved, That the recommendations of the Sub-Committee be approved and adopted.

4-Accounts—Resolved. That the following Accounts be passed for payment, viz, :—

Norman, Sawyer & Co.—Bonding and Lettering	£14 13 10
Cossens & Knight—Books ..	£ 7 0 5
Wages	£16 4 0
Warren—Cleaning Materials	£ 0 10 0

C. HAYWARD,

Chairman.

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Borough of Cheltenham

MINUTES of the Proceedings of the several Committees of the Town Council to be submitted for approval at the Monthly Meeting of the Council, to be held on Monday, the 1st day of October, 1900.

STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 10th day of September, 1900 — Present: The Mayor ; Alderman Haddon; Councillors Baker, Bence, Brown, Cypher and Davis (Councillor Baker in the chair)—

1—Folly Lane Private Improvement Works—A Letter was read from Messrs. Ticehurst & Sons, Solicitors for Mr. T. Smith, suggesting the following terms of settlement—

(1) Mr. Smith to pay the £74 17s. 8d. in discharge of all claims by the Corporation against him up to date.

(2) Mr. Smith to be allowed to submit his views and evidence to the Corporation before any future apportionment is made.

(3) The Corporation to do such things as may be necessary to prevent the flooding of Mr. Smith's land on the Eastern side of the lane.

(4) The settlement to be without prejudice to Mr. Smith's rights under the Inclosure Award and to his right to three feet from the centre of his fences on each side of the lane. Resolved, That these terms of settlement be agreed to.

2—St. George's Place Improvement—A Letter was read from Mr. P. Bendall agreeing to accept the sum of £100 offered to him by the Council for the purchase of the strip of his frontage of Crescent House clear of all buildings to widen the street, the repaving to be carried out by the Corporation.

3-Land South Side of No. 34, Imperial Square—The Deputy Town Clerk reported that the owner of this strip of land desired the Committee to make an offer for it. Resolved, To request the Mayor to negotiate for the purchase.

4—Widening of Harp Hill, A Letter was read from Messrs, Bubb & Co., Solicitors for the Trustees of the late Mr. W. N. Skillicorne, stating that the Trustees had no power to give up any portion of the land abutting upon the North side of Harp Hill, but could sell it, consequently they were unable to accede to the request made to Mr. Skillicorne to give up the land for the widening of the road, but would consider any reasonable offer made by the Council for its purchase. Resolved, That consideration of the matter be adjourned for the Committee to inspect the locality at the next View Meeting, and that Mr. Skillicorne be requested to meet the Committee on the spot on that occasion.

5 -Lame Horse at Depot—Resolved. That this horse be turned out at the Heyden Sewage Farms at tack.

6—Next meetings —Resolved, That the next View and General Meetings be held on the afternoons of the last Friday but one and the last Monday in the month as heretofore

7 – Gratings in Wall over Chelt in Rodney Road—A Letter from Col. Beale Browne was read thanking the Council for having had these gratings closed up.

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8 —Building Plans—The Borough Surveyor laid before the Committee the following Plans which he had received of intended new buildings, viz.:—

No. of Plan.	Name.	Description.
1333	J. Horlick	House in Old Bath Road.
1335	J. Barrett	Additions to Nos. 1, 2, 3 and 4, Hermitage Terrace, Bath Road.
1336	F. Parker	Two Villas adjoining Oxford Lawn, London Road.
1337	C. M. Haward	Additions to Waltham Villa, Libertus Road.
1338	Council of the Cheltenham College	Shed in College Grounds, near Old Bath Road.

Resolved, That consideration of No. 1336 be adjourned pending view, and that the other plans above-mentioned be approved.

WILLIAM A. BAKER,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 24th day of September, 1900—Present: Alderman Haddon Councillors Baker, Bence, Cypher, Davis and Dix (Councillor Baker in the chair)—

9—Report of the Borough Surveyor re Highways—The Borough Surveyor reported that the work done by the Highways Department during the month ending September 21st 1900, had been as follows:—

Repaired with Cleo Hill Stone—Montpellier Walk, 5,867 super yards; Montpellier by Gordon Lamp, 1,980 super yards.

Patched with Clee Hill Stone—Fairview Road, Clarence Street, Manchester Street, Lansdown Place, Albion Street, Queen's Road: Queen's Circus, Oriel Road, Winchcomb Street, Christ Church Road, St. George's Place, Trafalgar Street, Gloucester Road, High Street, St. George's Road, Cemetery Road, Market Street, Sr. James's Square, Hale's Road, Bath Road Leckhampton Road, Sandfield Road and Suffolk Square. Patched with Gore Stone—High Street, Suffolk Parade, Gloucester Road, All Saints' Road, Hale's Road, Promenade, and St. George's Road,

Repaired with Wickwar Stone—St. Paul's Road, 3,787 super yards Carlton Place, 667 super yards ; College Road, 324 super yards. Patched with Wickwar Stone—Folly Lane and Dunalley Street.

Repaired with Local Stone—Hester's Way, 380 super yards, including raising the road over the Wyman's Brook.

Repairs to Paving, Kerb, Crossing and Channel—Overton Park Road, Cambray, Painswick Road, Suffolk Parade, Lansdown Place, High Street, Columbia Street, Regent Street, Montpellier Walk, St. Paul's Road, London Road, Sandford Street, Bath Road, Orchard Place, St. George's Place, and Albion Street.

A MacDougall's patent brick crossing had been laid in High Street across the end of St. George's Street.

Also one in Sandford Road at the end of College Lawn. The cabstand in Queen's Road had been relaid with Wood and Ivery's paving bricks.

Shelburne Road was being levelled and coated with Wickwar stone under an agreement with the Trustees of the Dean Close Memorial School.

23 limes and 1 chestnut had been cut down in King's Road, and 1 tree in Greville Terrace.

Ashes Collection and Disposed of during the four weeks ending 21st September:-769 loads had been collected of which 765 loads had been burned at the Destructor, the weight being 735 tons 2 cwts. 2 qrs.

10 --Harp Hill Improvement--With reference to the letter read at the last meeting, from Messrs. Bubb & Co., Solicitors for Mr. Skillicorne, stating that the Trustees of the Will of the late Mr. Skillicorne, in whom the land abutting on Harp Hill is vested, had no power to give up any portion of the land but that they had a power of sale and would consider any reason-able offer for the strip of land required by the Council for the widening of the road, Resolved, To make an offer of £40.

11—Traffic of Steam Roller—A Letter was read from Col. Cooch of No. 1, Cambridge Villas, complaining of the vibration caused by the frequent passage of the steam roller at the back of his house. Resolved, To inform Col. Cooch that owing to some of the streets being blocked the passing of the steam roller over the street at the back of his house was at the time referred to by hint more frequent than usual.

12--Hermitage Street—A letter was read from Thomas Bendall and seventeen other owners of property in Hermitage Street requesting the Council to take over this street and declare the same a Highway. Resolved, To inform the Memorialists that as soon as all the private improvement expenses have been paid their request will be acceded to.

13—Road at hook of Brandon Terrace—A Letter was read from Mr. G. H. Williams, one of the Churchwardens of SS. Philip and James Church, requesting the Council to have the top of the above road on the West side of St. Philip's Church re-covered with a coating of stone or gravel similar to that on the rest of the road, Resolved. That the rest be acceded to.

14-Sydenham Roads—A Letter was read from Mr. R. Webb desiring to be informed if the Council could now see their way to making these roads public; that practically all the householders were wishing for this, and 'Messrs. Winterbothams and Gurney, who represent the owners of the roads would make no objection. Resolved, To inform Mr. Webb that the matter will receive consideration in due course.

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15—Private Improvement Works in Knapp Road and St. George's Place—Letters were read from Mr. P. Bendall, disputing the correctness of the charge of £3 7s. 5d. against him as his share of the cost of the Private Improvement Works in Knapp Road, as he considered it to be an overcharge.

Also as regards the work in front of Crescent House, that he had been charged for channelling although there had previously been some channelling there in fair condition, and that as regards the property lately belonging to the Trustees of the late Mr. George Parsonage reference to the correspondence re the sale of the land by Mr. Parsonage would, he thought, clear the matter up, but if not, then his argument as to the previous existence of channelling stood good. Resolved, To authorise the Chairman to settle the matters above referred to.

16—Trees In Greville Terrace—Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have every alternate tree in this street removed.

17-Apportionments of Private Improvement Works—Footpaths in Upper Bath Street and Roadway and Footpath on Oxford Street—The Borough Surveyor reported the costs of carrying out these works amounted respectively to £180 2s. 2d. and £229 15s. 0d., of which the sums of £5 11s. 6d., £15 8s. 4d., £60 1s. 6d. and £12 5s. 10d. were apportioned to be paid by the Corporation in respect of the St. James's Mission Church, St. James's Schools, No. 7 and Nos. 8 and 9, Oxford Street, and that he had apportioned the said sums of £180 2s. 2d. and £229 15s. 10d. respectively amongst the several abutting owners according to their respective frontages. Resolved, That the apportionments be approved, and that Notices thereof and of demand for repayment be served on the owners referred to.

18—St. Paul's Lane—Resolved, To instruct the Borough Surveyor to bring up a plan and specification of the works required to be done in this street by the abutting owners.

19--Forage -Resolved, To advertise for tenders for a six months supply of Forage other than hay. Hay—Resolved, To offer to purchase of the Public Health Committee, from the Sewage Farms, the hay required for the next six months, at £3 per ton,

20-- Footpaths in Russell Street and College Road—Specifications from the Surveyor of the works required to be done to the above streets were read and approved. 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, 7089.

21 -Building Plans—The Borough Surveyor laid before the Committee the following plans of intended new buildings, viz, :—

No. on Plan	Name.	Description.
1336	F. Parker	Two Villas adjoining Oxford Lawn, London Road.
1340	M. H. Adcock	Four semi-detached Villas, Hayward's Road.
1341	Benjamin Combe	Lock-up Shop on site used as a stable in Portland Square.
1342	E. W. Moore	Six houses in Charlton Lane.
1343	Rev. A. Armitage	Additions to Breckenbrough, Sydenham Road.
1344	Mrs. Varinder	Alterations to House in Moorend Street

Resolved, That No. 1341 be disapproved and that the other plans above referred to be approved as shown.

WILLIAM A. BAKER,

Chairman.

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 10th day of September, 1900—Present: The Mayor, Councillors Bence, Davis 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 2 cases of Scarlet Fever and 3 of Enteric Fever; that 2 cases of Scarlet Fever and 1 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 2 of Scarlet Fever, and 1 of Enteric Fever.

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2—Nuisance from Drains &c., at No. 3, Exeter Place, No. 12, Francis Street, Westall House, Bath Road, Christ Church Terrace, and 9, Belmore Place, The Lansdown Inn, Gloucester Road, Nos. 6, 7 and 18, Rotunda Terrace, and The Exmouth Stores, Rotunda Terrace—The Inspector of Nuisances having made written application under Section 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 mine 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. 1, Witcomb Place--The Medical Officer of Health reported that the above premises were so over-crowded as to be dangerous or injurious to the health of the inmates. Resolved, That, the Committee being satisfied of the existence of a nuisance on the said premises, Notices under Sec. 94 of the Public Health Act be served on the owners and occupiers thereof requiring them to abate the same.

4—Cleansing and Limewashing—Nos. 14, 15, 18, 21, 26, 29 and 38, Whitt Hart Street, No. 33, Worcester Street, Nos 2 and 3, Cleaveland Terrace, and Nos. 28 and 37, 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.

5—Wells at Westall House, Bath Road, Nos. 1 and 2, Alleghany Cottages, Baker Street and Fountain Cottage, Bath 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, 1875, be taken to obtain orders for these wells to be closed.

6--Insanitary Property at Cumberland Cottage, Grove Street, No. 3, Industrial Cottages, Baker Street, and Nos. 45 and 46, Townsend 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, walls, floors, ceilings, spouting, &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—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.

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.

9 — Sewer in Malvern Road—The Medical Officer of Health reported that owing to the defective state of this sewer defects in house drainage in Christ Church Terrace could not be rectified until the sewer is re-made, and it was very necessary that this sewer should receive immediate attention. Resolved, To instruct the Borough Surveyor to put in hand the re-construction of this sewer immediately after completion of the work of reconstructing the sewer on the North side of the Battledown Approach Road.

10—Urinals at The Lansdown Inn, Gloucester Road, The Royal Foresters' Arms, and The Dewdrop Inn, Townsend Street—The Medical Officer of Health reported that the Urinals at the above-named premises were in such an insanitary condition owing to want of water supply and structural defects as to be a nuisance or injurious to health. Resolved, That Notices under Sec 94 of the Public Health Act, 1875, be served on the owners, requiring them to abate the nuisances, and for that purpose to lay on a proper supply of water for flushing purposes, and execute such structural amendments as shall be specified.

11-Houses Let in Lodgings—The Medical Officer of Health recommended that the landlords of the following houses let in lodgings, viz., No. 18, Bennington Street and Nos. 44 and 31, North Place, be required to give the necessary information for registration Resolved, That the Landlords of the houses above-mentioned be served with Notices signed by the Town Clerk, requiring them within seven days to supply the Information necessary for the registration of the same as lodging houses by the Council, as specified in Bye-law No. 7 of the Bye-law in force with respect to houses let in lodgings

12—Slaughtering in Unlicensed Premises —The Medical Officer reported that premises in the Bath Road were being used by the occupier for killing pigs, the same not being licensed for that purpose. Resolved, To instruct the Town Clerk to write to the person referred to, and caution him that he is liable to penalties for using premises as a slaughter-house without a licence, and that the same will be enforced should the offence be repeated.

13--Shooting at Hayden Farms- A letter from Mr. G. McIlquham, was read, offering three guineas for the sole right of shooting over the Hayden Farms until the Hardwicke land shall come into possession, which he understood would be after Christmas next. Resolved, To accept Mr. McIlquham's offer, and to let him the shooting for the sum named up to Christmas next.

14—Sanitary Requirements at No 138, High Street—A letter from Mrs. Brooker, was read, stating that she was away from Cheltenham, but her return towards the end of this month, the notices served upon her to carryout sanitary requirements at No. 138, High Street, should receive her attention:

15—Pears and Apples In Orchards at Hayden Farm—Resolved, To advertise for sale by tender, the pears and apples in the orchards at Heyden Farm by means of bills to be distributed.

16- Seizure of Unsound moat—The Deputy Town Clerk reported that as instructed by the Committee, proceedings had been taken against Mr. Geo. Willis, for having in his possession unsound meat intended for the food of man, and the defendant had been convicted and fined £10.

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17--Urinals at premises of Messrs. Dobell & Co.—A letter was read from Messrs. Dobell & Co., stating that they were about to erect Urinals on their business premises at the corner of Sherborne Street, Fairview Road ; at the corner of Grosvenor Street, High Street ; and at the corner of Gloucester Road. As there were no public urinals within a considerable distance, they were proposing to place those referred toot such a position that they could be used by the general public as well as by her own customers, and they suggested that so long as they allowed that privilege to the public, the Council should provide Water, light and cleansing free of charge. Resolved, That the Council desire to express their thanks to Messrs. Dobell & Co. for their proposed course of action, and that they readily accede to the suggestion above mentioned.

18—Building Plans—The Borough Surveyor laid before the Committee the following plans which he had received of proposed new buildings requiring drainage, viz.

No. of Plan.	Name.	Description
1333	J. Horlick	House in Old Bath Road, near Railway Bridge.
1335	J. Barrett	Additions to Nos. 1, 2, 3 & 4, Hermitage Terrace, Bath Road.
1336	F. Parker	Two Villas adjoining Oxford Lawn, London Road.
1337	C. M. Haward	Additions to Waltham Villa, Libertus Road.
1338	Council of the Cheltenham College	Shed in College Grounds, near Old Bath Road.
1339	John Belcher	House in Cleveland Street.

Resolved, That the plans above mentioned be approved as regards drainage, &c.

GEORGE BENICE, Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 17th day of September, 1900.—Present: Alderman Skillicorne Councillors Bence, Davis, Lenthall and Moles (Councillor Barriers the chair).

19—Zymotic Disease—The Medical Officer of Health reported that there had been notified since the last meeting of the Committee case of Diphtheria which had been sent into the Delancey Hospital, and that the number of cases then in the Delancey Hospital sent in by the Corporation was 5 of Diphtheria, 1 of Enteric Fever, and 1 of Scarlet Fever.

20—Nuisance from Drains, &c., at No. 2, Promenade Villas, and Nos. 6 & 9, Royal Parade—The Inspector of Nuisances having made written application under Sec. 41 of the Public Health Act, 1875, stating that the drains, &c., on or belonging to the above-named houses were in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to health. Resolved, That authority given to the Inspector of Nuisances to open the ground, examine the drains, and, if necessary, give the notices and act as provided by the said section.

21—Overcrowding at Nos. 9a & 11, Kew Place—The Medical Officer of Health reported that the above premises were so over crowded as to be dangerous or injurious to the health of the inmates. Resolved, That the Committee being satisfied of the existence of a nuisance on the said premises, Notices under Section 94 of the Public Health Act, be served on the owners and occupiers thereof requiring them to abate the same.

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

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 Nos. 1 & 6, Swindon Terrace, Nos. 4 & 5, Heath's Cottages, Swindon Road, and No. 1, Westbourne Cottages, Short 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.

25—Smoke Nuisance—The Medical Officer of Health reported that at the Kemble Brewery, on the 13th instant, dense black smoke was emitted from the chimney stack of the Brewery in such quantity as to be a nuisance, and that complaints had been received of the nuisance arising at other times. Resolved, That Notice under Sec. 94 of the Public Health Act be served on the owners and occupiers of the premises requiring them to abate the nuisance, and to execute such works and do such things as may be necessary for that purpose.

26—Houses Let In Lodgings—The Medical Officer of Health recommended that the Landlords of the following houses let in Lodgings, viz;—Nos. 10, 20, 42, 44 & 46, St. George's Street, and No. 1, Regent Terrace, St George's Street, should be required to give the necessary information for registration. Resolved, That the Landlords of the houses above-mentioned be served with notices duly signed by the Town Clerk, requiring them within seven days to supply the information necessary for the registration of the same as Lodging Houses by the Council, as specified in Bye-law No. 7 of the Bye-laws in force with respect to houses let in lodgings.

27—Overcrowded Workroom—The Medical Officer of Health reported that a workroom at Brussels House, Promenade Villas, was found to be so overcrowded as to be dangerous and injurious to health. 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 occupiers thereof requiring them to abate the same.

28—Urinals at the Adam and Bee Inn, and the Golden Cross, Townsend Street—The Medical Officer of Health reported that these Urinals were in such an insanitary condition for want of water supply and owing to structural defects, as to be nuisances and injurious to health. Resolved, That Notices under Sec. 94 of the Public Health Act, 1875, be served on the owners requiring them to abate the nuisances, and for that purpose to lay on sufficient water supplies for flushing purposes, and carry out such structural amendments as specified therein.

29—Notices not Complied with—The Medical Officer of Health handed in a list of Notices requiring the provision of ash receptacles which had been served but had not been complied with. Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to take proceedings to compel compliance with the Notices.

30—Slaughter-house at back of No. 280, High Street —A letter was read from Mr. Joseph Blake, the owner of this slaughter-house, accepting the sum of £130 offered by the Corporation as his compensation for its compulsory closing.

31—Sale and Purchase of Stock at and for the Sewage Farms—Resolved. That the Farm Bailiff, in consultation with the Chair-man and Councillor Davis, be authorised to purchase and dispose of Stock for and at the Sewage Farms, when and in such manner as in their discretion they may deem expedient.

32—Building Plans—The Borough Surveyor laid before the Committee the following plans which he had received of intended new buildings necessitating drainage, viz :—

No. of Plan.	Name.	Description.
1340 ..	M. H. Adcock ..	Four semi-detached Villas in Hayward's Road
1341 ..	Benjamin Combe ..	Lock-up Shop on site now used for Stabling in Portland Square
1342 ..	E. W. Moore	Six houses in Charlton Lane.

Resolved, That No. 1341 be disapproved, and that the other plans above-mentioned be approved as shown.

GEORGE BENCE, Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, the 26th day of September, 1900. Present—The Mayor Alderman Skillicorne ; Councillors Bence, Davies, Davis, Lenthall and Moles (Councillor Bence in the chair)—

33-Pears and Apples at Hayden Farm Orchards—The Chairman reported that only one tender had been received, viz., £4 10s., from Mr. Harrison, of Piff 's Elm. Resolved, That the same be accepted.

34—Abattoir—The Chairman reported that he and Councillors Davis and Waghorne, with the Medical Officer of Health and the Borough Surveyor had paid a visit of inspection to the Abattoir and considered on the spot the question of improving and adding to the accommodation, and they recommended that iron lattice work doors be provided at the back entrances to each building on the pig killing side of the Abattoir to enable the present doors to stand open to improve the ventilation ; that the ridge of the roofs from end to end be lowered ; that one Slaughter House and one Hanging House be erected in accordance with the original plans as now marked thereon by the Chairman ; and that a corrugated iron shed provided with proper pans and a boiler for preparation of tripe for sale be erected at an estimated cost of £150 as an annexe to the Abattoir, and that application be made to the Local Government Board to sanction a loan for this amount. Resolved, That as regards the iron shed the recommendation of the Sub-Committee be approved and adopted, but as regards the other proposed additions consideration of the recommendations of the Sub-Committee be adjourned pending the preparation of a Specification and Estimate of the cost by the Borough Surveyor.

GEORGE BENCE,

Chairman.

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TOWN IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 17th day of September, 1900—Present : Aldermen Drew and Winterbotham ; Councillors Baker, Bence, Dix, Lenthall and Macdonald (Alderman Winterbotham in the chair)—

1—Athletic Sports at Montpellier Gardens next Easter Monday--Resolved, That consideration of the letter from Mr. Wilks, on behalf of the Cheltenham Athletic Society, applying for the use of the Montpellier Gardens next Easter Monday for the annual Sports of the Society, be adjourned pending a visit of inspection by the Committee to Hampton's Gardens.

2—Winter Garden—A letter was read from Mr. Arthur De Frece, of to, Bartoum Gardens, West Kensington Park, London, enquiring if the Council would let the Winter Garden to Alexandra's Circus for a month, commencing on December 26th. Resolved, To inform Mr. De Fence that the building is undergoing repair and will not be available by the date named,

3—Advertising in Sanitary Record—A letter was read from the Editor of the Sanitary Record canvassing for the renewal of the notice as to the medicinal waters and the climate of the town in the nineteenth annual issue of the above publication, which had appeared in the last issue at a cost of 4s Resolved, That the notice be renewed in a more amplified form, which the Public Health Committee be requested to settle, at a cost not exceeding 20s

4—Bowling Green at Winter Darden- —A letter was read from Mr. J. W. Gunning, Hon. Sec. of the Cheltenham Bowling Club, requesting the Council, if possible, to provide the Club with a Bowling Green on another portion of the Winter Garden, in lieu of the present one, which would be required for the site of the proposed New Assembly Rooms, Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be

instructed to lay out and prepare the land at the south-west corner for a Bowling Green for the use of the Club.

5-Fox Terrier Show -A letter was read from :Mr. It. G. Norman, stating that he had been in communication with Mr. J. C. Tinne, the Secretary of the Fox Terrier Club Show, and he wished to be informed :—

1--Whether it was impossible for the Club to have the use of the Winter Garden, on the 14th and 15th of November, as arranged.

2-Whether the Pump Room at Pittville, with the lawn in front for judging, was available for the same dates, and if so, would the Council agree to forego the rent and charges for heating and lighting, having regard to the serious position in which the Club was placed, seeing that nearly the whole of the printing was then ready for distribution.

Resolved, That having regard to the circumstances, Mr. Norman be informed that the Club can have the use of the Pump Room at Pittville and the Gardens in front down to the lake, on the dates named, for the purposes of the Fox Terrier Show, free of charge.

6--Bridge over Wyman's Brook, Cleeve Path Drive—Resolved, To instruct the Borough Surveyor to have a light iron fence erected on the coping of the parapet of the west side of this bridge.

JAS. B. WINTERBOTHAM,

Chairman.

TOWN IMPROVEMENT & GENERAL PURPOSES AND WATCH COMMITTEES

At a joint Meeting these committees, held on Thursday the 6th day of September, 1900. Present—The Mayor ; Aldermen Drew and Winterbotham ; Councillors Bence, Davis, Dix, Hayward, Lenthall, Macdonald and Preston. (Alderman Winterbotham in the chair).

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

2- Reconstruction and Renovation of Winter Garden—With reference to the amendment of the Council to the Resolution to Minute No. 6 at the proceedings of this Committee of the 20th ulto., that the approval of the plans and the acceptance of any tender be subject to confirmation by the Council and referring the Minute back to the Committee. Resolved, That the second Resolution to Minute No. 7 of the proceedings of this Committee of the 28th of June last, that the Committee be empowered to accept a tender for this work be rescinded.

A tender, being the only one, was received from Messrs. Collins & Godfrey offering to carry out this work according to the plans and specification of the Borough Surveyor for £5,287. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to consider whether and in what particulars the expenditure on Contract No. 3 can be reduced to a sum not larger than that named in the letter of the Deputy Town Clerk to the Local Government Board, of the 23rd of August last, viz., £3,500, and submit amended plans accordingly to this Committee.

3—Lighting and Heating—Resolved, To instruct the Borough Surveyor to prepare a specification with estimate of the cost of installing the plant and arrangements for the lighting and heating of the building.

JAS. B. WINTERBOTHAM,

Chairman.

At a joint Meeting of these Committees, held on Wednesday, the 26th day of September, 1900— Present The Mayor; Aldermen Drew and Winterbotham ; Councillors Baker, Bence, Davis, Macdonald, Moles, Hayward and Preston (Alderman Winterbotham in the choir)--

4—Town Hall—Mr. Waller attended this meeting and explained to the Committees certain modifications and additions in the nature of improvements to the plans, and the same having been discussed, Resolved, That the modifications suggested be approved.

5— Winter Garden—In pursuance of the Resolution of these Committees at their meeting on the 6th inst. the Borough Surveyor laid before the meeting his report and plans shewing how the work and the cost thereof tendered for at £5207 could be reduced to a sum of £3000. He also presented, as instructed, a Specification for the lighting, hearing, ventilation, decoration and furnishing of the building, the cost of which he estimated as follows:—

Heating and Ventilation	£700
Lighting ..	£600
Decoration ..	£150
Curtains, Plants, &c. • •	<u>£500</u>
	£1,950

Resolved, That the plans and estimates be approved, and that application be made to the Local Government Board for sanction to a loan of £5,500 to cover and defray the cost of the above-mentioned works and £10 per cent. for contingencies, and that in the meantime such portion of the work as is essential to the stability of the building be proceeded with.

JAS. B. WINTERBOTHAM, Chairman.

LIGHTING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 10th day of September, 1900—Present. The Mayor, Alderman Haddon ; Councillors Baker, Brown, Dix, and Macdonald. (The Mayor in the chair)—

1—Report of the Electrical Engineer—In accordance with instructions, the Electrical Engineer reported on the Tenders for small coal, which were received at the last meeting, as follows:—

I.-SUMMARY OF TENDERS.					
No.	Contractor,	Colliery,	Description.	Price.	Contract period in Months
1	Nott, A. H.	Valley	Small	14s	3 or 6
2.	Webb Bros., Limited ..	Stanton	"	16s 5d	3
3.	" "	"	"	16s 9d	6
4.	Nott, A. H.	New Bowson	"	17s 6d	3 or 6
5.	Webb Bros., Limited ..	Park Iron	Thro' and Thro'..	17s 11d	3
6.	" "	"	" "	18s 2d	6
7.	" "	Park End....	Small	18s 9d	3 or 6
8 .	Gwinnell, H. A.	"	"	18s 9d	"
9.	Webb Bros., Limited	"..	Thro' and Thro'	19s 3d	"
10.	Gwinnell, H. A	" "	"	19s 3d	"

Of these, Tenders Nos. 5 & 6 were withdrawn on the 28th ultimo, before any tests could be made, and since then Nos. 2 and 3 had become subject to the condition that the coal had not been already sold before acceptance. Of the Coals tendered for, Nos. 1, 2, 3 and 4 (Valley, Stanton and New Bowson) had been all tested at the Works on previous occasions, but he thought it well to make new and careful tests ; for that purpose he obtained a couple of trucks of Valley Coal, and 100 tons of Stanton Coal, and of New Bowson he had plenty in hand. On each coal, two twenty-four hour tests were made, the results of which he had summarized in the following table :—

II—RESULTS OF COAL TESTS.						
Contractor.	Colliery.	COAL PER UNIT,		Price per Ton.	COST PER UNIT	
		LBS.	Comparative Figures		Pence	Comparative Figures
Nott, A. H.	Valley	12.01	.. 1.00 ..	14s ..	.901	.. 1.00
	New Bowson	11.89	.. 0.99 ..	17s 6d ..	1.114	.. 1.24
Webb Bros. Limited	Stanton	13.07	.. 1.09..	16s 5d ..	1.150	.. 1.28
			..	16s 9d ..	1.173	.. 1.30

It was apparent that although New Bowson Coal had a slight advantage of Valley Coal in regard to labour, It was, at present prices, 24 per cent. more expensive Stanton Coal required at least 9 per cent. more labour, and was 28 or 30 per cent. more expensive according as the contract should be for 3 or 6 months.

Both Valley and Stanton Coals were inferior to New Bowson when forcing was required, but, on the whole, he recommended acceptance of Mr. Nott's tender for Valley Coal, and for a period of six months.

He added that every one-tenth of a penny to the cost of coal, per unit, would mean about £160 in the six months. Work, both of extensions and ordinary running, was progressing favourably.

Resolved, That the recommendation of the Electrical Engineer be approved and adopted.

2-Lighting of Glencairn Park Road—With reference to Minute No. 5 of the proceedings of this Committee at their last meeting, Resolved, To inform Mr. Hill that the lamp referred to by him will be moved, as requested, on his undertaking to pay the cost.

3—Lighting of Bee-Hive Lane—Resolved, To consider at the next view meeting the desirability of making an improvement in the lighting of this lane.

GEO. NORMAN,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held Wednesday, the 26th day of September, 1900—Present : The Mayor, Councillors Baker, Macdonald and F. Waghorne (The Mayor in the chair)-

4---Electrical Inspector's Report —The Electrical Inspector reported the result of his tests of the Electric supply during the past month, at follows

LOW PRESSURE CABLES.

Date.	Legal Standard. Test at Manchester Street	
1900.		
Sept. 13th ..	200 Volts.	206 Volts,
" 19th	"	206 "
" 24th	"	<u>206 "</u>
		Average 206 Volts

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

ILLUMINATING POWER.

PURITY.

31st Aug. ..	16.24 candles	1900	Grains of Sulphur per100 cubic ft.
3rd Sept. ..	16.45 "	31 Aug-1 Sep.	19.36
11th „	17.14 "	Sept. 11-12	41.33
25th "	<u>16.37</u> "	13-14	39.65
Average	16.55 "	14-15	40.10
		19-20	86.12
		24-25	<u>21.62</u>
		Average....	33.03

He drew attention to the fact that the sulphur had greatly exceeded the maximum allowed by the Act (25 grains) on four occasions. Resolved, That a copy of the report be sent to the Directors of the Gas Company. That their attention be called to the very serious infringement of the Act as regards

the purity of the gas on so many occasions That they be requested to inform the Council what explanation they have to offer, and that further consideration of the matter be adjourned pending their reply.

6-Gas Inspector's Report— The Gas Inspector reported that the hourly average consumption of gas per lamp during the previous month had been as follows, viz :—Ordinary lamps 4.2800 cubic feet, No. 4 Incandescent 5.0007 cubic feet, and No. 3 Incandescent 4.044 cubic feet.

7-Lamp Book- This book was produced and examined. Lamps extinguished-5 metered, 9 unmetered, and 5 Incandescent; burning dimly- 1 ordinary and 3 Incandescent.

8—Street lighting—A letter was read from the Clerks to the Gas Company, with which they forwarded the draft of the Contract for the Public Gas Lighting of the Borough for one year, commencing on the 27th of October next. As to the terms upon which the Company would change the whole or part of the ordinary street lamps to No. 3 Incandescent Burners, they stated that the Company were making experiments with a new pattern of lantern for use with Incandescent Burners which they considered would be likely to prove superior for that purpose to the lantern at present in use in the ordinary lamps. While the Directors were not her in a position to quote terms for the supply of the new lanterns, they would be scoffing to fit such of the present lamps with Incandescent Burners as might from time to time be required upon the same terms as heretofore, and as soon as the Council had had an opportunity of inspecting and approving the proposed new lanterns they suggested that any arrangements which might be arrived at respecting their use should be embodied in a contract to be supplementary to the contract they sent for approval.

With regard to the proposal that if monthly payments be continued, a larger discount than that allowed to private consumers should be given, or quarterly payments instead of monthly be accepted, they found that the practice hitherto adopted had been in accordance with Sec. 53 of their Act of 1856, which provides for the manner in which the accounts of the Company are to be presented, and the terms upon which they may be discharged. Resolved. That the Draft Contract be printed and a copy sent to each member of the Committee before the next meeting, and that consideration of the same and of the letter above referred to, stand adjourned until then.

9---Report of the Electrical Engineer—The Electrical Engineer reported that an application has been made for electric supply to Ravensworth, Tivoli Road, by Col. Burlton Bennett that the cost of the necessary mains would be £260, and he recommended application to the Local Government Board for sanction to borrow that sum. Resolved, That the recommendation of the Electrical Engineer be approved and adopted.

10— Chimney Stack at Electric Works—The following Tenders were received for the erection of this chimney, viz :—

Messrs. C. H. Channon & Son	£1,280
“ Collins & Godfrey	£1,587
Mr. Wm. Cresswell	£2,287

Resolved, That the Tender of Messrs. Channon & Son be accepted.

GEO. NORMAN, Chairman.

WATER COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Thursday, the 20th day of September, 1900—Present; Councillors Baker, Bence, Bennett, Davis, Rickerby and Waghorne (Councillor Waghorne in the chair)—

1--Report of the Water Engineer—The Water Engineer reported that on the 18th instant, the supply from Hewletts and Northfield springs was 54 gallons, the average for the last four years being 60 gallons per minute, and the quantity of water at Hewletts and Leckhampton was 7,880,033 gallons. On the 18th instant the depth of water in the Dowdeswell Reservoir was 12ft. and the contents 19,199,044 gallons, which gave a total of 27,079,077 gallons, or about 28 days' supply, exclusive of the daily yield of the springs, which was then about 145,092 gallons.

The New Pumps at Tewkesbury Works were fixed, but there had been some little delay in obtaining suction and delivery pipes, but these would be fixed in place within the next fortnight.

The Filters were built up to the full height and about half the coping was fixed. They were being filled, the whole of the rough stones and gravel were in place, and the sand was being put into one of the filters.

The extension to improve the supply in the neighbourhood of the Promenade was then finished and would then give fairly adequate protection from fire to the properties in the Promenade and Clarence Street.

2--Leakage of Mains in Tewkesbury--A letter was read from Mr. Badham, Town Clerk of Tewkesbury, enclosing a copy of a Report of the Borough Surveyor of Tewkesbury, respecting two leakages of water from the mains, and asking this Council to deduct the waste from their next account. The Borough Surveyor of Tewkesbury reported that a burst had occurred in a water main in Nelson Street, in August, which was the cause of a large waste of town water. That the Deacon Meter at the Myth, indicated a sudden large increase in the night consumption on the 7th of August, and continued until he located the waste in Barton Street, on the 22nd, when he found the 3-inch main at the entrance to Nelson Street broken. The main had been repaired by the man at the pumping station. He estimated the amount of water wasted by this leak at 600,000 gallons.

On the 26th instant, he found there was a large leak under the wood pavement in Tolzey Lane, owing to a breakage in an old half-inch service pipe which was used to supply the house of the late Mr Collins. This was merely a short length with a blind end which had been discarded before the Tewkesbury Corporation took over the distribution of the water, and a new connection with lead pipe made at a different point in the main. The old service pipe should have been taken out and the whole in the main stopped with a screw plug. The neglect to do this was the cause of a loss of water, which he estimated at 100,000 gallons. Resolved, That consideration of the matter be adjourned, pending receipt of further particulars applied for by the Borough Surveyor.

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

H. WAGHORNE,

Chairman.

GENERAL PURPOSES AND WATCH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of This Committee, held on Tuesday, the 18th day of September, 1900—Present: Alderman Winterbotham ; Councillors Baker, Bence, Davis, Dix, Hayward, Lenthall, ticks and Preston (Alderman Winterbotham in the chair)—

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

2- Police sub-station—Resolved, To instruct the Town Clerk to request the Standing Joint Committee of the County Council to arrange for the provision of a Cell at the police sub-station on lower High Street, the expense to be borne by the Corporation and repaid in accordance with the terms of the agreement made between the Standing Joint Committee and the County Council of the 11th of June last.

3-Drivers Licences Applications for Drivers' Licences were received from David James, Alfred Horner and Herbert Bishop. Resolved, That the applications of Horner and Bishop be acceded to 4 Hackney Carriage Licenses—A letter was read from Frank Gregory, of No. 27, Henrietta Street, stating that in consequence of the death of his mother, Eliza Gregory, the holder of the Hackney Carriage Licence No.74, he desired to apply for the transfer of the licence to himself. Resolved, That the application be acceded to.

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4-Municipal Telephone Exchange—A letter was read from the Secretary of the Association of Municipal Corporations, stating that he would supply 25 copies of Mr. Bennett's and his reports upon the above subject upon the Corporation agreeing to contribute towards the cost of preparing and printing the same, which he estimated at about £100, which would be apportioned among the various towns according to rateable value, and the proportion payable by the Corporation would not exceed £5. The Deputy Town Clerk stated that as these reports would be embodied to a great extent in the report which was being prepared for the Committee he thought it would be unnecessary to incur this expense. Resolved, That having regard to this the Town Clerk be instructed not to incur this expenditure, but to obtain any information that he may be able to from towns where Municipal Exchanges have been or are about to be established.

6-Supply of Quantities for Contractors—A letter was read from Mr. Lewis Vizard, on behalf of the Cheltenham Master Builders' Association, asking that the Council and the various Architects should supply quantities for all contracts, as it was felt that the Builders should not be put to the trouble, expense, and loss of time in getting them out. Resolved, That the Council agree generally with the proposal, and, though they cannot bind themselves to comply with it in all cases, will give favourable consideration to it from time to time as matters arise.

JAS. B. WINTERBOTHAM,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, the 26th day of September, 1900—Present The Slayer; Councillors Baker, Bence, Davis, Moles and Preston, (Councillor Bence in the chair,—

7-Chairman—Councillor Bence was appointed Chairman of this Committee.

8-Municipal Telephone Service—The Town Clerk read a further report which he had prepared on the subject of establishing a 'Municipal Telephone Service for the Borough of Cheltenham and adjoining areas. Resolved. That a copy of the same he sent to each member of the Council to whom one has not already been sent. That the Town Clerk be instructed to ascertain from Mr. A. R. Bennett, what he would charge for advising the Council with regard to the establishment of the proposed Municipal Telephone Service in Cheltenham and its vicinity and to enquire of the Town Clerk of Gloucester what steps (if any) the Council of that City have taken or propose to take in a similar direction.

GEORGE BENCE,

Chairman.

BATHS AND RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Friday, the 31st day of August, 1900—Present : Councillors Bennett, Dix, Hayward, Lenthall and Moles (Councillor Lenthall in the chair)—

1-Trees in Land next Agg-Gardner Recreation Ground purchased from Mr. Francis—Resolved, To instruct the Borough Surveyor to have three of the fruit trees in this ground indicated to him cut down, but not to remove any others without further instructions.

2—Montpellier Baths —Resolved, That the Chairman, with Councillors Bennett and Hayward, be requested to act as a Sub-Committee to make all the arrangements for the opening ceremony and the aquatic entertainments to succeed it in the afternoon and evening.

Recording Tablet—Resolved, That it be left to the Mayor and the Borough Surveyor to design and obtain the tablet to be affixed in a suitable position in the Baths to record their history and opening by the Mayor.

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Staff of Attendants—Resolved, To employ two female attendants for bathers at a salary of 15s each, per week, with uniform dresses, and two female attendants for the ticket offices, at a salary of 8s each per week. That applications for these appointments be invited by advertisement. That Mrs. Braint be authorised to engage a Laundress to come in by the day when required, and to employ for short times one or two charwomen for cleaning.

Superintendents—Resolved, That Mr. and Mrs. Braint do commence their duties on the 1st September, too, and that until the house at the Baths is ready for them, they be paid their travelling expenses to and from Gloucester.

J. S. LENTHALL,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, the 5th day of September, 1900, Present: The Mayor; Alderman Drew ; Councillors Bennett, Brown, Dix, Hayward, Lenthall, and Moles (Councillor Lenthall in the chair).

3 -- Bathing Equipment for Montpellier Baths—Tenders for Bathing Equipment at the Montpellier Baths were received from Mr. W. H. Hill, Chemist, 357, High Street, Mr. R. E. Stranger, 138, High Street ; Messrs. Dicks & Sons, Limited, 172-175, High Street; Mr. R. Strang, Montpellier ; Messrs. Drake & Co., 79, Winchcomb Street; Mr. E. J. Couzens, Montpellier ; and Mr. Rees Jones, 344, High Street. Resolved, That the following tenders be accepted, viz. :—

6 dozen Dusters, at 4s per dozen	Mr. Rees Jones.
2 “ Glass Cloths at 8s “	Mr. Stranger.
2 gross Towels, sample (B)	Mr. Stranger, at 18s 6d per dozen
2 “ “ “ (IX,)	Mr. Stranger, at 13s 3d “
1 “ Cairo Turkish Towels, 4 H.,	Christy & Son Mr. Couzens, at 23s 6d “
1 “ White Cotton Honeycomb Towels, No. 24, Christy & Son	Messrs. Drake & Co., at 10s 9d per dozen.
3 “ Men's Bathing Drawers	Messrs. Dicks & Sons, per sample, at 7s 6d per doz.
1 “ Women's Bathing Dresses	Mr Stranger, per sample, at 2s 6 ½d each.
¼ “ Turkish Bath Wrappers	Messrs Dicks & Sons, per sample, at 3s 11d each
½ “ Egyptian Loofahs	Mr. Hill, per sample, at 7d. each,
1 dozen Flesh Brushes	Mr. R. Stranger per sample, at 3s each.
2 “ Hair Brushes	Messrs. Dicks & Son, per sample, at 2s 6d each.
1 “ “ “	Messrs. Drake & Co., per sample, at 6s 6d each.
2 “ Combs	Messrs. Dicks & Sons, per sample, at 8s- per dozen
1 “ “	Mr. Strang, per sample, at 12s per doz.
House Flannel	Messrs. Drake & Co., per sample, at 7 ¾ d. per yd.
No. 29 Brass Rods, 1.in. diameter, for Dressing Boxes in Swimming Bath	Mr. Strang, at 1s 6d each.
1 Picard's Coffee Roaster, 1 Picard's Platos, Copper and tin lined Picard's Coffee Mill, F. size No 2 Mr. Strang, at 22s 9d, 24s 9d, and 24s respectively.	

Resolved, To authorize the Borough Surveyor to obtain the 54 square yards of Linoleum required from Cavendish House, and to obtain the Cork Pads required, and the Curtains for the dressing boxes where he may be best able.

4—Football at Naunton Park—Resolved, To grant an application received on behalf of the Naunton Park Rugby Football Club to play at Naunton Park during the ensuing season only, having regard to the special circumstances of the Club having made all arrangements, and to inform applicants that in future no such arrangements should be made before their applications have been considered. Resolved, That the Committee regret they are unable to accede to an application received from Mr. L. Hailing, on behalf of the Courtenay United Association Football Club, requesting permission to play football on either of the Recreation Grounds.

5-Football at Agg-Gardner Recreation Grounds—Resolved, That the Committee regret they are unable to accede to an application received on behalf of the St. Paul's United Association Football

Club, for use of the Agg-Gardner Recreation Ground for football during the approaching season, as the Council will not have possession of the new piece of ground until next March.

J. S. LENTHALL,

Chairman.

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At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 17th day of September, Present Alderman Drew ; Councillors Baker, Brown, Dix, Hayward, Lenthall and Moles, (Councillor Lenthall in the chair).

6--Report of the Borough Surveyor re Baths—The Borough Surveyor reported that the admissions and fees paid at Alstone Baths up to the 16 inst, had been as follows:—

Amount reported last month	£168 15 0
Received since	£ <u>25 12 2</u>
	£194 7 2

The number of admissions were 3,098.

During the week ensuing the opening of the Montpellier Baths, 2,500 persons visited the Baths for inspection.

In consequence of the towels, drawers, &c. not having been delivered by the Contractors, it had been necessary to obtain small supplies of each for urgent need.

7—Montpellier Baths—Resolved, That a brass plate bearing the names of the members of the Committee, the Architect, and the Contractors, be affixed in the Reception Room, in the recess at the south end.

Resolved, That the thanks of the Council be given to Alderman Skillicorne for his presentation of the figure, now placed at the principal entrance, and that the base of it be inscribed with a record of the name of the donor.

Resolved, That an offer made by Councillor Moles, to present a clock to be fixed up in the Swimming Bath, be accepted with the thanks of the Council, and that a record of the name of the donor be inscribed upon, or affixed in proximity to it.

Assistants—Applications were received from Mrs. Craddock and Mrs. 13urridge for appointments at the Baths. The Borough Surveyor reported that he had temporarily appointed two young girls for the ticket offices at 8s each, per week; and two female attendants for bathers, viz :—Mrs. Craddock and Miss Poulston at t5s each, per week ; and a Mrs. Rose as Charwoman at 2s 6d per day. Resolved, That the action of the Borough Surveyor be approved and that these appointments be continued for the present.

Ladies' Days—Resolved. That the Swimming Bath be reserved for the use of ladies only on Mondays and Thursdays.

8--Ladies' Days at Alstone Baths—Having regard to the very little use made of the Swimming Bath at Alstone when reserved for females only. Resolved, That in future this Bath be not at any time reserved for the use of females.

9—East Ward Recreation Ground—Tenders for the iron fencing required at this ground were received as follows:—

Bayliss, Jones and Bayliss	27s per 9ft
Hill and Smith	28s “
T. W. Palmer	30s 3d “
Francis Morton & Co., Ltd. ..	31s 3d “
Wm. Hayward & Sons	29s 3d “
R. E. & C. Marshall ..	31s “
Letheren & Son.. ..	29s “

Resolved, To accept the tender of Messrs. Bayliss, Jones & Bayliss, and to Instruct the Borough Surveyor to order at once sufficient to fence off the South side.

10 —Entertainments at Naunton Park—Resolved, That on the occasions of Entertainments at Naunton Park on Wednesday Evenings the garden part of the ground be closed at the usual time, and that the remainder be open until 8.30 p.m.; also that one of the Well's lights from the Agg-Gardner Recreation Ground be sent to the Naunton Park Ground for use on the above-mentioned occasions.

11— Croup of the Sirens in Marble—A letter was read from Messrs. Boatan & Sons, offering this piece of sculpture for £20 Resolved, That the Council are obliged for the offer, but they have no need for accepting it.

12-Caretaker's House at Montpellier Baths---The following tenders were received for the renovations at the above, viz.,

Messrs. Eager & Co.	£ 72
Mr. J. M. Smith ..	£ 83
Channon & Son	£135

Resolved, That the tender of Messrs. Eager & Co. be accepted.

13--Agg-Gardner Recreation Ground--A letter was read from Mr. C. W. Lodge, reporting that he had received from the Central Tennis Club 9 tennis balls for use at the above -named ground. Resolved, That the thanks of the Council be sent to the Central Tennis Club for the gift.

With reference to an assault made upon him by a Me. Gillett and a letter from the Town Clerk demanded an apology from Mr. Gillett, Mr. Lodge forwarded a scrap of writing purporting to be an apology. Resolved, To instruct the Town Clerk to again write to Mr. Gillett to inform him that the Committee considered it insufficient, and unless an ample apology is made proceedings will be taken against him.

14-Loan of Football Poles at Agg-Gardner Recreation Ground— A letter was read from Mr. Ballinger, Hon. Sec. of the St. Paul's Old Boys' Rugby Football club, applying for permission to use the football poles which were lying idle at the Agg-Gardner Ground, from the 19th of September until next Easter Monday. Resolved, To accede to the application.

15-Improvement of Agg-Gardner Recreation Ground—Resolved, To instruct the Borough Surveyor to bring up a specification of suggested improvements at the Agg-Gardner Recreation Ground, and to furnish a copy to each member of the Committee before the next Monthly Meeting.

J. S. LENTHALL, Chairman.

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BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Friday, the 21st day of September, 1900—Present Alderman Haddon Councillors Baker, Brown, Davis, Moles and Rickerby (Councillor Moles in the chair)—

1-Report of the Superintendent—The Superintendent stated that a Mrs. Rice, the purchaser of a grave space in the Cemetery, No. 3474 R, in which three persons were buried, desired to know if the Board would permit her cremated remains to be buried to the same space at her decease. Resolved, That subject to payment of the same fees as in the case of an ordinary interment, the permission be granted.

2- Addition to Cemetery—A letter was read from Mr. F. Hannam Clark, the Bishop's Secretary, stating that he was desired by the Lord Bishop, to inform the Board that he can only do what he has done in similar cases at Gloucester and Stroud, viz., *dedicate* the ground. That step his Lordship would be prepared to take on his return to Gloucester at the end of September.

3—Designs—Resolved To approve the following designs viz., Headstones to Henry and Jane Powell and Sarah Hughes, George and Olive Phyliss, Emma Crofts, Henrietta Taylor, Mary Matthews, Ann and Nor. Baste, William and Mary Elizabeth Tovey, and T. S. F. Hayward.

4—Accounts—The following Accounts were passed for payment, viz.:—

G. C. Pratley, wages ..	£15 1 0
G. H. Devereux, Labour Book ..	£ 0 15 0
F. W. Wilkins, Gardening Tools	£ 0 8 10

J. V. MOLES, Chairman.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, the 11th day of September, 1900, Present The Mayor Councillors Boor, Dix, Hayward and Macdonald. (Councillor Hayward in the chair)

1—Chairman—In the absence of the Chairman, Councillor Harvard was appointed Chairman at this Meeting.

2—Salaries In Borough Accountant's Department—Resolved, That the salary of Mr. F. E. Morgan, Clerk in the Borough Accountant's Department, be raised from £52 to £70 per annum, and that the salary of Mr. A. Lewis be increased from 12s 6d to 16s per week.

3-Overdraft and Loans by Lloyds Bank--Letters were read from the Manager of Lloyds Bank Limited, Cheltenham, stating that the Oatmeal Manager of the Bank wished him to arrive at some definite understanding as to the outstanding loan by the Bank to the corporation, and making certain suggestions for consideration by this Committee with regard to the interest on and period of the loan and as to interest on the overdraft. Resolved, That the Chairman, Councillor Bence, and the Borough Accountant be appointed a Sub-Committee to confer with Mr Leaver on the subject of his letters.

C. HAYWARD,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 25th day of September. 1900—Present : The Mayor Alderman Drew Councillors Bence, Hayward, Macdonald, and J. Waghorne (Councillor Hayward in the chair)—

4—Chairman—In the absence of the Chairman, Councillor Hayward was appointed Chairman at this meeting.

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5—Report of the Borough Accountant re Loans—The Borough Accountant reported that since the meeting on the 11th instant, Councillors Hayward and Bence with himself had an interview with Mr. Leaver, Manager of Lloyd's Bank, when the subject of the Bank Loans on Debentures and the Bank Overdraft was discussed we the following requirements of the Bank, viz.:-

(1) That a date be fixed for the discharge of the Loan which according to the arrangement made in February last the Bank was given to understand would be paid off within a period of six months.

(2) That the Corporation pay 10s- commission on Debentures introduced by the Bank, and

(3) That 4 per cent interest be paid on the Debentures for a reasonable period, say six months, and a minimum of 4 per cent. on current account overdraft, the state of the Money Market being very different to what it was when the account was opened.

Mr. Leaver intimated that the Corporation Account having grown to such an extent, there being we many more entries than at first and the account being generally overdrawn, some commission for the keeping of the account should be paid to the bank or a salary to the Treasurer, or that there should be a continuous credit balance to be arranged.

On the 17th test. the Borough Accountant again saw Mr. Leaver, who intimated that he had a letter from the General Manager of the Bank who thought 4 per cent. on the Debentures Loan would satisfy the Bank for another six months--- but 3 ½ per cent. with no commission was not a satisfactory arrangement. He suggested that the interest on the overdraft should be increased to 4 per cent. minimum, or possibly, a fixed rate, but with a nominal commission to be arranged.

That the Bank would like the Loan repaid but did not wish to press unreasonably. He further intimated that the turnover for the half year from Christmas last to June was £115,000, which was at the rate of £230,000 a year, 2/6 or 1/8th commission on this would be £287 per annum, which was the usual charge on trade accounts, and he suggested that with the great amount of detail in the Corporation Account, the commission fixed at £30 per annum would not be an unreasonable charge.

The Bank had since introduced two sums of £500 and £450 to replace Debentures paid off, the former to Lloyds Bank on Electric Lighting £16,000 Loan and the latter to replace a Debenture of the same amount paid off to Messrs. Ulrich Holborow and others on Underground Conveniences Loan, St. George's Square. The commission on the introduction of the Loans being 10s per cent., as arranged at the meeting on the 11th inst.

The Loans then due to the Bank on the security of Debentures amounted to the sum of £32,483. The Bank Overdraft on General Current Account was then £21,323 1s. 4d. This was well within borrowing powers and if the Corporation were not paying Bank Interest it would have to be paid to other lenders.

An offer had been received per Mr. J. W. Drew, Solicitor, of £3,000 on account of Mrs. Fanny Eliza Lawrence, Miss Margaret Lawrence, and George Norman, Esq., at 3 ½ per cent. interest, but without any commission, for terms as follow : —£1000 till May 9th, 1901, £1000 till Aug. 17th, 1902, £1000 till Aug. 22nd, 1908, and then be subject to three months notice.

He hoped to obtain from Bristol £4000 at 3 ¼ per cent, with per cent. commission in the course of a few days and a further sum of £8000 on the same terms in November. He recommended that he should be authorised to obtain from the Public Works Loan Board the balance £6810 of the £8310 Sewers Loan on account of which £1500 had been received for Sewerage purposes, Districts 1 and 2, at 3 per cent., and this would leave for the Sewage Outfall, &c., £3437 still to be received when wanted. The Public Works Loan Board were then lending upon the following terms, viz.:—

3 ¼ per cent. per annum if repayable in not exceeding 30 years.

3 ½ “ “ “ “ “ “ 40 “

The Board's Fee in respect of a Loan secured by one mortgage was One Guinea per £100 up to £2000 and 2s 6d on each £100 over £2000. This fee was exclusive of Stamp Duty and other disbursements, if any.

When a Loan is taken up by instalments there would be an additional fee of £3 3s in respect of each instalment after the first.

The Loans sanctioned but not then raised were:—

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Waterworks	£ 2,117
Electric Lighting ..	£16,600
Recreation Grounds	£2450} £3,135
Do.	£ 685}
Alstone Baths (balance) for Caretaker's Rooms	£ 140
Sewers—Shelburne Road	£2450
Do, Hatherley Brook	£3,603
Do. Districts	£6,810
Do. Old Bath Road .. Sewage Disposal Works .. Rodney	£ 652
Road Improvement	£3,437
Total sanctioned but not raised	<u>£1,050</u>
	£39,934

The Waterworks Capital was then overdrawn £7,330 13s. 7d., and he recommended that authority be obtained to raise this sum.

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The Capital Accounts Overdrawn, with the amounts, were as follows, viz.	
Pittville Park	£1329 16 3
Montpellier Gardens	£1381 7 3
Montpellier Baths ..	£1427 3 8
Electric Lighting	£ 9404 19 0
Clinker and Slab Paving Machinery	£1146 13 4
Sewers	£3296 16 11
Slaughter-houses Compensation	£ 624 4 6
Underground Conveniences	£ 46 2 6
Recreation Grounds	£1813 0 3
Promenade Improvement No. 2.	£ 17 4 5
Rosehill Street, &c.	£ 88 14 3
Suffolk Road	£ 18 9 5
Waterworks.	£7330 13 7
Alstone Baths	<u>£ 187 18 8</u>
	£28113 4 0

Resolved, That the offer of Mr. Drew be accepted subject to the Council having power to repay the whole on or after the 17th of August, 1902, upon giving three months previous notice in writing.

That the Borough Accountant be authorised until the next meeting of the Committee to accept offers of Loans at 3 ¼ per cent, interest, with not more than 10s per cent. commission.

The recommendations above-mentioned be approved and adopted.

That an advertisement be inserted in the Financial News, Statist, Times, Standard, Daily Telegraph and Daily News, inviting tenders for loans up to £100,000 for 3 or 5 years, secured by Debentures, tenders to be accompanied by a deposit of not less than 5 per cent., and to be dealt with strictly in the order in which they are received; and that the Borough Accountant be instructed to enquire of the Public Works Loan Board if they would lend this amount, or any part of it, for the following schemes and works, viz. —

Electric Lighting ..	£16.600
Recreation Grounds	£ 3,535
Shelburne Road Sewer	£ 2,450
Hatherley Brook Sewer ..	£ 3,603
Rodney Road Improvement	<u>£ 5,050</u>
	£25,838

6—Private Improvement Expenses—Letters were read from Mr. William Burge, owner of the Somerset Brewery, applying to the Council to accept payment of the £5 6s. 6d. due from him in respect of the Private Improvement Works in Swindon Road by a payment of £3 during the first week in October and the balance at Christmas. Resolved, To accede to the application subject to payment of interest at 5 per cent.

From Mr. J. R. Page applying to the Council to accept payment of the £5 18s. 8d. due from him in respect of the Private Improvement Works in front of Maidenhorn, Swindon Road, by monthly instalments. Resolved, To accept payment by instalments of £1 per month, with five per cent. interest.

From Mr. H. Dodwell applying to the Council to accept payment of the £30 6s. 10d. due from him in respect of Beckingsale's Passage works by instalments of £1 per month. Resolved. To accede to the application subject to payment of interest at the rate of 5 per cent, per annum.

7- -Salary of Assistant In Accountant's Department—A Letter was read from Mr. G. B. Pearce applying for an increase of salary Resolved, To increase the salary of Mr. Pearce 15s per week, commencing on the 1st instant.

8--Taxation of Ground Values—A Letter was read from the Town Clerk of Accrington, with which he forwarded copies of resolutions passed by his Council in favour of local taxation in respect of the ownership of land or sites of buildings

9-Salary of the Borough Accountant—The resolution of the Lighting Committee to contribute £25 per annum towards the salary of the Borough Accountant in respect of the work done in his department having reference to the Electric Lighting Loans, &c. baying been brought to the notice of the Committee, Resolved, That consideration of the application of the Borough Accountant be further adjourned.

10-General District Rate—The Report of the Borough Accountant of data the 25th instant, on the collection of the first instalment of this Rate, was read. Amount collected £16,153 2s. 3d., leaving outstanding £1,277 13s. 9d.

11-Water Rate-- The Report of the Borough Accountant of date the 25th instant, on the collection of this Rate, was read. Amount received £9617 7s. 3d.. leaving outstanding £1052 2s. 6d.

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 £20,715 1s. 6d. (Including £5,000 of the Sinking and Loans Funds to be invested with the Rhondda Urban District Council) 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 :—

Overdrawn on the 28th August last	£15,205 3 6
Paid since that date	<u>£ 8,319 0 9</u>
	£23,524 5 3
Received since that date	<u>£ 7,570 1 7</u>
Overdrawn	£15,954 3 8

C. HAYWARD, Chairman.

PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 18th day of September, 1900—Present Alderman Skillicorne Councillors Bennett, Hayward, Moles and Preston The Rev. J. Mugliston ; Dr. Davis; Messrs, Evan Butler, J. G. Carr, W. Cresswell, and G. H. Palmer (Councillor Hayward in the chair).—

1—Librarian's Report—The Librarian reported that a Bookcase had been provided at the Branch Reading Room in which to place the books recently sent there. That the receipts at the Library since the date of the last meeting amounted to £5 1s. 11d.; and that the following gifts had been made to the Library during the past month, viz :—

Trustees of the British Museum .. 2 pamphlets

2 —Sub-Committee's Report—The Sub-Committee reported that they recommended that the list of new Books submitted be purchased for the sum of about £8.

That the Librarian be authorised to attend the Library Conference to be held at Bristol on September 25th, 26th, 27th and 28th next ; and That 500 copies of the Annual Report be printed at a cost of £2 15s. 0d.

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

3-Accounts—Resolved, That the following Accounts be passed for payment, viz.

London Supply Co.—Cleaning Materials ..	£0 9 3
R. E. & C. Marshall--Electric Lamps ..	£0 8 0
A. Palmer—Books .. .	£1 2 6

Westerton's Library—Books	£0 10 7
Wages for October ..	£20 5 0

C. HAYWARD,

Chairman.

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SCHOOL ATTENDANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, the 26th day of September, 1900—Present : Alderman Haddon, Councillors Preston, Moles, Rickerby and Bennett (Councillor Preston in the chair.)

1—Attendance Officers' Report—The Monthly Report of the Attendance Officers was read, from which it appeared that duplicate registers had been received from 39 schools, from which 729 names of absentee children had been extracted, all of whom had been visited. They also reported that the parents of 87 children had been summoned to attend before the Local Committees, who had held 8 meetings ; that 19 parents had been prosecuted, and that 15 were fined, and Attendance Orders were made against the parents of 6 with 5s costs in each case.

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. :—Arthur Sims, James Lock, Thomas Bennett, Espardoe Hopkins, Emily Lewis, Annie Davis, Hubert Taylor, Maud Ashton, Sydney Haines, Albert Preed, Polite Turner, and Charles Cook and That proceedings under Sec. 12 of the Act of 1876, be taken against the parents of Florence Norris and Charles Dix for fines for the second breach of Attendance Orders.

3-Duplicate Registers from Christ Church Schools—A letter was read from the North and West Wards Local Committee calling attention to the absence of Reports from Christ Church Schools and expressing an opinion that regular Reports from all schools were essential for the supervision of School Attendance and they trusted steps would be taken by the Central Committee to have duplicate Registers from all Schools furnished, to the School Attendance Authorities. Resolved, That a copy of the letter be sent to the corresponding manager of the Christ Church Schools with an expression from this Committee that they trust effect will be given to the request of the Local Committee by the Managers of the Christ Church Schools.

4- School Accommodation at Coltham Fields —A letter from the Board of Education was read, stating that they had again referred to Her Majesty's Inspector, Mr. He Sausmarez, who reported that the Schools referred to by the Town Clerk, as providing the Infants accommodation required in the district, were mainly, if not exclusively, Schools for older children, and they tattoo reason to depart from the decision conveyed in their letter of the 27th of July last, that a new Infants' School was required in place of the lately closed Coltham Fields School. Unless that can be supplied by voluntary effort the Board of Education will issue Notices defining the deficiency and calling for provision of the Infants accommodation required. Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed in reply to enquire what the objection is to Infants attending Schools having Infants' departments with plenty

of accommodation, as in the case of St John's, All Saints' and the Lyefield Schools, even it (as designated by the Board in their letter), " mainly Schools for older children."

WILLIAM PRESTON,

Chairman.

Borough of Cheltenham

MINUTES of the Proceedings of Committees of the Town Council to be submitted for approval at the Quarterly Meeting of the Council, to be held on Friday, the 9th day of November, 1900.

STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE.

At to Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 8th day of October, 1900 — Present The Mayor ; Alderman Haddon ; Councillors Baker, Bence, Cypher, Davis and Dix (Councillor Baker in the chair)—

1 —Forage—The following tenders were received for the supply of Forage lto six months, from the 1st inst., viz:-

	English Beans 64 lbs per bushel	Wheat Bran per 112 lbs	Linseed per bushel	Wheat Straw per ton	Black Oats per quarter.	White Oats per quarter.
Messrs W. Ride & Co.	4s 3d	5s 3d	9s 6d	45s	No. 1. 19s	22s
					No. 2. 22s 6d	
Elijah Snowsell	4s 3d	5s 3d	7s 6	42s	No. 1. 21s 6d	No. 1. 22s 6d
					No. 2- 20s 6d	No. 2. 21s 6d
John L. Brookes	4s 6d			45s		

Resolved, That the Tender of Messrs. Ride & Co. be accepted for Beans and Bran; and that the Tender of Mr. Snowsell be accepted for Straw, Linseed, and Black Oats at 21s 6d.

2-South-Side of No. 34, Imperial Square—The Mayor reported that he had had an interview with Mr. F. Stroud, the Mortgagee, whose terms for the conveyance of this piece of land to the Council were as follows :—

That the Council should take a transfer of his mortgage upon the whole property of £1,000 or,

That the Council should purchase the piece of land required by them for £200.

He (the Mayor) had come to the conclusion that it was hopeless to expect to acquire the land, except at a fancy price, Resolved, That the Council regret they are unable to effect this improvement, as they consider the terms suggested by Mr. Stroud are prohibitive.

3—Royal Well Place and St. George's Place Private Improvement Expenses—A letter was read from Mr. E. Pates objecting to pay the £13 3s. 2d. apportioned to be paid by him, as his share of the cost of carrying out these works, in respect of his Owner-ship of Greenhouses, House, Office, &c., in Royal Well Place, as, after he purchased the land on which the same are erected, when he intended building, the Commissioners agreed to make and repair the paths from time to time in consideration of his giving up a piece of his land at the corner, to round it off and make it uniform with the opposite corner of the Ladies' College property Resolved. To adjourn consideration of the matter for the Committee to view.

4-King Street private Improvement Works—A letter was read from Mr. G. Tillott objecting to pay 19s 9d, in respect of these works on the ground, that the path and channelling were in good order before they were pulled up for the purpose of laying the Electric light. Resolved, To inform Mr. Tillott that the charge made against him was for edging only.

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5-Sydenham Roads—A further letter from Mr. R. Webb was read, pointing out that on October 5th, 1897, the Town Council stated that before declaring the Sydenham Roads highways, the paths must first be edged, &c., implying that they would be declared highways as soon as this was done, and he asked the Council to make some definite statement.

6 -Harp Hill Improvement—A letter was read from Messrs. Bubb & Co., Solicitors to the Trustees of the Will of the late Mr. stating that the only terms upon which they could offer the strip of land in question to the Council were as follows, viz.:— the sum of £75 as purchase money, the Council to make terms with the tenant for possession, and pay him any compensation he may require. The Council to erect a gate or stile where required and a double larch fence, and keep the ground between the fences dug and clean and to plant a quick hedge in the Autumn of next year The Council to pay Mr. Skillicorne's Solicitors' and Surveyors' charges. Resolved, That the Council regret that the Improvement cannot be effected, as they are unable to accept these terms, which they deem to be prohibitive.

7---Concrete Paving—A letter from the Local Government Board was read, stating that having regard to the circumstance that a Select Committee of both Houses of Parliament appointed to inquire and report as to the principles which should govern powers given to local authorities for industrial enterprise had not brought such inquiry to a conclusion, and that the manufacture of concrete slabs by local authorities, with the intention of selling any surplus slabs not required, was one of the matters specially brought before the Committee, the Board did not think they could properly sanction a loan for the purpose of carrying out a proposal such as that before them at the present time. The Deputy Town Clerk reported that he had written to the Board to enquire whether they would at once grant their sanction if the Council would undertake not to manufacture slabs for the purpose of sale. Resolved, That the action of the Deputy Town Clerk be approved.

8. --Street Projection—A letter was read from Messrs. Birchley and Foresheew, Cycle Makers, Henrietta Street, applying for permission to put up a cycle wheel in front of their premises, as a sign. Resolved, To adjourn consideration of the matter for view.

9—Building Plans—The Borough Surveyor laid before the Committee the following Plans which he had received of proposed new buildings. viz.:—

No. of Plan.	Name.	Description.
1345	Col. Shewell	Bedroom over Scullery at rear of Westall.
1346	T. Wilkins	Bay Window at Greville Lodge.
1346a	W. F. Hicks-Beach	New Conservative Club at No. 57, Regent Street.
1347	Mr. Pearce	New Wing with Bay Window, w.c., &c. at Lagarie.
1348	E. Hoskins	Stabling at rear of No. 9, Rotunda Terrace.

Resolved, That No. 1346a be disapproved, and that the remainder of the plans above mentioned be approved.

WILLIAM A. BAKER,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 22nd day of October, 1900—Present: The Mayor: Alderman Haddon Councillors Baker, Bence, Brown, Cypher, and Davis (Councillor Baker in the chair)—

10—Street Projections—Resolved. To accede to applications received from Messrs. Birchley and Foresheew, to put up a Cycle Wheel in front of their premises in Henrietta Street, as a sign ; the Manager of the Central Meat Company, Limited, to fix lamps outside No. 177, High Street ; and Mr. S. R. Grove, to fix a sign board at the Wellington Works, Wellington Passage, subject in each case to compliance with the usual conditions as to height and projection.

11-Sewerage Works In Queen's Road—A letter was read from Dr. Prance, complaining of the block caused to Queen's Road from these works. Resolved, That the Council regret that the carrying out of the works should have necessitated interference with the traffic, but that they shall be executed with the utmost despatch.

12—Report of the Borough Surveyor re Highways—The Borough Surveyor reported that the work done by the Highways Department during the month ending October 19th, 1900, had been as follows :—

Repaired with Clee Hill Stone—Montpellier Street 5,177 super yards, Queen's Parade 1422 super yards, Suffolk Place 770 super yards; Malvern Road proceeding, and St. Luke's Road 693 super yards.

Patched with Clee Hill Stott—St. James's Square, Old Bath Road, Albion Street, Leckhampton Road, Grafton Road, Hall Road, High Street, St. Stephen's Road, Shurdington Road, Norwood Road, The Park, Great Norwood Street, Bath Road, Suffolk Road, Charlton Lane, Queen's Road, Gloucester Road, Lansdown Place, Cemetery Road and Sandfield Road.

Repaired with Wickwar Stone—Shelburne Road proceeding, and Overton Road 556 super yards.

Patched with Wickwar Stone—Sandford Road.

Repairs to Paying, Kerb, Crossing, &c. — Promenade, King's Road, Sandford Street, Bayshill Road, Bath Road, Queen's Circus, Hewlett Street, Heaviest Road, Pittville Circus, St. Luke's Road, Mitre Street, North Street, Colonnade, Regent Street, Montpellier Terrace, Marle Hill Road, Grosvenor Street, Alexandra Street, Oakfield Street, back of Tivoli Place, and Lypiatt Street.

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The Crossing at the junction of the Colonnade and County Court Road had been relaid with McDougall's patent bricks.

The corner in Norwood Road (at the Grafton Brewery) was being rounded off and concrete kerb and channel fixed.

The gully drains in Gloucester Road near the Midland Railway Station had been re-laid.

Trees Removed—Greville Terrace 4 ; Queen's Road 1, Gloucester Road 5.

Ashes Collection-857 loads collected, and 850 disposed of, weighing 841 tons.

13—Clinker Slab Factory—The Borough Surveyor laid before the Committee a plan for the erection of a Concrete Paving Slab Manufactory- Resolved, That the same be approved. That tenders for carrying it out be advertised for in the Cheltenham Examiner, Free Press, Chronicle, Echo and Citizen. That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have the quantities got out, and that a deposit of one guinea be charged for a copy of same, to be returned on a bona-fide tender being received.

14-Private Improvement Works in Royal Well Place —With reference to the letter from Mr E. Pates, objecting to pay the sum of £13 3s. 2d. in respect of these works, on the ground that it was part of the consideration for the giving up by him of a piece of land to round off the corner that he should be relieved in future from all liability for works of paving, &c. in respect of his frontage. Resolved, That the Committee are satisfied of the correctness of Mr. Pates' statement, and that the amount above-mentioned be therefore charged to the Corporation.

15—Road and Footpaths co-extensive with Berkeley Avenue, Winchcomb Street—A letter was read from Mr. John Baker, on behalf of owners and occupiers of property abutting upon Berkeley Avenue, Winchcomb Street, complaining of the bad state of the road and footpaths and the blocking of the gullies which caused flooding. Resolved, To inform Mr. Baker that the Borough Surveyor has done what is necessary to abate the cause of complaint.

16—Footpaths south-side of Market Street, and west-side of Gloucester Road--Resolved, That the tariff work of these footpaths be removed and that the same be re-laid with blue gravel.

17 Veterinary Surgeon—Resolved, That Mr. Bryer be appointed as Veterinary Surgeon to the Corporation for the year 1901.

18 --Apportionments—Footpaths south-side of Oriel Road, Footpath west-side of Hewlett Road, Roadway. and Footpaths in Clare Parade and Clare Place, and Footpaths in Great Norwood Street—

The Borough Surveyor reported that the costs of carrying out these works amounted respectively to £73 5s. 0d., £249 to 5d., £258 1s. 11d., and £74 3s. 5d., which he had apportioned respectively amongst the several abutting owners, according to their respective hostages. Resolved, That the apportionments be approved, and that notices thereof and of demand for repayment be served on the owners referred to.

19 Winstonian Road, Road East side of the Abbots from Church to All Saints Road (All Saints' Villas Road), and Marle Hill Road, Road and Footpaths—Specifications from the Surveyor of the Works required to be done to the above Streets were read and approved. And it was Resolved. That the necessary Plans, Sections and Estimates be prepared, and Notices be given under Section 150 of the Public Health Act, 1875, to the owners of the premises fronting, adjoining or abutting upon the parts of the said Streets requiring to be sewered, levelled, paved, metalled, flagged, channelled, or toads good ; requiring them to do the specified Works within 28 days ; and that if such Notices are not complied with, the Surveyor do proceed to execute the Works mentioned or referred to therein; and that the expenses thereof be recovered in the manner provided by the Act, and the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1889.

20—Footpaths East side of St. Paul's Lane, both sides of Parabola Road, North side of Selkirk Street, and West side of Hatherley Road—Specifications from the Surveyor of the Works required to be done to the above Streets, 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.

21—Building Plans--The Borough Surveyor laid before the Committee the following plans which he had received of proposed new buildings, viz Description.

No. on Plan.	Name.	Description
1349	W. F. Hicks-Beach	New Conservative Club, at No. 57, Regent Street.
1350	C. M. Haward	Additions to No 1, Hatherley Place.

Resolved, That, as regards construction, the same be approved.

WILLIAM A. BAKER, Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Wednesday, the 31st day of October, 1900—Present : The Mayor; Alderman Haddon; Councillors Baker, Bence, Brown and Davis (Councillor Baker in the chair)—

22-Clinker Paving—A Letter from the Local Government Board, dated the 24th inst., was read, stating that the Board would be prepared to sanction the loan of £3,000 on receipt of a copy of a Resolution of the Council undertaking not to manufacture the slabs for sale but solely for their own use. Resolved, That pursuant to the above-mentioned letter the Council hereby undertake not to manufacture Concrete Paving Slabs for sale but solely for their own use.

WILLIAM A. BAKER, Chairman.

TRAMWAYS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Friday, the 19th day of October, 1900-Present : The Mayor, Councillors Baker, Bence, M. Davis, Hayward and J. Waghorne (The Mayor in the chair)-

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

2-Cheltenham and District Light Railway-A letter, dated the and inst., was read from Mr. T. A Nevins, addressed to the Chairman of this Committee, stating that he had placed orders, subject to the Committee's approval, for the cars, rails, poles, wire, &c., to be delivered in December, which would allow ample time for the road to be open to the public not later than April, 1901 With the letter were enclosed photo of car proposed (seating capacity inside 22, outside 2, passengers) and illustrations of poles and rails proposed. Resolved, That Mr. Nevins be informed that the Committee approve generally the proposed cars and poles (subject to the windows of the former being made to open), but that with regard to the rail the Borough Electrical Engineer suggests the adoption of the "demerbe" rail as being cheaper and also better in use; and that the Tome Clerk do ask Mr. Nevins for a definite reply to the letter written by the direction of this Committee to his Solicitors in August last.

GEO. NORMAN, Chairman.

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 8th day of October, 1900-Present The Mayor ; Alderman Skillicorne ; Councillors Besot, Davis, Davies, Moles and H. 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 case of Scarlet Fever and a of Diphtheria that 1 case 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 2 of Scarlet Fever, 1 of Enteric Fever, and 2 of Diphtheria.

2-Wells at Derrett's Cottages, Alston, and Moors Gardens, Tewkesbury 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, 1875, be taken to obtain orders for these wells to be closed.

3-Dairies, Cowsheds, and Milkshops Order-An application was received from Messrs. Sanley & Neville, of No. 3, Townsend Place, Tewkesbury Road, for registration as Dairymen. Resolved, That subject to Messrs. Sanley & Neville undertaking not to carry on in connection with the same premises a general trade, their application be acceded to.

4-Cleansing and limewashing-No. 10, Warwick Plate, Nos. 17 & 18, Swindon Street, No. 34, Granville Street, No. 218, High Street, and Nos. 1, 7, 8, 9, 12, 13, 14 & 15, Nailsworth Terrace-The Medical Officer of Health having certified under Sec. 46 of the Public Health Act, that the above-named dwelling houses were in such a filthy and unwholesome condition that the health of the inmates was

affected or endangered thereby. Resolved, That Notice be given to the owners under the said Section, requiring the houses to be cleansed and linnewashed.

5-Nuisance from Drains, &c., at No 42 & 44, Union Street, 2 & 4, Columbia Street, 7 & 8, Montpellier Walk, 33 & 34, Victoria Street, St. Paul's, 13 & 14, Swindon Street, 26, Montpellier Terrace, 33, Bath Terrace and 3, Fairlight Terrace-The Inspector of Nuisances having made written application under Section 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.

6-Insanitary Property at Nos. 29, Granville Street, 2, Kear's Cottages, 12, Nailsworth Terrace, 4, St. George's Street, and 2, Queen's Retreat-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, ceilings, 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.

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7-Overcrowding at Nos. 138, Tewkesbury Road, and 43, Worcester Street—The Medical Officer of premises were so overcrowded as to be dangerous or Health reported that the above injurious 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.

8—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 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—Slaughtering in Unlicensed Premises—The Medical Officer of Health reported that premises at No. 38 Fairview Road had been used by the occupier at times for killing sheep, the same not being licensed for that purpose. Resolved, To instruct the Town Clerk to write to the person referred to and caution him that he is liable to penalties, for using premises at a slaughter-house without a licence, and that the same will be enforced should the offence be repeated.

11—Houses let in Lodgings—The Medical Officer of Stealth recommended that the Landlords of the following houses let in lodgings, viz :—No. 57, Leighton Road, No. 11, Great Western Terrace, Linton

Villa, Great Western Road, No. 21, Great Western Terrace, and Nos. 8, 14, & 22, Montpellier Villas, be required to give the necessary information for registration. Resolved, That the Landlords of the houses above-mentioned, be served with notices signed by the Town Clerk, requiring them within seven days, to supply the information necessary for the registration of the same as lodging-houses by the Council, as specified by Bye-law No 7 of the Bye-laws in force with respect to houses let in lodgings.

12—Urinal at The Brace Old Oak Inn, Tewkesbury Road—The Medical Officer of Health reported that this Urinal caused a nuisance owing to want of water supply for flushing purposes and structural defects. Resolved, That Notice under Sec. 94 of the Public Health Act. 1875, be served on the owners of the premises, requiring them to lay on a sufficient and continuous supply of water to the urinal for flushing purposes, and carry out such structural works of amendment as shall be specified and necessary to abate the nuisance.

13—Advertising in Sanitary Record—With reference to the Resolution to Minute No. 3 of the proceedings of the Town Improvement Committee of date the 17th ulto., Resolved, To request the Medical Officer of Health to bring up for approval such an amplified form of advertisement as suggested.

14--Pigstyes at Allotments at St. Paul's Gardens—A memorial was read from George Matthews and 21 other allotment holders in St. Paul's Gardens with reference to notices served on them from the Council, requiring them to reconstruct their styes in accordance with the conditions of the Bye-laws, submitting that they should not be put to this expense as their tenancies were subject to termination at any time at a month's notice without compensation, and requesting the Committee to visit the Allotments and inspect the styes, as they anticipated that the Committee would not consider it necessary to enforce the Bye-Law upon them in its entirety as this would practically prohibit pig keeping in the gardens altogether. Resolved, That the request be acceded to at the close of the next meeting of the Committee.

15—Sale of Hay to Street and Highway Committee—Resolved, To accept the offer of the Street and Highway Committee to purchase the hay required by them from the Sewage Farms at £3 per ton, subject to the period being for twelve instead of six months.

16—Notification of cases of Plague —A letter was read from the Local Government Board, with which they forwarded an Order by which they made regulations, requiring the immediate notification to Sanitary Authorities and to themselves of all cases of Plague.

The Deputy Town Clerk reported that he had sent circular letters to all qualified medical practitioners in the Borough, informing them of their duties under the Regulations and the Order which imposes upon every Medical Officer of Health the duty of reporting forthwith to the Board any case of Plague which may be notified to him or which may otherwise come or be brought to his knowledge and which may occur in the district or area assigned to his charge.

17-Sale and Purchase of Stock at the Sewage Farms—Resolved, That this Committee at its first meeting in each month pay a visit to the farms, and that at such meeting the Farm Bailiff report all intended purchases and sales under Rule 15 of the Farm Regulations and all matters occurring during the interval elapsing between each such visit.

18-Building Plans- The Borough Surveyor laid before the Committee the following plans had received of proposed new Buildings. viz.:—

No. of Plan.	Name	Description.
1346a	W. F. Hicks-Beach	New Conservative Club at No.57, Regent Street.
1347	Mr. Pearce ..	New wing with bay window, w.c., &c., at Lagarie, Eldorado Road.
1348	E. Hoskins	Stabling at rear of No. 9, Rotunda Terrace.

Resolved, That as regards drainage and other sanitary matters the same be approved.

GEORGE BENICE, Chairman.

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At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 15th day of October, 1900-Present The Mayor; Alderman Skillicorne Councillors Bence, Davis, Davies, Gurney, Lenthall, Moles and H. Waghorne (Councillor Bence in the chair).

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

20-Nuisance from Drains &c., at N. 5, Lansdown Parade, The Fleece³, Hotel, Nos. 143, 144, High Street, Scooted House, Sandford Terrace, Nos. 8, 11, 13 and 16, Rodney Terrace, No. 3, Rotunda Terrace, No. 10, Promenade, No. 4, Queen's Retreat, Nos. 13 and 14, Swindon Street, No. 16, North Place, No 13 Regent Street, No. 17, Sandford Street, and Nos. 30 and 31, Tivoli Street -The Inspector of Nuisances having made written application under. Sec. 41 of the Public Health Act, 1875, stating that the drains. &c., on or belonging to the above-named houses were in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to health. Resolved, That authority be given to the Inspector of Nuisances to open the ground, examine the drains, and, if necessary, give the notices and act as provided by the said Section.

21-Overcrowding at Nos. 4, 5, 6 and 14, Swindon Place-The Medical Officer of Health reported that the above premises were so overcrowded as to be dangerous or injurious to the health of the inmates. Resolved, That the Committee being satisfied of the existence of a nuisance on the said premises, Notices under Section 94 of the Public Health Act, be served on the owners and occupiers thereof requiring them to abate the same.

22-Cleansing and Limewashing at No. 4, Dunalley Parade, No. 24, St James's Street, No. 4, Hereford Court, Nos 11, 12, 14 and 16, Hereford Place, No. 3 and 7, Garden Cottages, Nos. 1, 2, 4a, 5, 6, 9, 13, and 14, King Street, and No. 1, St. Paul's Terrace-The Medical Officer of Health having certified under Sec. 46 of the Public Health Act that the abovenamed 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.

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 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-Dairies, Cowsheds and Milkshops Order Applications to be registered as purveyors of milk were received from Charles Napier Pearce, No. 5, Upper Bath Road, and John Miller, No. 7, Clare Terrace. Resolved, That the same be acceded to.

26-Notification of Infectious Cases amongst School Children- -Resolved, To authorise the Medical Officer of Health to write a letter to each of the Head-masters and Mistresses of the Elementary Schools in the Borough to request them to voluntarily notify to him any cases of certain infectious diseases which may come to their notice amongst the children attending their respective schools, and which diseases are not included in the list of diseases which the law compels to be notified, with a list of the diseases which it is desirable should be notified by them.

27-Urinal at the King's Arms Inn, King Street-The Medical Officer of Health reported that this Urinal was a nuisance owing to want of proper water supply for flushing and structural defects. Resolved, That Notice under Sec 94 of the Public Health Act, 1875, be served on the owners requiring them to abate the nuisance, and for that purpose to lay on a sufficient supply of water for properly flushing the Urinal, and carry out such structural amendments as shall be specified.

28- Drainage of Moor's Gardens, Tewkesbury Road-The Inspector of Nuisances reported that this house was drained into a cesspool with an overflow discharging into a ditch, and that the house could be drained into the public sewer, which was within 100 feet of the site of the house. Resolved, That Notice under Sec. 23 of the Public Health Act, 1875, be served on the owner and occupier requiring them within a reasonable time therein specified to make a covered drain or drains emptying into the sewer.

29-Houses Lot In Lodgings--The Medical Officer of Health recommended that the landlords of the following houses let in lodgings, via.- Nos. 3 5 and 7, Portland Street, No. 2, Portland Plate, No, 2, Camden Terrace, Terry Lawn, Portland Street, No, 5, and 6, Trinity Terrace, No. 10, St. George's Street, Pittville Cottage, No. 6, 18, 19 and 20, Sherborne Place, and Nos. 9, 18 and 27, Grosvenor Place, South, should be required to give the necessary information for registration. Resolved, That the landlords of the houses above-mentioned be served with Notices, duly signed by the Town Clerk, requiring them within seven days to supply the information necessary for the registration of the same as Lodging Houses by the Council as specified in Bye-law No. 7 of the Bye-Laws in force with respect to houses let in lodgings.

30 -Bailiff at Barn Farm-A letter was read from Mr. Joseph Powell, the Bailiff at the Barn Farm, stating that his time there with Mr. Corbett expired at the end of Mr. Corbett's tenancy at Christmas, and as he had no desire to leave the Farm he offered his services as Farm Bailiff, to take sole supervision of everything connected with the Farm at a wage of say 35s per week. Resolved, That consideration of the matter be adjourned until the next meeting of the Committee,

31-Chaff Cott, Boiler and Machinery at Barn Farm-A letter from Mr. Corbett was read, offering to sell to the Corporation the engine, boiler and chaff cutter fixed at the Barn Farm belonging to him. Resolved, That £60 be offered to Mr Corbett for purchase of the engine, holler and chaff cutter and other machinery, if any, used in connection therewith.

32---Pigstyes at St. Poses Garden, Allotments-Resolved, That pending the alterations and improvements promised to be effected by the allotment holders to the pigstyes complained of, action by the Council with reference thereto be deferred,

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33-Building Plan—The Borough Surveyor laid before the Committee the following plan which he had received as amended:—

No. of Plan.	Name.	Description.
1349	W F. Hicks-Beach	Conservative Club at No. 57, Regent Street.

Resolved, That as now amended the same be approved.

GEORGE BENCE,

Chairman.

TOWN IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 15th day of October. 1900—Present : The Mayor Alderman Drew Councillors Baker, Bence, Lenthall and Macdonald (Alderman Drew in the chair)—

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

2 — Publication of Illustrated Booklet of Cheltenham under auspices of the Council—A letter was read offering to supply the Council with 500 copies, free of charge, of an Illustrated Booklet of Cheltenham. published by the Health Resorts Development Association, it the Council would adopt it as the official publication of Cheltenham. Resolved. That the offer be not accepted.

3—Stocking Water at Pittville with Fisk—A letter was read from Mr. J. G. Crisp. Hon. Sec. of the Cheltenham Angling Association, reminding the Committee of the resolution passed by the Council in April last, to expend £5 in re-stocking the water at Pittville with fish. Resolved, To instruct the Borough Surveyor to have the resolution carried into effect as soon as possible,

4—Exhibition at Winter Garden by Industrial Trades' Exhibition Syndicate.—Resolved. Not to accede to the application received on behalf of this Syndicate for the use of the Winter Garden for an Exhibition of Industrial Trades.

5—Terrier Show at Pittville Pump Room—A letter was read from Mr. H. G. Norman accepting the offer of the use of the Pittville Pump Room for this Show, and thanking the Council for the laudable spirit in which they had dealt with the matter, and asking for an assurance that the artificial lighting and heating will be sufficient. Resolved, That as regards the interior of the building the assurance be given.

6—Larceny of Pear's, &c.—The Superintendent of Police forwarded a copy of a report made by P.C. Baber, that on the 16th ulto., he caught Samuel Trigg, Frederick Vickery and William Ives, aged 15, 15 and 14 picking pears from a tree in Pittville Gardens. Resolved, That the Constable be thanked for his report.

7—Exchange of Land at Pittville and Agg-Gardner Recreation Ground—Resolved, To meet the Baths and Recreation Grounds Committee, as requested, with reference to the above.

J. W. DREW,

Chairman.

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TOWN IMPROVEMENT & GENERAL PURPOSES AND WATCH COMMITTEES

At a joint Meeting of these Committees, held on Monday, the 15th day of October, 1900—Present: The Mayor Alderman Drew Councillors Baker, Bence, Davis, Gurney, Hayward, Lenthall, Macdonald and Preston (The Mayor in the chair)—

1—Chairman—In the absence of the Chairman, The Mayor was appointed Chairman at this Meeting.

2—Winter Garden --The Borough Surveyor, as instructed at the last meeting of the Committee, presented the following report,

October 5th, 1900.

Gentlemen,

The time required for the completion of the work still remaining to be done is approximately- as follows:—

Purlins and wall plates fixed upon the iron work of roof 14 days- The dome can be ready for glazing at the end of 7 days, and the whole of the roof will then be sufficiently in advance of the glaziers to enable Messrs. Hamel' & Co. to complete the whole within the two months specified in their contract.

Brickwork, &c., in buttresses. The excavation and concrete for the four centre buttresses can be finished to the ground level within one week and the remainder at the same rate, i.e., sixteen in four weeks, the brickwork up to the ornamental finishing would be one week later, the brickwork of the

buttresses would that be completed in five weeks, or allowing one week for bad weather, say six weeks.

Conveniences.—The walls would be ready for the roofs within four weeks, the roof would require about a fortnight, the plastering would be nine or ten days, the fitting up of the interiors with w.c's and lavatories would take two months or nine to ten weeks.

Windows in East side.—The cutting out of the windows and fitting frames would be proceeding at the same time as the building of the walls and buttresses, and would not take more than two weeks.

The cement mouldings inside the building would be run in three or four days after the bottom course of glazing was in place.

Flour.—The dancing floor is equal to 70 squares and can be laid in one week as soon as the scaffold is removed, which will be in about six weeks. The repairs to the other portions of the floor would be carried out during the same time.

The works still to be tendered for are:—

1. Electric lighting.
2. Decorating walls in distemper.
3. Large curtains.
4. Altering and improving existing stage.
5. Planting the rink and obtaining large palms, &c.

These can all be carried on at the same time and will require in the building:— (1) three weeks, (a) two weeks, (3) three weeks, (4) three days, (5) one week, the (1) and (5) will, however, take four or five weeks longer to prepare materials before work can be commenced.

With regard to the progress of the work there are some minor parts which must be delayed until the completion of other more important matters. For example, the cast iron railing round the base of the dome cannot be fixed until the glazing of the dome is completed; also, considering the time of year, it will not be safe to attempt to complete the outside cement work, and this should therefore be left over until the spring.

Verandah.—No provision has been made for extending or replacing the existing verandah with a new one of wood or iron, but in all other matters the building will, I believe, be complete and fit for use.

I have the honour to be, Gentlemen, Your obedient Servant, JOSEPH HALL, Borough Surveyor.

Mr. Williams, on behalf of Messrs. John Williams & Sons, Limited, Cardiff, Contractors for the heating and ventilating, Mr. Brettel, on behalf of Messrs. Toll & Smith, the Contractors for the iron work, and Mr. Williams, on behalf of Messrs. Collins & Godfrey, the Contractors for the brickwork and alterations of the building, each attended the meeting, and having been informed of the tenour of the report acquiesced therein as regards the time for completion of the works referred to; and it was Resolved, that the Borough Surveyor be instructed to report as to what material and quantity thereof he recommended should be obtained for the curtains, and that the Lighting Committee be

requested to provide means of lighting at the Winter Garden to enable Contractors for the brickwork, &c., to carry on work after dark, and charge the cost to this Committee.

GEO. NORMAN,

Chairman.

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ART GALLERY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Saturday, the 27th day of October, 1900—Present: Alderman Haddon; Councillor Hayward and the Baron de Ferrieres (Alderman Haddon in the chair)—

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

2-Assistant to Curator Resolved, To retain for the present the services of Mr. E. Diehl, as Assistant to the Curator, at his present wages of 6s per week

3—Cases for Fossils—Resolved, To accept a tender from Messrs. Billings to provide 04 Specimen Cases, as per pattern, including staining and varnishing inside, for exhibition of Fossils, as follows, viz :—Ten 8ft. long, and four 6ft. long, with glass lids, for £63 provided that the varnish to be used be of a quality costing not less than 7s 6d per gallon.

4—Loan of Gallery to Library -Resolved, To lend the Art Gallery to the Library Committee for one week at the end of November, for an Exhibition of Books and Objects on Decorative Art, the expense of exhibiting the objects of Art to be charged to this Committee.

5 -Use of Art Gallery for Lectures of a Scientific, Educational or kindred nature -Resolved, That the charge for the use of the Art Gallery for this purpose be one guinea for each occasion.

6—Report of the Curator—The Curator reported that there had been 3,988 visits to the Gallery since last meeting. That the work of cleaning the collection of Fossils presented by the late Mr. Pierson had been completed, and the specimens had been very carefully replaced in the boxes in which they were packed.

Several articles had been presented by Captain Welch, R.N., for the Museum.

Mr. Cornelius Cardew, of India, had presented many specimens of stone and flint implements, most of which were collected by himself from Barrows at Guntakal, Madras Presidency.

A screen had been provided for the exhibition of old prints, engravings and portraits.

7—Accounts—Resolved, To pass for payment by this Committee, the following Accounts, viz.:—

R. E. & C. Marshall—Furniture and Fittings	£ 3 4 5
Norman & Sawyer- -Stationery	£ 1 14 0
W. Jones, Petty Cash	£10 0 0
Town Council Electric Works—Current for Lighting	£ 1 15 6

Installation, viz.:—	
Verity	£45 10 4
Marshall	£66 18 2
Corporation	<u>£ 7 11 6</u>
	£120 0 0

JOHN HADDON,

Chairman.

LIGHTING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this committee, held on Wednesday, the 3rd day of October, 1900—Present The Mayor; Alderman Haddon Councillors Baker, Brown, Dix and Macdonald (The Mayor in the chair)—

1 Chimney Stack at Electric Works—Letters were read from Mr. R. R. Pearce, on behalf of the Cheltenham Brick, Pipe and Lime Co., with reference to the specification of Stonehouse bricks for this shaft, suggesting that this should not be done. That they were the owners of the Pilford Works from which the bricks for the existing shaft were supplied, which had proved satisfactory, That they would be pleased to supply the Contractors with good sound red wire cuts from their Pilford Works, including radiated bricks at the rate of 25,000 per week.

Also one from Messrs. C. H. Channon & Son, stating that if Pilford bricks were used throughout instead of Stonehouse they could reduce their estimate by £75, and they were informed that the delivery of square bricks from Pilford could be commenced at once, and of radiated bricks within three weeks of date of order.

Resolved, That subject to the bricks being delivered, both as regards quantity and quality to the satisfaction of the Borough Surveyor, they be obtained from the Pilford Brick Works ; and that the reduction offered by Messrs. Channon and Son be accepted or, if the Pilford bricks are not used throughout, pro rata as regards Stonehouse bricks used in lieu of such of the Pilford bricks as may be rejected or not delivered to the satisfaction of the Borough Surveyor.

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2—Lighting of Passage at back of Montpellier Baths—Resolved, That an electric incandescent lamp be fixed in this passage at the back of the baths.

3—Lighting of Road front of Oriel Villas and of Bayshill Road -- Resolved To consider the advisability of improving the lighting of these localities at the next view meeting of the Committee.

GEO. NORMAN, Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Friday, the 5th day of October, 1900—Present : Alderman Haddon ; Councillors Baker, Dix, Macdonald and Waghorne (Alderman Haddon in the chair,—

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

5—Chimney Stack at Electric Works—The Borough Surveyor having reported that Messrs. Channon & Son had shown him a letter they had received from Mr. R. R. Pearce, in which it was stated that an error had been made to his previous letter, and amending his quotation from 33s to 42s per 1000 for radiated bricks, and that they must consequently amend the reduction offered by them) on their Contract to £50 in lieu of £75 to meet the altered conditions of the Cheltenham Brick, Pipe and Lime Co. Resolved, That having regard to the circumstances above mentioned, the Committee consider the reduction now offered is not sufficient to justify the suggested departure from the specification to substitute for the better class of bricks from Storehouse the bricks from Pilford, that the resolution to Minute No. 1 of the proceedings of this Committee of date the 3rd inst. be rescinded and that the conditions of the specification as regards the use of Storehouse bricks be adhered to.

JOHN HADDON,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Wednesday, the 17th day of October, 1900, Present—The Mayor Alderman Haddon; Councillors Baker and Macdonald (The Mayor in the chair)—

6—Electrical Inspector's Report—The Electrical Inspector reported the result of his tests of the Electric supply during the past month, as follows—

LOW PRESSURE CABLES.

Date.	Legal Standard.	Test at Manchester Street
1900. Oct. 10th	200 Volts.	207 Volts.

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

ILLUMINATING POWER-		PURITY.	
1900		1900	Grains of Sulphur per 100 cubic ft.
3rd Oct. ..	16.33 candles	Oct 1-2	24.08
15th “	16.28 “	Oct 10-11	19.38
		Oct 15-16	16.80
Average	16.31 “	Average	20.09

Resolved, To again call the attention of the Directors of the Gas Company to the impurity of the gas on the 1st and 2nd instant, and also to inform the Directors that the Committee are surprised that the Directors have not yet furnished any explanation, as requested, of the infringements of the Act as regards the purity of the gas reported last month.

8—Gas Inspector's Report— The Gas Inspector reported that the hourly average consumption of gas per lamp during the previous month had been as follows, viz :—Ordinary, 4.245 cubic feet, No. 4 Incandescents, 4.752 cubic feet, No. 3 Incandescent, 3.731 cubic feet.

9-Lamp Book—This book was produced and examined. Ordinary extinguished-6 metered, 5 un-metered; burning dimly-1 un-metered. Incandescents extinguishes 16, and 1 burning dimly.

10-Electric Standard at Entrance to Glencairn Park Road—A letter was read from Mr A. E. Hill, stating that he not prepared to bear the expense of shifting the position of this lamp, and suggested that having thrown open the road to the public, the Council should place a central light for the convenience and safety of the citizens.

11—Lighting at Junction of Eldorado and Queen's Roads—Resolved, To consider this at the next View Meeting

12— Sale of Gas Stock—A Notice given by the Directors in accordance with Sec. 22 of the Cheltenham Gas Act, 1896, of the intention of the Gas Company to sell by auction on the 8th proximo, the sum of £5,000 Consolidated Ordinary Stock of the Company, bearing a maximum dividend of 5 per cent. per annum, was laid before the Committee

13—Contract with the Gas Company —Resolved, That subject to the alterations and additions thereto now made by the Committee, the draft of this contract be approved.

14 —Lighting at Winter Garden—A letter was read from Messrs. Steel Brothers, asking to be allowed to tender for the installation of the electric light at the Winter Garden.

Re Lighting for Contractor --- Resolved, To instruct the Electrical Engineer to comply with the request of the Town Improvement Committee to provide sufficient lighting to enable the Contractor's men to proceed with their work after dark, and charge the cost to that Committee.

15-Report of the Electrical Engineer—The Electrical Engineer reported that he had obtained particulars of various schemes of so-called "Free Wiring," which had been widely adopted to obviate the preliminary capital expenditure upon wiring and fittings (now necessary by every intending customer), which had proved a very serious hindrance to the general use of electric lighting ; that, after very careful consideration, he recommended that the Corporation should advance under approved conditions, moneys to pay for the installations of intending customers and should recover these moneys, together with the costs of the time accommodations, from the customers by periodic payments spread over terms of years, that he recommended adoption of the following conditions as the bases of the standard form of contract or agreement between the Corporation and the intending customer and the preparation of such form by the Town Clerk, viz:—

1. The minimum value of any installation to be dealt with under this scheme to be £7 0s. 0d.

2. The customer to be given, in general, the option of one, two or three years as the term of repayments and in special case—e.g. of very large contracts and of charitable and similar institutions—of one, two, three, four or five years as the term of repayments.

3. All the payments of each separate customer to be of equal amount ; the first due immediately after a satisfactory test of the installation has been taken and before electric supply is given, and the following payments due on the next and succeeding quarter days.

4. The landlord, when possible, to be joined with the customer (If a tenant) in the Contract, and in default of this the customer (if so required) to find security to the satisfaction of the Town Clerk.

5. The Corporation to pay (direct) to the wiring contractor 95 per cent. of the contract value of the installation on electric supply being given and the balance at the end of the usual guarantee period of twelve calendar months

6. The sum to be recovered by the Corporation from the customer to be the contract value of the installation plus 2 ½ per cent. of the value for every year in the term of repayments agreed upon, this being equivalent to a rate of interest on out-standing balances of almost exactly 5 per cent.

7. A short descriptive pamphlet and special application form to be issued in connection with this scheme the former to be generally circulated and the latter to be given to contractors or to intending customers in the manner adopted with the present application form.

The scheme described would avoid, as much as possible, interference between wiring contractors and their actual or probable customers ; the Corporation would be relieved of all responsibility in respect to the installations provided; and, finally, the adoption of this scheme would certainly prove advantageous both to a large number of ratepayers, at present debarred from full participation in the benefits to be derived from their own property, and to the Electric Undertaking. Resolved, That the scheme and recommendations of the Electrical Engineer above mentioned be approved and adopted.

The Electrical Engineer further reported that the following small extensions were required for giving electric supply to new customers, viz:-

	£	s.	d.
1. Queen's Circus	45	0	0
3. Wellington Square	60	0	0
3. Royal Crescent ..	<u>90</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
	£195	0	0

and that the last named extension would cancel an extension formerly, sanctioned for part of Royal Crescent to the value of £55 0s. 0d., so that the nett amount requiring sanction was £140 0s. 0d., which he recommended should be included in the next loan. Resolved, That the extensions above mentioned be approved and carried out, and that the recommendation of the Electrical Engineer be approved and adopted.

GEO. NORMAN, Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, the 29th day of October, 1900—Present :
Alderman Haddon Councillors Baker, Brown and Macdonald (Councillor Baker in the chair)—

16—Chairman—In the absence of the Chairman, Councillor Baker was appointed Chairman at this meeting.

17—Contract for Street Gas Lighting—The draft of the Contract with the Gas Company was further considered with regard to some objections taken by the Clerks to the Gas Co. to the alterations made thereto by the Committee at their last meeting. Resolved, That the draft now settled be

approved, and in the event of no further objections being made thereto that the Seal of the Council he edited to the engrossment thereof.

WILLIAM A. BAKER,

Chairman.

WATER COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Thursday, the 28th day of October, 1900—Present: The Mayor; Councillors Baker, Bennett, Davis, Dix and H. Waghorne (Councillor Waghorne in the chair)—

1—Leakage of Mains in Tewkesbury—With reference to Minute No. 2 of the proceedings of this Committee at their last meeting, and the letter from the Town Clerk of Tewkesbury claiming a deduction from the next account of water supplied to the Tewkesbury Corporation proportionate to the cost of the water estimated to have been wasted by the leakage, the Water Engineer reported that the meter readings had been produced to him, and he was satisfied that the amount of waste had not been excessively estimated. The Town Clerk reported that the question of liability to maintain the mains was not provided for by the Act, which merely determined that the price paid by the Tewkesbury Corporation should include the use by the Tewkesbury Corporation within their borough of all the mains and pipes employed by the Cheltenham Corporation in the distribution of water within the Borough of Tewkesbury existing at the time the supply of water in bulk commenced, and the Act was silent as to the maintenance of those mains. Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to by a case before Mr. Fitzgerald, for his opinion as to the construction of the Act.

2—Report of the Water Engineer--The Water Engineer reported that on the 17th instant, the supply from Hewletts and Northfield springs was 48 gallons per minute, the average for the last four years being 55 gallons per minute, and the quantity of water at Hewletts and Leckhampton was 6,964,557 gallons.

On the 17th instant the depth of water in the Dowdeswell Reservoir was 6ft. 8 ½ in. and the contents 5,442,151 gallons, which gave a total of 12,106,709 gallons, or about 14 days' supply, exclusive of the daily yield of the springs, which was then about 154,784 gallons.

The Contractors for the pumps at Tewkesbury had to far finished the work that they could be run to supply. Cheltenham, and he proposed arranging for a formal trial next week although it would be probably some weeks before the super heater would be in place and ready for running, and one section of the new sand washer had been delivered and was then in use for filling the filters.

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

H. WAGHORNE,

Chairman.

GENERAL PURPOSES AND WATCH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 16th day of October, 1900—Present : The Mayor; Councillors Bence, Baker, Davis, Dix, Gurney, Hayward, Lenthall, Moles, Preston and Waghorne (The Mayor in the chair)—

1— Fire Brigade—The Superintendent reported that on the 28th ulto. the Fire Brigade was called to a fire at No. 110, High Street, occupied by Mr. Wilkins, Ironmonger, which resulted in damage, estimated at £200 The cost of extinction amounted to £7 2s. 6d.

Also, on the 1st inst. to Swindon Farm, occupied by Mr. J. H. Theyer, which resulted in damage to the farm building, estimated at facto. The cost of extinction amounted to £9 13s. 6d.

In both instances the property was insured, and the particulars had been duly handed to the Borough Accountant.

2—Drivers' Licences—Applications for drivers' licences were received from James Hanley and David James. Resolved, That the application of Hanley be acceded to.

3—Wheel Chair Licence—Resolved, To accede to the application of Alfred Coveney for a wheel chair licence,

4-Driver more than once convicted within 12 months—The Inspector reported that Arthur Gardner had been convicted four times for breach of the Hackney Carriage Bye Laws since the 22nd of April last.

5-Hackney Carriage licence—A letter was read from Frederick Jones, of Portland Mews, stating that a landau licence granted to H. Walton had become vacant, as the carriage had been sold at auction and bought by a coach builder, and he applied for the transfer of the licence to himself as being the first applicant on the list for a landau licence. Resolved, To inform Mr. Jones that the Committee understand he is mistaken in supposing that Mr. Walton has parted with his landau, more-over the licence had not been sent in.

6-Sites for Municipal Offices—Resolved, That the consideration of the offers of sites received for Municipal Offices be adjourned until after November.

7-Yeomanry Drill Ground—A letter from Mr. Corbett was read, stating that he would accept the £20, offered him as a retainer in the event of the ground not being used in any year for the Yeomanry drill, the terms for such use to be as before; but, if required for other than military purposes, the price for such use to be a matter for arrangement at the time. Resolved, That the Council are not prepared to vary their previous resolution, to pay the retainer subject to their right to use the ground for any other purpose in an, year when not used for Yeomanry drill, upon the same terms as if it were used for drill.

8-Municipal Telephone Exchange—A letter from the Town Clerk of Gloucester was read, stating that the Gloucester Corporation recently entered into an agreement with the National Telephone Company, authorising the laying of certain wires underground, on the understanding that the system would be converted into a twin .wire system and otherwise improved, and the Corporation had not considered the question of providing a Municipal Exchange.

A letter was read from Mr. A. R. Bennett, stating that his fee for a Report on a town of the size of Cheltenham was 20 guineas. and travelling and other out of pocket expenses. Usually the total amount was £24 or £25.

The Town Clerk having intimated that he expected to be at Eastbourne shortly, and would ascertain and report as to what was being done there, as to the establishment of a Municipal Telephone Exchange. Resolved, That consideration of the matter be deferred pending the receipt of this information.

9-Remuneration of Cleaner and Caretaker at the Municipal Offices—Resolved, To pay Mrs. Cowley an additional 5s per week, the same as paid by Messrs. Brydges, Mellersh & Brydges, for the cleaning, &c, of the Offices recently, occupied by them and now occupied by the Borough Surveyor and the Rate Collector and his Staff, and for cleaning of the extra offices provided by the alteration of the room recently used as a Council Chamber.

10-Allotments in East Ward—An application was received from Thomas William Wells, of No. 23, York Street and James Taylor, of No. 23, Union Street, for a chain each of the Whaddon Lane Allotments, but rent her until Christmas, as the lots had not been cultivated before, and had couch on them several feet high. Resolved, To accede to the applications and to grant the tenancies rent free, until the 25th of March next.

11-Petroleum Licences--Resolved, To grant the applications received for renewal of petroleum licences, subject to the Borough Surveyor being satisfied on inspection, that the premises remain suitable for storage of petroleum in the quantities stated in the applications.

12-Cell at Lower High Street Police Station—A letter was read from Mr. E. T. Gardom, Clerk of the Peace for the County of Gloucester, stating that the Standing Joint Committee had acceded to the request of the Town Council for the provision of a Cell at the Lower High Street Police Station, and the County Surveyor was authorised to provide the same.

GEO. NORMAN,

Chairman.

BATHS AND RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 15th day of October, 1900,—Present:

Alderman Drew ; Councillors Baker, Bennett, Brown, Dix, Hayward, Lenthall, and Moles, (Councillor Lenthall in the chair).

1-Report of the Borough Surveyor to Baths & Recreation Grounds---Alstone Baths.—The Borough Surveyor reported that these Baths were closed on the 29th of September for thorough cleaning and examination of the boilers, at the request of the Boiler Insurance Company, the boilers having been in use for more than a year. During the short period before closing, the number of bathers was 1,154—

And the Receipts ..	£101 3 6
Amount reported last month ..	<u>£194 7 2</u>
	£205 0 8

Whilst the Baths had been closed he had taken advantage of it, to have the douch baths painted, and the caretaker had had his usual annual leave. The baths were then ready for reopening.

Agg-Gardner Recreation Ground—With regard to the suggested improvements he submitted a sketch, showing the laying out of the piece of ground at the west end of the present ground, so as to be available to the elder people who may wish to sit quietly without being disturbed by the children's games.

He recommended that all the swings be removed from the west end and be placed at the east end of the ground, near the belt of large beech trees, providing (including those to be removed) 2 giants strides, and at least 6 swings for boys, 6 swings for girls and 6 low swings for small children.

The roses and clematises to be replanted in the long bed at the west end of the garden, and the space now occupied by them to be replanted with limes, sycamores and purple beech, so as to provide shelter at the east end, with some laurel to be planted as under-growth.

East Ward Recreation Ground—The first 500 feet of the railing for the East Ward Recreation Ground had been delivered and the men commenced fixing it that morning.

Montpellier Baths—The number of persons using the Montpellier Baths during the month had been as follows, viz

Plunge Baths ..	£ 0 16 3
20 1st class	£ 2 0 0
103 2nd class ..	£ 5 3 0
131 3rd class ..	£ 2 10 4
724 Swimming ..	£18 2 0
Towels, Bathing Dresses and Refreshments ..	£ 0 13 7
Books of Tickets -- Tuition single lessons	£ 0 15 0
	£ s. d.
Swimming ..	3 0 0
Tuition ..	2 12 6
3rd class private ..	0 3 4
2nd class private ..	0 10 0 -- £7 0 10
	£36 8 0

The Contractor for putting the house in repair was making very satisfactory progress and the Superintendent would be able to occupy it that week. Resolved, As regards the proposed improvement of the Agg-Gardner Recreation Ground, that the matter be adjourned for consideration at a meeting of the Committee to be held on the ground, and that the Town Improvement Committee be requested to meet this Committee on that occasion, with a view to considering a request now made to them by this Committee, to exchange the piece of land belonging to the Pittville Estate marked A on the plan, for the piece of land on the plan marked B.

2—Alstone Baths—Gymnasium—A letter was read from Mr. Jackson, the Superintendent at these baths, suggesting that the swimming bath should be converted into a gymnasium for the winter months. Resolved, That the Council do not approve of this suggestion at all events for the ensuing winter, as they consider it desirable to keep it open for swimming.

3—Swimming Lessons at Montpellier Baths—The Chairman reported that the Borough Surveyor with his concurrence had provisionally arranged with Mrs. Braint to teach, swimming to ladies on the terms of her receiving a moiety of the charges. Resolved, That consideration of the matter be adjourned until the next monthly meeting of the Committee, and that in the mean-time information be obtained from other towns of the arrangements made with Superintendents of Corporation swimming baths as to whether or not they receive any, and (if so) what share of the charges made for teaching swimming.

J. S. LENTHALL, Chairman.

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BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Friday, the 28th day of September, 1900—Present The Mayor ; Alderman Haddon; Councillors Baker, Cypher, Davis and Moles (Councillor Moles in the chair)—

1—Dedication of Addition to Cemetery—The Mayor having read correspondence he had had with the Lord Bishop with reference to the dedication of the addition to the Cemetery, and having explained the arrangements he had made and proposed to make for the ceremony which would take place on the 9th proximo, Resolved, That the thanks of the Council be accorded to the Mayor for having conducted the correspondence with the Bishop, and that the arrangements so far made and suggested by the Mayor be cordially approved.

J. V. MOLES,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, the 19th day of October, 1900—Present The Mayor; Alderman Haddon; Councillors Baker, Brown, Cypher, M. Davis, and Moles (Councillor Moles in the chair)

2—Grave Space No. 2542 P.—A letter was read from Mr. T. H. Evans, Solicitor, in reply to one from the Town Clerk, expressing his clients' willingness to accept £5 to cover their out of pocket expenses for travelling, &c., together with the return of the purchase money for the grave space (£2 15s. 6d.) improperly resold to another person. Resolved, That the £15 be paid and the purchase money returned.

3—Design—The following design was examined and approved :—Headstone to Maria Cook. 4—Accounts—The following Accounts were examined and allowed =

G. C. Pratley, Labourer's Wages	£17 0 0
D. W. Channon, Decorating, &c	£ 7 5 0
W. J. Newth, Hire of Tent	£ 2 10 0

J. V. MOLES,

Chairman.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, the 23rd day of October, 1900, Present Alderman Drew ; Councillors Bence, Gurney, Hayward, Macdonald and Waghorne. (Councillor Gurney in the chair).

1—Report re Rates Collection—The Borough Accountant reported that since the last Meeting, the following sums had been received, viz :—District Rate £455 19s. 11d., Water Rate £168 16s. 8d. The balancing up of the Rate Books for the last half-year had not been completed, owing to the illness of Mr. Loveridge, who was then better, and the work would then be proceeded with as fast as possible. The Collection for this half year would be proceeded with at the earliest date.

2—Unsanctioned Capital Expenditure—Resolved, That the attention of the Council be called to the fact that large sums of money have been expended without the necessary sanction of the Local Government Board or other proper Authority having been first obtained, and that in order to avoid the great inconvenience that may arise from a continuance of such a course, no further expenditure be authorised by the Council for which such sanction is necessary without the same having been first received.

3—Interest on Loan from Mr. C. E. Brydges and the Rev. R. Coxwell Rogers—A letter was read from Mr. G. E. Brydges, on behalf of himself and the Rev. B. Coxwell Rogers, asking the Council to allow interest at 3 ½ per cent. instead of 3 ¼ per cent. on the £1,300 to be lent by them, as was now being done in other cases where there was no liability to pay commission. Resolved, That after the expiration of six months from the 8th of February last, the date on which the loan will be made, interest at the rate of 3 ½ instead of 3 ¼ per cent. be paid thereon.

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4—County Rate Basis—A Notice was received from Mr. E. T. Gardom, Clerk to the County Council, stating that the Committee appointed by the County Council for preparing a Basis or Standard for the County Rate, proposed to alter the Basis or Standard in force for the Borough, and to be the same as follows:—Net Annual Value of the Parish £267,235. Net Annual Value of the Agricultural Land in the Parish £7,165. Net Annual Value of the Buildings and other Hereditaments not being Agricultural Land in the Parish £260,070. Assessable Value of the Parish being one-half of the sum of £7,165 added to the sum of £260,070, viz., £263,652.

5—Report of the Borough Accountant re Loans—The Borough Accountant laid before the Committee a Report on the Loans in process of negotiation.

He reported that he had received an intimation from Mr. Leaver, of Lloyds Bank, that the Bank considered that the increased rate of interest of 4 per cent, on the overdraft of account should commence from the date of the interview with Messrs. Hayward and Bence and the Borough Accountant, viz., the 12th of September.

That the proposed commission on the Bank Account should commence from 30th June, 1900, seeing the great increase in the account especially during the last two or three years, the charges having been simply on the overdraft without any payment for keeping the account.

He instanced the difficulty of raising Loans at the present time at a satisfactory rate of interest.

He had negotiated Loans, as follows:

Electric Lighting £16,600 Loan—From Bristol Corporation .. £5,000 at 3 ¼ per cent., Commission 3/8 per cent. 5 years breakable at 3 years.

“ “ From Mrs. Gladys Henegan £1,050 [at] 3 ¼ per cent., Commission ½ per cent., 12 months and 6 months notice.

Waterworks .. From Mrs. Mary Jane Margrett .. £2,717 at 3 ¼ per cent., “ ½ per cent.

Rodney Road .. From Me. John James Cavill £1,050 at 3 ½ per cent.—no commission.

Total £9,167

Resolved, That the Committee see no alternative at present but to accept the proposal of Lloyds Bank for the increase of the rate of interest on the overdraft of account to 4 per cent., to commence from the 12th of September.

Also that the question of the payment of Commission for the keeping of the Bank Account be allowed to stand over pending negotiations for loans then in progress, and that the Chairman be authorised to confer with Mr. Leaver thereon.

And that the Loans negotiated by the Borough Accountant be accepted and debentures sealed and issued accordingly.

6—Accounts—The Financial Statement of the Receipts and Expenditure since the last Meeting and the Bills and Accounts to be paid were examined, and the latter amounting to £12,694 19s. 10d. ordered to be paid by the Borough Treasurer.

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

The following was the General Statement :—

Overdrawn on the 25th September last	£15,954 3 8
Paid since that date	<u>£15,940 16 10</u>
	£31,895 0 6
Received since that date	<u>£12,256 11 3</u>
Overdrawn	£19,638 5 3
Being Ordinary Rates Expenditure	£5432 10 4
Electric Lighting, Waterworks and other Capital Accounts	<u>£14,205 18 11</u>
	£19,638 5 3

W. GERALD GURNEY Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Thursday, the 25th day of October, 1900 —Present: Alderman Drew Councillors Bence, Dix, Gurney, Hayward and Macdonald (Councillor Gurney in the chair)—

7—Loan of £100,000—An offer was received to lend £100,000 for say 20 years at 3 ½ per cent. interest with ½ per cent. commission. Resolved, To instruct the Borough Accountant to have an interview with the person from whom he had received the offer in London next day with a view to trying to arrange more favourable terms.

W. GERALD GURNEY, Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, the 29th day of October, 1900, Present: Councillors Bence, Gurney, Macdonald and Waghorne (Councillor Gurney in the chair).

8—Loan of £100,000—The Borough Accountant reported the result of his interview in London with the person from whom he had received the offer of £100,000. Resolved, That consideration of the matter be adjourned pending further negotiations.

W. GERALD GURNEY, Chairman.

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PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of that Committee, held on Tuesday, the 16th day of October, 1900—Present : Councillors Bennett, Hayward, Moles, Preston and Rickerby ; The Rev. J. Evans, The Rev. J. Mugliston, Rev. R. G. Fairbairn ; The Baron de Ferrieres ; Messrs. A. Beckingsale, Evan Butler, J. G. Carr, W. Cresswell, and G. H. Palmer (Councillor Hayward in the chair)—

1—Librarian's Report--The Librarian reported that the Receipts at the Library since the date of the last meeting amounted to £5 13s. Od., and that the following gifts had been made to the Library during the past month, viz. :—

Board of Trade	2 Volumes
Trustees of the British Museum	3 “
Cornelius E. Cardew	2 “
R. Sadler	2 “
C. R. Trinder	2 “
Sir J. Dorington, Bart,	89 “

He also read a report he had prepared with reference to his visit to Bristol to attend the Library Conference held there last month. Resolved, That the thanks of the Committee be given to Mr. Jones for his exhaustive and interesting report.

2— Report of the Sub-Committee—The Sub-Committee reported that they recommended that the list of worn-out books submitted be replaced at a cost of about £10.

That the wages of F. W. Turner be increased from 6s to 8s per week.

That the Librarian be instructed to have the leakage in the roof over the School of Art stopped.

That application be made to the Art Gallery Committee for the use of the large Gallery for a week in November for the holding of an Exhibition of Books on Decorative Art.

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

3-Accounts—Resolved, That the following Accounts be passed for payment, viz. :—

H. Ashley, Repairs (Leckhampton)	£ 0 13 9
Cossens & Knight, New Books	£ 4 10 6
“ “ Newspapers and Periodicals	£17 5 9
“ “ “ “ “ (Leckhampton)	£ 2 3 6
T. Miles & Co., New Books	£ 1 3 8
Norman & Sawyer (Binding and Lettering £13 10s. 8d., Stationery- £5 11s. 3d.)	£19 1 11
G. F. Poole, Printing Annual Report	£ 2 15 0
W. Sawyer & Co., Coal	£ 2 10 0
Wages for November	£17 2 0
Electric Lighting	£12 0 0
A. C. & S. Billings	£428 16 3
H. W. Chatters	£ 2 10 0
Expenses of Librarian to attend Conference	3£ 0 5

C. HAYWARD, Chairman.

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, the 24th day of October, 1900—Present :
Aldermen Haddon and Skillicorne, Councillors Bennett, Cypher and Preston (Councillor Preston 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 41 schools, from which 658 names of absentee children had been extracted, all of whom had been visited. They also reported that the parents at 88 children had been summoned to attend before the Local Committees, who had held 8 meetings ; that 12 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. :—Annie Poytress, Harry Lypeatt, Harry Loveridge, William Bishop, Beatrice Cook, Kate Lynch, Thomas Flynn, Edward Ursell, Annie Stephens, Thomas Brown, Newman Walter, Edith Holder and Lilly Toms.

That proceedings under Sec. 12 of the Act of 1876, be taken against the parents of :—Florence Clapton, Frederick Hopkins and Edward Evans ; and that proceedings under Sec. 12 of the said Act be taken against the parents of,—William Thomas Wildsmith and William Lewis.

3 - Committees Room—Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be requested to re-arrange the School Attendance Officers' Room at the Municipal Offices, to make it more available for use as a Committee room for meetings of the Local Committees.

WILLIAM PRESTON, Chairman.

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Borough of Cheltenham

MINUTES of the Proceedings of Committees of the Town Council to be submitted for approval at the Monthly Meeting of the Council, to be held on Monday, the 3rd day of December, 1900.

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 12th day of November, 1900—Present . The Mayor Alderman Skillicorne ; Councillors M. Davis, R. Davies, Gurney and H. Waghorne (Councillor Gurney in the chair).

1—Chairman--Resolved, That Councillor Bence be appointed Chairman of this Committee for the year ending 31st October, 1901.

2—Chairman—In the absence of Councillor Bence, Resolved, That Councillor Gurney be appointed Chairman at this meeting.

3—Insanitary Property at Bayshill Cottage, St. George's Place, Nos. 15, 28 and 29, Rutland Street, and Nos. 9 and 10. Brunswick 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, eaves, spouting, Cc. 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.

4— 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, 4 of Erysipelas. 5 of Enteric Fever, and 6 of Diphtheria ; that 4 cases of Scarlet Fever, 1 of Enteric Fever, and 3 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 4 of Scarlet Fever.

5 -- Nuisance from Drains, &c., at Caledonian House, Swindon Road, Nos 5 & 6, Montpellier Avenue, Heath's Cottage, Swindon Road, No. 4, St. James's Terrace, No. 22, Upper Norwood Street, and No. 20, Tivoli Street—The Inspector of Nuisances having made written application under Section 41 of the Public Health Act, stating that the drains, Cc., 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- Overcrowding at No. 1, Elmstone Street and Vine Tree Cottage, Commercial 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.

7—Cleansing and Limewashing--No. 10, Commercial Street, Nos. 2 & 3, York Cottages, No. 10, Nailsworth Terrace, No. 4, Keighley Terrace, Nos. 56 & 57, Rutland Street, Malakoff Cottage, Fairview Road, No. 12, Lower Park Street, Nos. 28, 20 & 31, Rutland Street, No. 8, Union Street, and No. 23, Jersey 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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8—Wells at No. 13, Albert Street, St. Paul's, and No. 28, Hanover 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, 1875, be taken to obtain orders for these wells to be closed.

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—Urinals at Collett's Brewery, St. Paul's Road, The Three Horse Shoes Inn and The Boar's Head, Henrietta Street—The Medical Officer of Health reported that these Urinals were no foul for want of proper water flushing and structural repair as to be a nuisance or injurious to health. Resolved, That Notice under Sec. 94 of the Public Health Act, 1875, be served on the owners of the premises, requiring them to abate the nuisances, and for that purpose to lay on a sufficient and proper water supply thereto for flushing and execute such structural repairs as shall be specified.

12—Houses let in Lodgings—The Medical Officer of Health recommended that the Landlords of the following houses let in lodgings, viz :—Rodney House, Nos. 2, 3 & 7, Rodney Place, Nos. 1, 7, 9, 13 & 21, Rodney Terrace, and Nos. 23 and 24, Regent Street should be required to give the necessary information for registration. Resolved, That the Landlords of the houses above-mentioned be served with notices signed by the Town Clerk, requiring them within seven days, to supply the information necessary for the registration of the same as lodging-houses by the Council, as specified by Bye-law

No. 7 of the Bye-laws in force with respect to houses let in lodgings, except as to age and sex of occupants and names of lessees.

13—Urinal at Messrs. Dobell's Premises in Fairview Road—A letter was read from Mr. Gale protesting against the erection of this Urinal, which appeared to him to be for the use of the general public, as it was immediately opposite his property and would depreciate its value. Resolved, To inform Mr. Gale that the Council cannot interfere as the Urinal is on private property, and they consider that the intention to supply a public want by Messrs. Dobell & Co. is much appreciated by others than their own customers.

14—Alleged Nuisance at Uckington from Sewage Farms—A letter from the Local Government Board was read with which they forwarded an extract from a letter received by them from the Rev. O. B. Roberts, Chairman of the Uckington Parish Meeting, complaining of the pollution of the atmosphere at Uckington and Hardwicke from the sewage irrigation, and the Board requested to be furnished with the observations of the Council thereon. Resolved, To adjourn consideration of the matter pending a visit of the Committee to the locality.

15—Report of Farm Bailiff—The Farm Bailiff presented his report of the management of the farms at Heyden during the past month.

16—Building Plans—The Borough Surveyor laid before the Committee the following plans which he had received of proposed new buildings, viz.:—

No. of Plan.	Name.	Description.
1353	J. Moore & Son	Two Villas at Glencairn Park Estate
1355	Mr. Hall ..	New Road and Footpaths through land adjoining and in rear of St. Cloud, Leckhampton Road

Resolved, That as regards drainage and other sanitary matters the same be approved.

W. GERALD GURNEY,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 19th day of November, 1900—Present : The Mayor Alderman Skillicorne . Councillors M. Davis, R. Davies, Gurney, Lenthall, Parsonage and H. Waghorne (Councillor Parsonage in the chair)—

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

18—Zymotic Disease—The Medical Officer of Health reported that there had been notified since the last meeting of the Committee. cases of Scarlet Fever, 2 of Enteric Fever, and 1 of Diphtheria, that 2 cases of Scarlet Fever, and 1 of Diphtheria had been sent into the Delancey Hospital, and that the cases of Enteric Fever were being treated in the General Hospital, and that the number of cases then in the Delancey Hospital sent in by the Corporation was 4 of Scarlet Fever, and 2 of Diphtheria.

19-Cleansing and Limewashing at Nos. 10 & 25, Victoria Street, St. Paul's Nos 13 & 23, Albert Street, St. Paul's, No. 4, Kear's Cottages, Nos. 10 ½, 11, 12 & 13, Grove Street The Shamrock Inn, No. 20, Grove Street, Cumberland House and 11, Grove 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 endangered thereby. Resolved, That Notices be given to the owners under the said Section requiring the houses to be cleansed and limewashed.

20-Nuisance from Drains, &c., at No. 18, Princes Street, Springwell House, Bath Road, Roseville, Hewlett Road, Adaville, Mitre Street, and Morton Cottage, Mitre Street-The Inspector of Nuisances having made written application under Sec. 45 of the Public Health Act, 1875, stating that the drains, &c., on or belonging to the above-named houses were in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to health. Resolved, That authority be given to the Inspector of Nuisances to open the ground, examine the drains, and, if necessary, give the notices and act as provided by the said Section

21-Insanitary Property at No. 6, York Street, Nos. 1 and 2, Bubb's Cottages, No. 2, Pear Tree Cottages, No. 5, Green's Court, Tewkesbury Road, Nos. 15, 17 and 18, Princes Street, Nos. 17 and 17 ½ Burton Street and Nos. 2, 6 and 7, Victoria Street, St. Paul's- The Medical Officer of Health reported that the premises above-mentioned were in such a state as to be injurious to the health of the inmates owing to defective roofs, walls, ceilings, 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,

22-Dairies, Cowsheds and Milkshops Order-Applications were received from W. J. Follett, of All Saints' Dairy, and Richard Davis, of No. 3, Rotunda Terrace, to be registered as Dairymen Resolved, That the applications be acceded to.

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 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-Notices not Complied with-The Medical Officer of Health handed in a list of Notices which had been served requiring owners or occupiers of houses to provide water supply to flushing apparatus, to close wells, to provide flushing apparatus and ash receptacles. and remedy defects of drainage, w.c's &c., but had not been complied with. Resolved, To instruct the Town Clerk to take proceedings to compel compliance with the notices.

26-Urinals at the Greyhound Inn, Hewlett's Road, The King William, Bath Road, and The Cleaveland Inn, Cleaveland Street-The Medical Officer of Health reported that these Urinals were in such a bad condition owing to defects of structure, &c., as to be nuisances. Resolved, That Notice under Sec 94 of the Public Health Act, 1875, be served on the owners requiring them to carry out such works of repair, &c., as shall be specified and are necessary to abate the nuisances.

27-Houses let in Lodgings-The Medical Officer of Health recommended that the Landlords of the following houses let in Lodgings, viz.-Nos. 5, 8, 14, 15 & 18, Northfield Terrace, and No. 1, Cottage Place, Monson Avenue be required to give the necessary information for registration. Resolved, That the landlords of the houses above-mentioned be served with Notices signed by the Town Clerk, requiring them within seven days to supply the information necessary for the registration of the same as lodging houses by the Council, as specified in Bye-Law No. 7 of the Bye-Laws in force with respect to houses let in lodgings, except as to the age and sex of the occupants and the names of the lessees.

28-House without W.C.- The Medical Officer of Health reported that the premises of the London Central Meat Market, No. 3, Westall Buildings, were without a sufficient water closet, earth closet or privy. Resolved, That Notice under Sec. 36 of the Public Health Act, 1875, be served on the owner or owners of the premises requiring him her or them within a reasonable time as specified to provide a sufficient water closet upon the premises.

29----Bailiff at Barn Farm-A letter was read from W. Mason, an employee at the Heyden Farms, applying for appointment as Bailiff at the Barn Farm. Resolved, To authorise Mr. Berkeley to engage a man as a responsible working foreman at the Barn Farm at a salary not exceeding 25s per week with the occupation of the Farm House in which he will be required to live, and that Mr. Mason and Mr. J. Powell be referred to Mr. Berkeley.

30-Chaff Cutter, Boiler and Machinery at Barn Farm-With reference to the Resolution to Minute No. 31 of the proceedings of this Committee of date the 15th of October last, referred back by the Council for reconsideration, Resolved, That the offer of Mr. Corbett be not accepted.

31-Nuisance from Sewage at Uckington-A letter was read from the Local Government Board with which they forwarded an extract from a letter which had been addressed to them by the Rev G. B. Roberts, Chairman of the Uckington Parish Meeting, complaining of the polluted state of the air caused by the contamination of the ditches and watercourses in the locality by sewage overflow from fields supplied with the Corporation sewage and arising from an open sewage carrier in a field supplied as aforesaid running for some distance at about 10 yards therefrom beside a path leading to the schools and the adjoining hamlet of Hardwicke

The Mayor reported that the following members of the Committee, viz., himself, Alderman Skillicorne, and Councillors M. Davis, Lenthall, and H. Waghorne had paid a visit to the locality on the previous Friday. Resolved, That the Medical Officer and the Borough Surveyor be instructed to prepare and bring up a Report with reference to the subject matter of the extract above-mentioned at the next ordinary meeting of the Committee.

32—Building Plan—The Borough Surveyor laid before the Committee a plan which he had received of a proposed new building, viz.

No. of Plan.	Name.	Description
1357	F. J. Wright	Pair of semi-detached houses on the Glencairn Park Estate.

Resolved, That as regards drainage and other sanitary matters the same be approved.

E. H. PARSONAGE,

Chairman.

STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 13th day of November, 1900—Present The Mayor ; Aldermen Haddon and Skillicorne ; Councillors Baker, Brown and M. Davis (Councillor Baker in the chair)—

1—Chairman-Resolved, That Councillor Baker be appointed Chairman of this Committee for the ensuing year.

2—Colonnade Wood Paving—A Letter was read from the Local Government Board forwarding their sanction to a loan of £603 for the paving of the Colonnade with Jarrah wood paving blocks, the repayment of such loan to be made within 10 years from the date of borrowing.

3-Land near Harley Lodge, Tivoli, and in Albert Road, Pittville—A letter was read from the Local Government Board forwarding their formal sanction to a loan of £160 for the purchase of land at Tivoli and Pittville for street improvement purposes, repayment to be made within 30 years from date of borrowing. Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to take the necessary steps to obtain vacant possession of the land at Tivoli.

4--Oxford Street Private Improvement Works—A letter was read from Mr. R. T. J. Price, owner of No 5, Oxford Street, notifying that he disputed the apportionment of expenses for the above works on the ground that the amount charged him was excessive for the work done. Resolved, That Mr. Price be informed that the Committee see no reason to depart from the apportionment as the works other than the making of the roadway, were carried out under contract.

5 ---Roadways and Footpaths in neighbourhood of Park Place— A letter was read from Mr. G. A. Grist, of No. 26, Park Place, com-plaining of the very bad state of the roads and footpaths in his neighbourhood, and particularly of the road leading from Ashford Road at the end and back of Park Place and to Suffolk Hall. Resolved, That Mr. Grist be informed that the attention of the Borough Surveyor has been called to his complain.

6—Old Bath Road—The Borough Surveyor laid before the Committee a plan of a proposed building estate in Old Bath Road, and he reported as to communications which had passed between the owners and himself with respect to the improvement, by widening, of the Old Bath Road. Resolved, That the matter be adjourned for the Committee to view.

7— Central Depot—The attention of the Committee having been called to the practice of selling cement and other materials from the Central Depot to Tradesmen and Contractors with the Corporation. Resolved, That the practice is one that should not be sanctioned by the Council and that it be put an end to forthwith.

8—Bridges over Great Western Railway—The Borough Surveyor laid before the Committee plans he had received from the Engineer to the Great Western Railway Company for the substitution of archway bridges for girder bridges over the Hatherley and Alma Roads, and for a lowering of one of the bridges over the Hatherley Road to the present height of the other bridge over the same road. Resolved, That the plans be approved.

9 —Building Plans—The Borough Surveyor laid before the Committee the following Plans which he had received of proposed new buildings, or new streets, viz.:—

No. of Plan.	Name.	Description.
1350	Captain Simmons	Bay Window at No. 2, Naunton Park Terrace
1351	H. T. Young	Wash-house and Coalhouse at Naunton House, Bath Road.
1352	James Winstone	Lock-up Shop, Fairview Road
1353	J. Moore and Sons	Two Villas, Glencairn Park Estate
1354	M. Charles	Bay Window at 2, Rowanfield Villas
1355	W. Hall	New Road and Footpaths through land adjoining and in rear of St. Cloud, Leckhampton Road
1356	Committee of Dean Close Memorial Schools	Covered Shed at side of Swimming Bath, Dean Close School

Resolved, That the same be approved as shown.

WILLIAM A. BAKER,
Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 26th day of November, 1900—Present: Aldermen Haddon and Skillicorne ; Councillors Baker, Bence, Brown, Davis, Lenthall and Parsonage (Councillor Baker in the chair)—

10—Wood Paving in Colonnade—A letter was read from Mr. A. A. Dighton, complaining of the slippery condition of this paving owing to the want of grit on the surface. Resolved, To inform Mr. Dighton that the Council has decided to have a receptacle for the grit placed within a convenient distance, and in future the paving will be kept well roughed with it.

11—Gas Lane—A letter was read from Mr. G. Smith, complaining of the unsatisfactory state of this road. Resolved, To adjourn consideration of the matter for view, and that the Manager of the Gas Works be invited to meet the Committee on the occasion.

12—Hayward's Road, North End —A letter was read from Mrs. A. N. Jenkins, complaining of the condition of this road at the North end, which was very much cut up by the traffic from Messrs. Webb Bros.' brick yard. Resolved, That consideration of the matter be adjourned for view.

13—Winstonian Road—A letter was read from Col. Thoyts, calling attention to the bad state of repair of this road. Resolved, That consideration of the same be adjourned for view.

14 — Paving &c., in front of Greville House —A letter was read from Miss Hamilton, complaining of the dilapidated condition of the pavement and gutters in front of this house. Resolved, That Miss Hamilton be informed that the matter shall receive attention as soon as other matters now on hand of an urgent character have been completed.

15—Building Estate in Old Bath Road—The Borough Surveyor informed the Committee that the owners of this Estate were willing to give up sufficient land to make the road 50ft. wide if the Council would pipe the ditch on the East and form the footpath on the West side of the road. Resolved, That consideration of the matter be adjourned for the Borough Surveyor to an estimate of the cost of these suggestions.

16—Report of the Borough Surveyor--The Borough Surveyor reported that the work done by the Highways Department during the month ending November 23rd, 1900, had been as follows, viz. :—

Repaired with Clee Hill Stone—Malvern Road 4511 super yards, Sandfield Road 540 super yards, Tewkesbury Road 2220 super yards, The Park (middle only) 2600 super yards, and Manchester Street 1048 super yards.

Patched with Clee Hill Stone—St. George's Place, Imperial Square, Hewlett Street, Pittville Circus, St. George's Road, Evesham Road, Winchcomb Street, Sherborne Place, St. James's Square, Gloucester Road, Queen's Road, Prestbury Road, Suffolk Square, Bayshill Road, Portland Street, London Road, Hatherley Road, Queen's Parade, High Street, Sherborne Street, Promenade, Hale's Road, Leamington Place, Regent Street, Bath Road, Ambrose Street, Painswick Lawn, All Saints' Road, Battledown Approach, Swindon Road, St. Paul's Road, New Street, Hewlett Road, Suffolk Parade, Norwood Road, Hall Road, and Moorend Park Road.

Repaired with Wickwar Stone—Shelburne Road (proceeding), Clarence Parade 805 super yards, and Wellesley Road 1817 super yards.

Patched with Wickwar Stone—Pittville Crescent, Synagogue Lane, Montpellier Grove, Promenade, Back Saxham Villas, Clarence Square, Wellington Road, Princes Street, Overton Park, Carlton Street, Christ Church Road, Knapp Road, Royal Crescent, Clarence Street, Duke Street, Keynsham Road, Keynsham Street, Berkeley Street, St. Paul's Street, North, St. Margaret's Road, St. Paul's Street, South, Chester Walk, Douro Road, Malvern Place.

Repaired with Local Stone—The Park 2550 super yards.

The footpath on the South side of Market Street had been repaired with Wickwar gravel 667 super yards.

The footpath in the road leading from Tivoli Street to Hatherley Street had been repaired with Wickwar gravel 800 super yards. The improvement of the corner in Norwood Road (by the Grafton Brewery) had been completed.

A new McDougall's brick crossing had been laid in Dunalley Parade in front of Messrs. Holliday & Page's slaughterhouse to replace a defective one.

The ditch in Old Bath Road from the railway bridge towards High Street was being lowered and piped through for a distance of 21 yards, so as to allow the pipes which cross the road to be relaid at a lower depth, and prevent damage by traction engines.

Ashes Collection and Disposal-1159 loads collected, 1008 loads consumed, 1099 tons 12 cwt.

The Contractor informed the Borough Surveyor that he would complete the Harp Hill improvement that week.

17—Clinker Slab Factory—The following Tenders were received for the erection of this building, viz

Messrs. Collins & Godfrey	£719 0 0
A. C. & S. Billings	£763 0 0
Wm. Bowers & Co., Hereford ..	£771 0 0
C. H. Channon & Son ..	£876 0 0
John Priest & Son, Ltd., Bristol	£975 7 0
F. Smith & Co., Stratford, E. ..	£1040 4 0

Resolved, That the Tender of Messrs. Collins & Godfrey be accepted.

18—Road back of Lansdown Place ; Millbrook Street—Resolved, To instruct the Borough Surveyor to bring up specifications of the works required to be done in these streets at the expense of the Corporation and the abutting owners respectively.

19—Gulley in front of Mr. Arter's Stable Resolved, To request Miss Darby to fix a new street gulley, with new stone and grating, in lieu of the existing dilapidated one.

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20—Private Improvement Works in Chapel Lane, (back of Railway Inn, Great Norwood Street), All Saints' Terrace Road, and Road from Exmouth Street to Exmouth Court—Specifications from the Surveyor, of the Works required to be done to the above Streets were read and approved. And it was Resolved, That the necessary plans, sections and estimates be prepared, and Notices be given under Section 150 of the Public Health Act, 1875, to the owners of the premises fronting, adjoining, or abutting upon the parts of the said Streets requiring to be sewered, levelled, paved, metalled, flagged, channelled or made good ; requiring them to do the specified works within 28 days ; and that if such Notices are not complied with, the Surveyor 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.

21-Private Improvement Works in Commercial Street--A Specification from the Surveyor, of the works required to be done to the above street was read and approved. And it was Resolved. That

Notice be given under Section 44 of the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1852, to the owners of the premises fronting, adjoining or abutting upon the parts of the said Street, requiring to be drained, levelled, repaired, flagged and channelled ; requiring them to do the specified works within 28 days ; and that, if such Notice is not complied with, the Surveyor do proceed to execute the works mentioned or referred to therein ; and that the expenses thereof be recovered in the manner provided by the Act, and the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1889.

22-Hermitage Street Private Improvement Works—The Borough Surveyor reported that the cost of executing these works had amounted to the sum of £126 2s. 1d. Resolved, That in settling the apportionment regard be had to the degree of benefit to be derived by the owners of the abutting premises, and that the apportionment as thus made be approved and Notices of the same and of demand be served upon the owners.

23—Building Plans—The Borough Surveyor laid before the Committee the following plans which he had received of intended new buildings, viz :—

No. on Plan.	Name.	Description.
1357	F. J. Wright	Two semi-detached Villas in Glencairn Park Estate.
1358	Arnold Perrett & Co., Limited.	Bay window to Gloucester House Inn, Gloucester Road.
—	W. H. Astman	Addition to No. 36, Carlton Street.

Resolved, That No. 1357 be approved ; that No. 1358 be approved provided the owners will give up the remainder of the forecourt to widen the footpath, and that the consideration of the plan submitted by Mr. Astman be adjourned for the Committee to view.

WILLIAM A. BAKER,

Chairman.

TOWN IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Wednesday, the 14th day of November, 1900—Present : The Mayor ; Councillors Baker and Lenthall-

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 19th day of November, 1900—Present : The Mayor ; Alderman Winterbotham ; Councillors Baker, Hayward, Lenthall and Rickerby (Alderman Winterbotham in the chair)-

2—Winter Garden--Salem Bazaar—A letter was read from Mrs. E. W. Beckingsale, Hon. Sec. to the Ladies' Committee, stating that the church and congregation at Salem contemplated holding a Bazaar on March 19th, 20th, and 21st next, and requesting to be informed if they could have the use

of one large and two small rooms at the Winter Garden for the purpose and what the charge would be approximately. Resolved, That consideration of the matter be adjourned pending the settlement of a scale of charges.

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3—Herr Groop's Band —A letter was read from Herr A. Groop requesting permission to bring a band of twelve first-class musicians to play in various parts of the town during January, February and March next. Resolved, That the request be not acceded to.

4—Illustrated Guide to Cheltenham -A letter was read from Mr. E. J. Burrow, of St. John's Studio, Hewlett Street, stating that he contemplated issuing on his own responsibility an Illustrated Guide to Cheltenham provided that the Council would take some of the copies when published, which copies he would undertake to distribute from his London Office to likely visitors and residents, and he requested the Committee to allow him to state that it is issued under the auspices of the Town Improvement Committee. Resolved, That the request be agreed to.

5—Gifts of Plants—The Borough Surveyor reported that he had received from Colonel Saunders, of Lansdown Parade, two large palms and one large cycas revoluta, and also some plants from Mrs. St. Clair Ford and Mr. W. Hall. Resolved, That the best thanks of the Council be tendered to the donors for their gifts.

JAS. B. WINTERBOTHAM,

Chairman.

TOWN IMPROVEMENT & GENERAL PURPOSES AND WATCH COMMITTEES

At a joint Meeting of these Committees, held on Tuesday, the 20th day of November, 1900—

Present : The Mayor ; Aldermen Drew and Winterbotham ; Councillors Baker, Davis, Gurney, Lenthall, Moles, Preston, Rickerby and J. Waghorne (Alderman Winterbotham in the chair)—

1—Chairman--Resolved, That Alderman Winterbotham be appointed Chairman at joint meetings of these Committees during the year ending 31st of October next.

2 —Winter Garden—The Borough Surveyor submitted the following Report :—" The Contractors are making fair progress with all the works.

Brickwork—Messrs. Collins and Godfrey have finished the walls of the conveniences and six of the buttresses on the East side are built to the full height, five buttresses on the West side are built to the full height but not yet connected with the main walls. The foundations of all the remainder are built to above ground level.

Window Frames—The window frames for the East side are all ready for fixing.

Purlins—The purlins on the Concert Room are all fixed complete ready for the glazier. The purlins for the dome are fixed as far as the ironwork permits, and those over the transepts are being fixed to-day. The brickwork upon the parapet wall is all built ready for plastering and this will be commenced to-morrow (Wednesday).

Ironwork--The whole of the ironwork has left the Contractors' Works but some which left on the 13th instant has not yet arrived, and this is causing some delay to the dome.

The Contractors (Messrs. Hill and Smith) inform me that they will complete the dome and transepts in every respect this month, i.e., by the end of next week, and they promise to employ more men as soon as the materials now on the way arrive, so as to get the rink advanced.

Glazing— Messrs. Helliwell and Co's men have commenced work on the Concert Room and will be ready for placing the glass in position next week, in the meantime they are fixing the lead flashing over the purlins, and the steel bars.

Heating—Messrs. Williams & Co. have fixed about 270 feet of steam pipe in the roof and will to-night have half of the whole length in place. They anticipate that the motors, fans and heaters will be delivered at the end of next week and as they will all be self-contained they will be fixed in a very short time.

Curtains—I submit for your approval samples and prices for the proposed curtains, together with a drawing and estimate for the alteration of the East entrance.

Verandah—The verandah will be of sufficient length for three carriages to take up at the same time and will overhang the side of the carriages in the same way as a railway station roof. The door is Van Kannel's patent, which absolutely prevents any draught, and though somewhat costly are the best fittings for the purpose.

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I see no difficulty in completing the Concert Room, dome and transepts within the time, and, if the iron is delivered as promised, the rink can also be ready. Should there be any delay in this point however, the only alternative will be to board up the South side of the dome. The decision can, however, be left over until about Christmas when the floor will be laid."

Loans for Alterations—A letter from the Local Government Board was read stating that as the applications had been varied and the amounts altered it would be convenient if the Board could be furnished with a statement showing precisely what applications the Town Council now wish the Board to consider. The Board should also be furnished with a statement showing under appropriate heads the precise amounts now proposed to be borrowed in respect of the different classes of work and indicating in respect of what works a tender has been accepted and the amount of tender in each case, and the statement should be accompanied by plans and estimates as regards the works in respect of which such particulars have not yet been submitted. Further, if the Resolutions already passed by the Council directing applications for sanctions for loans, copies of which have been forwarded to the Board, do not cover the total amount now required to be borrowed, a supplementary resolution should be passed, and a copy of it sent to the Board. Resolved, That consideration of the matter be adjourned.

JAS. B. WINTERBOTHAM,

Chairman.

At a joint Meeting of these Committees, held on Wednesday, the 21st day of November, 1900—
Present, Alderman Winterbotham ; Councillors Baker, Gurney, Lenthall, Moles, Rickerby, H.
Waghorne and J. Waghorne (Alderman Winterbotham in the chair)—

3—Winter Garden—With reference to the letter from the Local Government Board and the Report of the Borough Surveyor, read at the last meeting of this Committee, Resolved, That application be made to the Local Government Board for sanction to a loan of £9,650 to provide for the following expenditure :—

Strengthening Ironwork of Roof (£1,670 and extras £350)..	£2020
Reglazing Roof ..	£1843
Brickwork and Alterations to Building ..	£3000
Heating and Ventilating	£ 720
Lighting	£ 750
Decorations..	£ 150
Curtains, Plants, &c.	£ 500
Alterations to East Entrance	£ 280
Orchestra Stage.	<u>£ 150</u>
	£9413
Contingencies in respect of all items except as to the ironwork.	£ 237
	£9650

Also Resolved, That the draft letter to the Local Government Board submitted by the Town Clerk be approved and sent.

Lighting of Building—The question of the lighting of the Winter Garden was discussed with the Borough Electrical Engineer. Resolved, That the Electrical Engineer do obtain tenders on a specification to be prepared by him for the temporary lighting of the Winter Garden.

JAS. B. WINTERBOTHAM,

Chairman.

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LIGHTING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Wednesday, the 11th day of November, 1900—Present :
The Mayor ; Councillors Baker, Brown, Stroud, and J. Waghorne (The Mayor in the chair)

1—Chairman—Resolved, That the Mayor be appointed Chairman of this Committee for the ensuing year.

GEO. NORMAN,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Wednesday, the 21st day of November, 1900. Present--
The Mayor; Aldermen Haddon and Holliday; Councillors Baker, Brown, Davies, Stroud and F.
Waghorne. (The Mayor 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 : —

LOW PRESSURE CABLES.

Date	Legal Standard.	Test at Manchester Street
1900. Nov. 1st	200 Volts.	207 Volts.
“ 10th....	200 “	<u>207 “</u>
		Average. 207 “

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

ILLUMINATING POWER.

PURITY.

1900		1900	Grains of Sulphur per 100 cubic ft.
Nov. 1st ..	16.80 candles	Nov. 1-2	14.81
“ 10th..	16.63	“ 8-9	13.30
“ 15th..	15.63		
	Average 16.35		Average 14.05

4—Gas Inspector's Report—The Gas Inspector reported that the hourly average consumption of gas
per lamp during the pre, month had been as follows, viz :—Ordinary, 4.234 cubic feet, No. 4
Incandescents, 4.868 cubic feet, No. 3 Incandescents, 3.746 cubic feet.

5-- Lamp Book—This book was produced and examined. Ordinary Lamps extinguished -- 16 metered,
23 unmetered, and 19 Incandescents

; and burning dimly-3 ordinary lamps.

6— View Meeting on the 19th ultimo—The Chairman reported that at this Meeting there were
present—himself, Councillors Baker, Macdonald and H. Waghorne, and it was Resolved, To fix three
lamps in the lane between Wellington and Clarence Squares with No. 3 Incandescent burners. To fix
two lamps in Mill Lane near Raymond Terrace. To fix a new lamp and move two lamps in lane at
back of Montpellier Terrace. To fix two new lamps in back lane between Lypiatt Street and Tivoli
Street. To fix one new lamp in Eldorado Road near back gate of Farnborough. To fix three additional
lamps in lane at back of Pittville Crescent and Pittville Villas.

7—Impurity of Gas in September—A copy of the following Minute and Resolution of the Directors of
the Gas Company, was received, viz :— A Resolution of the Town Council of date the 1st instant,
with a copy of the Monthly Report of the Gas Examiner, was received, calling the attention of the
Gas Company to the Tests for Purity of the gas taken on four occasions between the 11th and 20th

September, which shewed the sulphur in the gas to exceed the statutory limit, and desiring that the Council should be informed what explanation the Company had to offer.

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Resolved--That the Council be respectfully informed that the Directors have observed with regret the results of the Toots taken by the Gas Examiner on the 11th, 13th, 14th and 19th September, according to which the sulphur in the gas is stated to exceed the statutory limit of 25 grains per 100 cubic feet.

The Directors have made careful investigation into the matter, and beg to send with this Resolution for the information of the Council a copy of their Manager's Report on the subject.

The Directors trust that this will afford a satisfactory explanation that the tests obtained on the dates in question were occasioned by an accident, novel in its character, which with the exercise of every care could not have been foreseen, and was only revealed after exhaustive examination of the plant had been made.

The Directors have only to add an expression of their regret that the Council should have had cause of complaint, and of their assurance that the efficiency of the public supply shall in the future as in the past receive at all times the careful attention of the Company.

8—Lighting of St. George's Road, Parabola Road, Lansdown Terrace, and Alley at Arle-- A letter from Councillor Parsonage, was read, calling attention to the need of improved lighting in the above-mentioned localities. Resolved, That consideration of the matter be adjourned for view.

9--Lane near Grafton Road—Resolved, To accede to an application made by Mrs. Janion, of Twickenham, The Park, for a lamp in this road, and to leave it to the Chairman and Councillor Baker to As the position.

10—Electric Lighting Loan of £20,100—A letter from the Local Government Board, was read, with which they forwarded sanctions to loans of £1,344 and £8,756, but that it must be understood that the cost of the incandescent lamps proposed to be provided in St. George's Road and Overton Park must be defrayed out of revenue, as the Board did not consider such lamps to be a proper subject for a loan. The loan of £1,344 was in respect of 16 Arcs £128, re-winding 4 motors £86 2s. 6d., re-winding 49 Transformers £1,120 7s. 0d., and re-winding Kettles, &c. £9 2s. 6d.. or say a total of £1,344

11—R. Edwards, deceased —A letter was read from Messrs. Ley Wood & Rickerby, Solicitors, stating that they had been consulted by the widow, and would be glad to know what compensation the Corporation proposed to make, Resolved, That consideration of the matter be adjourned.

12- Hayward's Road—The Committee having had before them a copy of the following Minute and Resolution of the Charlton Kings Urban District Council, viz:-

A Memorial was received from James Baxter and four other residents in Hayward's Road, applying to the Council to provide Street Lighting therein.

Resolved—That subject to the Cheltenham Town Council complying with the request hereinafter mentioned, the Surveyor be instructed to request the Gas Company to install a gas lamp on the east side of the road about 74 yards from the Lendon Road, and keep same lighted at the cost of this Council, under and according to the terms of the Contract between this Council and the Company, and that the Cheltenham Town Council be requested to provide and have lighted at their cost another gas lamp on the west side of the road midway between the first-mentioned lamp and the end of the footpath leading to Rosehill Street.

Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to comply with the request contained in the resolution of the Charlton Kings Urban District Council.

13—Lighting of Monson Avenue--Resolved. That the Lamps in this road be furnished with No. 3 Incandescent burners.

14— Lighting of Lane back of Railway Inn-Resolved, That consideration of the question of improving the lighting in this road be adjourned for view.

15—Report of the Electrical Engineer—The Electrical Engineer reported the circumstances connected with the regrettable fatal accident to Richard Edwards on the 13th instant.

That great difficulty was being experienced in consequence of the slow progress made by the Contractors for the building extensions at the Works, and that there was little likelihood of the new steam alternator being ready for use before Christmas.

That he proposed to order a quantity of large Welsh steam coal for use at periods of heavy load.

That a letter had been sent to the Board of Trade asking, their approval of a small modification in the system of electric supply so far as cables for incandescence street lighting were concerned.

That he recommended experiments being tried with sample pillars and lanterns for electric incandescence street lighting in Carlton Street.

That he had received the quotations enumerated in the following Schedule for arc lamp carbons to be supplied by contract in 1901, viz:-

TENDERS FOR ARC LAMP CARBONS.

(Supply for 12 months, commencing January 1st, 1901.)

		Price per 1,000 Carbons.		
		15 m/m dia.	16 m/m dia.	17 m/m dia.
De Grelle Houdret & Co	A x 1(2 nd)	3 0 6	3 11 6	4 1 9
Brush Electrical Engineering Co., Ltd.	B. (3 rd)	3 1 9	3 13 6	4 3 1
Krupka & Jacoby		3 3 0	3 13 0	4 2 0
General Electrical Co.. Ltd. ... • •	(2 nd)	3 3 6	3 13 6	4 4 6

Brush Electrical Engineering Co., Ltd.	A.	(2 nd)	3 4 6	3 14 10	4 3 11
English Electrical Carbon Co., Ltd...			3 10 0	4 0 0	4 10 0
Johnson & Phillips ..	C.		3 10 1	3 17 1	4 14 7

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Firm	Quality	Price per 1,000 Carbons.		
		15 m/m dia.	16 m/m dia.	17 m/m dia.
De Grelle, Houdret & Co.	W. (1st) ..	£3 11 6	£4 4 3	£4 16 3
Crompton & Co., Ltd. ..	Conradty W.C. (3rd)	£3 12 3	£3 19 6	£4 12 6
Crompton & Co., Ltd. ..	G.I. (2nd)	£3 13 6	£4 6 3	£5 5 0
Sloan Electric Co., Ltd.		£3 16 8	£4 4 4	£4 15 10
International Electric Co.	" Electra "	£4 0 0	£4 14 3	£5 3 6
Fabius Henrion..	(2nd)	£4 4 3	£4 15 7	£5 16 6
General Electrical Co., Ltd. ..	Special (1st)	£4 8 9	£5 5 0	£6 6 6
Crompton & Co., Ltd. ..	" Conradty Crown" (1st)	£4 14 10	£5 10 8	£6 13 6
Brush Electrical Engineering Co., Ltd	C. (1st)	£4 15 5	£5 13 2	£6 8 4
Fabius Henrion	(1st)	£5 8 9	£6 5 5	£7 13 7
Electrical Company, Ltd.	Special A.	£6 5 0	£7 6 6	£8 8 0
Siemens Bros. & Co. ..	A.	£8 0 0	£9 0 0	£11 0 0

And that, pending completion of the tests to be made on the sample carbons submitted, he recommended that 30,000 carbons of the same quality as heretofore used be ordered from Johnson & Phillips, That extensions to the mains for private supply were immediately necessary, as follows, viz :—

Pittville Lawn	£150
Keynsham Road	£100
	£260

And that he recommended approval of these extensions. Resolved, That the recommendations of the Electrical Engineer be approved and adopted.

GEO. NORMAN,

Chairman.

WATER COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Wednesday, the 14th day of November, 1900—Present
The Mayor Councillors Baker, Brown, Davis, Lenthall and H. Waghorne (Councillor H. Waghorne in
the chair)—

1—Chairman—Resolved, That Councillor H. Waghorne be appointed Chairman of this Committee for
the ensuing year.

H. WAGHORNE,
Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Thursday, the 22nd day of November, 1900—Present :
Councillors Baker, Bence, Bennett, Brown, Davis, Rickerby, Lenthall and H. Waghorne (Councillor H.
Waghorne in the chair)—

2—Report of the Water Engineer—The Water Engineer reported that on the 21st instant, the supply
from Hewletts and Northfield springs was 41 gallons per minute, the average for the last four years
being 53 gallons per minute, and the quantity of water at Hewletts and Leckhampton was 3.671,461
gallons.

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On the 21st instant the depth of water in the Dowdeswell Reservoir was 5ft. 3in and the contents
4.868,610 gallons, which gave a total of 8,446,001 gallons, or about 10 days' supply, exclusive of the
daily yield of the springs, which was then about 286,272 gallons.

On the 15th inst. a joint outside the engine room at Tewkesbury blew out. He found that a bend had
been moved about three inches out of position owing to there being disturbed ground outside it.
This defect was put right, and the soft ground removed and made good with a large mass of
concrete to prevent a recurrence.

One of the new filters was in regular work and a second one was being filled with sand.

3—Leakage of Mains in Tewkesbury- The Town Clerk laid before the Committee the opinion of Mr.
Fitz Gerald as to the liability of this Corporation to keep in repair the mains in Tewkesbury, and
consequently to make allowance for water which had run to waste from a leakage in the mains in
that Borough for which the Tewkesbury Corporation had been charged, from which it appeared that
Counsel entirely concurred in the opinion of the Town Clerk that the Cheltenham Corporation Water
Act did not impose this liability upon the Cheltenham Town Council and that they should resist the
claim made by the Town Clerk of Tewkesbury as stated in Minute No. 1 of the proceedings of this
Committee at their last meeting. Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to communicate to the
Town Clerk of Tewkesbury the effect of Mr. Fitz Gerald's opinion.

4—Death of Israel Thomas Hamlett—The Water Engineer reported with regret the death of Mr. I. T. Hamlett, who had for many years been in the service of the Corporation Water Department. Resolved, That the Council regret to hear of the death of an old valued servant, and desire to express their condolence with the widow of the deceased in her bereavement.

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

H. WAGHORNE,
Chairman

GENERAL PURPOSES AND WATCH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 20th day of November, 1900—Present : The Mayor ; Alderman Winterbotham ; Councillors Baker, Davis, Gurney, Lenthall, Moles, Preston and J. Waghorne (The Mayor in the chair)—

1—Chairman--Resolved, That the Mayor be appointed Chairman of this Committee for the year ending 31st October, 1900.

2—Fire Brigade Sub-Committee—Resolved, To re-appoint the Fire Brigade Sub-Committee consisting of the Mayor, Councillors Baker, Bence, and Lenthall.

3-Report of Superintendent of the Fire Brigade—The Superintendent of the Fire Brigade reported that on the 19th inst. the Brigade was summoned to a fire at the Woodbines at the junction of the Old Gloucester and Tewkesbury Roads, which caused damage estimated at £25. The building was insured, and the expenses of extinction amounted to £5 7s. 0d.

4—Drivers Licences—Resolved, To grant a driver's licence to Charles Jackson, of No. 7, St. Phillip's Street. The Street Inspector reported that Albert Bullingham had been twice convicted of offences against the Hackney Carriage Bye-Laws within twelve months.

5—Street Inspector, Appointment of—A letter was read from Superintendent Hopkins, stating that Constable W. J. Lane, having been promoted to the rank of sergeant, would no longer be able to carry on the duties of Street and Cab Inspector. and recommending that first-class Constable Edward Albert Bunker be appointed in his stead. Resolved, That the Council congratulate Sergeant Lane on his promotion, and desire to express their satisfaction with the competent manner in which he has discharged the duties of Street and Cab Inspector.

Further Resolved, That Constable Bunker be appointed as Street and Cab Inspector, at a salary of £20 per annum, and that he be empowered without further authority- to institute and conduct proceedings from time to time on behalf of the Town Council for offences against the Hackney Carriage Byelaws and the Incorporated provisions of the Police Clauses Act.

6—Hackney Carriage Licences—Letters were read from Joseph Smith, of No. 235, High Street and Henry Winters, of No. 4. St. Phillips Street, stating that Winter; had agreed to purchase from Smith the pony trap and pony for which Licence No. 113 had been granted and applying for a transfer of same to the purchaser. Resolved, That the application be acceded to.

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A letter was read from Mr. P. Sweeting, Secretary of the Cheltenham Cab Proprietors and Drivers Trade Union, with which he forwarded a list of the provisions of the Byelaws and Police Clauses Act to which the Committee of the Union took exception, and with regard to which a deputation from the Union, consisting of Messrs, A. Spreadbury, sen., C. Mackay, J. Phelps, G. Clifford and W. W. Cook desired to have an interview with this Committee with a view to the same being altered or rescinded. Resolved, That consideration of the matter be adjourned, and in the meantime a copy of the list be sent to each member of the Committee,

7—Sale of Goods from Corporation Stores--A letter was read from the Borough Auditors stating that they found from reference to the personal ledger that dealings were taking place from the Central Depot and other departments under the Borough Surveyor between members of the Corporation and the Council, and they especially drew attention to one account for materials supplied to a Councillor which was rapidly increasing in amount, and they considered that the practice was one that should not be allowed to continue.

A letter was read from the Town Clerk in reply that the attention of the Street and Highway Committee had already been called to the fact that stores and materials were being sold from the Central Depot and that the Committee had ordered the practice to be discontinued forthwith.

The Town Clerk stated that he had sent a copy of the letter to the Councillor whose name was mentioned by the Auditors in their letter, and had informed him that it would be laid before this Committee at this meeting. Resolved, That in his absence and in the absence of the books and other requisites for holding a proper enquiry, the matter be deferred for consideration at an adjourned meeting of the Committee, to be held on the 28th inst.

8-Byelaws under Sec. 23 of the Municipal Corporations' Act, 1882- A letter was read from the Under Secretary of State, informing the Council that the statutory period of forty days since the Byelaws were sent to the Secretary of State had expired, and that the Byelaws had not been disallowed by the Queen in Council, nor had the time within which they were not to come into force been extended, and he requested that three copies of the Bye-laws, when printed, might be forwarded to that Department.

9—Census--A letter was read from the Registrar General, requesting the Council to inform the Registrar of Births and Deaths whether the staff at their command., or any portion thereof, would receive authority to officiate as Enumerators at the approaching Census, He also drew the attention of the Council to the provision of the Public Health Act, 1875, which enacts that Local Authorities shall cause all streets to be named and houses to be numbered, and if any instances exist within the jurisdiction of the Council where that matter had not received attention, he represented its urgency and importance. Resolved, That consideration of the matter be adjourned.

10--Borough Arms—A letter was read from Messrs. Webley & Son, Decorators, Bristol, stating that the National Telephone Company were desirous of putting the Cheltenham Borough Arms to one of the four panels in the Entrance Hall of their new. building at Bristol, as it was one of the four largest towns in their district, and that they would be glad to have the information they required in respect to " Arms and Supporters," and they would be very much obliged if the Town Clerk would send them a coloured print with correct colours. Resolved, To adjourn consideration of the matter.

11—Telephone Underground Way-leaves—A Memorial was laid before the Committee signed by about 200 subscribers to the National Telephone Company's Exchange, praying the Council to accede to the application of the Company to grant them facilities for laying their wires underground.

The Mayor reported that on the 19th ultimo, he and Councillor Baker, as Chairman of the Street and Highway Committee. had an interview, at the request of Mr. Ley Wood, with a deputation of the subscribers, consisting of Mr. Ley Wood, Mr. S. H. Fox, and Mr. C. Marshall. junr, and had heard them in support of the prayer contained in the memorial. The Deputation asked that the Corporation would re-consider their decision, as the present system of overhead wires placed the professional and business men of Cheltenham at a disadvantage.

A letter was read from the Provincial Superintendent of the National Telephone Company at Bristol, repeating the application made on the 9th December, 1899, Resolved, That consideration of the matter be adjourned pending the reference to this Committee of the letter above mentioned.

GEO. NORMAN,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, the 28th day of November, 1900, Present The Mayor Alderman Winterbotham Councillors Baker, Bence, M. Davis, Gurney, Hayward, Lenthall, Moles, Preston, J. Waghorne and H. Waghorne (The Mayor in the chair)—

12-Hackney Carriage Byelaws, &c.--Resolved, To receive the deputation from the Cheltenham Cab Proprietors and Drivers Trade Union prior to the next monthly meeting of this Committee on the 18th proximo at 3.30 p.m.

13—Sale of Goods from Corporation Stores—The letter on this subject from the Borough Auditors was further considered. Mr. Bence, who was present, explained that he had considered that the transactions were matters of loan of material to his Firm to be returned, or if there was any difficulty about the return, to be paid for. Resolved, That the Committee having again considered the questions arising on the Auditors' letter, and being of opinion that they are not yet in possession of sufficient information to enable them to definitely report to the Council the further consideration of the matter be adjourned to enable them to do so.

14—Census—The letter from the Registrar-General was again considered. Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to ascertain what members of the Corporation staff will be available to act as enumerators and be empowered to give them the necessary authority to act, and to inform the

Registrar General that the naming of streets and numbering of houses where necessary will be attended to.

15—Borough Arms—Resolved, To authorize the Town Clerk to accede to Messrs. Webley & Sons' request, though the Council do not thereby intend to give any official authority for using the design of the Acres as suggested.

16 —Meetings of Committees, 1900-1.--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 and 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 4.0
Wednesday	Lighting	at 3.30
Thursday	Water	at 3.0
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 am. on the first Monday after the Council Meeting.

And second Street and Highway Committee on Tuesday in the week following the one in which the Council Meeting is held at 3 p.m.

Tramways and Technical Education Committees when required.

17-Furnishing of Routes adapted from Council Chamber—Resolved, To authorise the Mayor and Councillor Baker to carry out the furnishing of the three rooms adapted from the Council Chamber, one as the Mayor's Reception Room, another as an additional Committee Room, and the third for the use of the Borough Accountant.

18—Re-numbering of Bath Road and North Street Resolved, That the houses in these streets be re-numbered.

19—Meeting of British Medical Association -Resolved, That the Mayor be authorised to retain the exclusive use of all the Public Buildings and Pleasure Grounds in the Borough belonging to the Corporation during the week commencing on the 28th of July next, for entertainments and other purposes in connection with the visit of the British Medical Association to the Borough.

20—Typewriter for Town Clerk's Department —Resolved, To authorise the Town Clerk to obtain a No. 3 Smith Premier or other Typewriter with a Goring Tabulating and Billing Machine Attachment.

21 —Borough Surveyor's Temporary Staff— Resolved, To authorise the Borough Surveyor to employ at the torte salary an assistant in place of Mr. Tarrant, resigned.

GEO. NORMAN, Chairman.

TRAMWAYS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, Said on Wednesday, the 14th day of November, 1900—Present
The Mayor ; Alderman Holliday ; Councillors Baker, M. Davis, Hayward, Lenthall and J. Waghorne
(Councillor J. Waghorne in the chair)—

1—Chairman—Resolved, That Councillor J. Waghorne be appointed Chairman of this Committee for the ensuing year.

J. WAGHORNE, Chairman.

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BATHS AND RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Wednesday, the 14th day of November, 1900,—Present:
The Mayor; Councillors Baker, Brown, Lenthall, and Moles, (Councillor Lenthall in the chair).

1—Chairman—Resolved, That Councillor Lenthall be appointed Chairman of this Committee for the ensuing year.

J. S. LENTHALL,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held Monday, the 19th day of November, 1900—Present
Councillors Baker, Bennett, Brown, Davies, Hayward, Lenthall and Moles (Councillor Lenthall in the chair)-

2—Fees for Swimming Lessons at Montpellier Baths—Resolved, That the Superintendents be allowed one-third of all the fees received by them for teaching swimming, the whole amount received to be accounted for monthly with other receipts and an account of the amount due to the Superintendents as aforesaid to be passed for payment by the Committee in each month in the usual way.

3—Clock presented by Councillor Moles--Resolved, That it be left to Councillors Baker, Lenthall and Moles to decide as to the position in which this clock shall be placed at the Montpellier Baths, and that the Council desire to express their thanks to Councillor Moles for his handsome and useful gift.

4—Alstone Baths--The Borough Surveyor reported that these Baths were re-opened on the 29th ult. and that since that date the sum of £4 0s. 3d. had been received, making with the sum of £205 0s. 8d. reported last month, a total sum of £209 0s. 11d. received during the season.

5 —Montpellier Baths—The Borough Surveyor reported that the sum received at these Baths up to and including the 17th inst. was £59 3s. 2d., including £8 19s. 2d. for books of tickets, and the sum of £4 6s. 3d, for fees for tuition in swimming.

6—Visiting Sub-Committee--Resolved, That Councillors Baker and Lenthall, for the Alstone Baths and Agg-Gardner Recreation Ground, and Councillors Brown and Moles, for the Montpellier Baths and Naunton Park Recreation Ground, be appointed the Visiting Sub-Committee for the ensuing month:

7- -East Ward Recreation Ground - Resolved, To instruct the Borough Surveyor to get out the quantities and advertise for tenders in the Cheltenham Free Press, Gloucestershire Chronicle and Cheltenham Mercury for the erection of the Lodge, and also to advertise in the same papers for tenders for ploughing up and cleaning the ground where required.

J. S. LENTHALL,

Chairman.

BATHS AND RECREATION GROUNDS AND TOWN IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEES.

At a joint Meeting of these Committees, held on Friday, the 23rd day of November, 1900—Present The Mayor Councillors Baker, Bence, Bennett, R. Davies, Hayward, Lenthall and Moles (Councillor Lenthall in the chair)—

1 Chairman—Resolved, That Councillor Lenthall be appointed Chairman at this Meeting.

2-Addition to West End of Agg-Gardner Recreation Ground—With reference to the Resolution of the Baths and Recreation Grounds Committee that the Town Improvement Committee he requested to exchange a small triangular piece of land, part of the Marle Hill Annexe, adjoining the boundary of the Agg-Gardner Recreation Ground at the West end, to form a means of

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communication and to be enclosed with the piece of land recently purchased for the extension of the Recreation Ground, for a similar piece of land at the North-west extremity of the said land recently purchased to be enclosed with the Marle Hill Annexe as pegged out by the Borough Surveyor, and indicated on the plan which had been submitted to the Baths and Recreation Grounds Committee, Resolved, That the said exchange be mutually agreed upon and approved by the Council.

J. S. LENTHALL,

Chairman.

BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Wednesday, the 14th day of November, 1900—Present The Mayor; Councillors Baker, Brown, M. Davis, Moles and Stroud (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 23rd day of November, 1900—Present : The Mayor, Alderman Haddon ; Councillors Baker, Brown, M. Davis and Moles (Councillor Moles in the chair)—

2---Keeping Graves in Order—With reference to Minute No. 3 of the proceedings of this Committee of date the 23rd of March last, a letter was read from Messrs. Ticehurst and Sons, with which they enclosed for approval the draft of a deed of covenant by the Town Council to maintain the grave and the head and border stones thereof of Richard Clayton Browne Clayton and Mrs. Catherine Jane Browne Clayton. Resolved, That the same be approved, and that the amount to be paid as sufficient to produce 30s per annum be assessed at £50.

3- Water Trough—Resolved, That an additional water trough be erected at the Cemetery for watering purposes and that a design for same now submitted by the Borough Surveyor be approved.

4-Designs—The following designs were examined and approved, viz..—Headstones to Martha Lodder, Thomas Bugbird, Elizabeth Osborne and Jane Louisa Hodgetts.

J. V. MOLES, Chairman.

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FINANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, the 5th day of November, 1900, Present)— The Mayor; Alderman Drew; and Councillor J. Waghorne (Alderman Drew in the chair).

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

2— Loan of £100,000—The Borough Accountant reported that the negotiations he had had with the party in London, who offered to find £100,000, had not been successful. Resolved, That the Borough Accountant be requested to continue his endeavours to obtain the loan from other sources.

J. W. DREW,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Wednesday, the 14th day of November, 1900 —Present: The Mayor ; Councillors Gurney and J. Waghorne (Councillor Gurney in the chair) —

3--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 27th day of November, 1900—Present: The Mayor; Aldermen Drew and Skillicorne ; Councillors Bence, Gurney, Hayward, Parsonage and J. Waghorne (Councillor Gurney in the chair)—

4—Corporation Stock —The question of the issue of additional Stock was discussed. Resolved, That further consideration of the matter be adjourned.

5—Corporation Banking Account—A letter was read from Mr. Leaver stating that the Bank would accept £100 instead of £150 as at first asked for the annual charge for working the Corporation Account, conditional on the full sum being paid for this year, and that the Account should be conducted free of charge when it shows an average credit balance of £3000 Resolved, That these terms be agreed to except that for the present year a proportion only of the annual charge of 4100 be paid calculated from the oath of September last.

6--Loan of £2,500 from Walker Memorial Trustees- A letter from the Chairman of the Trustees of the Walker Memorial Fund, dated the 12th inst., was read, submitting that interest on the £2,500 lent by them to the Corporation should be paid at 3i per cent. as was being paid on other money now being borrowed by the Council, Resolved, That the Council will accept the letter as six months notice for repayment flour the date thereof and to re-borrow the amount at the expiration of such period at the rate of 3 ½ per cent. per annum interest.

7--Loan of £1,000 from Trustees of Beaufort lodge of Oddfellows--A letter from the Secretary of this Lodge was read stating that they would require repayment of this Loan unless the Corporation would pay interest at 3 ½ per cent. Resolved, That after the expiration of 3 months from the 20th inst., on which date the letter was received interest on this Loan be in-creased to 3 ½ per cent.

8—Interest Warrants on Corporation Stock.—A letter was read from the General Manager of the National Provincial Bank of England, Ltd., stating that in future the Bank proposed unless otherwise instructed by the Stockholders to forward all interest warrants on Corporation Stocks for which they act as Registrars, direct to them by post, and in the case of joint holdings to the first named. At present they retained the warrants until instructed by the Stockholder. It was not present arrangement in respect of Stockholders already on the books. Resolved, That the proposed to disturb the Council have no objection to this course being followed with regard to the Cheltenham Corporation Stock.

9—Loans—The Borough Accountant reported that since the last meeting the sum of £7102 as previously arranged had been received in three loans of £652, £6000 and £450.

The following offers had also been received :--

Bridges, Mellersh, and Brydges, about £8,000 and £1,000 at 3 ½ per cent, interest and ½ per cent. commission.

Lloyds Bank upon same terms as above £4,600.

Resolved, That the offers be accepted subject to the lenders agreeing to lend subject to repayment at 6 months notice on either side.

The sanctions received for loans still to be raised amounted to £24,352.

The amount on Capital Accounts over expended beyond amount raised was £21,579 1s. 9d.

The Capital Expenditure in excess of sanctions received or unsanctioned amounted to £14,078 3s. 1d.

10—General District Rate -The Report of the Borough Accountant of date the 27th instant, on the collection of the second instalment of this Rate, was read. Amount collected £1600 18s. 8d., leaving outstanding £5,923 12s. 9d.

11— Water Rate—The Report of the Borough Accountant of date the 27th instant, on the collection of this Rate, was read. Amount received £935 12s. 5d., leaving outstanding £9630 0s. 2d.

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 £9,945 4s. 0d. ordered to be paid by the Borough Treasurer.

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

The following was the General Statement

Balance Overdrawn on the 23rd October	£19,638 9 3	
Paid since that date, including £5,000 Sinking Funds invested with Rhondda Urban District Council.	<u>£17,205 6 4</u>	
	£36,843 15 7	
Received since the 23rd October	<u>£13,336 4 10</u>	
Overdrawn	££23,507 10 9	
Being Ordinary Rates Expenditure, Borough and Urban Funds		£ 6,986 5 10
Electric Lighting and Waterworks Accounts and other Capital		<u>£16,521 4 11</u>
		£23,507 10 9

W. GERALD GURNEY

Chairman.

TECHNICAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Wednesday, the 14th day of November, 1900—Present : The Mayor; Councillors M. Davis, Gurney and Preston (Councillor H. Davis in the chair)—

1—Chairman—Resolved, That Councillor M. Davis be appointed Chairman of this Committee for the ensuing year.

M. DAVIS, Chairman.

PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Wednesday, the 14th day of November, 1900—Present: Alderman Skillicorne Councillors Hayward, Moles, Preston and Stroud; Messrs, Evan Butler and G. H. Paltrier (Councillor Hayward in the chair)—

1—Chairman—Resolved, That Councillor Hayward be appointed Chairman of this Committee for the ensuing year.

C. HAYWARD,

Chairman.

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At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 20th day of November, 1900 --Present: Alderman Skillicorne ; Councillors Bennett, Hayward, Moles, Preston and Stroud; The Revs. J. Evans and A. C. Turberville (Councillor Hayward in the chair)—

2-Librarian's Report—The Librarian reported that considerable progress had been made with the arrangements for the Exhibition. About 150 lists of books on technical subjects had been distributed amongst the various workshops. That since the last monthly meeting the sum of £7 17s. 1d. had been received and that the following gifts had been made to the Library, viz:-

Trustees of the British Museum 2 Volumes

W. Hampton ..	1	“
F. Kirby (publisher) ..	10	“
Lords Day Rest Association ..	8	“
J. J. Newton ..	1	“
J. W. Vickers ..	1	“

3—Sub-Committee's Report--The Sub-Committee reported that they had considered the arrangements of the Exhibition to be held in the Art Gallery on the 22nd to 28th November, and Resolved, That the Exhibition be advertised in the Examiner, Echo, and Mercury ; That the local Art Workers be invited to send specimens of work ; That invitations be sent to all schools for pupils to attend under the guidance of a Teacher ; That the necessary circulars of invitation, &c. be printed, together with a list of the Books exhibited, for distribution ; and That the Exhibition be kept open from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.

They also reported that they recommended that Perrot's " History of Ancient Art," 12 vols., published at £12, be purchased for £5 3s. 6d. ; and That the list of new Books submitted be purchased for a sum not exceeding £5. Resolved, That the proceedings and recommendations of the Sub-Committee be approved and adopted.

C. HAYWARD,

Chairman.

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, the 14th, day of November, 1900—Present The Mayor; Alderman Skillicorne ; Councillors Moles and Preston (Councillor Preston in the chair.)

1-Chairman -Resolved, That Councillor Preston be appointed Chairman of this Committee for the ensuing year.

WILLIAM PRESTON,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Wednesday, the 28th day of November, 1900—Present Aldermen Haddon and Skillicorne ; Councillors Bennett, Moles, Rickerby, Parsonage and Preston (Councillor Preston in the chair)—

2--Attend,. 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 683 names of absentee children had been extracted, all of whom had been visited, They also reported that the parents of 71 children had been summoned to attend before the Local Committees, who had held to meetings ; that 18 parents had been Prosecuted; that 15 were fined ; and an Attendance Order was made against the parent of Frederick Hopkins.

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.,--Bert Gregory, William Blackwell, Alice Clifford, Rose Rollicks, Frank Morris. Michael Murphy, Maud Smith and George Smith, and that proceedings under Sec. 11 of the Act of 1876, be taken against the parents of Gertrude Bromage, Kate Webb, Hetty Mills, Beatrice Taylor, Maude Safe and James Prater, and under Sec. 12 of the same Act against the parent of Ernest Matthey on the third breach of an Attendance Order.

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4—Bye-Laws—With reference to the provisions of the Elementary Education Act, 1900, a letter from the Board of Education was read stating that it was advisable to make new Byelaws and a draft of the same was submitted by the Town Clerk, the only alterations of the existing bye-laws being to raise the age for compulsory attendance at school to fourteen to conform to the provisions of the Elementary Education Act, 1876, the standard for proficiency certificates from the 5th to the 6th, and the maximum penalty for breach of the Byelaws from 5s to 20s Resolved, That the draft be approved and submitted to the Board of Education for approval.

5—School Accommodation at Coltham—A letter from the Board of Education was read stating that Her Majesty's Inspector, Mr. de Sausmarez reported that the floor space at St. John's School could not be conveniently utilised for teaching purposes for the infants, that the so-called Class Room was very unsatisfactory, and that the Cloak Room accommodation was in-sufficient and that school could not therefore be considered available for the infants.

As regards All Saints and Lyefield Schools Her Majesty's Inspector reported that both were too far distant, and the same objection applied to St. John's. The fact that when the Coltham Fields School existed some 100 children attended it proved that a school is required to replace it, and after the closing of it Her Majesty's Chief Inspector, Mr. Scott Coward, and Her Majesty's Inspector, Mr de Sausmarez, were both agreed at a conference last summer that a new Infants' School was absolutely essential.

In these circumstances unless the Committee could advance more adequate reasons than they had hitherto done against the necessity for this School the Board of Education would issue Notices requiring further infants' accommodation in the ordinary course. Resolved, That the Board of Education be requested to receive during the first fortnight in January next a deputation from this Committee consisting of the Chairman and Councillor Parsonage, with the Town Clerk or Deputy Town Clerk, to hear them with reference to the matter,

WILLIAM PRESTON,

Chairman.