

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 6th day of January, 1902.

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 9th day of December, 1901—Present Aldermen Norman and Skillicorne; Councillors R. Davies, King-Harman, Lawrence and Parsonage (Councillor Parsonage in the chair)--

1---Zymotic Disease—The Medical Officer of Health reported that since the last meeting the following cases of infectious disease had been notified, viz., 5 of Scarlet Fever, 1 of Erysipelas, 1 of Enteric Fever, and 11 of Diphtheria; that 4 cases of Scarlet Fever and 6 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 13 of Scarlet Fever and 7 of Diphtheria.

2--Nuisance from Drains, &c, at Nos. 55, 56 & 57, Burton Street, No. 5, Hermitage Street, and No. 1, Limerick Cottages—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 - Cleansing and Limewashing at No. 9, Commercial Street, Nos. 1, 3, 4, 5a & 6, Hermitage Street, No. 41, Burton Street, No. 7, Victoria Terrace, No. 8, Francis Street, and No. 2, Beaufort Buildings—The Medical Officer of Health having certified under Section 46 of the Public Health Act, that the above-named dwelling houses were in such a filthy and unwholesome condition that the health of the inmates was affected or endangered thereby, Resolved, That Notice be given to the owners under the said Section, requiring the houses to be cleansed and limewashed.

4- Insanitary Property at No. 41, Burton Street, Nos. 5 & 7, Lower Park Street, No. 19, Sherborne Place, No.9, Commercial Street, Alma Cottage, Croft Street, No. 1, Leckhampton Place, and No. 6, Hermitage 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 house roofs, walls, floors, ceilings, &c. Resolved, That the Council being satisfied that the said premises are in such a state as to be injurious to health, Notices under Sec. 94 of the Public Health Act, 1875, be served upon the owners requiring them to put the same into a healthy condition, and for that purpose to carry out the works specified in the notices.

5- Houses let in Lodgings--The Medical Officer of Health recommended that the landlords of the following houses let in lodgings, viz., Nos. 11 & 13, St. Philip's Terrace, Nos. 115 & 133, Fairview Road, and No. 25, Victoria Place, 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 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 lessees.

6-Cleansing and Disinfecting at No. 33, Hermitage Street, No. 14, Millbrook Street, and No. 2, Bedford Place—The Medical Officer of Health having certified under Sec. 120 of the Public Health Act, 1875, that the cleansing and disinfecting of these houses or parts thereof would tend to prevent or check infectious disease, Resolved, That the Council being of this opinion, Notices be served on the owners and occupiers to cleanse and disinfect the houses within the time specified in such notices.

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7-Dairies, Cowsheds and Milkshops Order—Resolved, Not to accede to an application received from Mrs. E. L. Rosa to be registered as a purveyor of milk at No. 3, Great Norwood Street.

8--- Urinals at The Old Anchor Inn, Tewkesbury Road, and The Shillingford Iron Works, St. Mark's—The Medical Officer of Health reported that these urinals were in such a condition as to be a nuisance owing to faulty construction and want of flushing. Resolved, That the Council being satisfied of the existence of nuisances caused by the condition of the urinals referred to, Notices under Sec. g.t of the Public Health Act, 1875, be served on the owners of the premises to abate the nuisances, and for that purpose to lay on a sufficient continuous supply of water for flushing and execute such structural works of amendment as shall he specified.

9— Sewage Outfall and Treatment—The Borough Surveyor presented his Report on this subject, accompanied by plans. Resolved, That the Report be printed and that a copy be sent to each member of the Committee for consideration at a Special Meeting.

10—Chelt at Coombe Hill—A letter was read from Mr. E. W. Cooke, of Slate Mill, complaining that the stench from the water in the Chelt and the brook known as the Hardwick and Leigh brook was very bad. Resolved, To inform Mr. Cooke that the Committee very much regret he should have had cause to complain, and that steps have been taken to prevent a recurrence of it.

11-Pulper for Bard Farm—Resolved, To authorise the Farms Sub-Committee to purchase a Pulper for the Barn Farm at a cost of £4 5s. 0d.

12-No. 287, High Street—With reference to the resolution of this Committee to Minute No. 34 of their proceedings of date the 27th of August last asking Mr. Lamb, solicitor for the occupier of this house, to supply a detailed statement of how his client's claim for £120 for compensation for disturbance in consequence of damage to the house from sewerage works was made up, a letter from Mr. Lamb was read giving the items of claim amounting to £122 7s. 6d., viz., loss of trade £35, cost of removal £6, rent of store rooms £1 7s. 6d., and damage to stock £80. Resolved, That Mr. Lamb be requested to furnish particulars of how the amounts of the different items are made up, and that further consideration of the matter be adjourned until the particulars have been received.

13— Sewer through Brooklyn, Great Western Road—A letter from Mr. G. Ballinger was read accepting the offer of £10 made by the Council in settlement of his claim for compensation for damage done to his garden by the sewerage works if the Council • would give him about three cart-loads of soil to till up the sunken places. Resolved, To instruct the Borough Surveyor to comply with this condition.

14—Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1852 —Resolved, To instruct the Town Clerk to obtain estimates for printing 100 copies of the unrepealed parts of this Act. Building Plans—Resolved, As regards drainage and other sanitary matters, to approve the under-mentioned plans of proposed new buildings, viz. :—

No. of Plan	Name	Description:
1472	John Tilley	Outhouse with w.c. and pump at back of the Wellington Mews.
1473	The Committee of the Dean Close	Block of cubicles and additions and alterations to Masters' School residence.
1474	T. W. Smith	Fifteen houses west side of Haywards Road.

E. H. PARSONAGE,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 16th day of December, 1901—Present: The Mayor ; Aldermen Norman and Skillicorne; Councillors M. Davis, R. Davies, King-Harman, Lawrence and Parsonage (Councillor Parsonage in the chair)—

16—Sewage Disposal and Treatment—The. Report of the Borough Surveyor having been further discussed, Resolved, That further consideration of the same be adjourned pending the receipt of information which the Chairman offered to obtain in time for the next ordinary meeting of the Committee.

E. H. PARSONAGE,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 23rd day of December, 1901—Present The Mayor; Alderman Skillicorne ; Councillors Davis, Davies, King-Harman, Lawrence and Parsonage (Councillor Parsonage in the chair)—

17-Zymotic Disease-- The Medical Officer of Health reported that there had been notified since the last meeting of the Committee 7 cases of Scarlet Fever, 1 of Erysipelas, and 7 of Diphtheria; that all the cases of Scarlet Fever and one 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 17 of Scarlet Fever and 5 of Diphtheria.

18 --Nuisance from Drains, &c., at Nos. 4 & 6, Hawarden Parade, Exeter Villa, Exeter Lawn, and Oxford Cottage, Upper Park 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.

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 Sec. 28 of the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1889, be given to the owners, requiring them to provide the necessary flushing apparatus, and to the occupiers to lay on a proper supply of water thereto, and that in default of compliance with such notices proceedings be taken for the penalties.

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

21-Cleansing and Disinfecting at No. 4, Prospect Terra, and No. 2, St. Paul's Terrace—The Medical Officer of Health having certified under Sec. 120 of the Public Health Act, 1875, that the cleansing, disinfecting and purifying of these houses or parts thereof would tend to prevent or check infectious disease, Resolved, That, the Council being of this opinion, notices be served upon the owners and occupiers to cleanse and disinfect the houses within the time specified in such notices.

22-Cleansing and Limewashing at Nos. 11, 13, 13a,14 & 19, Hermitage Street, Nos. 1 & 13, Glenfall Street, and No. 58, Upper Park 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.

23—Dairies, Cowsheds and Milkshops Order— Resolved, To accede to an application received from John Allen to be registered as a purveyor of milk at Anworth Villa, Courtenay Street.

24—Re-opening of Nos. 69 to 74, Stanhope Street- -The Medical Officer of Health reported that these houses, which had been closed under a closing order obtained on the 15th of August last, had been rendered fit for human habitation, and that consequently consent had that morning been given to an application made by the owners to the Justices for an order to determine the closing order as regards the premises above mentioned. Resolved, That this action be approved.

25—Seizure and Destruction of Diseased Meat—The Medical Officer of Health reported that on the 18th inst. a report was received of the slaughter of a heifer at the Abattoir which was found to be affected with tuberculosis. The forequarter, organs, fat, &c., were destroyed.

26 -Defective Sewer at Malvern Place—The Medical Officer of Health reported that on opening the ground to make good defective drains at No. 4, Malvern Place a large brick sewer 3 feet deep and 4 ½ inches thick, with the mortar in the joints partly perished, the crown of the sewer being within 2 feet from the surface of the ground, was found to pass under No. 3, Malvern Place. There was about 7 inches of deposit in it, and so far as could be ascertained about six houses drained into it above this point. He considered it dangerous and that it should be removed and the drains connected therewith should be led elsewhere. Resolved, To instruct the Borough Surveyor to furnish a report with regard to the matter as soon as possible.

27--Urinals at The Mitre Inn, Mitre Street, Bath Road, The Marlborough Arms, and The Bath Inn, Bath Road—The Medical Officer of Health reported that these Urinals were in such a condition as to be a nuisance in consequence of structural defects and want of water supply. 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 a sufficient and continuous supply of water for properly flushing the urinals and carry out such works of structural amendment as shall be specified.

28-Notices not Complied with---Resolved, To instruct the Town Clerk to take proceedings to compel compliance with notices which had been served requiring the provision of ash receptacles, but which had not been complied with, as comprised in the list now handed in by the Medical Officer of Health.

29---Crazing at Hayden Farm---A letter from Mr. Wood, of Ark Farm, was read stating that he would be willing to take the grazing again at Haydon Farm upon the same terms as at present. Resolved, To let the grazing of the fields known as Bradleys, Clayleys, and Locks Hay to Mr. Wood from the 1st of February next to the 25th December. 1902, for the sum of £140 inclusive of sewage water supply, and use part purposes of the large double shed for milking purposes.

30-Sewage Irrigation of Cabs Piece—Resolved, To refer to the Farms Sub-Committee a letter from Mr. John L. Brookes, of Uckington, asking for a supply of sewage water to irrigate Gabs Piece which would not be the cause of a nuisance, as the flow would be in quite another direction to any other part of his farm.

31—Sewage Irrigation at Staverton— A letter was read from the Clerk to the Cheltenham Rural District Council with which, he forwarded a copy of the following resolution of that Authority, viz. :—
"That this Council calls the serious attention of the Cheltenham Corporation to the evils occasioned by their irrigation with crude sewage in the parish of Staverton, and urges upon them the necessity of adopting one or other of the methods of previous treatment in use elsewhere, and requests them in the meantime to abstain from spreading offensive liquid near to houses and public ways.
Resolved, To inform the Rural District Council that this Committee are now thoroughly considering a scheme of the Borough Surveyor for treatment of the sewage before the same is used for irrigation.

32—Sewage Disposal and Treatment—Resolved, To further adjourn consideration of the report and scheme of the Borough Surveyor with reference to this matter until an early date in next month.

33 -Sewer between Lansdown Place arid Lansdown Crescent—With reference to Minute No. 13 of the proceedings of this Committee of date the 14th of October last, setting out the subject matter of a letter which had been received from the Local Government Board and of a letter which had been received by them from General Babbage with reference to the payment by the Council of the cost of laying a new sewer under the road at the back of his house, and the resolution thereto approving of a letter written by the Town Clerk in reply to the letter from the Board, a further letter from the Board was received requesting a more detailed reply to the questions contained in their previous letter, and the draft of a letter which the Town Clerk proposed to write in reply was laid before the Committee.

The Borough Surveyor having laid before the Committee further information on the subject of the servers at the back of General Babbage's house. Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to examine further into the matter, and that the consideration of his proposed reply be adjourned.

34—Charges at Abattoir—Mr. J. C. Green, butcher. of No. 102, Albion Street, having been heard by the Committee in support of an application he made for the use of a slaughter-house whenever he required for a fixed annual payment instead of paying a sum for slaughtering each animal as fixed by the bye-laws and the table of charges therein comprised, which in the aggregate amounted to considerably more than was paid by Messrs. Waghorne Bros. Limited for the exclusive use of the slaughter-house rented by them, Resolved, That notice be given to Messrs. Waghorne Bros. Limited to determine their tenancy of the slaughter-house at the expiration of six months, That the resolution to Minute No. 13 of the proceedings of this Committee of date the 8th of January, 1896, granting them the exclusive use of one of the slaughter houses at the Abattoir for £15 a year be rescinded accordingly, and that Mr. Green be informed that steps have been taken to treat alike all the butchers using the Abattoir.

E. H. PARSONAGE,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 24th day of December, 1901—Present : The Mayor ; Alderman Skillicorne ; Councillors Davis, Davies, King-Harman, Lawrence and Parsonage (Councillor Parsonage in the chair)—

35—Private Sewers--Adverting to Sections 26 and 40 of the Cheltenham Improvement' Act, 1852, Resolved, on the proposition of Councillor Lawrence, That the Town Clerk be instructed to take counsel's opinion to ascertain whether the private sewer owners therein referred to can be required to reconstruct and alter the line and situation of their private servers and to lay or place such reconstructed server in such a line, level or situation as may be required by the Corporation of Cheltenham.

36—Renewal of Slaughter House Licences—Resolved, To accede to applications received from Mr. B. Combe and Mr. E. C. Davis for renewal of their licences to slaughter at their licensed slaughter houses in Whaddon Lane and Gloucester Road respectively.

37—Extensions and Alterations of Abattoir • -Resolved. To adjourn consideration of this matter for a meeting to be held at the Abattoir.

38—Damage to No 287, High Street from Sewerage Works —A letter was read from Mr. A. Lamb, solicitor for Mr. Taylor, the tenant of this property, stating that his client's claim for £122 7s. 6d. made in his letter of the 5th inst. was made up as follows, viz.:—

Seven weeks' loss of trade	£35 0 0	
Rent of cottage for four weeks	14s 0	
Rent of No. 287, High Street for same period	£ 1 12 0	
Removing to cottage and back	£ 1 0 0	
Washing and cleaning both premises and cost of repairs to damaged gas piping, &c.	<u>£2 14 0</u>	£6 0 0
Stock damaged, consisting of picture mouldings, mounts, frames, mounting boards, cabinet mounts, pictures, also bedding, &c. Original cost £100,		
less salvage value £20	£80 0 0	
Rent of store rooms	<u>£ 1 7 6</u>	
	£122 7 6	

Resolved, Without prejudice, to offer £20 in settlement of the claim.

39-W.C. Accommodation at Nos. 1 & 2, Rehoboth Place and Nos. 32 & 33, Waterloo Street—With reference to a Notice served upon Mr. W. Long, the owner of the above cottages, to provide at least three w.c.'s for them, a letter from the owner was read stating that for the past 14 years there had been only two and no complaint had been made until owing to the defective condition of one of them it had been pulled down. The rent from the cottages was 12s 2d per week, and upon this and the rent from other small cottages he had to live, having been in ill-health for 18 years, and he asked permission to rebuild the one w.c. only, so as with the existing one to provide one for two cottages instead of three for the four cottages. Resolved, That the Council regret they must compel compliance with the Notice, which is as lenient as possible.

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40—Re-Printing Unrepealed Portions of Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1852—The following tenders were received for this work and supplying 100 copies, viz.:—

Horace Edwards	£5 0 0
Thomas Hailing	£5 14 0
G. F. Poole	£6 6 0
Cheltenham Newspaper Co.	£7 9 0

Resolved, That the tender of Horace Edwards be accepted subject to the size, print and style being the same as that of the Cheltenham Electric Lighting Order, 1890, and to the inclusion of the marginal references.

41— Sewer in Haywards Road—A letter was read from the Clerk to the Charlton Kings Urban District Council with which he forwarded a copy of a resolution which had been passed by that Authority agreeing to the arrangement proposed by the Cheltenham Town Council as stated in the resolution to Minute No. 33 of the proceedings of this Committee at their meeting of date the 18th ulto. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to bring up a plan and estimate of the cost of the proposed extension.

42—Farm Bailiff—Resolved, To approve a recommendation of the Farms Sub-Committee, that in view of the lack of energy and supervision displayed by the Farm Bailiff and his persistent neglect of

the general instructions framed for the management of the farms as also of the orders given him from time to time, the engagement of Mr. Berkley be terminated by three months' notice, and that the appointment of his successor be considered.

E. H. PARSONAGE,

Chairman.

STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 10th day of December, 1901—Present : The Mayor ; Aldermen Haddon and Skillicorne ; Councillors Baker, Bendall, Packer, Parsonage, Lawrence and Hayward (Councillor Baker in the chair)—

1--Trees in Leckhampton Road— A letter was read from Mr. J. E. Bendall and two other occupiers of houses in the Leckhampton Road drawing attention to the desirability of placing at least two trees opposite their houses, as the trees originally planted there had been removed. Resolved, That the writers be informed that their request will be acceded to.

2-Trees-Resolved, That the Committee make an inspection of the trees in the streets of the borough on Wednesday, the 18th instant, meeting at 10.30 a.m.

3—Ewlyn Road Private Improvement Expenses—With reference to Minute No. to of this Committee's proceedings at its last meeting, the letter from Mr. John Weaver therein mentioned was further considered. Mr. William Smith, another abutting owner, appeared before the Committee and asked for a reduction in the amount apportioned to him (£58 14s. 8d.), as he alleged that the cost of the work was excessive, and that the carrying out of the improvement had not been properly supervised. Resolved, That proportionate allowance be made to each of the abutting owners in respect of the cost of removal by the Corporation of about 200 loads of rubble from that part of the road which has not been made, and that the resolution to Minute No. 12 of this Committee's proceedings of date the 26th of August last approving the Borough Surveyor's apportionment be varied accordingly.

4—Street Projections—With reference to Minute. No. 8 of this committee's proceedings at their last meeting, a letter was read from Mr. R. T. Ward, of the Central Wharf, Cheltenham, applying for permission for the fixing of an enamel sign at three shops in the High Street and one in the Bath Road, the size of the sign being 21 inches by 14 inches. Resolved, That the application be not acceded to.

5---Footpath North-East of London Road—With reference to the resolution to Minute No. 15 of this Committee's proceedings of date the 25th February last, a letter was read from Mr. T. B. Woodard calling attention to the fact that the works ordered to be done to the above footpath had not been carried out yet. Resolved, That Mr. Woodard be informed that the work shall be carried out in due course.

6-State of Winstonian Road and Nuisance from Billposting Station, Fairview Road—A letter from Colonel. Thoys was read calling attention to the bad state of Winstonian Road from Victoria Place to

All Saints' Road, and to the nuisance and danger arising from the billposting station in Fairview Road owing to the road being thickly strewn with debris from the hoarding.

Resolved, That notice be given to the owners in Winstonian Road to carry out the works of repair already approved by the Council.

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Also Resolved, That notice be given by the Town Clerk to the occupier of the advertising station referred to by Colonel Thoyts to prevent the scattering of debris from such station in the highway.

7--Ditch and Drain in Leckhampton Road—A letter was read from Mr. William Hall stating that he was building two villas in the Leckhampton Road, and as the ditch would require piping in front of such houses and this work would widen the footpath he applied to the Council to supply the pipes. He also called attention to the dangerous drain nearly opposite St. Germain's, Leckhampton Road. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to pipe the ditch referred to and to place a gully at the drain opposite St. Germain's.

8—Grating over Cully in Lane from Chapel Street to Knapp Road—The Street Inspector having reported that this grating was broken, Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor do restore the same forthwith.

9—Footpath on South-West Side of St. George's Road between Wyborne and Pembroke Lodge—Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to bring up a specification of the works required to be done to this footpath by the abutting owners.

10—Road at back of Bayshill Terrace—Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor do have this road repaired and the footpaths asphalted and edged and channelled.

11—Purchase of Horse—Resolved, That an offer be made to Mr. Thomas Waltham, of Haydon, of £50 for a horse at present at the Central Depot, subject to the result of an examination of the same by the Corporation veterinary surgeon being satisfactory.

12-Light Railway Extensions—The plans, &c., of the proposed extensions of the Light Railway deposited by the Promoters were laid before the Committee.

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

No. of Plan.	Name.	Description.
1471	G. H. Roberts	Four cottages, Winstonian Terrace.
1473	Committee of Dean Close Memorial School	Block of cubicles and additions and alterations to Masters' residence, Dean Close School.
1474	T. W. Smith	Fifteen houses, Haywards Road.

Resolved, That the same be approved as regards situation and construction.

WILLIAM A. BAKER, Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 30th day of December, 1901-Present The Mayor ; Aldermen Haddon and Skillicorne ; Councillors Baker, Bendall, Hayward, Lawrence, Packer and Parsonage Councillor Baker in the chair)-

14—View—At the View Meeting of this Committee and the Lighting Committee at the site of the Destructor and the Electric Works on the previous Friday there were present Councillors Bainbridge, Baker, Bendall, Hayward, Handley, Lawrence, Packer and Parsonage. The Borough Surveyor having produced a plan for making a permanent surface to the road leading from the Arle Road to the site of the Destructor and Electric Works by laying down iron plates upon which the wheels of vehicles passing along the road would run, Resolved, That consideration of the same be adjourned for the Borough Surveyor to bring up an estimate of the cost of carrying it out.

15—Road from Arle Road to Destructor and Electric Light Works—The Borough Surveyor reported that he estimated the cost of carrying out his plan for laying the surface of this road with iron plates at £720. Resolved, That as this Committee about five years ago made up this road with sleepers, and the Lighting Committee have since used it without payment or contribution towards its repair, the Street and Highway Committee consider the Lighting Committee should now make up the road, for which purpose they can use without charge the materials on the road which belong to this Committee, and that pending a reply to this from the Lighting Committee consideration of the plan of the Borough Surveyor be adjourned.

16—Report of the Borough Surveyor re Highways—The Borough Surveyor reported that the work done by the Highways Department during the month ending the 26th instant had been as follows :—

Repaired with Clee Hill Stone—Tivoli Place 1,900 square yards,

Patching—Albion Street, Gloucester Road, St. Anne's Terrace, Montpellier near the Gordon Lamp, Promenade, back of Montpellier Terrace, London Road, Lansdown Road, Trafalgar Street, Badgworth Road, North Place, Rutland Street, Winchcomb Street, Lower High Street, Queen's Road, St. George's Road, Leamington Place, Clarence Street, Manchester Street, Clarence Road, Harp Hill—all with Clee Hill stone.

Repaired with Wickwar Stone—Lansdown Crescent 6,755 square yards, Hewlett Road (proceeding), Cemetery Road (proceeding).

Patching--Fairview Road, Fairview Street, Albert Street (St. Paul's), Road by Parish Room, Mitre Street, College Lawn.

Trees had been planted in the following places to replace missing trees :—Depot 20, Clarence Square 26, Wellington Road 17, Prestbury Road 2, Hewlett Road 10, St. Luke's (near Church) 2, Rodney Road 2, Montpellier Street 1, Leckhampton Road 32, Moorend Park Road 4.

Kerbing, Crossing, Channelling, and Paving—Marle Hill Road, Suffolk Road, Rodney Road, Ormond Place, Cambray, Wellington Street, Spa Road, Lansdown Parade, Manchester Street, St. James's Square, Russell Place, Hewlett Road, Regent Street, Queen's Parade, Queen's Road, High Street, Albion Street, Montpellier Terrace, St. George's Street.

The cabstand in Clarence Street had been relaid with blue paving bricks.

The following paths had been made good with asphalt, following the laying of electric light cables :— Suffolk Square, Queen's Road, Hewlett Road, Oriel Road, St. James's Square.

Footpaths Repaired with Asphalt—Tewkesbury Road, Waterloo Street, back of North Place, High Street, Beckingsale's Passage, side of Lansdown Terrace, Malvern Street, Sidney Street.

The path in Montpellier Street had been repaired with Wickwar gravel.

He had tested the sample of cement referred to at the last meeting and which was received from Messrs. Gwinnell and Co. The weight was 90 pounds per bushel; the residue 7 per cent. on 2,500 mesh ; the colour brown ; and the average breaking strain was 150 lbs. to the square inch. For a good cement the standards should be—weight 105 to 110 lbs. per bushel ; residue not exceeding 10 per cent.; colour blue grey; and the average breaking strain 350 to 400 lbs. per square inch.

He had also received from the same firm eleven samples of cement for testing, but he had informed them that he could not undertake to report upon a number like that for any one firm.

Refuse Destructor and Ash Collection—Loads collected 1,279, loads consumed 993, or 1,099 tons 5 cwt. During the month 117 slabs (3ft. x 2ft.) and 427 (2ft. x 2ft.) had been made and a large quantity of material prepared in advance. Resolved, To instruct the Borough Surveyor to prepare a specification of the cement required by the Corporation for their various kinds of work, and present same to this Committee at the next monthly meeting.

17—Tree in front of No. 4, Imperial Square—A letter was read from Dr. A. G. Forster, asking for the removal of the tree in front of his house as it obscured the light. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have the tree removed.

18—Private Improvement Works in Montpellier Street—A letter was read from Mr. W. J. Suter, Messrs. Holliday and Page, Limited, and Mr. C. H. Channon with reference to the notices served on them to do certain paving, &c. to the footpath outside their properties in Montpellier Street, calling the attention of the Committee to the following Minute and Resolution of the Improvement Commissioners of the 31st of March, 1874, viz :—" A letter from Messrs. Winterbotham, Bell & Co., on behalf of the owners of the land between Rotunda Terrace and the new road from Queen's Circus to Bayshill, offering to give up to the public sufficient land adjoining the footpath to make the same of a continuous width of 7ft. 8in. throughout, the Commissioners making and forming the path was read, and it was resolved that the offer be accepted." Resolved, That in settling the apportionment the cost of the private improvement works in respect of the footpath between Rotunda Terrace and the new road above mentioned be charged to the Corporation.

19.—Private Street Works Act, 1892--Resolved, That the Town Clerk be requested to report as to the reasons for or against the adoption of this Act.

20—Building Plans—The Borough Surveyor laid before the Committee the following plans which he had received of proposed new building, viz. :—

No. of Plan.	Name.	Description.
1469	G. B. Dale	Two houses in Moorend Road.
1475	Josiah Barrett	Villa in Leckhampton Road.

Resolved, That No. 1469 be not approved and that No. 1475 be approved.

WILLIAM A. BAKER,

Chairman.

TRAMWAYS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, the 20th day of December, 1901—Present :
Councillors Baker, Bence, Al. Davis, Lawrence, Packer, Parsonage and J. Waghorne (Councillor J. Waghorne in the chair)-

1-Existing Line—The Borough Surveyor and Electrical Engineer laid before the Committee the Reports which they had been instructed to prepare of the amendments required to the existing railway, and the same having been read, it was Resolved that they be approved.

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2—Proposed Extensions to Charlton Kings and Leckhampton —The Town Clerk laid before the Committee the draft of the agreement embodying what had been agreed upon at the last meeting between the Committee and Mr. T. Nevins both as regards the working of the existing railway and the fares to be charged, and the laying down and working of the proposed extensions and the fares to be charged thereon, and the consent to be given by the Council to the application which had been made to the Light Railway Commissioners for an Order empowering the Company to make the extensions, and having been perused and discussed, it was Resolved, That the same be not finally settled or further considered until the Company shall have carried out to the satisfaction of the Committee the amendments and alterations to the existing railway as agreed to by Mr. Nevins at the last meeting and also as specified in the Reports of the Borough Surveyor and Electrical Engineer above referred to

3--Proposed Doubling of Line in St. George's Road—Memorials were received from residents in St. George's Road and from the Ladies' College appealing to the Council not to consent to the proposed doubling of the existing line the full length of St. George's Road. Resolved, That the request of the memorialists be acceded to, but that consent be given to the extension of the existing passing place into the Gloucester Road, terminating therein 50 yards from the intersection of the centre of St. George's Road with the Gloucester Road.

Resolved, To adjourn consideration of a memorial received from the Rev. Canon Roxby and others re running of the trams on Sundays.

Resolved, To adjourn consideration of memorials received from Mr. C. F. Dobell and Mr. E. C. Green and others protesting against the proposed extension of the Railway along the High Street, and particularly the upper part of it.

4—Bye-Laws—Resolved, To adjourn consideration of the proposed Bye-Laws and of letters received from the Clerk to the County Council and the solicitors to the Light Railway Company re proposed County Bye-Laws and Bye-Laws proposed to be made by the Light Railway Company.

J. WAGHORNE,

Chairman.

TOWN IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 23rd day of December, 1901-Present The Mayor : Alderman. Winterbotham ; Councillors Bainbridge, Baker, Bence, Lawrence, Packer and Rickerby (Councillor Rickerby in the chair)-

1—Elm in front of Flask Lodge—Resolved, That the Council are unable to accede to a request made by Mr. N. W. Olive to replace this tree with a silver birch.

2-Advertising in "The Riviera Express"—Resolved, That an offer received from Mr. H. R. Travis to insert an advertisement in the town in this publication at a cost for the season of 80 days of £10 per inch be not accepted.

3 —Advertisement in "Daily Telegraph"—Resolved, That the advertisement of the Council which has recently appeared in the Wednesday issues of " The Daily Telegraph " at the foot of the paragraph therein appearing relating to Cheltenham news and entertainments be continued until further notice or for so long as such paragraphs continue to appear, provided that the proprietors of the paper will allow the subject matter of the paragraphs to be sent by the Council, and that the Entertainment Sub-Committee be requested to compose and forward the same each week.

4--Advertising in Publication by "The Manchester Clerical, Medical and Scholastic Association, Limited"—Resolved, Not to entertain an offer received for the insertion of an advertisement of the town in this publication.

5--Bowling Green at the Winter Garden—With reference to letters received from Mr. W. H. Horsley, Captain of the Cheltenham Bowling Club, asking the Council to erect an ornamental pavilion for the Club in connection with the use by them of the lawn at the south-west corner of the Winter Garden, and asking for the consent of the Council to their use at once of the new green on the same terms as before, Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to retain the use of the lawn referred to for the purposes of the Corporations only, and that it be only let from time to time with the consent of either the Mayor or the Entertainment Sub-Committee, and that the resolution of this Committee to Minute No. 4 of their proceedings of the 17th of September, 1900, 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 be varied accordingly.

6- Breach of Restrictive Building Covenants at St. Aryans, Pittville—A letter was read from Mr. F. G. Adams, the owner of St. Aryans, expressing regret that he had, in ignorance of the covenants, permitted his tenant to erect the greenhouse at St. Arvans by which the restrictive building covenants had been infringed, and requesting the Council to allow the greenhouse to remain so long as the present tenant occupies the premises. Resolved, That the request be acceded to subject to

Mr. Adams giving a written acknowledgment of the infringement and undertaking to have the greenhouse removed immediately the present tenancy ceases or at such earlier time as the Council may call upon him to have it removed.

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7—Improvement Works in Roads at back of Segrave and Leamington Place, Pittville—Resolved, To instruct the Borough Surveyor to bring up a report as to what works of improvement are necessary in these streets, with an estimate of the cost.

8— Fox Terrier Show—Resolved, To let the Winter Garden to the Fox Terrier Club for the 11th, 12th and 13th of November next upon terms to be arranged by the Entertainment Sub-Committee.

9 —Poultry, &c., Show—Resolved, To let the Winter Garden to the Cheltenham Fanciers Society on the 18th, 19th and 20th and early part of the 21st of November next for a poultry, pigeon, rabbit, &c., show, upon terms to be arranged by the Entertainment Sub-Committee.

10—Salvation Army Service—Resolved, That no charge be made to the Salvation Army in respect of the let to them of the Winter Garden for Sunday, the 15th instant, in consequence of the proposed service having been postponed.

11—Winter Garden—A letter was read from Messrs. Dale, Forty & Co. asking for an explanation of the terms which had been charged to them for the use of the Winter Garden for the Clara Butt Concert, viz., £10 10s. exclusive of lighting, as the building had not been cleared for them and they had had to employ labour to prepare it for the concert, and beyond erecting the platform and curtains the whole arrangements of preparation were carried out by themselves, and they also had had to hire screens and furniture.

They also made a number of suggestions for making the building more convenient for the public and more comfortable for the performers. Resolved, To refer the letter to the Borough Surveyor to report upon,

12- Guns in front of tile Queen's Hotel—Resolved, To have these guns cleansed and the lamps washed as soon as possible.

13 —Fire Insurance of Pittville Pump Room— Resolved, To increase the amount of the insurance of this building against fire from £2,000 to £10,000.

T. E. RICKERBY,

Chairman.

LIGHTING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Wednesday, the 18th day of December, 1901—Present:
The Mayor ; Alderman Norman ; Councillors Baker, Handley, Hayward, Parsonage and Stroud
(Alderman Norman in the chair) —

1—Electrical Inspector's Report— The Electrical Inspector reported the result of his tests of the Electric supply during the past month as follows :—

LOW PRESSURE CABLES.

Date.	Legal Standard.	Test at Manchester Street
1901		
Dec. 4th	200 Volts.	210 Volts.
Dec. 14th	"	"

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

ILLUMINATING POWER. PURITY.

1900		1901	Grains of
Nov. 20th	16.90 candles		Sulphur per
Nov. 27th.	16.28 "		100 cubic
			ft.
		Dec.	
Dec. 4th.	15.91 "		
		11th—	11.47
		12th	
Dec. 11th	<u>15.20</u> "		
Average.	16.07 "		

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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, viz. :—Ordinary lamps with 2 ½ ft. burners, 4.1833 cubic feet ; Guildhall lamps with No. 4 incandescent burners, 4.778 cubic feet ; ordinary lamps with No. 3 incandescent burners, 3.5485 cubic feet.

4—Lamp Book—Ordinary lamps extinguished, 10 metered and 21 unmetered ; Incandescent lamps out 9 and 7 burning dimly.

5—Lighting of Keynsham Road, Upper Bath Street, Lower end of Montpellier Walk, Rodney Road opposite Tavistock Place, Near Parkfield Lawn, St. Stephen's Road, Brighton Road, Back of Montpellier Exchange, Naunton Lane, White Cross Square, Naunton Park Terrace, and Prestbury Road, between Pittville Villas and Selkirk Parade. Resolved, To adjourn for view consideration of letters and complaints, relating to the lighting of the above named localities, received from G. Townshend, A. Dix, W. H. Gibbs and others, F. H. Rea and S. W. Strange, Col. Noyes, F. H. Harris, W. Thomas and Mrs. Earengy, and others.

6— Street Lighting— With reference to the letter from the Clerks to the Gas Company, offering for general adoption at £3 12s. 9d. each per annum No. 3 incandescent burners and new shadowless lantern as recently fitted to the lamp standards in St. George's Road, provided the Council would undertake to continue their use for five years. Resolved, To enquire upon what terms per lamp the Company would permit discontinuance should the Council desire their removal during the five years.

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— Guildhall Lamps—A letter was read from the Clerks to the Gas Company, calling the attention of the Council to a resolution passed by them in January, 1899, by which they gave assurance that they would endeavour to replace the 42 Guildhall lamps, the use of which had then been recently discontinued, as rapidly as possible. That at that time 31 Guildhall lamps were in use but at the present only 19, and the Directors would be pleased if the Council could see their way to give orders for the erection of the Guildhall lamps which had been discontinued. Resolved, To enquire upon what terms the Company would fit the lamps referred to with No. 3 incandescent burners and light and maintain same.

8—Telephone Service—A letter from the General Manager of the National Telephone Company was read complaining that the telephone service was suffering severely through the electric lighting works of the Corporation ; stating that the provisions of section 16 of the Cheltenham Electric Lighting Order, 1890, had not been complied with ; and asking the Corporation to take immediate steps to remedy the disturbance complained of. Resolved, To instruct the Electrical Engineer to obviate, as far as possible, any causes for complaint and to report thereon at an early date.

9- 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, though the leaky condensing chamber made some of the work at the station troublesome to perform.

The number of customers connected was 549 and the equivalent number of 8-c.p. lamps was 34,560—increases of 11 and 660 since November 20th ; there were 21 intending customers, with the equivalent of 755 8-c.p lamps, to be connected shortly and applications had been received from others.

The lane to the works was in an exceedingly bad state, and after dark almost dangerous; whatever surface was arranged for it should allow of access without great cost to the cables, of which there were to occupying the middle 7 feet of the roadway.

He had had to purchase a hand pump for the condensing chamber to obviate the necessity for his men wading through the leakage water in discharge of their duties; the cost of the pump with the necessary piping had been £7.

He recommended purchase of a second ohm-meter at a cost of £23 10s. 0d., as the present ohm-meter was frequently required at the works and the cost of taking it backwards and forwards from the town was considerable.

Small extensions, each costing £40, in Suffolk Square and Manchester Street, both of which were compulsory under the Provisional Order, were necessary to supply intending customers and he recommended that these be approved.

An application had been received from the Committee of the Home for Sick Children for electric supply to the equivalent of log 8-c.p. lamps at their new premises at Harp Hill. As a high pressure main had been sanctioned to the north end of the Oakley Road the best way of giving supply to the Home would be by means of a small sub-station at the junction of Harp Hill and the Oakley Road, and a low pressure main from there to the Home; the total cost of the extension, exclusive of the transformer which was in stock, would be £105 and the annual bill should certainly amount to £420

per cent. on this outlay; he therefore recommended that this application be acceded to and the extension carried out when required.

It was desirable to encourage the use of electric heating apparatus and motors as much as possible and particularly of those used for a considerable time daily ; he recommended, therefore, that the price of energy for these purposes be 6d. per unit for an average use 05 one hour per working day and 1d. per unit for additional use ; this corresponded to 3d per unit for a 2 ½ -hour a day customer, and 2d. per unit for a 4-hour a day customer. Resolved, That the proceedings of the Electrical Engineer mentioned in his Report and the recommendations therein contained be approved and adopted.

GEO. NORMAN,

Chairman.

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WATER COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Thursday, the 19th day of December, 1901—Present : The Mayor ; Councillors Baker, Bendall, M. Davis, Lawrence, Packer, Rickerby, King-Harman and H. Waghorne (Councillor H. Waghorne in the chair)—

1 —Report of the Water Engineer—The Water Engineer reported that on the 17th instant the supply from Hewletts springs was 55.49 gallons per minute, the average for the past three years being 49.52 gallons and the quantity of water in store at Hewletts and Leckhampton was 8,970,343 gallons.

On the 18th instant the Dowdeswell Reservoir was 12ft. 2in. in depth, and the contents 18,974,703 gallons, exclusive of the daily yield of the streams, which was then about 382,320 gallons, which gave a total storage of 27,945,046 gallons, or about 31 days' supply.

In consequence of the rainfall he had ceased pumping from Tewkesbury by night.

2--Worcester Sewage—The Town Clerk reported that on the 25th ulto. he had written to the Town Clerk of Worcester as follows, viz.—"We are informed by the Local Government Board that as far back as the 28th November, 1900, they sanctioned a loan by your Corporation of the sum of £52,000 for the execution of a scheme for the disposal of the sewage of your city.

" I should be glad if you would kindly inform me for the information of my Committee what steps your Corporation have taken or are taking to carry out the works for which the loan was sanctioned." To which he had received the following reply from the Town Clerk of Worcester, dated the 12th inst., viz. :—

" I submitted your letter of the 26th ulto. to our Water and Sewerage Committee at the last meeting, and while my Committee cannot admit that the Council is under any obligation to the Corporation of Cheltenham in this matter, they are desirous of giving your Corporation any information they properly can on the subject.

" My Committee therefore instruct me to say that they are now engaged in endeavouring to negotiate the necessary wayleaves for our outfall sewer. They have succeeded in making an arrangement for the most important of these wayleaves and have obtained the terms from another owner, but they have not yet been able to get the third owners to name the terms on which the sewer may be laid under the property in question. At the meeting at which your letter was submitted we had a letter from the solicitor to the last-mentioned owners stating that they had decided to call in a valuer to advise them on the terms they should ask." Resolved, That consideration of the matter be adjourned.

3—Pollution of Sewer at Upton—Resolved. To instruct the Town Clerk to call the attention of the Rural District Council of Upton-on-Severn to the gross pollution of the river by the sewage from that town and district, and to enquire whether that Council proposed to take any steps at an early date to abate it.

4-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 Wednesday, the 11th day of December, 1901—Present The Mayor; Aldermen Haddon, Winterbotham, Norman and Skillicorne; Councillors Baker, Gurney, Hayward, Lamb, Parsonage, Rickerby, Stroud and J. Waghorne (The Mayor in the chair)—

1—Sites for New Municipal Offices--The offers of sites which had been received having been again considered, and a letter having been read from the Secretary of Lloyds Bank, Limited, consenting to extend the option of purchase by the Council of the Bank's present premises for £8,000 until the end of the year, and Mr. Chatters having read a report which he had prepared, and explained a small Plan which he had made, as to the manner in which the site could be utilised for new Municipal buildings, Resolved, That the offer of the Bank be accepted, subject to the sanction of the Local Government Board being obtained for the necessary loan.

RICHARD ROGERS,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Friday, the 20th day of December, 1901—Present: The Mayor ; Aldermen Norman, Skillicorne and Winterbotham ; Councillors Baker, Lamb, Parsonage, Rickerby, Stroud, H. Waghorne and J. Waghorne (The Mayor in the chair)—

2-Fire Brigade Sub-Committee—This Committee reported that on the 30th ulto. they had had a meeting, when there were present : Councillors Baker, Parsonage and H. Waghorne. That Councillor Baker was elected Chairman. That they recommended that tenders be advertised for to supply one Captain's tunic, with white metal Corporation buttons, and 20 pairs of trousers of best English wool

cloth, the tenders, with sample of cloth, to be submitted to the Sub-Committee, and the contractor whose tender is accepted to be required to deposit two yards of cloth similar to sample of cloth used for making the tunic and trousers which will be used for repairs. That the old Escape be thoroughly overhauled and repainted, this work to be done at the Depot by the Corporation workmen under the supervision of the Chairman, and That a desk telephone instrument be provided for the bell-room in addition to the old instrument in the resident fireman's bedroom. Resolved, That the recommendations of the Sub-Committee be approved and adopted.

3— Drivers' licences—The Street Inspector reported that Arthur John Mansell had been three times convicted of offences against the Hackney Carriage Bye-Laws within twelve months.

4—Stamp Duty on Goods Passed by Delivery—A letter was read from the Town Clerk of Eastbourne calling attention to the decision in the case of Attorney-General v. Mayor, Be., of Eastbourne, under which it was held that the Corporation were liable to pay stamp duty on the value of goods which passed by delivery when they completed the purchase of the electric light undertaking, and as this would apply in every case of a purchase of an undertaking by a Corporation, his Council considered it of sufficient importance to carry the appeal to the House of Lords if other Corporations would join in a contribution towards the costs in the event of the decision being upheld. That if the Corporation of Cheltenham should entertain the proposal they could do so subject to the limit of their guarantee being subsequently submitted to and approved by them, as this would depend upon the number consenting to contribute. Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to reply that this Council are satisfied to abide by the decision of the Court of Appeal.

5—Census—A letter was read from the Registrar-General, in reply to the letter from the Town Clerk pointing out that as regards the Central and West Wards there was a considerable discrepancy between the figures of the recent Census and those of the Census taken by the Corporation in 1897, in which he stated that he entertained no doubt that the Census enumeration in Cheltenham was conducted in a satisfactory manner, and that, therefore, the results show as near an approximation to accuracy as those in other towns.

6—Youthful Offenders' Act—A letter was read from the Home Office calling attention to Sec. 4 of the Youthful Offenders' Act, foot. under Sub-sec. 4 of which the Council of any borough may defray the whole or any part of the expenses of the maintenance of children and young persons who, having been remanded or committed for trial, have under Sub-sec. 1 been committed to the custody of a fit person willing to receive them instead of being committed to prison, and asking to be informed what steps recommend themselves to the Council. Resolved, To inform the Home Office that the Council do not consider that they should defray the whole or any part of such expenses.

7—Report of the Art Gallery Sub-Committee—This Committee reported that they had had a meeting on the 16th inst., when there were present, Aldermen Norman and Winterbotham and Councillor Hayward, the Baron de Ferrieres and Dr. E. T. Wilson.

That there had been 2,507 visits to the Gallery since the last meeting.

That the second historical series of water-colour paintings, lent by the South Kensington Museum for the months of August, September and October, were returned to the Department on November 5th.

That a small oil painting, a landscape by Muller, had been lent to the Gallery by the Rev. A. A. Isaacs, who had offered to make a loan of other pictures from his collection at Bath if the Committee would send someone to make a selection. That 636 visits had been made to the Exhibition of Books on Fine Art held in the Art Gallery 9th to 14th December. It was Resolved, That the thanks of the Committee be given to Mr. Isaacs for the loan and his offer above mentioned, and that the Curator be authorised to go to Bath to make the selection referred to.

Also Resolved, That a member of the Sub-Committee and the Curator be authorised to go to London to make a selection, subject to the approval of the Sub-Committee, of objects of art from South Kensington to be purchased at a cost not exceeding £25, and that the Curator be requested to make enquiries upon what terms and conditions loans of pictures could be obtained from Art Galleries in other towns for exhibition in the Art Gallery here for short periods.

Resolved, That the aforesaid resolutions of the Art Gallery Sub-Committee be approved and adopted.

8—Corporation Printing—A letter was read from Mr. F. J. Bennett, managing proprietor of the Cheltenham Newspaper Company, applying to be placed on the list of printers to whom orders for the Corporation printing are sent. Resolved, To inform Mr. Bennett that as his firm is not now disqualified from contracting with the Corporation, orders have been given that a due proportion of the Corporation printing shall be given to them.

9-- Register for Discharged Soldiers and Sailors—In reply to a letter from Colonel King-Harman, Resolved, To inform him that the Council do not see their way to keep a register at the Municipal Offices for discharged soldiers and sailors, as they have no staff available for properly carrying out the work which it would involve.

10—Stream North Side of North Ward Allotments—Resolved, To refer to the Borough Surveyor a letter received from Messrs. B. W. Pearce and Sons complaining of the state of the brook which runs along the north side of the Corporation allotments in the North Ward, which causes flooding of their works at the Folley brick yards.

11-Site for Municipal Offices—In reply to a letter from Mr. Jas. Villar and Mr. S. B. Dix asking permission to submit plans showing the mode in which the site of Mr. Dix's property in North Street could be adapted for Municipal Offices, Resolved, To inform Mr. Villas and Mr. Din that the Committee have carefully considered the suitability of the site referred to in North Street, but have decided to recommend the Council to purchase the premises in High Street at present occupied by Lloyds Bank.

12--Waiting Room next to Mayor's Room—Resolved, To form a Sub-Committee, consisting of the Mayor, Alderman Norman and Councillor Baker, and to authorise them to incur such expenditure as they may deem necessary for furnishing and fitting up the small room at the Municipal Offices next to the Mayor's room as a waiting room.

RICHARD ROGERS, Chairman.

MINERAL WATERS AND BATHS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Friday, the 13th day of December, 1901—Present : The Mayor ; Councillors Baker, R. Davies, Handley, Hayward and Stroud (Councillor Stroud in the chair)—

1—Montpellier Baths.- The Borough Accountant reported that up to this date £478 17s. 11d. had been received from these Baths, and £416 19s. 4d., exclusive of repayment of loan and interest, had been paid.

Resolved, To instruct the Superintendent to inform Mrs. Craddock, the bath attendant, that from the 1st of January to the 1st of April inclusive her services will only be required three days a week, and that during that period her wages will be reduced by one half.

2 - Alstone Baths--The Borough Accountant reported that up to this date £315 6s. 0d.. had been received from these Baths, and £398 3s. 5d., exclusive of repayment of loan and interest, had been paid.

HERBERT STROUD,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 17th day of December, 1901—Present: Alderman Norman; Councillors Baker, R. Davies, Handley, Hayward, Parsonage and Stroud (Councillor Stroud in the chair)—

3—Brine Baths—The Medical Officer of Health reported that the Chairman, Councillor Davies and himself had, as authorised by the Committee, visited Droitwich and gathered full information of the quality of the brine there and the manner of its use in the treatment of disease, and after reference to the advantages which the town had derived from the existence of the Baths in attracting residents and patients for treatment, the Report proceeded as follows :—

The brine bath is taken in two forms, either in the form of a swimming bath, in which the superior gravity of the water causes the body to float without effort on the part of the swimmer, and allows of easy motion of all the limbs to be practised whilst the patient lies upon the surface of the water ; or by immersion up to the neck in brine in a bath of common form as usually used in the house.

At Droitwich, however, these latter baths are made of teak, as it is found that the usual metal or enamelled bath will not stand the corrosive action of the brine.

The baths are square made, with single slabs of teak a couple of inches in thickness, forming respectively the sides, bottoms, and ends.

The body of the patient is prevented rising to the surface of the water in the bath by staves of soft wood jammed athwart the wooden sides of the bath in any required position above the body of the patient. This means of keeping the body down in the water could not be used in a metal bath. Another object of the wooden bath is to keep up the temperature of the water, as it is usual for the patient to remain as long as 20 minutes in the bath, during which time it is found that the temperature of the water in the wooden bath only sinks about 2 degrees. The temperature of the brine bath is from 98 to 104 degrees F. when the patient gets into it.

The former temperature is that most usually employed. After remaining in the bath for the time ordered, he is enveloped in a hot sheet made of Turkish towelling and allowed to be on a couch in the adjacent dressing room for half an hour or until comfortably cool, when he dresses. He is recommended to take no active exercise within two hours of the time of taking the bath.

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According to the published analysis of the Droitwich brine, there are 22,212 grains of total salts in the gallon of water, 21,761 of these grains consisting of pure chloride of sodium.

To make a brine of this strength, 3 lbs. 2 oz. of common salt would be required to each gallon of water. In order to bring the brine to a temperature of 100 degrees F. either hot fresh water is added to the brine or steam is injected into the brine as it stands in the bath. The strength of the brine is thereby reduced.

It is improbable that all the brine pumped at Droitwich has the strength represented by the original analysis, which was made many years ago, and in my opinion water of such a saturation is needlessly strong for a brine bath. A strong brine bath would result from dissolving 1 ½ lbs. of salt in each gallon of water.

The charges for an ordinary brine bath at Droitwich are 2s 6d for the first-class bath, 1s 6d for the second-class bath. Only first-class brine baths should at present be provided in Cheltenham.

Resolved, To instruct the Borough Surveyor to bring up an estimate of the cost of adapting one of the Spray Baths at the Montpellier Baths for the purpose of a Brine Bath, upon the same lines as at Droitwich, including the cost of a storage tank for the brine and the cost of the necessary furniture for the room.

HERBERT STROUD,

Chairman.

RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, laid on Monday, the 23rd day of December, 1901—Present Councillors Bainbridge, Baker, Bendall, Handley, King-Harman and Lamb (Councillor Lamb in the chair)—

1—Pigstye Encroachment on Land annexed to Agg-Gardner Recreation Ground—Resolved, To authorise the Borough Surveyor to settle without prejudice the claim made by lair. W. H. Herbert for the use of his materials after removal of part of his pigstye which encroached upon the land recently purchased by the Council for addition to the Agg-Gardner Recreation Ground.

2 - Football at Naunton Park—Resolved, To accede to a request of the Bethesda Wesleyan Bible Class Football Club for per-mission to erect Association goal posts in the Naunton Recreation Ground at their own risk. Resolved, To accede to an application from the Naunton Park Football Club for permission to run a rope round the football playing portion of the Naunton Park Recreation Ground on the morning of Boxing Day provided that this permission shall not form a precedent.

3—Visitors—Resolved, To appoint as visitors during the ensuing month Councillors Bainbridge and Bendall for Naunton Park, and Councillors Baker, Handley and King-Harman for the Agg-Gardner Recreation Ground.

ARTHUR LAMB,

Chairman.

BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Friday, the 27th day of December, 1901 -- Present: The Mayor ; Alderman Haddon ; Councillors Baker, Bence, M. Davis and Rickerby (Alderman Haddon in the chair)—

1—Cemetery Resolved, To instruct the Borough Surveyor to have a new post provided for the notice board at the entrance, and that the shrubs and trees for the new ground be planted as soon as possible.

2--Designs--Resolved, To approve the following designs, viz., Headstone to the Rev. Patrick Cronin, Monument to William Shaw, Kerbing to grave of Frank Shaw.

JOHN HADDON,

Chairman.

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FINANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 31st day of December, 1901—Present : Alderman Skillicorne Councillors Bence, Gurney, Handley, Hayward and King-Harman (Councillor Gurney in the chair)—

1—Report of the Borough Accountant—The Borough Accountant reported that he had arranged a loan of the sum of £600 at 3 ½ per cent. with the Misses Butt, of Holmesdale, Cheltenham, subject to three months' notice for repayment on either side.

That he had, subject to the approval of the Council, arranged to lend £10,000 of the Sinking and Loans Funds to the Tyne-mouth Corporation at 3 ¾ per cent. interest, subject to six months' notice on either side for repayment, on the security of their District Fund and Rates and the revenue of their Waterworks undertaking under the Tynemouth Corporation Water Acts 1897 and 1898.

Resolved, That the arrangement for the loan from the Misses Butt be approved, and that, subject to the Town Clerk being satisfied as to the security offered, the arrangement for the loan of £10,000 to the Tynemouth Corporation be approved.

2-Unsanctioned Capital Expenditure—With reference to the resolution of this Committee in Minute No. 2 of their proceedings of date the 23rd of October, 1900, calling the attention of the Council to the fact that large sums of money had been expended without the necessary sanction of the Local Government Board or other proper Authority having been first obtained, and that no further expenditure be authorised for which such sanction is necessary without the same having been first

received, and which resolution was referred back to this Committee by the Council, the Borough Accountant laid before the Committee the following Statement of Capital Expenditure for which the sanction of the Local Government Board had not been applied for, viz., Pittville Park £1640 3s. 10d., Montpellier Gardens £1381 7s. 3d., Montpellier Baths £2726 5s. 2d., Sewers (Districts 1 and 2 and Shelburne Road) £2995 18s. 11d., Sewers (Hatherley Brook, Oriel Terrace, and Corpus Street) £387 14s. 9d., £10 0s. 0d. and £106 13s. 9d., Compensation for Closing Slaughter-houses £624 4s. 6d., Recreation Grounds £539 7s. 9d., Alstone Baths £198 8s. 2d., Promenade Improvement No. 2 £17 4s. 5d., Henrietta Street, Sherborne Street, Rosehill Street and Upper Park Street £89 12s. 6d., Suffolk Road Improvement £166 1s. 2d., Wood-paving of Colonnade £38 8s. 7d., making a total sum of £10921 10s. 9d. Resolved, That as no action has been taken by the several Committees responsible for the items of expenditure above stated to obtain the necessary sanction thereto, the Town Clerk be instructed to take steps to apply to the Local Government Board to sanction loans for all sums which shall have been expended in excess of amounts sanctioned, or in anticipation of sanction being obtained to such expenditure.

3—Bank Overdraft—A letter was read from Mr. Leaver, Manager of Lloyds Bank, Cheltenham, stating that an extension of the overdraft limit to £100,000 had been sanctioned by the head office for a period of six months, at the expiration of which time if the loan is not paid off the question of rates will be reconsidered.

4—Local Authorities' Officers' Adoptive Superannuation Bill—A letter was read from the Municipal Officers' Association pointing out that this Bill had been amended so as to apply only to those Authorities (1) who signify under seal their wish to be included in its provisions, and (2) who after the passing of the Act adopt it by resolution after a month's notice has been given, and asking the Council, if desirous of being included in the provisions of the Bill, to affix their seal to the form of adoption sent therewith. Resolved, That a copy of the Bill be sent to each member of the Committee and that in the meantime consideration of the matter be adjourned.

5—Corporation Insurances— Before further considering the report of the Borough Accountant, presented on the 29th of October last, Resolved, To request the General Purposes and Watch Committee to inform this Committee what action (if any) they have taken or propose to take with reference to the resolution to Minute No. 17 of their proceedings of date the 2nd of October last, as to the establishment of a self-insurance fund.

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 1901-1902, amounting to £100 12s. 8d. Resolved, That the said account be certified to be due to him and be apportioned between the parishes of Cheltenham and Charlton Kings as follows, viz., Cheltenham £88 6s. 6d., Charlton Kings £12 6s. 2d.

7—General District Rate—The Report of the Borough Accountant of date the 31st December, 1901, on the collection of the second instalment of this Rate, was read. Amount collected, £9,775 17s. 9d., leaving outstanding £10,165 2s. 9d.

8—Water Rate—The Report of the Borough Accountant of date the 31st December, 1901, on the collection of this Rate was read. Amount received £5,280 10s. 5d., leaving outstanding £5,917 1s. 6d.

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 £16,080 1s. 6d., ordered to be paid by the Borough Treasurer. The Treasurer's Accounts at the Bank were examined and the balances found to be correct. The following was the General Statement :—

Overdrawn on the 26th November last	£64,882 18 8
Paid since that date	£ <u>8,227 9 4</u>
	£ 73,110 8 0
Received since that date	£ <u>7,179 1 7</u>
Overdrawn	£65,931 6 5
Being Ordinary Rates Expenditure	£ 3,293 1- 8
Electric Lighting, Water & other Capital Accounts	£ <u>62,637 15 9</u>
	£65,931 6 5

W. GERALD GURNEY,

Chairman.

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HOUSING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Thursday, the 12th day of December, 1901—Present : The Mayor ; Councillors Baker, Bendall, Davies, Hayward, Packer, Parsonage and Stroud (Councillor Hayward in the chair)—

1—Chairman—Resolved, To appoint Councillor Hayward Chairman of this Committee.

2 —Housing of the Working Classes—The representation of the Medical Officer of Health under Sec. 4 of the Housing of the Working Classes Act, 1890, which was made by him to the Public Health Committee on the 9th of July last, having been read, and the question of formulating a scheme for providing lodging-houses for the working classes under Part III. of the Act having been discussed, Resolved, That the representation of the Medical Officer of Health be reprinted and a copy sent to each member of the Committee, That inquiry be made from other towns who have adopted Part III. of the Act what action, if any, they have taken thereunder and with what success, and to what extent, if any, such action has burdened the rates, and That further consideration of the matter be postponed until after Parliament shall have reassembled next year.

C. HAYWARD,

Chairman.

PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 17th day of December, 1901—Present: Alderman Skillicorne ; Councillors Bainbridge, Hayward, King-Harman, Lamb, Stroud ; the Baron de Ferrieres ; the Revs. G. Gardner and F. Evans ; Messrs. Evan Butler, W. Cresswell and G. H. Palmer (Councillor Hayward in the chair)—

1—Librarian's Report—The Librarian reported that £5 9s. 0d. had been received during the past month, and that the following presentations had been made to the Library, viz.: -- Trustees of the British Museum, 1 vol.; the Baron de Ferrieres, 2 vols. and 1 pamphlet ; Major Yate, 1 vol.; and Mr. S. Madge, 4 vols. The Exhibition of Fine Art Books held in the Art Gallery from the 9th to the 14th instant was visited by 636 persons.

2 — School of Art Notice Board—In reply to the request made by this Committee at its last meeting, a letter was read from the Clerk to the Grammar School Governors stating that the Governors had decided to remove the School of Art notice board, and that that should be done at once.

3--Sub-Committee's Report—The Sub-Committee recommended:—That the lists of new books submitted be approved and purchased at a cost of about 420. That 1,000 copies of a new Supplementary Catalogue of between 40 and 50 pages be published, and that advertisements be admitted at the end of the Catalogue in order to reduce the cost of printing. Resolved, That the recommendations of the Sub-Committee be approved and adopted.

4—New Supplementary Catalogue—Time following tenders for the printing of 1,000 copies of the new Supplementary Catalogue were considered:—

Norman, Sawyer and Co.	7s 9d per page
" Echo " Office	7s 6d per page
G. F. Poole	7s 6d per page

Resolved, That the tender of the " Echo " Office be accepted.

5- Review of Reviews "—Resolved, That the " Review of Reviews " be no longer obtained for the Library.

C. HAYWARD,

Chairman.

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Wednesday, the 1st day of January, 1902—Present The Mayor ; Aldermen Haddon and Skillicorne ; Councillors Bainbridge, Lawrence and Rickerby (Alderman Skillicorne 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 671 names of absentee children had been extracted, all of whom had been visited. They also reported that the parents of 60 children had been summoned to attend before the Local Committees, who had held 7 meetings ; that 11 parents had been prosecuted, and 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. :— Florence Cann, Alice Halliday, Edwin Barnfield, and Martha Sallis.

3--North and West Wards Local Committee—A letter from Mr. S. Wiltshire was read resigning his membership of this Committee in consequence of his having to return to South Africa. Resolved, That the thanks of the Council be given to Mr. Wiltshire for his services.

Also Resolved, That Mr. D. T. Woodward be asked if he will serve on the Committee in place of Mr. Wiltshire.

4— Proficiency Examination)—The Town Clerk reported that the result of the Special Examination for Proficiency Certificates, held on the 30th of November last, had been as follows, viz :—Standard VI. Boys—Number examined 17 : number passed 8, number failed 9 (17); failed in reading 0, failed in writing 6, failed in arithmetic 7. Girls—Number examined 40 : number passed 11, number failed 29 (40) ; failed in reading 0, failed in writing 11, failed in arithmetic 28. Total number examined 57: total number passed 19, total number failed 38 (57). Total number failed in one subject 24, total number failed in two subjects 14 (38).

W. NASH SKILLICORNE,

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 Quarterly Meeting of the Council, to be held on Monday, the 3rd day of February, 1902.

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 13th day of January, 1902—Present : The Mayor; Alderman Skillicorne ; Councillors M. Davis, R. Davies, Lawrence, Parsonage and H. Waghorne (Councillor Parsonage in the chair)—

1- Zymotic Disease—The Medical Officer of Health reported that there had been notified since the last meeting of the Committee 4 cases of Scarlet Fever, 2 of Enteric Fever, 1 of Erysipelas, and 3 of Diphtheria ; that 4 cases of Scarlet Fever and 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 to of Scarlet Fever and 1 of Enteric Fever.

2-Nuisance from Drains, &c, at Nos. 8 & 7, Union Street, No. 15, Victoria Street, St. Paul's, No. 14, Naunton Crescent, and No. 2, Beaufort Buildings--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- Overcrowded Workshop at No. 1, Moorend Parade—The Medical Officer of Health reported that a laundry in the occupation of Mrs. T. Greening at the premises above mentioned was found to be overcrowded on the 30th ulto., notwithstanding that a card had been supplied intimating the maximum number of workers that could work in the apartment. Resolved, That the Committee

being satisfied, pursuant to Sec. 2 (1) of the Factory and Workshop Act, 1875, and Sec. 91 of the Public Health Act, 1875, of the existence of a nuisance on the said premises caused as aforesaid, Notice under Sec. 94 of the Public Health Act be served on the owner and occupier thereof requiring them to abate the nuisance forthwith and prevent a repetition of the offence, and to instruct the Town Clerk to take proceedings to compel compliance with the Notice without further warning if necessary.

4- W.C's without Flushing Apparatus —The Medical Officer of Health handed in a list of houses having w.c's without flushing apparatus. Resolved, That Notices under 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 at Nos. 20, 24 & 58, Upper Park Street, No. 2, Old Millbrook Terrace, Petley Cottage, Croft Street, Nos. 11 & 14, Upper Park Street, and No. 5, Chester Walk—The Medical Officer of Health having certified under Section 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—Insanitary Property at House back of Nos. 23 & 24, Burton Street, No. 30, Tivoli Street, No. 79, Winchcomb Street, No. 31, Lower Park Street, and No. 23, St. Paul's Street North—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, paving of yards, &c. Resolved, That the Council being satisfied that the said premises are in such a state as to be injurious to health, Notices under Sec. 94 of the Public Health Act, 1875, be served upon the owners requiring them to put the same into a healthy condition, and for that purpose to carry out the works specified in the notices.

8—Houses let in Lodgings—The Medical Officer of Health recommended that the landlords of the following houses let in lodgings, viz., Lucknow Villa, St. Mark's, Nos. 1 & 2, Tonedale Villas, Gloucester Road, and No. 1, St. James's Villa, Gloucester Road, 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 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 lessees.

9—Dairies, Cowsheds and Milkshops Order—Resolved, As soon as the premises have been rendered suitable to the satisfaction of the Medical Officer of Health, to accede to an application received from Mr. Percy J. Wilkins to be registered as a purveyor of milk at No. 22, Hungerford Street.

10—Unsound Fish—The Medical Officer of Health reported that on the 23rd inst. 84 lbs. of fish were seized and destroyed as being unsound and unfit for human food.

11--Small Pox—The Medical Officer of Health reported that he had written to the keeper of each common lodging house in the borough cautioning them as to the possibility of small pox being introduced into the common lodging houses and asking them to keep a sharp look out and report any suspicious case instantly. The Master of the Workhouse had also been written to, and had replied that he was keeping up a keen observation of the inmates of the casual ward and others with the view of immediately discovering any case of small pox.

12-Urinals at The Hop Pole Inn, Gloucester Road, and The Wheatsheaf Inn, Pilley—The Medical Officer of Health reported that these Urinals were in such a state in consequence of defective structure and want of water supply as to be a nuisance or injurious to health. Resolved, That the Council being satisfied of the existence of nuisances caused by the condition of the urinals referred to. Notices under Sec. 94 of the Public Health Act, 1875, be served on the owners of the premises to abate the nuisances, and for that purpose to lay on a sufficient continuous supply of water for flushing and carry out such structural works of amendment as shall be specified.

13—Sewer between Lansdown Place and Lansdown Crescent— With reference to the letter received from the Local Government Board relating to the complaint of General Babbage that the Council had laid a sewer in the road at the back of his house in lieu of a sewer which he alleged was a private one in respect of the user of which he paid a rent charge, and that he had been deprived of such user by the drains from his house having been disconnected from the old sewer and connected with the new one, a report from the Borough Surveyor to the Town Clerk on the subject was read, and the draft of the letter which the Town Clerk proposed to write to the Board in reply having again been read, Resolved, That the same be approved as drafted by the Town Clerk.

14-Grazing at Haydon Farm—With reference to the resolution to Minute No. 29 of the proceedings of this Committee of date the 23rd ulto. to let the grazing of the fields known as Bradleys, Clayleys, and Locks Hay to Mr. Wood from the 1st pros. to the 25th of December next for £140 inclusive of sewage water supply and use of part of the large double shed for milking purposes, a letter from Mr. Wood was read stating that he considered the amount asked for was too much, but that he was willing to give £120. Resolved, That consideration of the matter be adjourned with a view to ascertaining from the Local Government Board whether or not they would consider that the letting of the grazing of the farms annually except during the winter months would be in contravention of the undertaking given to the Board by the Council as contained in the letter of the Town Clerk of the 16th of November, 1898, that they would adopt the suggestion of the Board contained in their letter of the 1st October, 1898, that the Council should take the entire management of the sewage farms into their own hands, and that the Town Clerk be instructed to ask the Board to grant an interview to the Chairman of the Committee, with himself and the Borough Surveyor, on the subject.

15—Damage to No. 287, High Street from Sewerage Works—With reference to the resolution of the Committee to Minute No. 38 of their proceedings of date the 24th ulto. to offer Mr. Taylor £20 in

settlement of his claim for £122 7s. 6d., a letter was read from Mr. Lamb, his solicitor, stating that his client could not accept the offer, as it was out of all proportion to his loss, which was fairly represented by the claim he had sent in, and that he would be glad to know if the offer was to be treated as final, as if so he feared litigation must ensue. Resolved, To inform Mr. Lamb that the Council are not pre-pared to increase their offer.

16—Sewage Irrigation at Haydon Hill—Resolved To adjourn consideration cm an application received from Mr. J. Palmer for a supply of sewage water on his land at Haydon Hill.

17-Slaughter House Licence—Resolved, To accede to an application received from Mr. J. Hastings for renewal of the licence for his slaughter house in Folly Lane.

18—Brink Sewer in Malvern Place—The Borough Surveyor reported that this sewer passed through various private properties (in one case under a house) as did also another sewer that joined it. They were not in good condition and inadequate, and in places the bricks and mortar were falling in. As there was no record of the sewers on the Town Survey they might perhaps be private ones. The Borough Surveyor explained that in order to make the sewerage of the locality efficient the position of the sewers would have to be entirely changed and carried in other directions. Resolved, To adjourn consideration of the matter for the Borough Surveyor to indicate on the plan the course to which he suggested the sewers should be altered or relaid.

E. H. PARSONAGE,

Chairman.

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At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 20th day of January, 1902—Present The Mayor ; Alderman Skillicorne ; Councillors Davis, Davies, King-Harman and Parsonage (Councillor Parsonage 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 Enteric Fever ; that 2 cases of Scarlet Fever had been sent into a private ward at the Delancey Hospital, and that the number of cases then in the Delancey Hospital sent in by the Corporation was 9 of Scarlet Fever and 2 of Enteric Fever.

20—Insanitary Property at Nos. 6, 7, 8, 9, 19 & 22, Whitehart Street, Nos. 4, 6, 13, 14 & 15, Carlton Place West, No. 17, Sherborne Place, and Nos. 1 & 2, Millbrook Cottages—The Medical Officer of Health reported that the premises above-mentioned were in such a state as to be injurious to the health of the inmates owing to defective roofs, 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.

21—Houses Let in Lodgings—The Medical Officer of Health recommended that the landlords of the following houses let in lodgings, viz., Nos. 2 & 4, Spa Place, and Nos. 6, 9 & 12, Spa Buildings, 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 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 lessees.

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—Cleansing and Limewashing at Nos. 6, 7, 8 & 22, Whitehart Street, and No. 13, Carlton 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.

24—Notices not Complied With—Resolved, To instruct the Town Clerk to take proceedings, if necessary, to compel compliance with notices which had been served to provide ash receptacles, and repair a defective waste pipe, as specified in the list of such notices which had not been complied with laid before the Committee by the Medical Officer of Health at this meeting.

25—Sewage Nuisance at Arle—The Medical Officer of Health reported that complaint had been received by him from Capt. Welch, of Arle House, of a nuisance at Arle, and he found that sewage was being applied to Mr. Brown's meadows although the land was not well suited for irrigation by sewage owing to the near proximity of the brook and the position of the meadows, and that the sewer in Hesters Way was in a defective condition and a dangerous nuisance to those living near it. Resolved. To instruct the Borough Surveyor to order the immediate discontinuance of the supply of sewage water to the meadows referred to, and as regards the sewer which is the main outfall from the Arle tank to Haydon Farm, which is dealt with in the scheme of the Borough Surveyor now under the consideration of the Committee, that he be instructed to make good as far as possible any defects there may be in the joints of the paving which covers the sewer.

26—Urinals at The Plough Hotel Yard and Tap, and The New Inn, Gloucester Road—The Medical Officer of Health reported that these urinals were in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to health in consequence of the want of proper flushing and structural defects. Resolved, That the Council being satisfied of the existence of nuisances caused by the state of the urinals referred to, Notices 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 urinals for flushing and carry out such structural amendments as shall be specified.

27—Pigstyes without Cesspits—The Medical Officer of Health reported that at Nos. 13 and 14, St. Mark's Place swine were being kept on the premises in styes which were not provided with suitable receptacles for the dung, manure, soil, filth, or other offensive matter which might from time to time be produced in the keeping of such animals therein, and the drainage from the styes polluted the neighbouring ditch which eventually connects with Hatherley Brook. Resolved, That Notice be served

on the occupiers of the said premises calling their attention to the fact that they are not complying with the Bye Laws, and calling upon them to forthwith carry into effect Bye Law No. 7 of the Bye Laws of the borough made by the Council under the Public Health Act, 1875, on the 7th of June, 1881.

28—Annual Report of the Medical Officer of Health—The Medical Officer of Health presented his Annual Report and read extracts therefrom to the Committee. Resolved, That 250 copies of the Report be printed for distribution, and that the Medical Officer of Health be authorised to obtain tenders from local printers and accept one of them.

29 — Congress of Sanitary Institute—Resolved, To appoint the Medical Officer of Health and Inspector of Nuisances delegates from this Authority to attend the Congress of the Sanitary Institute at Manchester commencing on the 9th of September next.

30— Sewage Farms Bailiff—The letter from Mr. Berkley, which at the last meeting of the Council was read and referred to this Committee, having again been read, Resolved, That this Committee having again considered the matter of the engagement of the Farm Bailiff, see no reason to depart from the resolution referred back to them at the last meeting of the Council, which they again recommend for confirmation by the Council.

31—Sewage Irrigation at Haydon Hill— A letter was read from Mr. John Palmer applying to the Council to supply sewage irrigation on his land at Haydon Hill. Resolved, To inform Mr. Palmer that the Council at present are not prepared to accede to his request.

32- Grazing at Haydon Farm— With reference to Mr. Wood's application to purchase a right of grazing at Haydon Farm from February to December next, the Chairman reported the result of an interview on the subject which had been granted by

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the Local Government Board, and a letter from the Board was read stating that, having regard to the serious complaints which had been recently made as to the condition of the farms, the Board could not acquiesce in any arrangement which might in any way hamper the Corporation in using the farms in the best manner for the proper purification of the sewage. For these reasons the Board have some doubt whether the Corporation would be well advised to let the grazing as proposed. If, however, the Corporation should find it practicable to let the grazing and to reserve to themselves an absolute right at all times to use any part of the land in any way for the treatment of the sewage, the Board would raise no objection. Resolved, That the Committee be authorised to let the grazing on the farms from time to time as they may deem desirable on condition that in arranging such letting they reserve the absolute right at any time to take possession or control of such of the land as may be required by the Council to be in their own hands for the purpose of sewage disposal or treatment.

33—Sewerage Works through Grounds of Drake House—A letter was read from Colonel Griffin complaining that in his absence a trench had been opened in his garden for tracing the course of a sewer, and without notice having been given or his consent asked for. A letter from Mr. White, the Borough Surveyor's chief assistant, was read explaining that he had applied at the house for consent, that he had been referred to the gardener, who had told him that he might proceed with the work,

and that, as he was writing to his master, Colonel Griffin, that night, he would inform him, and that he had deemed himself justified in acting upon this authority. Resolved, To inform Colonel Griffin that the Council regret that he should consider that he has had reason to complain, and to assure him that everything possible shall be done to make good to his satisfaction any damage done.

34—Building Plans—Resolved, That, with the exception of No. 1477, the under-mentioned plans be approved as regards drainage and other sanitary matters:—

No. of Plan	Name	Description
1475	Josiah Barrett	Detached Villa in Leckhampton Road.
1477	Henney's Trustees	Additions and alterations to Promenade House.
1478	T. W. Smith	Six cottages fronting Naunton Parade and Exmouth Street.
1479	John Baker	Alterations and additions to cottages in Berkeley Avenue.
1480	Joseph Bendall	Three small Villas in Charlton Lane.

E. H. PARSONAGE

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Wednesday, the 29th day of January, 1902—Present: The Mayor ; Alderman Norman ; Councillors M. Davis, R. Davies, King-Harman, Lawrence and Parsonage (Councillor Parsonage in the chair)—

35—Assistant Inspector of Nuisances--A letter was read from Mr. E. J. Franklin resigning his appointment as Assistant Inspector of Nuisances, as he had been appointed to a similar position at Finchley at a higher salary, and expressing his obligation to the Corporation, in whose service he had found every satisfaction. Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to advertise in the two next issues of " The Contract Journal" and " The Sanitary Record " inviting applications from candidates for the appointment at a salary commencing at £100 and increasing to £120 by £10 per annum, such applications to be received by the 17th proximo.

E. H. PARSONAGE,

Chairman.

STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 17th day of January, 1902—Present ; The Mayor ; Alderman Haddon ; Councillors Baker, Bendall, Packer and Parsonage, (Councillor Baker in the chair)—

1—Trees opposite Ellenborough House, Oriel Road—A letter was read from Councillor Stroud asking, on behalf of the occupiers of Ellenborough House, Oriel Road, that one of the trees opposite the house might be removed, as it darkens the house and seriously incommoded them. Resolved, That the further consideration be adjourned for the Committee to view, and as to a suggested improvement in the footpath on the East side of Oriel Road.

2—Old Bath Road Improvement— A letter was read from Messrs. Bubb and Co. calling attention to the inconvenience occasioned to their clients by the Council's delay in the matter of the Old Bath Road improvement, and asking for an immediate decision as to whether the Council wish to widen the road or not. Resolved, That the Committee pay a visit of inspection to the site of the proposed improvement at their next view meeting.

3—Name Plate for Pittville Terrace —A memorial from Mrs. fevers and other occupiers of houses in Pittville Terrace, asking that a name plate for the houses be put on the railings at the Winchcomb Street end of the row, was read. Resolved, That the Committee regret they cannot see their way to accede to the request, as the name of the road is already put up, but they suggest that the memorialists themselves should have the name " Pittville Terrace " painted on the house at one end of the row.

4—Private Road and Footpath in front of Lansdown Parade—A memorial was read from Mrs. McNair and other occupiers of houses in Lansdown Parade calling attention to the disgraceful and dangerous state of the private road and pavement before the houses. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to bring up plans and specification of the works required to be done to the road and footpath in question, together with an estimate of the cost.

5—Langdon Road—A memorial from the Rev. H. Walker Blott and other owners and occupiers of houses in Langdon Road was read requesting the Council's consideration of the serious inconvenience suffered by them because the roadway there was not yet made nor the footpaths paved, and expressing the opinion that the number of houses already erected or in course of erection warranted the Council in making an order for the road-making and paving to be done forthwith. Resolved, To adjourn consideration of the memorial for the Committee to view.

6—Footpath on South-West Side of St George's Road between Wyborne and Pembroke Lodge—A specification from the Surveyor, of date the 14th day of January, 1902, 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.

7—Footpath in front of Heimat, Tivoli----A letter was read from Mrs. Webb, of Heimat, Tivoli, asking that the gravelled part of the pathway in front of her house should be repaired. Resolved, To inform Mrs. Webb that the Borough Surveyor will do what is necessary to the path.

8—College Road—A letter was read from Mr. Frank Steel, of No. 1, Gainsborough Villas, complaining of the small amount of attention given to the College Road and footpaths in the matter of sweeping, repairs, &c.. particularly as to repairing between the Chelt and Bath Parade. Resolved, To inform Mr. Steel that the matter of his complaint shall receive attention in due course.

9—Tree in Fairfield Road—The Borough Surveyor having reported that a Mr. J. Miller, of 5, Evelyn Terrace, Fairfield Road, had lopped a tree opposite his house apparently in ignorance of his having

no right to do so, Resolved, That the Town Clerk do write to Mr. Miller pointing out the penalties to which he had rendered himself liable, as Fairfield Road has now been for some time past a public highway.

10—Street Sweepings—The Borough Surveyor submitted, in accordance with the instructions of the Committee, designs and particulars of small handcarts &c be used for the collection of horse droppings and other street litter in the principal thorough-fares in the boroughs. Resolved. That two 3-wheel covered handcarts of the type now selected by the Committee be obtained at a cost of £15 19s. 0d. each.

11—Back Road between Segrave Place and Leamington Place—The Borough Surveyor reported that this back road, which is on the Pittville Estate, very badly needed repairing. The cost of the necessary works would be about £115. Resolved, That the works be carried out immediately after tire end of the present financial year.

12—St George's Road opposite York Terrace - Resolved, To view this road at the next view meeting of the Committee.

13—Private Improvement Works, Clare Parade and Place—A letter was read from Mr. T. Fitzroy Fenwick, of Thirlestaine House, on behalf of the owners of that property, complaining of the action of the Borough Surveyor's department in connection with the carrying out of the private improvement works ordered in Clare Parade and Place and the apportionment of the cost, and also complaining of the action of the Town Clerk's department as regards the steps taken to obtain repayment of the amounts apportioned. The letter asked for a reduction in the amount now demanded from the owners of Thirlestaine House (£14 12s. 7d.) in respect of a piece of paving that they considered unnecessary, and which, when they enquired of the Borough Surveyor as to the works to be carried out, was not mentioned by him in a letter to them.

The Town Clerk reported that there had been considerable difficulty in ascertaining whether the owners of Thirlestaine House or Karenza were liable for the frontage of a piece of land adjoining Thirlestaine House, but for which the agents for the owners of Karenza had eventually (December, 1901) paid, and that Mr. Fenwick had refused, in reply to letters, either to admit or to repudiate the ownership of the land.

The Borough Surveyor having reported that the copy specification served with the notice to execute the works in Clare Place and Parade included the second footpath mentioned by Mr. Fenwick, and that this was also shown on the plan deposited at his office in accordance with the notice, Resolved, That the Committee regret any unpleasantness and misunderstanding that has been caused, which they think would have been avoided if Mr. Fenwick had given a definite reply to the Town Clerk's letters asking whether the owners of Thirlestaine House repudiated the ownership of the piece of land at the side of the house, and that the Committee see no reason to make any deduction in the amount now claimed.

14—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.
1477	Henney's Trustees	Additions and alterations to Promenade House, Clarence Parade.
1478	T. W. Smith	Six cottages fronting Naunton Parade and Exmouth Street.
1479	J. Baker	Alterations and additions to cottages, Berkeley Avenue.
1480	Joseph Bendall	Three small villas, Charlton Lane.

A letter was read from Mr. F. J. Bennett, the managing proprietor of the Cheltenham Newspaper Company, stating that Plan No. 1477, if carried out, would be very prejudicial to them as regards light as the owners and occupiers of the adjoining premises, and asking the Council to withhold its consent to the bringing forward proposed. Resolved, That Plan No. 1477 be disapproved, and that the other plans be approved as regards situation and construction.

WILLIAM A. BAKER,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 27th day of January, 1902—Present Aldermen Haddon and Skillicorne; Councillors Baker, Bendall, Hayward and Parsonage (Councillor Baker in the chair)—

15—Street Projections—A letter was read from Messrs. Steel Bros. applying for permission to fix two wrought iron brackets for electric lighting from the fascia of No. 138, High Street. Resolved, That the application be acceded to on the usual conditions.

16—Trees opposite Ellenborough Rouse. Oriel Road—With reference to the letter from Councillor Stroud read at the last meeting of this Committee, Resolved. That the Committee regret that they are unable to accede to the request for the removal of one of the trees in Oriel Road, but that the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have the trees pruned and the branches thinned.

17—Langdon Road—With reference to the memorial from the Rev. H. Walker Blott and others read at the last meeting, the Committee having inspected the Langdon Road, Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to bring up a plan and specification, &c., of the works required to be done by the abutting owners to put the road into a proper state of repair.

18—Crest Western Railway Charges—With reference to the resolution to Minute No. 4 of this Committee's proceedings of date the 28th October last, a letter was read from the Assistant Goods Manager of the Great Western Railway, dated the 15th inst., stating that, although the pressure of other very important matters had prevented a definite reply to the Committee's application as yet, the question of an allowance off rates charged on traffic dealt with in the Corporation siding was not overlooked, and he hoped to write further thereon shortly.

19-- Main and Contribution Roads--The Town Clerk having reported that the agreement with the County Council as regards the main and contribution roads within the borough expired on the 31st March next, Resolved, That the Chairman and Councillor Parsonage, with the Borough Surveyor, be requested to confer with the Chairman of the County Highways Committee and the County Surveyor on the question of future arrangements and to report to this Committee.

20-Borough Surveyor's Monthly Report re Highways—The Borough Surveyor reported that the work done by the Highways Department during the month ending January 23rd, 1902, had been as follows :—

Repaired with Clee Hill Stone—North Place 384 super yards, Clarence Street 1690 super yards, St. George's Place 680 super yards, Suffolk Road proceeding, Suffolk Square 333 super yards.

Patching—London Road, St. Margaret's Road, Gloucester Road, Rutland Street, Tivoli Road, Leamington Place, St. James's Square, New Street, Portland Street, Bath Road, Oriel Road, Vittoria Walk, St. George's Road, Ambrose Street, High Street, York Street, Sydenham Villas Road, Parabola Road, Millbrook Street, Trafalgar Street, Park Street.

Repaired with Wickwar Stone—Tewkesbury Road (by bridge) 360 super yards, Hesters Way proceeding, Bayshill Road 5,867 super yards.

Trees Pruned in—Saxham Villas, Hale's Road, Battledown Approach.

Trees Planted in—Gloucester Road 7 limes and 8 elms, Vittoria Walk 3 Balsam poplars, Wellington Square 3 birch, West End of Middle Cross Drive, Pittville, 7 birch, opposite Saxham Villas 7 ditto.

One tree cut down in Imperial Square.

Kerbing, Crossing, Channelling, and Paving—Queen's Road, Parabola Road, Montpellier Terrace and Street, Dunalley Street and Parade, Bath Road, High Street, Clarence Street, Road and Square, Spa Road, Winchcombe Street, Swindon Street, Queen's Parade, St. George's Place and Road. Regent Street, Bayshill Road, Ormond Place, Burton Street, York Street, Royal Well Place, Rotunda Terrace, Fairview Road, Oriel Road.

The repairs to the road at the back of Bayshill Terrace were in hand.

A new cabstand had been laid down in Imperial Circus.

The private improvement works in Whaddon Lane were proceeding.

The sides of the road around The Park had been raised and made good with local stone, 5,100 super yards. The footpaths in Stanhope Street, Market Street, Bayshill Road, Promenade, Sydney Street, Normal Terrace, Tewkesbury Road, York Terrace Passage, and Tivoli Place had been made good with asphalt.

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The ditch opposite St. Cloud, Leckhampton Road, has been piped with gas. pipes and new gully fixed in connection with same.

An earthenware gully had been fixed in Chapel Place to replace defective one,

Ashes Collection and Disposal—Loads collected 1,141, loads consumed 813, weight 928 tons 17 cwt. 2 qrs.

Slabs Made—3ft. x 2ft. 459, special 3ft. x 2ft. 50, 2ft. 6in. x 2ft. 263, 2ft. x 2ft. 234, or 5,305 super feet.

21-Old Bath Road Improvement— The letter from Messrs. Bubb and Co. read at the last meeting of this Committee, the agreement entered into between Messrs. Jordan and Villar and Mr. H. W. Holliday, and the plan of the proposed improvement having been further considered, Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to send a copy of the plan to the County Surveyor with an application to the County Council to defray a part of the cost of the improvement.

22--St. George's Road—A letter was read from Dr. Stanley Wilde calling attention to the bad and dangerous condition of St. George's Road. Resolved, That the Committee regret that owing to the extra traffic over the road in connection with the building of the Town Hall the road has fallen into such bad condition, but that the road shall be put into proper repair immediately the present exceptional traffic over it has ceased. Also Resolved, That notice be given to the owners of land and houses abutting on the South side of St. George's Road to put in proper surface water drains to their premises to prevent the washing away of the gravel from the path and the damage at present done to the road.

23—Marle Hill Road—A memorial was read from Mr. James Heath and other owners of property in Marle Hill Road asking that the same might be taken over as a public highway, as it had been put into thorough repair and order according to the Council's requirements. Resolved, That the road be declared a public highway, and notice be given accordingly as soon as all the private improvement expenses due in respect of the road have been paid.

24— Outstanding Accounts—The Borough Accountant having submitted a list of accounts outstanding more than six months in connection with the work of this Committee, Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to take the necessary steps to recover the amounts due to the Council.

25—New Buildings—The Borough Surveyor laid before the Committee the following notices and plans received by him from persons intending to erect new building, viz. :—

No. of Plan.	Name.	Description.
1481	W. Burrows	Cottage between Nos. 33 and 37, Duke Street.
1482	Henney's Trustees ..	Alterations and additions to Messrs. Young and Gilling's Offices, Promenade Villas.
1483	Henney's Trustees	Additions and alterations to Promenade House, Clarence Parade.

Resolved, That Plans No. 1480 and 1482 be approved as regards situation and construction, and that Plan No. 1483 be not approved.

WILLIAM A. BAKER,

Chairman.

TRAMWAYS COMMITTEE,

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Wednesday, the 22nd day of January, 1902—Present : Councillors Baker, Bence, 111. Davis, Hayward, Packer, Parsonage and J. Waghorne (Councillor J. Waghorne in the chair)—

1—Regulations of the Board of Trade—The proposed special regulations of the Board of Trade were perused and the observations which the Committee desired to make thereon settled. Resolved, That the Board of Trade be informed that, subject to the observations above referred to, the Committee have no objections to offer to the proposed regulations.

2—Bye Laws of the company—These Bye Laws were perused. Resolved, That, subject to a slight alteration of the wording of three of the Bye Laws, the same be approved.

3--Corporation and County Bye Laws—Resolved, To adjourn consideration of the drafts of these Bye Laws.

4—Extensions—A letter from the Town Clerk to the Chairman was read reminding the Committee that notice of the Inquiry by the Light Railway Commissioners might at any time be received, and that as it had been decided to do nothing further as regards the agreement, the draft of which was submitted to the Committee at their last meeting on the 10th ulto., until certain works had been carried out by the Company to the existing line, and that in case they could not be executed before the holding of the Inquiry the Council would not be in a position to follow any definite course thereat.

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A letter was read from Messrs. Winterbothams and Gurney, solicitors to the Company, stating that as Mr. Nevins "understands that some objection has been taken to his carrying out the proposed extensions on the ground that the town should own " the Light Railway, if this be the opinion of the Committee and they are prepared to advise the Corporation to make the " proposed extension themselves, he is prepared to offer to the Corporation the existing line at a fair price, or, if the town is " not prepared to purchase at the present time, he is willing to proceed with the extensions and to give the Corporation the " option of taking the whole line at any time within six months from the completion of the extensions at a valuation as a " going concern. Failing any desire on the part of the Corporation to take the whole undertaking into their own hands, " Mr. Nevins is prepared to meet the requirements of the Committee in every way as arranged with them at his interview " with them on the 25th of October last," and to carry out the specification of the Borough Surveyor " in its entirety if he " is allowed to proceed with and he receives the support of the Corporation in his application for the extensions."

They also stated that in many places Mr. Nevins was of opinion that granite setts should be introduced, and that to take up the whole of the brick paving in the Gloucester Road, as required, at this time of year would be inadvisable in view of the probability of frost, and he would prefer to take up only such bricks as were broken or loose and insert new material, either granite or brick, and to continue the repair in the same way from time to time until within a given time the whole track had been renewed. But that he was opposed to laying the bricks at right angles to the rails, as owing to the narrow gauge the bricks must be cut to enable this to be done, and in his opinion a satisfactory

track could never in consequence be produced, and they expressed a desire on the part of Mr. Nevins to direct the Committee to discuss the matters referred to in their letter. Resolved, To adjourn the consideration of this letter and to give Messrs. Winterbothams and Gurney an appointment for Friday at 10 o'clock for Mr. Nevins to interview the Committee as he desired. Resolved, To further adjourn consideration of the letter and memorial from Mr. C. F. Dobell and Mr. E. C. Green and others.

5—Sunday Running—Resolved, To further adjourn consideration of the memorial on this subject received from the Rev. Canon Roxby and others.

J. WAGHORNE,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Friday, the 24th day of January, 1902—Present The Mayor; Councillors Baker, Bence, M. Davis, Hayward, Lawrence, Packer, Parsonage and J. Waghorne (Councillor J. Waghorne in the chair)—

6--Passing Place on Prestbury Road—Resolved, To approve the plan submitted on behalf of the Company shoring the position of a proposed new passing place opposite Winchcomb Place.

7—Amendments of Existing Railway—Mr. Nevins having been heard with regard to the matters referred to in the letter from his solicitors of date the 22nd inst., Resolved, That the same, so far as regards suggested alterations by Mr. Nevins in the specification of the Borough Surveyor, be referred to the Borough Surveyor with a view to his consulting with Mr. Nevins and reporting thereon to the Committee.

Chairman.

TOWN IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 20th day of January, 1902—Present Alderman Winterbotham; Councillors Bainbridge, Baker, Packer and Rickerby (Councillor Rickerby in the chair)—

1—Breach of Restrictive Building Covenants at St. Aryans, Pittville—A letter from Mr. F. G. Adams was read undertaking, pursuant to the resolution to Minute No. 6 of the proceedings of this Committee at their last meeting, to have the greenhouse therein referred to removed immediately the present tenancy of St. Aryans ceases, or at such earlier time as the Council might call upon him to remove the same. Resolved, That this undertaking be approved.

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2—Lodge at Pittville Park—A letter from the Local Government Board was read with which they enclosed their formal sanction to the borrowing by the Council of the sum of £350, repayable in a period of 25 years, for the erection of a Lodge at the Essex Lodge entrance to the Pittville Gardens. Resolved, To instruct the Borough Surveyor to proceed with the preparation of the detailed working drawings.

3—Advertising—Daily Telegraph—A letter was read from Mr. F. C. Caine. from the office of the Daily Telegraph, stating that owing to their having completed arrangements with their local correspondent they were unable to accept the advertisement of the Corporation to fallout, the paragraph of news relating to the town appearing in each Wednesday's issue of the paper provided that the subject stutler of the paragraphs be sent by the Council.

Holiday Tours—Resolved, To renew the advertisement in Messrs. Cook and Sons' Holiday Tours for 1902, viz., a half-page advertisement in 50,000 copies for £7, and to accept an offer of the Chairman to revise the 'wording of it and arrange for a different photographic block.

Official Guide to Weston-super-Mare, Clevedon, Minehead, and North Somerset—A letter was read from Mr. E. J. Burrow stating that he had this Guide in the press, which was shortly to be issued under the auspices of the Local Authorities of the above-named places. That the first edition would be 10,000 copies, and he had arranged with Messrs. Smith and Son to sell the book on all the bookstalls in the Great Western district, and he offered to insert a one-page advertisement of Cheltenham and supply the necessary blocks to illustrate the same in the publication for the sum of eight guineas. Resolved, That the offer be accepted, and that an offer of the Chairman to settle the wording of the advertisement and choose the blocks be also accepted.

4—Root, Crain and Chrysanthemum Show at Winter Garden—Resolved, To let the Winter Garden to the Cheltenham Root, Grain and Chrysanthemum Society for their annual show on the 5th and 6th of November next upon terms to be settled by the Entertainment Sub-Committee.

5—Football at Montpellier Gardens--Resolved, To accede to a request of the Cheltenham Rugby Football Club to the Committee to receive a deputation regarding the possibility of arriving at terms for the use of Montpellier Gardens for the purpose of holding football matches, and to invite the deputation to attend at the next monthly meeting of the Committee.

6—Bowling Green at the Winter Garden—Resolved. To permit the Cheltenham Bowling Club to make use of the lawn at the South-West portion of the grounds for playing bowls upon the following terms, viz.:—

The charge to be 4d, per day for each player.

The Council to provide a room for the storage of the "woods."

The Council to have the right to use or grant the use of the lawn whenever they shall require for any other purpose at any time on giving reasonable notice to the Club.

That the Club shall not erect or permit the erection temporarily or otherwise of any tent or other structure upon the lawn, and

That the Council shall have the right to permit the same use of the lawn by any other Bowling Club upon the same terms. Also Resolved, That the resolution to Minute No. 4 of this Committee's proceedings of date the 17th September, 1900, be varied in accordance with the above resolutions.

A letter was read from Mr. Steven Miles, of the Adam and Eve Inn, stating that it was proposed to start a Working Men's Bowling Club, and enquiring if the Corporation would assist the proposed Club in the same way that they have and are assisting the Cheltenham Botching Club, otherwise he feared

the proposal would not be successful, by levelling and pre-paring the disused lawn at the Winter Garden, and when ready let it to them at a nominal rent. Resolved, To inform Mr. Miles that the lawn at the South-West corner is the only part of the grounds available, but his Club can have the use of it upon the same terms and for the same purpose as the Committee have at this meeting decided to grant the use of it to the Cheltenham Bowling Club.

7—Report of the Entertainment Sub-Committee—This Sub-Committee reported that they had Resolved to hold weekly meetings. That they had Resolved that in all cases of lettings to persons not resident within the borough a deposit of 33 per cent. of the estimated amount ultimately to become due be required in advance, and that payment of the balance be required before the close of the last entertainment.

That with reference to the letter relating to the Winter Garden building received from Messrs. Dale, Forty and Co., referred to the Sub-Committee, they had directed the Borough Surveyor to obtain estimates for providing the screens suggested by Messrs. Dale, Forty and Co., and also estimates for furnishing the artistes' rooms and for the provision of matting for the gangways ; to have the windows by the platform obscured, and to report as regards the water closet accommodation required.

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

8—Automatic Sweet Machines at the Winter Garden—A letter was read from the agent of the British Automatic Supply Syndicate, Limited, requesting permission to have placed in the building two or more of their automatic cabinets with six compartments filled with an assorted packet of Fullers confectionery in each compartment, to be obtained by placing a shilling in the slot near thereto. The compartments to be kept supplied by an official from the stock to be purchased by the Council from his Company at 9s per dozen packets, which would give a profit to the Corporation of 25 per cent. Resolved, That the proposal be not entertained.

T. E. RICKERBY,
Chairman.

LIGHTING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Wednesday, the 22nd day of January, 1902—Present: Alderman Norman ; Councillors Bainbridge, Baker, Handley, Hayward, Parsonage, Stroud and .J. Waghorne (Alderman Norman in the chair)—

1—Electrical Inspector's Report—The Electrical Inspector reported the result of his tests of the Electric supply during the past month as follows :—

LOW PRESSURE CABLES.

Date.	Legal Standard.	Test at Manchester Street
1902 Jan. 18th	200 Volts.	200 Volts.

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

ILLUMINATING POWER.

PURITY.

Dec. 21st .. 15.54 candles	1901	Grains of Sulphur per
Dec. 30th.. 16.45	Dec.	100 cubic ft.
1902	21st-22nd	9.57
Jan. 4th .. 16.36	28th -29th	11.64
Jan. 15th .. <u>15.36</u>	Jan.15th-- 16th	<u>11.30</u>
Average .. 15.93	Average ..	10.84

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, viz. :—Lamps with 4.25 ft. burners, 4,763 cubic feet ; Guildhall lamps with No. 4 incandescent burners; 4.352 cubic feet ; lamps with No. 3 incandescent burners, 3.6395 cubic feet.

4—Lamp Book—This Book was produced and examined. Ordinary lamps extinguished, 17 metered and 45 unmetered ; Incandescent lamps extinguished 35 and 3 burning dimly.

5—Lighting of Parabola Road, End of Lansdown Crescent and Roman Road at junction with Gloucester Road—Resolved, To adjourn for view consideration of letters received from the Rev. J. D. Mac Vicar and Mrs. Badham, relating to the lighting of Parabola Road and Lansdown Crescent, and at the same time to inspect the lighting in Parabola Road.

6—Electric Light at the Abbots, All Saints' Road—Resolved, To refer to the Electrical Engineer a letter received from Colonel Thoyts, complaining of the quality of the electric light at his house.

7 - Insurance of Employees of the Electric Undertaking against accidents in the course of their Employment—With reference to Minutes No. 7 and 16 of the proceedings of the General Purposes and Watch Committee at their meetings of date the 2nd of July and the 2nd of October last and the resolutions thereto. Resolved, To accede to an application from the Royal Exchange Assurance Company for permission to again quote for this insurance.

8--Report of the Electrical Engineer- The Electrical Engineer reported that on the evening of the 1st inst. No. 1 turbo-alternator broke down, through failure of the insulation on one of the collector ring leads, causing a cessation of supply for 10 minutes. The damage done was not serious as regards value and the cost had been defrayed by the manufacturers.

With reference to the National Telephone Co.'s letter re interference by the electric lighting mains, he had had very numerous tests made and found that some interference was caused by part of the street lighting ; this he was remedying as quickly as possible.

That, as the consumption of coal would exceed 5,000 tons per annum in future, a considerable economy could probably be effected by adding to the present siding and putting down coal conveying plant ; and that he proposed to report further re this matter.

He recommended acceptance of the British Westinghouse Electric Co.'s quotation for twelve months' supply of meters, as he had found these meters the most satisfactory, and probably the most durable, of all he had tested.

He recommended acceptance of the Valvoline Oil Co.'s tender for the supply of cylinder oil at 4s 6d less 2 ½ per cent. per gallon and dynamo machine oil at 2s 8d less 7 ½ per cent. per gallon for the current year as these oils had given every satisfaction during the last four years.

He recommended that the allowance made to Mrs. Edwards should be 10s per week from the 1st prox., and that notice be given to her that this will be reduced to 5s per week after three months.

He recommended that the residence of the Assistant in charge of the Mains Department should be connected to the Telephone Exchange, upon the toll system of payment, as considerable time was lost in fetching him and getting the men together when any customer reported being without light in the evenings.

In the appended Schedule B he had consolidated the various extensions, &c. approved from time to time since the last loan.		
He recommended, however, that in order to have the Local Government Board's sanction before (as was possible in this		
case) doing any part of the work the extensions, &c., in Schedule A be added, and sanction to a total loan of £14,000		
(contingencies being increased to £843 10s. 0d. in consequence of the larger total) be applied for. As regards this addition		
he thought only the transformers would be required this year unless tramway extensions should be made ; but it was		
possible that, later in the year, the increasing load might render it advisable (on grounds of safety and economy) to order		
the boilers.		
SCHEDULE A.		£ s d
Two Boilers, erected complete, including brickwork above foundations, pipes and accessories.		2000 0 0
One Steam Traction Set, 150 kilowatts, erected complete, including foundations, cables and accessories.		1700 0 0
Three 50-kilowatt Sub-station Transformers.		<u>300 0 0</u> £4000 0 0
SCHEDULE B.		£ s d
Extensions to Works' Plant (as per Section 1)		£1357 0 0
" " Mains and Substations (as per Section 2)		3300 0 0
Tramway Mains and Plant (as per Section 3)		3980 0 0
Lighting of Montpellier Street by 7 arc lamps—less value of incandescence		
lighting, authorised in a previous loan ..		335 0 0
Arc Lamp in Arle Road ..		75 0 0
2 Arc Lamp Trimming Ladders		56 0 0

1 Ohm-meter .. • • ..	23 10 0	
Additional Shelves and Furniture at Offices	<u>30 0 0</u>	
	9156 10 0	
Contingencies	<u>343 10 0</u>	
	£9500 0 0	
Section 1. 2 Feed Water Purifiers, fitted complete to Nos. 1 and 2 B. and W. Boilers 1 Galloway Boiler, erected complete—less value of old plant .. 1 Green's Economiser, erected complete—less value of old plant 1 Hand Pump for Condensing Chamber	300 0 0 500 0 0 550 0 0 <u>7 0 0</u> £1357 0 0	
Section 2.		
From Grafton Road along Park Drive, Tivoli Road and Andover Road to Tivoli Place : one low pressure distributor. Plan No. 211		£260 0 0
From Queen's Circus Substation to Queen's Hotel : one low pressure distributor Plan No. 212		£45 0 0
From Rowanleigh along the whole length of the west side of Wellington Square: one low pressure distributor. Plan No. 213		£60 0 0
From Post Office Lane along Crescent Place and round Royal Crescent to No. 18: one low pressure distributor. Plan No 214		£90 0 0
From Transformer Chamber in Pittville Lawn Back Lane along the Lane and Wellington Road to Winchcombe Street : one low pressure distributor. Plans Nos. 216, 218		£150 0 0
From Sandford Road along Keynsham Road and College Baths Road for a total distance of 330 yards : one low pressure distributor. Plan No. 219		£110 0 0
From Montpellier Drive along Bath Road (east side) for a distance of 150 yards : one low pressure distributor. Plan No. 225		£55 0 0
From Rodney Road along Imperial Lane for a distance of 100 yards : one low pressure distributor. Plan No. 227		£25 0 0
From Queen's Road along Gloucester Road to Midland Hotel Substation : one high pressure feeder and one low pressure distributor. One substation, complete with transformer, opposite Midland Hotel. From Midland Hotel Substation along Gloucester Road to Lansdown Castle Substation and along Liberals Road for a distance of 70 yards from Gloucester Road : one low pressure distributor. One substation, complete without transformer, opposite Lansdown Castle, Plan No 248		£800 0 0
From Winchcombe Street along Segrave Place for a distance of 100 yards : one low pressure distributor. Plan No. 244		£40 0 0
From the junction of Lansdown Crescent and Lansdown Place along Lansdown Place to a point opposite Lypiatt Terrace Back Lane : one low pressure distributor. Plan No. 250		£35 0 0

From Queen's Road across Glencairn Park Road and along its south-east side for a total distance of 35 yards: one low pressure distributor. Plan No. 249	£25 0 0
Along Lansdown Place in front of Nos.1 to 8 : one low pressure distributor. Plan No. 251 ..	£30 0 0
From Bath Road along the whole length of Paragon Parade : one low pressure distributor. Plan No.252	£30 0 0

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From Stanley Road along Battledown Road and Birchley Road for a total distance of 600 yards one low pressure distributor. Plan No. 253	£297 0 0
From Borough Boundary along Battledown Road to Stanley Road : one lose pressure distributor. Plan No 255	£50 0 0
From Hale's Road along Sydenham Road South for a distance of 50 yards : one low pressure distributor Plan No. 257	£25 0 0
From Hayward's Lane along London Road for a distance of 125 yards in an easterly direction one low pressure distributor. Plan No. 263	£45 0 0
From Westal Green Substation along Lansdown• Road for a distance of 200 yards : one low pressure distributor. Plan No. 258	£75 0 0
From Queen's Road along Eldorado Road for a distance of 270 yards : one low pressure distributor Plan No 261	£105 0 0
From Queen's Road along the whole length of Kensington Avenue: one low pressure distributor : Plan No 260	£85 0 0
From Montpellier Avenue along Montpellier Spa Road for a distance of 150 yards: one low pressure distributor. Plan No. 259	£50 0 0
From Imperial Square Substation along Promenade for a distance of 60 yards in a northerly direction : one low pressure distributor. Plan No. 262	£30 0 0
From Westal Green Substation along Lansdown Road and Hatherley Road for a total distance of 300 yards : one low pressure distributor. Plan No. 265	£105 0 0
From the Gap along Malvern Road for a distance of 100 yards towards Christ Church : one low pressure distributor. Plan No. 266	£45 0 0
From a point opposite Grove Street along High Street to a point opposite Gas Works : one high pressure feeder. One transformer chamber, complete with transformer, opposite Gas Works. From above specified transformer along Tewkesbury Road to Elm Street : one low pressure distributor. Plan No. 269	£450 0 0
From Tewkesbury Road along Sun Street to Swindon Road: one low pressure distributor. Plan No 270	£90 0 0
From Manchester Street Substation along Manchester Street (south side) for a distance of 115 yards: one loss, pressure distributor. Plan No. 268	£40 0 0
From Oakley Road down Harp Hill for a distance of 150 yards: one loss, pressure distributor. One transformer chamber at the junction of Oakley Road with Harp Hill. Plan No. 271	£105 0 0
From Suffolk Square (north side) along the whole length of Suffolk Square (east side): one loss, pressure distributor. Plan No 272	£40 0 0
	£3392 0 0
Less extensions authorised but not required, as per Schedule below	£ 92 0 0
	£3300 0 0

Extensions authorised but not required.			
From Post Office Lane to Manchester Street Substation with branch to Royal Crescent : one loss pressure distributor			£55 0 0
From Battledown House Road along Birchley Road for a distance of 150 yards : one high pressure feeder			£37 0 0
			£92 0 0
Section 3. 1 Pair, 0.6 square inch conductor, Feeders from Works to Substation laid complete, including pilot and telephone wires	£3000 0 0		
1 Traction Dynamo, No. 2, erected complete	£ 500 0 0		
1 Traction Switchboard, erected complete	£325 0 0		
Meters and Connections for ditto	£ 55 0 0		
1 Substation	<u>£100 0 0</u>		
	£3980 0 0		
Resolved, That the recommendations of the Electrical Engineer be approved and adopted, but that consideration of the question of constructing additional siding and obtaining plant for coal conveyance he adjourned for another meeting with the Street and Highway Committee at the Works			
9 - Electric Substation under path and land of Mr. C. W. Sadler, West side of College Lawn Road — Resolved, To approve an Agreement with Mr. G. W. Sadler to pay him a nominal rent of 2s per annum for an encroachment under his land of the Electric Substation situated as above mentioned, and that the Seal of the Council be affixed thereto.			

GEO. NORMAN, Chairman.

WATER COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Thursday, the 23rd day of January, 1902—Present : The Mayor; Councillors Baker, Bendall, M. Davis, King-Harman, Lawrence, Packer, Rickerby and H. Waghorne (Councillor H. Waghorne in the chair)—

0—Report of the Water Engineer—The Water Engineer reported that on the 18th instant the supply from Hewletts springs was 122.48 gallons per minute, the average for the past three years being 201.24 gallons and the quantity of water in store at Hewletts and Leckhampton was 8,079,648 gallons.

On the 22nd instant the Dowdeswell Reservoir was 20ft. 0 ½ in. in depth, and the contents 44,868,934 gallons, exclusive of the daily yield of the streams, which was then 612,835 gallons, which gave a total storage of 52,948,582 gallons, or about 75 days' supply.

He had arranged to connect a 2-inch service pipe to Sherford House, Tewkesbury, with the 3-inch main of the Corporation at the back of Fern Grove.

He had written to Mr. Cleevely, builder, Charlton Kings, stating that the Inspector had informed him that he had been lately fixing water flushing cisterns of a make which was not approved by the Corporation, and he would be glad to know what explanation he could lay before the Water Committee, before whom the matter would come, but to this he had received no reply.

The Water Engineer called attention to the fact that the quantity of water in store was then much less than at the same time last year. The rainfall was less than the average, and he had found that morning a slight fall in the level of the reservoir, so he proposed to commence pumping from Tewkesbury and continue it until Dowdeswell reservoir was 30ft. in depth.

He hoped to be able next month to bring before the Committee the detailed drawings and estimate for the duplicate main from Tewkesbury, together with the plans required by the Local Government Board.

Resolved, That Mr. Cleevely be requested to attend the next meeting of the Committee to show cause why the provisions of Sec. 85 of the Cheltenham Corporation Water Act, 1878, relating to the failure to observe the regulations should not be enforced.

2--Land at back of Sandford Pumping Station—A letter was read from Councillor Lamb suggesting that the piece of vacant land at the back of the Sandford Pumping Station should be let as allotments. It appeared, however, that this holding had been transferred from the late occupier to Mr. Treseder. Resolved, That consideration of the matter be adjourned for a visit by the Committee to the locality, and in the meantime Mr. Treseder be informed that he can only be treated as a tenant at will of the Corporation.

3—Water Supply from Ashchurch to Northway—Resolved, That, provided a return of no per cent. on the outlay is assured, to accede to an application from Mrs. Steward, of Northway House, and others for an extension of the water main from Ashchurch to Northway.

4 —Water Main in Eagle's Alley, Tewkesbury—A letter was read from Mr. Badham, Town Clerk of Tewkesbury, applying on behalf of his Council to the Cheltenham Town Council to lay a 3-inch water main in Eagle's Alley in Tewkesbury connected at one end to the main in High Street and at the other end to the main in Oldbury Road, with a valve on the High Street end and a sluice valve hydrant in the alley, as shown on the plan sent therewith. Also to place one sluice valve hydrant at Gubshill as soon as possible. Resolved, That the application be acceded to.

5—Land at Mythe, Tewkesbury—A letter was read from Mr. Edward Thomas Smith, of The Mythe, Tewkesbury, giving notice that he would quit and deliver up possession of the land at The Mythe occupied by him as tenant of the Corporation on the 25th of December, 1902.

6—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 Thursday, the 16th day of January, 1902—Present : The Mayor ; Aldermen Haddon, Skillicorne and Winterbotham ; Councillors Baker, Hayward, Lamb, Parsonage, and Rickerby (The Mayor in the chair)—

1-- Site for Municipal Offices—The Resolution passed by the Council at its last meeting referring back to this Committee Minutes Numbered 1 and 11 of this Committee's proceedings at their last

meeting " with an instruction to the Committee to consider and report on the probable cost of Municipal Offices on all the sites offered and on any other sites that may " be offered," was read.

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The Town Clerk read a letter he had written to the General Manager of Lloyd's Bank, Ltd., asking whether the Bank would allow the Council a further extension of time for the exercise of the option of purchase of the Bank's premises here at £8,000, and also the reply thereto that the Bank Directors, although quite willing at the present moment to accept £8,000 from the Corporation, were not prepared to refuse a better offer if it should be made by other parties, and that as was perhaps known they had some indications of alternative bids.

A Letter was also read from Messrs. Dicks and Sons, Ltd., urging that the advantages of the St. George's Square site were superior to those attaching to any other site.

The Resolution of the Council together with a tabulated statement, prepared by the Town Clerk, giving particulars of all the sites offered to the Council for the purposes of Municipal Offices having been considered, Resolved, That Mr. Chatters be instructed to prepare, for the sum of £10, a report and rough sketch ground plans with approximate estimate for the erection of Municipal Offices on the St. George's Square site, it being understood that even if the site is selected such selection does not commit the Council to the appointment of Mr. Chatters as architect for the new buildings, but that if he is appointed the £10 will merge in his commission as architect for the new buildings, this arrangement being the same as in the case of the plans, &c., already prepared by Mr. Chatters in connection with the Lloyd's Bank site. Mr. Chatters interviewed the Committee and agreed to the terms of the above resolution.

RICHARD ROGERS,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Thursday, the 23rd day of January, 1902—Present: The Mayor ; Aldermen Haddon, Norman, Skillicorne and Winterbotham Councillors Baker, Gurney, Hayward, Lamb, Parsonage, Rickerby, Stroud, H. Waghorne and J. Waghorne (The Mayor in the chair)-

2--Fire Brigade--The Superintendent reported that on the 1st inst. the Brigade were summoned to extinguish a fire at Pegglesworth House, but no damage was done. The expenses, amounting to £11 13s., Mr. C. M. Rodger, the owner of the property, had expressed his willingness to pay. Also on the 8th inst. to extinguish a fire at No. 4, Lypiatt Terrace, which caused damage estimated at £20. and the expenses amounting to £3 12s. had been paid. Also on the 22nd to extinguish a fire at No. 17, Montpellier Walk. which caused damage estimated at £100, a claim for the expenses of £3 13s. would be made in due course by the Borough Accountant on the office in which the property was insured.

3-Report of the Fire Brigade Sub-Committee— This Committee reported that on the 22nd inst. they had had a meeting at which there were present Councillors Baker and Parsonage and the Superintendent of the Brigade.

That they had received tenders for the Captain's Tunic and the twenty pairs of trousers required for the Firemen, with samples of cloth, from the following firms, viz., Messrs. Williamson Tratt and Co., Stroud, W. Chappell and Co., Ltd., London, H. Salisbury and Son, Cheltenham, A. N. Cole, Cheltenham, William Blackburn and Co., Cheltenham, William Johnson, Cheltenham, and J. Salisbury, Cheltenham, and That they had decided to recommend the acceptance of the tender received from Messrs. Williamson, Tratt and Co., Ltd., according to sample No. 3852, at 54s for the Tunic, and 22s 6d for each pair of trousers. Resolved, That the recommendation of the Sub-Committee be approved and adopted.

4-- Drivers' Licences—Resolved, To grant drivers' licences to William Matthews and Arthur Stevens. The Street Inspector reported that Arthur Gardner, Charles Butters, George Clifford and James Smith had been twice or more convicted of offences against the Hackney Carriage Byelaws within twelve months. Resolved, That Butters and Clifford be given notice to appear before the Committee at their next ordinary monthly meeting to show cause why their licences should not be revoked.

5—Hackney Carriage Licence Transfer—Letters were read from Mrs. J. Williams and A. Williams, her son, of Myrtle Cottage, St. Paul's, applying for the transfer to the latter of the pony carriage licence held by the former, as she had left the town and had given the pony and carriage to her son. Resolved, To adjourn consideration of the matter and to request the applicant, A. Williams, to appear before the Committee at their next ordinary monthly meeting, but in the meantime to allow him to ply for hire on behalf of his mother under the Licence No. 112 which had been sent in.

6—Numbering of Roman Road--In compliance with a request received from Mr. M. B. Ricketts, the Assistant Overseer, Resolved, To instruct the Borough Surveyor to have this road re-numbered consecutively throughout.

7--Report of the Art Gallery Sub-Committee—This Committee reported that they had had a meeting on the 22nd inst., when there were present Alderman Haddon, Councillor Hayward and the Baron de Ferrieres. That Alderman Haddon, in the absence of Alderman Winterbotham, was appointed Chairman at the meeting. That it was Resolved to recommend the purchase of two prints by Teniers at 10s 6d each, also to pay Mr. F. W. Cooper, Chief Assistant at the Library, the sum of five guineas for past services in assisting the Curator at the Art Gallery, after termination of his hours of service at the Library, also that he be paid for the like assistance in the future a salary of £10 per annum.

That the Curator reported that there had been 1,258 visits to the Gallery since the last meeting, and that the total number of visits in 1901 had been 20,209. That the new collapsible iron gate recently fixed in the doorway in Chester Walk had proved of great service. That all the local prints out the screen had been re-hung and freshly arranged in order to include recent additions.

That in accordance with instructions of the Art Gallery Committee he and Councillor Hayward visited the South Kensington Museum on December 20th, to make a selection of Art Objects. With the assistance of Mr. Watts, the officer in charge of the circulating department, they selected several casts which they considered to be most suitable for the Museum, and a specimen of which they now submitted for inspection. The casts chosen were chiefly from Carvings and Sculptures of the 15th and 16th century Italian artists, and were reproductions of panels, &c., from buildings, and

calculated to be of great assistance to carvers in stone and marble. Before the purchase is made the Department will submit photographs to the Committee for their approval. They were told that the same selections had been made by other towns. With regard to the terms of the purchase they were informed that all objects purchased by the Committee became absolutely their own property, and could be exhibited in any Corporation building where the public had free access, the only restriction being that the objects were not allowed to be sold without the sanction of the Department. It was further suggested that each cast (plaque) should be framed in a narrow black frame and glazed (as at South Kensington) in order to preserve them from dirt, &c.

On January 7th he and the Chief Assistant went to the residence of the Rev. A. A. Isaacs at Bath in order to make a selection of pictures for loan to the Art Gallery. They brought away 30 pictures as follows:—

Oils--Sir Thomas Lawrence (2); Muller (4); Constable; Lee ; Price; Fulleylove ; Morland; Liebens.

Water-Colours- Fulleylove ; Rowbotham ; Carter ; Bonington ; Varley ; Creswick ; Collins; Roberts (2), Corbould ; Turner ; Cox (3) ; Fraser; Study of Hands.

Drawings—Gainsborough.

When the pictures arrived at the Gallery they were all examined, and, where necessary, cleaned and made fit for exhibition. In order to hang these pictures satisfactorily it was found necessary to re-hang most of the existing pictures on the walls.

The three original drawings of Cheltenham Parish Church by Samuel Lysons for his " Gloucestershire Antiquities," together with other local prints offered to the Art Gallery Committee by Mr. James Bruton, through Alderman Winterbotham, had been received and were now in course of framing. Resolved, That the recommendations of the Sub-Committee be approved and adopted and that the pictures lent by Mr. Isaacs be insured.

8-- Petrol Licence—Resolved, To adjourn consideration of an application received from Messrs. H. G. Norton & Co. for a Licence to keep not exceeding 100 gallons of petrol other than for private use in a yard at the back of Nos. 416, High Street, and 2, 3, 4 and 5, Bath Road, until the Borough Surveyor shall be satisfied that the premises have been made suitable for such storage.

9—Corporation Insurances—With reference to Minute No. 5 of the proceedings of the Finance Committee of the 31st of December last, Resolved, To inform that Committee that this Committee are not prepared to recommend the Council to establish a self insurance fund.

10—Coronation—A Letter from the Town Clerk of Reading was read, giving information which he had obtained from other towns as to what they proposed to do to celebrate the Coronation. Resolved, That the Town Clerk of Reading be thanked for his letter, and that a Special Meeting of the Committee be convened to fully consider the matter.

11—New Municipal Offices— Mr. Chatters laid before the Committee and explained a site plan which he had prepared for the erection of Municipal Buildings on the site of St. George's Square, the cost of constructing which he estimated would exceed the cost of construction of Municipal Buildings on the site of Lloyd's Bank by £5,000. Resolved, That the offer of Lloyd's Bank to sell their

site and premises to the Corporation for £8,000 be accepted subject to the sanction of the Local Government Board being obtained for the necessary loan.

RICHARD ROGERS,

Chairman.

MINERAL WATERS AND BATHS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 21st day of January, 1902—Present:
Councillors R. Davies, Handley and Stroud (Councillor Stroud in the chair)—

1—Alstone Baths—The Borough Accountant reported that up to this date £319 4s 9d. had been received from these baths, and £430 17s. 1d.,, exclusive of repayment of loan and interest, had been paid.

2-Montpellier Baths—The Borough Accountant reported that up to this date £518 1s. 6d. had been received from these baths, and £466 18s. 6d., exclusive of repayment of loan and interest, had been paid.

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Brine Bath—Pursuant to the resolution to Minute No. 3 of the proceedings of this Committee at their last meeting, the Borough Surveyor laid before the Committee a plan for adapting one of the Spray Baths for use as a Brine Bath, the cost of which, including the necessary furniture, he estimated at from £40 to £45. Resolved, That in lieu of this scheme, the deep immersion bath No. 2 be adapted for use as a Brine Bath, at a cost, including the purchase of two couches and china ware, estimated at £30.

Spray Baths—The Superintendent having reported that these baths were very seldom used and that more third-class slipper baths were very much required, as there was a considerable demand for them which he had been hitherto unable to meet. Resolved, That slipper baths be substituted as soon as possible for the existing spray baths.

HERBERT STROUD,

Chairman.

RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, Odd on Monday, the 20th day of January, 1902—Present
Alderman Holliday ; Councillors Bainbridge. Baker, Bendall, Handley, Lamb and King-Harman
(Councillor Lamb in the chair)—

1--Visitors—Resolved, To appoint as visitors during the ensuing month Councillors Bainbridge and Bendall for Naunton Park, and Councillors Baker, Handley and King-Harman for the Agg-Gardner Recreation Grounds,

2—Swings at Naunton Park Recreation Ground—Resolved, To instruct the Borough Surveyor to have removed any of these swings that are dangerous, and to bring up a report and estimate of the cost for replacing the ones so removed and for strengthening and repairing the others if necessary.

ARTHUR LAMB,

Chairman.

BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Friday, the 24th day of January, 1902—Present Alderman Haddon ; Councillors Baker, Bence, M. Davis, Packer, Rickerby and Stroud (Alderman Haddon in the choir)—

1.—Cemetery—Resolved, To instruct the Borough Surveyor to have a front door bell fixed at the Lodge.

2--Designs-Resolved, To approve the following designs, viz., Headstones to Jane Tailing, Ellen Pauline Knight, Susan Winton, Elizabeth Fanny Bond, and Emily Mary Miller; Tombstones to Edward Parry Thornton, Sarah Gough, and Frances Griffiths.

JOHN HADDON,

Chairman.

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FINANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 28th day of January, 1902— Present The Mayor ; Alderman Skillicorne Councillors Gurney, Handley, Hayward, King-Harman and Parsonage (Councillor Gurney in the chair)—

1—Loans—Notice having been received from Mr. W. H. Davis on behalf of himself and his co-trustee, Mr. Thomas Fowler, requiring repayment of £50, part of a loan of £500 lent by them to the Corporation, and requesting as a favour that the amount might be paid by the end of March, Resolved, That the request be acceded to.

2-Income Tax under Schedule B on Sewage Farms—In reply to an enquiry made by the Town Clerk, a letter from the Town Clerk of Liverpool was read stating that his Corporation did not intend to appeal against the claim which had been made for income tax under Schedule B in respect of their occupation of the Sewage Farms on the ground that they are not used for the purposes of agriculture only, as they had been advised by counsel that such an appeal would not succeed having regard to the recent decision in Bruce v. Burton. He thought, however, that the Corporation might endeavour to raise the some point another year by applying to the Surveyor of Taxes under Sec. 18 of the Customs and Inland Revenue Act, 1887, to be assessed under Schedule D, and, on the refusal of the Surveyor no to do, to raise the point by way of appeal after such refusal, and the Corporation had paid the arrears of taxes under Schedule B. Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to

consider and report whether the position of the Corporation is primarily the same as that of the Liverpool Corporation, and that in the meantime the claim for tax be allowed to stand over.

3—Local Authorities' Officers' Adoptive Superannuation Bill—Resolved, That the seal of the Council be affixed to a petition to the House of Commons in favour of the provisions of this Bill.

4-- Corporation Insurances—The General Purposes and Watch Committee having informed this Committee that they were not pre-pared to recommend the Council to establish a self-insurance fund, Resolved, That Councillors Handley, Hayward and Parsonage be constituted a Sub-Committee to consider the question of the Corporation insurances with a view to revising them so as to obtain the most favourable terms on behalf of the Corporation.

5—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, £13,740 17s. 9d., leaving outstanding £6,200 2s. 9d.

6—Water Rate—The Report of the Borough Accountant of date the 28th instant on the collection of this Rate was read. Amount received £4,652 16s. 4d., leaving outstanding £4,656 18s. 1d

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 £51,612 1s. 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 31st December last	£65,931 6 5	
Paid since that date	<u>£16,850 3 7</u>	
	£82,781 10 0	
Received since that date	<u>£14,324 2 3</u>	
Overdrawn	£68,457 7 9	
Being Ordinary Rates Expenditure		£ 1,660 6 3
Electric Lighting, Water & other Capital Accounts		<u>£66,797 1 6</u>
		£68,457 7 9

W. GERALD GURNEY,

Chairman.

HOUSING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 28th day of January, 1902—Present The Mayor ; Councillors Bendall, Davies, Hayward, Lamb, Packer and Stroud (Councillor Hayward in the chair)—

1—Housing of the Working Classes—The Town Clerk laid before the Committee replies which he had received from towns where schemes had been formulated under the Housing of the Working Classes Act, 1890, giving information as to the results as regards benefit derived by the class whom the Act

was intended to benefit and the burden upon the rates in each case, and the Medical Officer of Health having read an extract from his Report for the past year on the subject, Resolved, That consideration of the matter be further adjourned.

C. HAYWARD, Chairman.

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PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 21st day of January, 1902—Present: Alderman Skillicorne ; Councillors Bainbridge, Hayward, King-Harman and Stroud ; the Revs. J. Evans, J. A. Owen, A. C. Turberville ; the Baron de Ferrieres ; Messrs. W. Cresswell and G. H. Palmer (Councillor Hayward in the chair)—

1- Librarian's Report—The Librarian reported that £7 6s. 11d. had been received during the past month, and that the following presentations had been made to the Library, viz.:—The Baron de Ferrieres, 2 vols. ; The Trustees of the British Museum, 1 vol. ; Messrs. Andrews and Co., Durham, 1 vol.

2-Sub-Committee's Report—The Sub-Committee reported that they recommended :—

That the List of New Books submitted be approved and purchased for the sum of about £12

That the List of Worn-out Books be approved and the Books replaced at a cost of about £10.

That the estimate of Messrs. A. C. and S. Billings for providing and fixing a bookcase (10ft. 6in. by 5ft. 6in.) in the Reference Library, for placing directories, year books, and books of daily reference, for open access to the public, for the sum of £4 5s. 0d. be accepted.

That an exhibition of Technical books upon the subject of architecture be held in the Art Gallery, on February 10th to 15th inclusive, and that application be made to the Art Gallery Sub-Committee for permission to use the room for this purpose.

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

C. HAYWARD,

Chairman.

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Wednesday, the 29th day of January, 1902—Present The Mayor ; Aldermen Holliday and Norman ; Councillors Lawrence and Parsonage (Councillor Parsonage in the chair)—

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

2-Attendarice 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 562 names of absentee children had been extracted, all of whom had been visited. They also reported that the parents of 27 children had been summoned to attend before the Local Committees, who had held 3 meetings ; that 4 parents had been prosecuted, and 3 were fined.

3--Local Committees—The Minute Books of the several Local Committees were gone through and examined. Resolved, That proceedings under the Bye-Laws be taken against the parents of the following children, viz. :— Blanche Aston, Kate Clapham, Beatrice Moxey, Thomas Clapton, Frank Halford and Arthur Jeens. A letter was read from Mr. D. T. Woodward thanking the Committee for offering him a seat on the Local Committee for the North and West Wards, but informing them that he was unable to act.

E. H. PARSONAGE,

Chairman.

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 March, 1902.

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 10th day of February, 1902—Present : The Mayor; Alderman Norman ; Councillors M. Davis, R. Davies, King-Harman, Lawrence, Parsonage and H. Waghorne (Councillor Parsonage 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, and 1 of Diphtheria; that the 8 cases of Scarlet Fever had been sent into the Delancey or other Hospital, and that the number of cases then in the Delancey Hospital sent in by the Corporation was 11 of Scarlet Fever, 1 of Enteric, and 1 in Quarantine.

2-Houses Unfit for Human Habitation, viz., Nos. 4, 5, 6, 7, 6., 8, Whitehart 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.

3—Insanitary Property at Nos. 8 & 9, Montpellier Retreat, No. 9, Whitecross Square, Nos. 2 & 4, Barnard's Row, No. 7, York Street, No. 2, Naunton Terrace, and Nos. 5 & 6, Brandon Place—The Medical Officer of Health reported that the premises above-mentioned were in such a state as to be injurious to the health of the inmates owing to defective roofs, walls, ceilings, floors, yard pavings, &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—Houses let in Lodgings—The Medical Officer of Health recommended that the landlords of the following houses let in lodgings, viz:- Nos. 10, 13, 15 & 17 Rotunda Terrace, 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 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 lessees.

5—Cleansing and Limewashing at No. 2, Naunton Crescent, No. 5, Brandon Place, No. 7, York Street, Nos. 14 & 35 and back of No. 19, Exmouth Street, and No. 2, Exmouth Court—The Medical Officer of Health having certified under Section 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 Nos. 24, 25, 26 & 27, Albert Street, St. Peter's, and No. 29, Naunton Crescent—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.

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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 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—Notification of Chicken Pox—Having regard to the doubt that sometimes exists as between Small Pox and Chicken Pox, Resolved, on the advice of the Medical Officer of Health, to apply to the Local Government Board for permission to add chicken pox to the list of diseases required to be notified in the borough, as a temporary measure until the end of 1902, when an extension, if desirable, can be applied for.

10—Dairies, Cowsheds and Milkshops Order—Resolved, To accede to an application received from Mr. Edward Newman, of No. 56, Winchcomb Street, to be registered as a purveyor of milk.

11--Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4 & 5, Major Cottages, Millbrook Street---The Medical Officer of Health having reported that these houses, which had been closed under a closing order obtained under Sec. 32 of

the blousing of the Working Classes Act, 1890, had not been rendered in his opinion fit for human habitation, and that the necessary steps were not being taken with all due diligence to render them so fit, and that the continuance of the buildings was dangerous or injurious to the health of the public or of the inmates of the neighbouring dwelling houses, Resolved, That, the Council being of the same opinion, it is expedient to order the demolition of the buildings, and that notice under Sec. 33 (2) of the said Act be served on the owner informing him that this Committee will further consider this resolution at their meeting to be held at the Municipal Offices in the boroughs on Monday, the 14th of April next, at 3 o'clock in the afternoon.

12— Destruction of Diseased Meat—The Medical Officer of Health reported that on the 29th ulto. the fore-half and organs of a sheep had been seized at the Abattoir and destroyed.

13—Sleeked Drains—The Inspector of Nuisances reported that a nuisance existed at Cox's Cottages, Alstone, in consequence of the drains from the w.c's being blocked, and the owner had not complied with a notice which had been served upon him to abate the nuisance by clearing out the drains. Resolved That the Town Clerk be instructed to serve a final notice upon the owner to abate the nuisance by clearing out the drains, and, if necessary, to take proceedings to compel compliance therewith.

14- Sewage Farms Bailiff—Resolved, To instruct the Town Clerk, with the assistance of the Medical Officer of Health, to draft an advertisement inviting applications for the appointment of Bailiff at the Sewage Farms in place of Mr. Berkley, and to bring up the same for approval at the next meeting of the Committee.

15- --Crazing at Haydon Farm— Resolved, To rescind the resolution to Minute No. 29 of the proceedings of this Committee of date the 23rd of December last, to let the grazing of three fields to Mr. Wood for £140, and to inform him that none of the land shall be let for grazing this year.

16-Irrigation of Land of Mr. Brookes at Uckington—On the recommendation of the Farms Sub-Committee, Resolved, To supply Mr. Brookes with sewage Irrigation on fields at Uckington called Gabs Piece and Loudlow Piece upon the usual terms, and that the Borough Surveyor be instructed to construct the necessary iron pipe carrier across Dog Bark Lane.

17—Barbed Wire at Corporation Farms—Resolved, T. instruct the Farms Bailiff to report in time for the next meeting of the Committee what barbed wire there is upon the Corporation farms and where the same (if any) is fixed.

18—Sewer under Chelt near Sandford Mill--A letter was read from Mr. E. T. Brydges stating that he was building a small house on some land of his near Sandford Mill, the plans of which and the drainage of it had been passed by the Public Health Committee and the Council, and relying on the correctness of the plan in the office of the Borough Surveyor, which shows a sewer under the bed of the Chelt, which bounds his land, the drainage was planned to connect with it, but on excavating the ground under the stream no sewer could be found, and he would be glad to know what was to be done under the circumstances. He had incurred considerable expense in excavating for the drains and in searching for the sewer on the faith of the correctness of the official plan. The land on the West side of the private road Guns the London Road to the Old Bath Road had been offered for sale for building, but in consequence of the absence of a sewer in that road it had not been sold.

Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be requested to bring up a report and estimate of the cost of extending the nearest sewer, and that further consideration of the matter be adjourned until the same shall be ready.

19— Report of Farm Bailiff —The Farm Bailiff reported that on the 8th inst. the stock on the Farms consisted of 6 horses and 92 cattle, and that the sales since his last report had been as follows, viz.:—

	£	s.	d.
January 13th, 4 cattle	78	8	0
“ 20th, “	67	10	6
“ 27th, “	74	14	0
February 3rd,	<u>80</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>6</u>
	£300	18	0

20-Building Plans--Resolved, With the exceptions of Nos. 1493 and 1496, to approve the following plans of proposed new buildings as regards drainage and other sanitary matters:—

No. of Plan	Name	Description
1482	Henney's Trustees	Additions and alterations to the premises of Messrs. Young and Gilling, Promenade Villas.
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1489	Cheltenham Salvation Army Citadel Co., Limited	New Salvation Army Meeting Hall on site of the Colosseum in the Bath Road.
1490	H. J. and C. E. E. Brown Bros. ..	Semi-detached house next Hereford House, Bath Parade.
1491	The Principal, Fellows and Scholars of Jesus College, Oxford	Six pigstyes at Six Chimneys Farm, Alstone.
1492	T. Wilkins	Pair of semi-detached villas, Moorend Grove.
1493	Rees Jones	Alterations and additions to back of No. 344, High Street.
1494	Mr. Butcher	Pair of semi-detached villas, Glencairn Park.
1496	G. H. Pratley	Alterations and additions at the Clarence Hotel.

But subject as regards No. 1489 to the drains under the buildings being of 6-inch coated cast iron pipes with lead joints.

E. H. PARSONAGE,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 17th day of February, 1902—Present: The Mayor ; Alderman Norman; Councillors M. Davis, King-Harman, Lawrence and Parsonage (Councillor Parsonage in the chair)—

21-Zymotic Disease—The Medical Officer of Health reported that there had been notified since the last meeting of the Committee 2 cases of Scarlet Fever ; that 1 case of Scarlet Fever had been sent into the Delancey Hospital, and that the number of cases then in the Delancey Hospital sent in by the Corporation was 10 of Scarlet Fever and 1 of Enteric Fever.

22-Insanitary Property at Nos. 4, 5, 11, 29 & 33, Naunton Crescent, and Nos. 1 & 2, St. Mark's Place— The Medical Officer of Health reported that the premises above-mentioned were in such a state as to be injurious to the health of the inmates owing to defective roofs, walls, floors, ceilings, &c. Resolved, That the Council being satisfied that the said premises are in such a state as to be injurious to health, Notices under Sec. 94 of the Public Health Act, 1875, be served upon the owners requiring them to put the same into a healthy condition, and for that purpose to carry out the works specified in the Notices.

23-Houses Let in Lodgings--The Medical Officer of Health recommended that the landlords of the following houses let in lodgings, viz., Gainsford, Gloucester Road, and No. 2, Painswick Lawn, 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 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 lessees.

24-Overcrowding at No. 4, Exmouth Street, and Nos. 5, 6 & 7, Pantile Row—The Medical Officer of Health reported that the above premises were so overcrowded as to be dangerous or injurious to the health of the inmates. Resolved, That the Committee being satisfied of the existence of a nuisance on the said premises, Notices under Sec. 94 of the Public Health Act be served on the owners and occupiers thereof requiring them to abate the same.

25—Houses without proper Ash Receptacles—The Medical Officer of Health handed in a list of houses which had no proper ashpits or ash receptacles. Resolved, That the necessary Notices be given to the respective owners under Sec. 36 of the Public Health Act, 1873, 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.

26— Cleansing and Limewashing at Nos. 6, 16, 19, 20, 23 & 25, Naunton Crescent, Nos. 1 & 3, St. Mark's Place, and No. 3, York Cottages, 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.

27— Nuisance from Drains, &c., at Nos. 5, 6, 7, 8, 9 & 10, Weston Cottages, Green's Court, Tewkesbury Road, Wellington House, Steam Laundry, St. George's Street, The Somerset Inn, Swindon Road, No. 4, Leighton Row, New Street, and Nos. 19 & 20, Swindon 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.

28—Demolition of Nos. 44 & 45, Sun Street—The Medical Officer of Health having reported that these houses, which had been closed under a Closing Order, had not in his opinion been rendered fit for human habitation, and that the necessary steps were not being taken with all due diligence to render them so fit, and that the continuance of the buildings was dangerous or injurious to the health of the public or of the inhabitants of the neighbouring dwelling houses, Resolved, That the Council being of the same opinion, it is expedient to order the demolition of the buildings, and that notice of this resolution be served on the owner or owners of the buildings informing him, her, or them that this resolution will be further considered at a meeting of this Committee to be held on Monday, the 14th day of April next, at 3 o'clock p.m., at the Municipal Offices, Cheltenham.

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29-- Notices not Complied With—Resolved, To instruct the Town Clerk to take proceedings to compel compliance with notices to provide ash receptacles and execute sanitary works of amendment which had been served but not complied with.

30—Applications for Appointment as Assistant Inspector of Nuisances—Resolved, To appoint the Chairman and Councillor King-Harman as a Sub-Committee, with the assistance of the Medical Officer of Health, to go through the applications which had been received for this appointment and make a selection for consideration by the Committee.

31- Manager of the Sewage Farms—Resolved, To insert the following advertisement once in each of the following papers, viz., "The Liverpool Mercury," "Yorkshire Post," "Birmingham Daily Post," "The Daily Telegraph," and all the local papers, and twice in "The Contract Journal" and "Sanitary Record," viz.: --" Corporation of Cheltenham. Wanted, a Sewage Farms Manager to take entire charge of three Sewage Farms about 350 acres, grazing and arable. The duties will comprise the direction and control of sewage by broad irrigation so as to prevent nuisance and pollution of streams, the purchase and sale of livestock and general farm management, the supply of sewage to occupiers of land in the neighbourhood, the keeping of all necessary farm books and such other accounts as may be required by the Corporation.

" He will be required to devote the whole of his time to the duties of the office and to obtain from an approved Guarantee Society security up to £300, the premium for which will be paid by the Corporation. Previous experience in sewage farming necessary. Engagement subject to three months' notice. Salary (with residence rent free) £200 per annum, rising by £20 per annum to £300 Applications, stating age, previous occupation, and experience, with not more than four recent testimonials, to be sent to me, the undersigned, endorsed Sewage Farms Manager,' not later than noon on Wednesday, the 19th day of March, 1902. Personal canvassing will disqualify.—E. T. Brydges, Town Clerk, Municipal Offices, Cheltenham."

32—Damage at No. 287, High Street—A letter from Mr. Lamb, the Claimant's Solicitor, was read expressing regret that the Corporation did not see their way to increase their offer and stating that as a final effort to settle the matter amicably his Client was prepared to accept £80 plus the costs he had been put to. Resolved, That further consideration of the matter be adjourned.

33—Extension of Sewer from Old Bath Road to Sandford Mill Road—Resolved. That this extension be carried out at an estimated cost of £55, and that the Borough Surveyor be instructed to obtain tenders for the work.

34- -Sewage Disposal The report of the Borough Surveyor having been further considered. Resolved, To instruct him to bring up an estimate for the enlargement of the sewer from the Arle Tank to the Sewage Farms, to a capacity equal to the discharge of six times the dry weather flow of the sewage as a step towards any improvement of the sewage disposal, the consideration of which be further adjourned until the Royal Commission has finally reported on the subject.

35--Barbed Wire at Farms—The Farm Bailiff reported as to what barbed wire there was at the Corporation Farms. Resolved, to instruct the Borough Surveyor to have it removed from the fences where it would be dangerous or inconvenient for hunting.

36—Mortuary The Borough Surveyor reported that the Great Western Railway Company had sent a plan showing, inter alia, that they desired to acquire for their proposed railway from Cheltenham to Honeybourne, nearly the whole of the existing Mortuary upon the Old or St. Mary's Cemetery, an area of 3 ½ perches. The building should be re-erected upon a site as near as possible to the present one. and he suggested that it be lined with white glazed brick or other impervious surface to avoid the frequent lime washing. Resolved, That consideration of the matter be adjourned for the Borough Surveyor to have an interview with the Chief Engineer of the Company with regard to the re-building of the Mortuary, and report thereon to the Committee, and that the Medical Officer of Health be instructed to report as to what site be suggested for the new building and what improvements he suggested should be carried out.

37— Building Plans—Resolved, So far as regards drainage and other sanitary matters, to approve the following plans subject as to No. 1493, to the waste pipe from the sink of the w.c., in the upper part of the house being of drawn lead pipe for its entire length ; as to No. 1497, to the old drain under the covered passage being relaid with coated iron pipes with lead joints ; and, as to No. 1498, to the drain under the houses being of coated iron pipes with lead joints.

No. of Plan.	Name.	Description.
1481	W. Burrows	Cottage between Nos. 33 and 37, Duke Street.
1485	Charles Crook	Extension of ironing room at the back of Alma Cottage, Croft Street.
1486	G. W. Powell	Two houses in Brighton Road (Nos. 42 and 43)
1487	E. E. Bick	New wing for bath room at 16, Rotunda Terrace.
1493	Rees Jones	New show room and w.c. at No. 344, High Street.
1497	W. Humphris	Bath room and w.c. at No. 2, Somerset Villas, Leckhampton Road.
1498	G. A. Hawkins	Three villas in St. Ann's Road.

E. H. PARSONAGE, Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 24th day of February, 1902—Present Alderman Norman ; Councillors Davies, King-Harman and Parsonage (Councillor Parsonage in the chair)—

38- Assistant Inspector of Nuisances—The Committee having considered the applications and testimonials of the candidates selected by the Sub-Committee for further consideration, Resolved; That the following candidates be requested to attend for interview by the Committee at a meeting to be held at 5 p.m. on the 26th inst., viz.:—Harry Coleman, Stoke-upon-Trent ; Henry Warburton, Sheffield; Edward John Manders, Cardiff ; John Makin, Wolverhampton; and A. H. Chard, Birmingham.

E. H. PARSONAGE,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Wednesday, the 26th day of February, 1902— Present: The Mayor ; Alderman Norman ; Councillors Davis, Davies, King-Harman, Lawrence, and Parsonage (Councillor Parsonage in the chair)—

39—Assistant Inspector of Nuisances—The five candidates selected at the last meeting of the Committee for interview attended and were each seen by the Committee. Resolved, To appoint Mr. Edward John Manders, Assistant Inspector of Nuisances at Cardiff, at the salary specified in the Resolution to the Minute of the proceedings of this Committee of date the 29th ult.

E. H. PARSONAGE,

Chairman.

STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 11th day of February, 1902—Present : The Mayor ; Alderman Haddon ; Councillors Baker, Bendall, Hayward, Lawrence, Packer and Parsonage (Councillor Baker in the chair)—

1—Stile on Hatherley side of Reddings Railway Crossing—With reference to the resolution to Minute No. 14 of this Committee's proceedings of date the 28th October last, a letter was read from the Secretary of the Great Western and Midland Railways Joint Committee stating that such alterations had been made to the stile on the Hatherley side of the Reddings railway crossing as had placed matters now on a satisfactory footing. The Town Clerk reported that he had sent a copy of the letter to the Clerk to the Badgeworth Parish Council, as it seas from that Council that the complaint as to the inconvenient construction of the stile came.

2-Langdon Road—With reference to the resolution of this Committee at its last meeting directing the Borough Surveyor to bring up a plan and specification of the works required to be done by the abutting owners to Langdon Road, a letter was read from Mr. H. Sims hoping that when the works proposed have been carried out that the road will be taken to as a public highway, as otherwise the abutting owners would prefer to execute some slight repairs to the road without the intervention of the Corporation for the present. Resolved, That Mr. Sims be informed that his letter will be considered when the Borough Surveyor presents his plan and specification.

3-Cement-With Reference to the Borough Surveyor's report to this Committee on the 25th November last of the results of his tests of samples of cement submitted by Messrs. H. A. Gwinnell

and Co., a letter was read from Messrs. H. A. Gwinnell and Co. traversing in detail the statements made in the Borough Surveyor's report.

The Borough Surveyor read a specification prepared by him, as instructed by the Committee, of the cement required by the Corporation.

Resolved, That the further consideration of the matter be adjourned to the next meeting of the Committee, a copy of the specification prepared by the Borough Surveyor to be in the meantime sent to each member of the Committee.

4-Great Western Railway Charges—With reference to Minute N. 18 of this Committee's proceedings at their last meeting, a letter was read from the Assistant Goods Manager of the Great Western Railway to the Town Clerk stating that he was advised that the Company were not legally liable to allow any rebate to the Corporation, but that he would not come to a final decision on the matter without considering any reasons the Corporation might desire to put forward, and that he should be pleased to go into the question with the Town Clerk personally at Cheltenham, to which the Town Clerk had replied that the Borough Surveyor would be pleased to go into the matter with the Assistant Goods Manager at any time.

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5--Ewlyn Road—A memorial was read from Mr. C. H. Saunders and other owners and occupiers of property in Ewlyn Road praying that as the road had been recently made to the satisfaction of the Council, the same should be taken over as a highway repairable by the inhabitants at large. Resolved, That as soon as the private improvement expenses remaining due in respect of Evelyn Road have been paid notice be given declaring so much of the road as has been recently made by the Corporation to be a public highway.

6—Winstonian Road—Resolved, To instruct the Borough Surveyor to carry out forthwith the works of private improvement in Winstonian Road in respect of which notices have already been given to the abutting owners.

7—New Buildings—The Borough Surveyor laid before the Committee the following notices and plans received by him from persons intending to erect new buildings, viz.

No. of Plan.	Name.		Description.
1488	Cheltenham Salvation Army	..	New Salvation Army Meeting Halls on site of
	Citadel Co., Limited	..	Colosseum, Bath Road.
1490	Brown Brothers	..	Semi-detached house next to Hereford
			House, Bath Parade.
1491	Principal, Fellows and Scholars of	..	Six pigstyes at Six Chimneys Farm, Alstone.
	Jesus College, Oxford.	..	
1492	T. Wilkins		Pair of semi-detached villas, Moorend Grove.
1493	Rees Jones		Alterations and additions at back of 344,
			High Street.
1494	Mr. Burcher	..	Pair of semi-detached villas, Glencairn Park.

No. of Plan	Name	Description
1495	Cheltenham College Council	Iron and wood sheds on land in front of Paragon Terrace for Cadet Corps headquarters.
1496	G. H. Pratley	Alterations and additions to Clarence Hotel.

Resolved, That the plans be approved as regards situation and construction except Plan No. 1488, the consideration of which be adjourned to the next meeting of this Committee.

WILLIAM A. BAKER,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 24th day of February, 1902--Present Alderman Haddon; Councillors Baker, Bendall, Hayward, Packer and Parsonage (Councillor Baker in the chair)--

8- Street Projection- Resolved, Not to accede to an application from the Golden Anchor Clothing Co. for permission to fix a sign representing a golden anchor in front of No. 156, High Street.

9-Footpath in front of Heimat- In response to a letter received from Mrs. F. Webb, Resolved, To instruct the Borough Surveyor to make good the gravelling of this footpath.

10- Trees near Hendre, Overton Road--In response to a letter received from Deputy-Surgeon-General Watson, Resolved, To instruct the Borough Surveyor to have the two chestnut trees near the fence of the garden belonging to Hendre lopped so as to prevent the branches injuriously overhanging the garden.

11- Footpath East side of All Saints' Road opposite The Abbots and All Saints' Church --In response to a letter from the Vicar and Church-wardens of All Saints', Resolved, To inform them that this footpath will be repaired in due course.

12—Hatherley Road Private Improvement Works—A letter was read from the Rev. W. D. Challice objecting to the charge made against him for the cost of the private improvement works in the Hatherley Road, as out of the total cost of £99 16s. 10d, he had had to pay £37 12s. 9d., and as the Corporation had paid £44 3s. 2d. only £8 0s. 11d. remained to be paid by the other abutting owners, and he asked to be informed when he could appear before the Committee to appeal against the charge made.

A letter from the Town Clerk in reply was read informing Mr. Challice that the £99 16s. 10d. did not include the £44 3s. 2d. which was paid by the Corporation, the first-mentioned sum being the amount apportioned amongst the abutting owners only.

Resolved, That the reply of the Town Clerk be approved, and that if Mr. Challice still wishes, the Committee will see him at their next monthly meeting on the 26th proximo at 12.30 o'clock, although they are satisfied that the amount charged to him is quite fair and correct.

13—Footpath North-east Corner of Albion and Winchcomb Streets—In response to a letter from Miss Gwinnell calling attention to the bad state of the paving at this corner, Resolved, To inform her

that the Corporation will provide a gully, and if she will fix Haywards Lights in lieu of the existing cellar gratings the Council will fix an iron kerb and make good the paving.

14—Footpath in Gloucester Road —Resolved, To instruct the Borough Surveyor to carry out the necessary repairs to this footpaths near the end of Malvern Road.

15—Hermitage Street —Resolved, To declare this street a highway and that the necessary notices be fixed accordingly.

16—Seat near Cotswold—In response to a letter received from Major Shewell complaining that this seat was a source of annoyance to him and prejudicial to the privacy of his residence, Resolved, That the seat be removed to the opposite corner of Naunton Lane, and that another one be placed in the Old Bath Road near the junction with Thirlestaine Road.

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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 20th. 1902, had been as follows :—

Repaired with Clee Hill Stone—Suffolk Road (proceeding) but stopped by frost, Winchcombe Street (proceeding) but stopped by frost.

Patching—St. James's Square, Tivoli Circus, Albion Street, Manchester Street, Millbrook Street, Gloucester Road, Prestbury Road, Oriel Road.

Patching Wickwar Stone—Parabola Road, St. Paul's Street South, Charlton Lane, Moorend Street.

Patching Bardon Hill Stone—St. George's Road and Place, Manchester Street.

Trees Pruned in—Oriel Road and Pittville Circus Road. Trees Planted in—Gloucester Road, 1 Lime ; Wellington Square, 2 Silver Birches ; Naunton Park Terrace, 1 Elm.

Kerb, Crossing, Channelling- and Paving—St. Paul's Street North, St. George's Place and Road, College Road, Queen's Parade, Bayshill Road, Sandford Terrace, Keynsham Road, Hewlett Road, Church Street, St. Margaret's Road, Trinity School Lane, Union Street, Park Place, Suffolk Road, Montpellier Street and Terrace, Lower High Street, Leamington Place, Wellington Road, Royal Well Walk, Duke Street.

The Paving, Edging and Channelling of the Road and Paths at the back of Bayshill Terrace was finished.

The Private Improvement Works in Whaddon Lane were proceeding.

The Private Improvement Works for paving in Chester Walk were finished.

One new gully had been fixed in Hale's Road to replace detective one. The surface water drain from Suffolk Square to Suffolk Road had been cleared out and pipes repaired.

He desired to bring to the notice of the Committee the serious increase in the cost of removing mud during wet weather, owing to the greater distance which the carts had to travel. During an average season the closing of the Depot tip would increase the cost by £200 per annum.

Destructor-1081 loads collected, 749 loads consumed. Weighing 894 tons 1cwt. 2qrs.

Slab Factory—The frost had interfered with slab making to a considerable extent, only 888 sup. ft. being made but a large stock of ground clinkers had been prepared in advance.

18—Cement—The Borough Surveyor laid before the Committee the specification of the cement with which the Corporation would require to be supplied. Resolved. That the same be approved and that tenders for a twelve months supply, in accordance with the specification. be advertised for.

19---Road off Carlton Place, opposite Long's Cottages —A letter was read from the Great Western Railway Company, stating that they desired to acquire this road for the purpose of their proposed line from Cheltenham to Honeybourne, and asking to be informed what the Council considered the Company should pay for it. Resolved, To leave the matter in the hands of the Borough Surveyor to arrange with the Company.

20- Lansdown Parade Road —A specification from the Borough Surveyor of the works required to be done to the above street was read and approved. And it was Resolved, That the necessary plans, sections, and estimates be prepared, and that a notice under Sec. 46 of the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1852, be put up for seven consecutive days at both ends of the sheet and advertised twice consecutively in some newspaper published and circulated in the borough specifying the works required and containing an estimate of the expense of executing the same, and requiring the proprietor or proprietors (by name or description) of the said street to execute the same within 28 days, and providing that in case such proprietor or proprietors refuse or neglect to execute such works, then the owners of the premises adjoining to or abutting upon the parts of the said street requiring to be sewered,, levelled, paved, metalled, flagged, or made good as the case may be, shall do the same within a further time of 28 days, and that a like notice be given to the owners and occupiers of such premises according to Sec. 150 of the Public Health Act, 1875, 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 Public Health Act, 1875, and the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1889.

21--Langdon Road—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 the necessary plans, sections, and estimates be prepared, and notices be given under Sec. 150 of the Public Health Act, 1875, to the owners of the premises fronting, adjoining, or abutting upon the parts of the said street requiring to be sewered, levelled, paved, metalled, flagged, channelled, or made good, requiring them to do the specified works within 28 days, and that, if such notice is not complied with, the Surveyor do proceed to execute the works mentioned or referred to therein, and that the expenses thereof be recovered in the manner provided by the Act, and the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1889.

22-- Building Plans—Resolved, As regards situation and construction not to approve plan No. 1499 of a shop in Albion Street on the Royal Hotel Yard for Mrs. Potter, but to approve plan No. 1500 of a workroom for four persons at Myrioville, Leckhampton Road for Miss A. Hill.

WILLIAM A. BAKER,
Chairman.

TRAMWAYS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Wednesday, the 26th day of February, 1902—Present: The Motor; Councillors Baker, Bence, M. Davis, Hayward, Lawrence, Packer, Parsonage and J. Waghorne (Councillor J. Waghorne in the chair)—

t--Amendments of existing Railway—The Report of the Borough Surveyor, was read, stating what Mr. Nevins suggested should be done to carry out the requirements of the Council as regards amending the existing railway, and giving his observations thereon and recommending that as regards the track the Council should require the Company' to carry out the Works which he had summarised in the form of a Schedule, as hereafter appearing.

A letter was read from Messrs. Winterbothams & Gurney, the Company's Solicitors, stating that if the Committee accepted the suggestion for laying down granite setts it would involve a certain amount of delay, but Mr. Nevins was quite prepared to lodge the amount of the estimated cost in the Bank, so that if the work were not completed in a given time it would be in the power of the Corporation to carry out the work themselves. Resolved, That the Specification of the Borough Surveyor as summarised in the Schedule be approved and adopted as the work required by the Council to be done by the Company to improve the track and that the resolution to Minute No. 1 of the proceedings of this Committee of date the 20th December last so far as the same referred to the approval of the Specification of the Borough Surveyor as to the necessary amendments to the track be varied accordingly.

Also that the offer of Mr. Nevins contained in the letter from the Solicitors to the Company above referred to be accepted upon the following conditions, viz :—That the amount of the deposit shall be £5,000, and the same shall be deposited at Lloyds Bank forthwith in the name of the Corporation to the intent that the same shall be at the disposal of the Corporation as hereinafter mentioned :—

If the Light Railway Company do not complete the works specified in the times following, viz:—As regards the Brickwork, two months from the 3rd proximo ; as regards the laying and fixing of the Granite Setts, four months from the 3rd proximo ; and as regards completion of all the specified works, six months from the 3rd proximo, the Corporation shall at the expiration of each of the aforesaid periods be at liberty to take in hand and complete the work which has not been so completed at the expense of the Company and be at liberty to make use of the amount to be deposited as aforesaid in defraying the cost thereof.

That the Company shall be entitled to repayment of the amount so deposited at the times and in manner following, viz.:—

If the work to be completed at the end of two months has by then been carried out by the Company to the satisfaction of the Borough Surveyor .. £1000

If the work to be completed at the end of four months has by then been carried out as aforesaid £2000 ..

If the work to be completed at the end of six months has by then been carried out as aforesaid £2000

Total £5000

Also Resolved, That the Resolution to Minute No. 2 of the proceedings of this Committee of date the 20th of December last that the draft of the Agreement relating to the proposed extensions be not settled or further considered until the Company shall have carried out to the satisfaction of the Committee the amendments and alterations to the existing railway as agreed to by Mr. Nevins and also as specified in the Reports of the Borough Surveyor and Electrical Engineer, be varied so far as the same is inconsistent with the resolutions come to at this meeting, and that the Committee be empowered to proceed with the consideration and settlement of the draft agreement.

The Schedule above referred to.

Lansdown Castle to the Midland Railway Bridge—Renew the centre of the track with sound bricks from the existing paving, making up any deficiency with new paving brick of Messrs. Geo. Woolliscroft & Co's. manufacture. Remove the paving outside the line of the rails and pave for a width of eighteen inches on each side with granite setts, grouted with cement mortar or bitumen.

The Midland Railway Bridge to the McDougall Paving near St. George's Road Bridge—Temporarily repair the present paving so as to render it safe for traffic. As soon as granite setts can be obtained. take up the whole of the present paving and pave with granite setts grouted with cement mortar or bitumen. The sound bricks to be removed for use in repairing other portions of the line.

Western Road to end of McDougall's Paving in St. George's Road—Take up the whole of the present paving and relay with McDougall's patent paving brick grouted with cement mortar so that the whole of the track from the Railway Bridge in St. George's Road in the direction of the High Street crossing shall be paved with McDougall's patent paving.

St. George's Road near "Rivershill" to Pittville Gates—Take up all paving which is below the level of the rails whether between the rails or forming the outer margins and reset them level with the rails. Take up all the loose bricks in the track over the tie bars, and reset in stiff cement mortar and solidly bed by ramming. All bricks $\frac{1}{4}$ in, or more below the level of the upper surface of the rail to be considered defective and to be reset. The bricks to be Woolliscroft's or MacDougall's.

Pittville Gates to the Borough Boundary—Remove all defective bricks and repave with those sound bricks of Woolliscroft's manufacture removed from the track. Remove those bricks now placed longitudinally outside the track and reset them at right angles to the track, and raise and reset at a proper level all those bricks which have sunk below the level of the rails.

J. WAGHORNE,

Chairman.

TOWN IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 17th day of February, 1902—Present : The Mayor ; Aldermen Norman and Winterbotham ; Councillors Bainbridge, Baker, Bence, Lawrence, Packer and Rickerby (Councillor Rickerby in the chair)—

1—Breach of Restrictive Building Covenants at St. Arvans, Pittville—A letter from Mr. F. G. Adams having been received under-taking, pursuant to the resolution to Minute No. 6 of the proceedings of this Committee at their meeting of date the 23rd Dec. last, to have the greenhouse therein referred to removed immediately the present tenancy of St. Arvans ceases, or at such earlier time as the Council might call upon him to remove the same, Resolved, That this undertaking be approved.

2-Lodge at Pittville Park—A letter from the Local Government Board having been received with which they enclosed their formal sanction to the borrowing by the Council of the sum of £350, repayable in a period of 25 years, for the erection of a Lodge at the Essex Lodge entrance to the Pittville Gardens, Resolved, To instruct the Borough Surveyor to proceed with the preparation of the detailed working drawings.

3—Advertising—Holiday Tours—Resolved, To renew the advertisement in Messrs. Cook and Sons' Holiday Tours for 1902, viz., a half-page advertisement in 50,000 copies for £7, and to accept an offer of the Chairman to revise the wording of it and arrange for a different block. Also to authorise the expenditure of £1 for a new block.

Official Guide to Weston-super-Mare, Clevedon, Minehead, and North Somerset—A letter having been received from Mr. E. J. Burrow stating that he had this Guide in the press, which was shortly to be issued under the auspices of the Local Authorities of the above-named places. That the first edition would be 10,000 copies, and he had arranged with Messrs. Smith and Son to sell the book on all the bookstalls in the Great Western district, and he offered to insert a one-page advertisement of Cheltenham and supply the necessary blocks to illustrate the same in the publication for the sum of eight guineas, Resolved, That the offer be accepted, and that an offer of the Chairman to settle the wording of the advertisement and choose the blocks be also accepted.

4— Root, Crain and Chrysanthemum Show at Whiter Garden—Resolved, To let the Winter Garden to the Cheltenham Root, Grain and Chrysanthemum Society for their annual show on the 5th and 6th of November next upon terms to be settled by the Entertainment Sub-Committee.

5-Bowling Crum at the Winter Garden—Resolved, To permit the Cheltenham Bowling Club to make use of the lawn at the South-West portion of the grounds for playing bowls upon the following terms, viz.:—

The charge to be at the rate of 4d. per day for each player, subject to a discount of 1d. per ticket if 1,500 are purchased.

The Council to provide a room for the storage of the "woods."

The Council to have the right to use or grant the use of the lawn whenever they shall require for any other purpose at any time on giving reasonable notice to the Club.

That the Club shall not erect or permit the erection temporarily or otherwise of any tent or other structure. That the Council shall have the right to permit the same use of the lawn by any other Bowling Club upon similar terms ; and That the charge for admission of non-players shall be the same as for the general public, viz., 1d. each.

Also Resolved, That the resolution to Minute No. 4 of this Committee's proceedings of date the 17th September, 1900, be varied in accordance with the above resolutions.

A letter having been received from Mr. Steven Miles, of the Adam and Eve Inn, stating that it was proposed to start a Working Men's Bowling Club, and enquiring if the Corporation would assist the proposed Club in the same way that they have and are assisting the Cheltenham Bowling Club, otherwise he feared the proposal would not be successful, by levelling and preparing the disused lawn at the Winter Garden, and when ready let it to them at a nominal rent. Resolved, To inform Mr. Miles that the lawn at the South West corner is the only part of the grounds available, but his Club can have the use of it upon similar terms and for the same purpose as the Committee have at this meeting decided to grant the use of it to the Cheltenham Bowling Club.

6—Expenditure on Bowling Green—The Borough Accountant reported that he had not been able to obtain specific details of the cost of the old and new bowling greens on the Winter Garden property, as the Borough Surveyor was unable to divide the cost of the bowling greens from the other parts of the garden, that the workmen employed were not distinctly engaged on the bowling greens but on the garden as a whole, laying out, turfing, forming paths, &c., as well as doing what was required of them from time to time in the building. With regard to the income from the bowling green the amounts had been as follows :—Year 1896 £9 10s ; 1897 £9 10s ; 1898 £10; 1899 £13; 1900. £13 5s; and 1910 £16 5s Average £11 9s. 4d. per annum.

7—Football at Montpellier Gardens—A deputation from the Cheltenham Football Club consisting of Messrs, Gridley, Lane, Saunders, and Such, were received and heard with reference to the application of the Club to be allowed the use of Montpellier Gardens next season for football from the 6th of September next to the 6th of April, 1903, upon the same terms as heretofore. Resolved, That consideration of the request be deferred until the next monthly meeting of the Committee.

8—Report of the Entertainment Sub-Committee—This Sub-Committee reported that they had made the following arrangements for 1902.

Winter Garden—For week commencing 31st March the Blue Viennese Band to give two performances each day in the Winter Garden, the Corporation to receive 35 per cent. of the takings, and arrangements to be made for providing light refreshments during each performance.

Montpellier Gardens—Week commencing 19th May next (including two matinees) "The Masques," the Corporation to receive 40 per cent. of the takings.

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Fortnight commencing June 2nd the Royal Austrian Band, the Corporation to receive 35 per cent. of the takings.

For June 27th or 28th and following week an Exhibition of Animated Photographs (The Coronation Processions and Festivities).

Week commencing July 14th, "The Brescians," the Corporation to receive 40 per cent. of the takings.

July 25th and 26th the Royal Marine Light Infantry Band (two evening performances and one afternoon performance), the Corporation to receive 40 per cent. of the takings.

Week commencing August 4th, "The Follies." the Corporation to receive 40 per cent. of the takings. For the fortnight commencing 11th August the White Viennese Band, the Corporation to receive 35 per cent. of the takings.

That they had instructed the Borough Surveyor to move the screen at the West transept of the Winter Garden ; to make an entrance through the window in the North-west corner of the Concert Room to be used in place of the North entrance ; to obtain about 200 yards of cocoa matting at an estimated cost of £20 and the necessary furniture for the artistes' room at an estimated cost of £21. ; to provide a partition and have the artistes' rooms repainted and papered at an estimated cost of £16 ; and to obtain two-and-a-half doz. rose trees.

Entrance Lodge—That they had instructed the Borough Surveyor to report as to what is necessary to be done to render the Lodge at the entrance to the Winter Garden habitable for the ensuing summer.

Skating at Marle Hill Annexe -That they had authorised the Borough Surveyor to arrange for skating to commence on Marle Hill Lake on the 14th instant subject to his being satisfied that the ice was safe and to his roping oil any portion that he may not consider safe; the charge for admission at the back of Saxham only) to be 6d each. That the Borough Surveyor be authorized to arrange for the Town Band to play on Saturday afternoon and evening and for the sale of refreshments; and to arrange for lighting the lake with Wells' lights and fairy lamps when necessary.

That the Chairman be authorised to further engage the Town Band during the continuance of skating for such time as he should think advisable;

and That the Marle Hill Annexe be closed to the public and subscribers on Sundays during the skating. Resolved, To approve the proceedings of the Entertainment Sub-Committee.

9 —Archery at Montpellier Gardens—Resolved, To accede to an application from the Archery Club for the use of Montpellier Gardens for archery for the season commencing on the 1st of April and ending on the 31st of October next, on the same terms as before, viz., £11 for the use of the ground, and £1 for the services of a man to put up and take down the targets when necessary.

10—Subscribers to Montpellier Gardens—Resolved. To request the Entertainments Sub-Committee to bring up a recommendation as to the terms upon which subscribers should be admitted to the Montpellier Gardens during the ensuing season.

11—Advertising—Resolved, To adjourn consideration of a letter received from Mr. J. K. Knight, of the British Hotel Advertising Co. with reference to painting views of the town on the panels of the dining room at the Hotel Metropole, Leeds, at charges according to size and situation varying from 4 to 10 guineas each per annum.

T. E. RICKERBY,

Chairman.

TOWN IMPROVEMENT AND GENERAL PURPOSES AND WATCH COMMITTEES.

At a joint Meeting of these Committees, held on Monday, the 17th day of February, 1902—

Present: The Mayor; Aldermen Haddon, Norman and Winterbotham ; Councillors Bainbridge, Baker, Bence, Gurney, Hayward, Lawrence, Packer, Parsonage and Rickerby (The Mayor in the chair)—

1-- Chairman--Resolved, That the Mayor be appointed Chairman at this meeting.

2-Heating of Town Hall—Mr. Waller reported upon the schemes which had been submitted to him by contractors for the heating of the Town Hall, and he recommended that, subject to certain modifications which he would suggest, a scheme which he had received from Messrs. G. N. Haden and Sons, of Trowbridge, London, Manchester and Birmingham, at an approximate cost of £1,654, exclusive of the cost of builder's work, be accepted. Resolved, That the recommendation of Mr. Waller be approved and adopted.

3 --Town Hall Building Works—Resolved, To authorise the Architect to take up the drain from the Winter Garden which crosses the site of the Town Hall and to lay in a new one in another direction.

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Also, on account of the nature of the clay, to carry the foundations of the Town Hall lower in some parts than was specified. Also to build additional piers in the drawing room, as shown on the plan now laid before the Committee by the Architect, to improve the size and effect of the room.

RICHARD ROGERS,

Chairman.

LIGHTING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Wednesday, the 19th day of February, 1902—Present : Alderman Norman ; Councillors Bainbridge, Baker, Handley, Hayward, Stroud and J. Waghorne (Alderman Norman in the chair)—

1--Gas Examiner's Report—The Gas Examiner reported that he had tested the gas during the past month with the following results, viz. :—

ILLUMINATING POWER.		PURITY.	
1902		1902	Grains of Sulphur per
Jan. 25th	15.48 candles	Feb	100 cubic ft.
Feb. 1st ..	16.03	13th-14th	11.70
Feb. 12th	16.23		
Feb. 15th	<u>15.12</u>		
Average	15.71		

2—Gas Inspector's Report—The Gas Inspector reported that the hourly average consumption of gas in the street lamps during the past month had been as follows, viz. :—Lamps with 4.25 ft. burners,

4,44 cubic feet ; Guildhall lamps with No. 4 incandescent burners, 5446 cubic feet ; lamps with No. 3 incandescent burners, 3.621 cubic feet.

3—Lamp Book—From this Book it appeared that during the past month 27 metered, 94 unmetered, and 15 Incandescent lamps had been out and 16 burning dimly.

4--Street Lighting—Resolved, To remind the Directors of the Gas Company that at the interview with them on the 27th July, 1900, it was suggested that, having regard to the fact that the Corporation are such large consumers and that their accounts are paid monthly, an additional discount beyond the usual 5 per cent. should be allowed, and to inform them that the Council are still of opinion that in this respect they should receive more favourable treatment than small consumers whose accounts are paid quarterly.

Shadowless Lanterns—With reference to the enquiry made to the Company to know upon what terms, if these lanterns were adopted for the street gas lighting, they would consent to their discontinuance if desired at any time before the minimum period of five years fixed by the Company, a letter from the Clerks to the Gas Company was read with which they forwarded a copy of a resolution of the Directors stating that they would not be justified in making the capital outlay for the new lanterns unless the Council were prepared to continue them in use for a period of not less than five years. Resolved, To enquire whether the Company would be prepared at the price quoted to substitute the Shadowless Lanterns for the whole of the existing lanterns at present fitted with No. 3 incandescent burners, and, subject to the original number being continued, would fix or remove them from time to time in or to such positions as the Council might require in any part of the borough.

Guildhall Lamps—With reference to the enquiry made to the Company to know upon what terms they would fit and maintain the Guildhall Lamps with No. 3 incandescent burners, a letter from the Clerks to the Gas Company was read with which they forwarded a copy of a resolution of the Directors stating that the Company would be prepared to comply with the suggestions at a charge for the conversion of £1 3s. 6d. per lamp, and would light and maintain the same for the sum of £4 per lamp, but they desired to add an expressions of their opinion that they did not consider that the conversion was to be recommended or would be likely to prove satisfactory. Resolved, To adjourn consideration of the matter.

5-Lighting of Passage from Lowdown Terrace to Parabola Road—Resolved, To fix a No. 3 incandescent gas lamp in this passage in a position to be decided upon by Councillors Bainbridge and Handley.

6 -- Lighting of Collum End Road—Resolved, To adjourn for view consideration of a memorial received from Mr. C. T. Allen and eight other residents in this road requesting the Council to have a lamp fixed near the houses therein.

7—Lighting in Regent Street gear Riding School—Resolved, To adjourn for view consideration of a letter received from Mr. J. A. Smith complaining that the removal of the gas lamp opposite his Mews in Regent Street had put his Riding School, cottages, and his neighbour, Mr. Dale's, place in utter darkness, and had also taken away the small amount of light it gave to the road to the back of his

premises, as the electric lamp which had replaced the gas lamp was too far away to light the places referred to, and suggesting that the electric lamp should be shifted to the corner by No. 16, Regent Street.

8—Electric Inspector's Report—The Electric inspector reported that he had tested the Electric supply to the town during the past month with the following results, viz. :—

Low Pressure Cables.

1st February	202 volts
15th “	<u>203 “</u>
Average	202.5 “

9—Extensions of Electric Mains—Resolved, To adjourn consideration of the matter relating to the extension of the cable to Libertus Road until the next meeting of the Committee.

10 -Private Lighting—Letters from Mr. Fitzpatrick and Colonel J. H. Campbell were read complaining of failures in the supply of current for the lighting of their houses, and letters which the Electrical Engineer had written in reply. Resolved, That the replies of the Electrical Engineer be approved.

11—Telephonic Disturbance from Electric Lighting Mains—A letter from the General Manager of The National Telephone Company was read again complaining of the disturbance to their system in Cheltenham caused by leakage and induction from the electric lighting works of the Corporation which had not been remedied and was still continuing. That the Company were anxious to avoid litigation to compel the Corporation to carry out the obligations imposed upon them by their Electric Lighting Order, but it was impossible for matters to remain in *statu quo*. The Company had been advised that the trouble was largely due to the wires in the cables net being properly balanced, and, if so, a remedy would not be effected until these cables had been replaced. Another remedy would be for the telephone wires to be put underground, and as the Company had been for some time desirous of doing this for the purpose of increasing the efficiency of the telephone service, he was, without prejudice, prepared to advise the Company to take that course if the Corporation would afford the requisite facilities. Resolved. In the absence of the Electrical Engineer to adjourn consideration of this letter until the next meeting of the Committee.

12-- Indemnity against Claims for Accidents by the Employees on the Electric Undertaking sustained in course of their Employment—Resolved, To accept the following quotation of The Royal Exchange Assurance for this indemnity, viz.: —

1. At 6s 6d per cent. to cover the Council's entire legal liability.
2. At 10s per cent. to cover the foregoing and in addition all accidents of occupation irrespective of legal liability.

GEO. NORMAN,

Chairman.

WATER COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Thursday, the 20th day of February, 1902—Present : The Mayor ; Councillors Baker, Bendall, M. Davis, King-Harman, Lawrence, Packer, Rickerby and H. Waghorne (Councillor H. Waghorne in the chair)—

1- Report of the Water Engineer—The Water Engineer reported that on the 16th instant the supply from Hewletts springs was 90.36 gallons, the average for the past three years being 211.13 gallons, and the quantity of water in store at Hewletts and Leckhampton was 8,887,625 gallons.

On the 19th instant the Dowdeswell Reservoir was 18ft. 10in. in depth, and the contents 40,261,275 gallons, exclusive of the daily yield of the streams, which was then 285,120 gallons, which gave a total storage of 49,148,900 gallons, or about 54 days' supply.

He submitted for approval the section and plan of proposed duplicate water main from Tewkesbury Water Works to Hewletts Reservoir.

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After a very careful examination of the possible routes, he was of opinion that another main could not be laid satisfactorily alongside the existing one. Both sides of the old bridge at Tewkesbury were occupied by pipes. and the space between the soffit of the arch and surface of the road was insufficient for the due protection of the pipes. And the same objection applied to all the bridges near the Works and to the bridge over the Midland Railway in Tewkesbury Road. The relative levels of the main sewer and of the large trunk gas main near the Gas Works at the end of Gloucester Road would at that point prevent another main passing between them. He had. therefore, adopted the line shown, which would be about 4,629 yards shorter than by following the present pipe along the road, and the excavation would be much less costly along the green lanes than along main roads. The cost of the work, with necessary sluice, reflux valves. and washouts, &c., would be about £17,000, which would provide a 12-inch diameter cast iron pipe capable of bearing a working head of 500 feet, at which it would have a capacity of 50,000 gallons per hour should this quantity be required, and the pumps, filters, &c., at Tewkesbury be increased so as to deliver it. Resolved, That the scheme of the Borough Surveyor be carried out, and that the Town Clerk be instructed to apply to the Local Government Board for sanction to borrow 417,000 to provide for the estimated expenditure.

2-Salts Farm—Miss Raisher, the immediate past tenant of this farm, appeared to claim an allowance from the rent due from her for the quarter ended Michaelmas last. amounting to £14 10s., as compensation for disturbance caused by the Corporation having entered the house on the farm about the end of last July to execute repairs to it, in consequence of which she had thereupon to cease her occupation of it. Resolved, Without prejudice, to make an allowance of 45 off the rent due to settle the matter.

3—Pollution of the Severn at Upton—A letter from the Clerk to the Rural District Council of Upton-on-Severn was read stating that the letter from the Town Clerk had been read at a meeting of that Authority and referred to a Committee.

4—Water Supply to Houses in Crafton Passage—Resolved. To adjourn until the next meeting consideration of a letter received from Mr. Ferguson, the owner of houses in Grafton Passage, stating that he had again been served with notices from the Health Department to lay on the water supply to boxes for flushing the w.c.'s, that he was willing to do this as soon as a supply pipe is furnished, that he would not attempt to provide it on his own responsibility as it would be sure to be declared to be done wrong, and if the cost was too much for the town to bear he suggested that the work should be done by the Corporation and the expense charged to him.

5-Allotments in Sandford Road— The Town Clerk reported that he had received four applications and the names of 13 persons who were anxious to rent allotments of the land in Sandford Road near the Pumping Station. Resolved, To adjourn consideration of the matter for the Committee to pay a visit of inspection to the locality.

6--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 February, 1902—Present : The Mayor ; Aldermen Haddon, Norman and Winterbotham ; Councillors Baker, Gurney, Hayward, Lamb, Parsonage, Stroud and J. Waghorne (The Mayor in the chair)—

5—Fire Brigade—The Superintendent of the Fire Brigade reported that on the and inst. the Brigade was called to extinguish a fire at some farm buildings situated at The Paddocks, Prestbury, occupied by Mr. R. Apperley, and the expenses amounted to £8 8s. 6d. Also on the 8th inst. to extinguish a fire at No. 59, High Street, occupied by H. H. Martyr and Co., Ltd., when the expenses amounted to £3 6s. 0d. Both properties were insured, and he had furnished particulars to the Borough Accountant.

2—Drivers' Licences—The Street Inspector reported that Arthur John Mansell had been four times convicted of offences against the Hackney Carriage Bye-laws within twelve months. Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to write a letter warning him of the probable consequence if again convicted of an offence against the Hackney Carriage Bye-laws before the next licensing meeting. Pursuant to the resolution of this Committee at their last meeting, George Clifford and Charles Butters appeared to show cause why their licences should not be revoked. Resolved, To caution Clifford that if again convicted of an offence against the Hackney Carriage Bye-laws before the next licensing meeting the Committee will recommend the Council to revoke his licence, and to caution Butters that very serious notice will be taken of any similar convictions against him in the future.

3—Wheel Chair Licence—Resolved, To accede to an application received from John Walcroft for a wheel chair licence.

4---Transfer of Hackney Carriage Licence— Pursuant to the resolution of this Committee at their last meeting, Albert Williams having appeared before the Committee in support of his application for a

transfer of the pony carriage licence held by his mother to himself, Resolved, That the application be acceded to.

5—Hackney Carriage Licences—In reply to an application received from Frederick Jones for a landau licence, Resolved, To inform him that there is not one available.

6—Pawnbroker's Certificate—Resolved, To accede to an application received from George Goodman for a certificate authorising the grant to him of an Excise licence to carry on the business of a pawnbroker at No. 2, Suffolk Road, subject to the Town Clerk being satisfied that the provisions of Sec. 42 of the Pawnbrokers' Act of 1872 have been complied with and to production to him of a satisfactory certificate as to character.

7—Cab Shelter in Imperial Square—A letter from Miss Ashby was read calling attention to the fact that when this shelter was removed to its present position near the Club the gas was cut off, thus rendering it useless, and enquiring if it was to remain permanently in its then position. Resolved, To inform Miss Ashby that the removal of the shelter to its present position was only as a temporary measure, and that a permanent situation for it has not been decided upon.

8—Sites for Municipal Offices—A letter was read from Messrs. Engall, Cox and Co. offering a site in the St. George's Road for Municipal Offices for £1,500.

A letter was also read from Mr. G. Mitchell, on behalf of the Salvation Army, offering to sell their Central Hall at St. George's Square, and asking if the Council would make any proposal with reference to the purchase. Resolved, That the Council consider that neither of the sites referred to are suitable for Municipal Offices.

9—Public Rights on Leckhampton Hill—Letters were read from Miss Beale, Dr. E. T. Wilson, and Mrs. Tuttle urging the Council to take action to resist the attempt of the Leckhampton Quarries Company to deprive the public of the rights which they have hitherto enjoyed upon the hill. Resolved, That the Mayor, Alderman Norman, and Councillors Baker and J. Waghorne be appointed a Sub-Committee to enquire into the matters referred to in the foregoing correspondence, and to report thereon to this Committee, with a view to the Council taking, in combination or otherwise, such steps as they may be advised to protect the rights of the public upon Leckhampton Hill.

10 -Cheltenham and Tisbury Railway—A letter was read from Mr. W. H. Williams, of the Surveyors and Estate Office of the Great Western Railway Company, with which he forwarded a plan of the land which the Company required to acquire from the Council for the purpose of constructing this line, which included portions of the North Ward allotments, and asking to be informed what sum it was thought should be paid for the property. A report from the Borough Surveyor was read as to the effect of the proposal as regards the remainder of the property of the Corporation. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be requested to consider and recommend to the Committee what compensation should be claimed for the sale of the portions of the allotments required by the Company.

11 —Underground Wayleave for Telephone Wires—A letter from Mr. Ley Wood was read in which he referred to a memorial presented to the Council in October, 1900, which had been signed by subscribers to the Exchange of the National Telephone Co. praying the Council to accede to the Company's application for underground wayleave, as having been pigeonholed, and enquiring if it

was the intention of the Corporation to treat the memorial with silence and contempt. Resolved, That consideration of the matter be adjourned, and to inform Mr. Ley Wood that, so far from the memorial having been pigeon-holed or treated with silence and contempt, it was duly considered at a meeting of this Committee held on the 18th of December, 1900, and further consideration thereof adjourned pending the decision of the Council as to the establishment of a Municipal Telephone Exchange in the borough.

12—Salaries of Corporation Officials—With reference to the resolution of the Council at their last meeting that this Committee be requested to enquire into the salaries paid to the officials of the Corporation and to consider and report as to the desirability of establishing a fixed scale on the basis of a minimum and a maximum with periodical increments, Resolved, To form a Sub-Committee, consisting of the Mayor, Alderman Norman, the Chairman of the Finance Committee, and Councillors Baker, Parsonage and Stroud, to bring up a report and recommendation to this Committee.

13—Loan of Mummy—Resolved, To accept, with the thanks of the Council, an offer from Sir F. D. Dixon Hartland, Bart., M.P., to lend for exhibition in the Art Gallery until next year an Egyptian mummy which he disinterred at Thebes in 1862.

14—Petrol Licence—Resolved, Not to accede to the application of messes. H. G. Norton and Co. to store for sale 100 gallons of petrol in a yard at the back of No. 416, High street, as the Council are of opinion the proposed storage is unsuitable for the purpose.

15—Report of the Art Gallery Sub-Committee—This Committee reported that on the 10th inst. they had had a meeting at which were present Aldermen Haddon, Norman and Winterbotham, Councillor Hayward, and the Baron de Ferrieres, and it was Resolved to approve the lists of casts, as illustrated by photographs, chosen by Councillor Hayward and the Curator, which it was proposed to purchase from South Kensington, as already approved by the Council. Also to purchase from Mr. Whitcombe a painting of Old Alstone Bridge and a coloured print of The Fair Quaker of Cheltenham, by Rowlandson, for to guineas the two.

The Curator reported that the pictures given by Mr. H. W. Bruton had been trained, and that he had defrayed the cost of the framing, and it was Resolved that the thanks of the Council be given to Mr. Bruton

Resolved, That the resolutions of the Sub-Committee above mentioned be approved and adopted.

16—Folly Lane Allotments Nos. 19 and 22—The Town Clerk reported that the tenant of these allotments had not paid the rents in arrear and due from him in advance for the present quarter, viz., £1 4s. 1d. in arrear on No. 22 for last quarter and £1 4s. 1d. due for the current quarter commencing the and inst., and 19s 2d in arrear on No. 19 for last quarter and 19s 2d for the current quarter, making a total of £4 6s. 6d. The tenant appeared and requested the Committee to release him from his tenancy of No. 19 and allow him £6 10s. 8d, for the fruit trees and plants which he had put in the ground. Resolved, That the

request be acceded to, and to pay the balance of the amount claimed less the amount of rent in arrear for last quarter for both the allotments and the rent due for the current quarter in respect of No. 22, and to re-let No. 19 to four separate tenants, the incoming tenants to be required to purchase between them the stock left by the outgoing tenant at the price paid to him, viz., £6 10s. 8d.

17-Additional Committee Room— The Mayor reported that the Sub-Committee had given instructions to the Borough Surveyor to have the room between the Mayor's room and the Borough Accountant's office properly renovated and furnished for use as a Committee Room, and to have lockers provided therein for the use of members of the Council. Resolved, That the action of the Sub-Committee be approved and confirmed.

RICHARD ROGERS,

Chairman.

MINERAL WATERS AND BATHS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Thursday, the 13th day of February, 1902—Present The Mayor ; Alderman Norman ; Councillors Baker, Handler, Parsonage and Stroud (Councillor Stroud in the chair)—

1—Alstone Baths—The Borough Accountant reported that up to this date £320 8s. 1d. had been received from these baths, and £449 11s. 1d., exclusive of repayment of loan and interest, had been paid.

Rails over Dressing Boxes—Resolved. To instruct the Borough Surveyor to bring up an estimate of the cost of replacing along the front of the space above the dressing boxes which forms a gallery the existing wooden rail by an iron one.

2-Montpellier Baths-- -The Borough Accountant reported that up to this date £512 9s. 8d. had been received from these baths, and £510 8s. 6d., exclusive of repayment of loan and interest, had been paid.

Brine Bath—Resolved, To accept a tender received from Messrs. Channon and Son for converting one of the deep immersion baths into a brine bath, according to the plan and specification of the Borough Surveyor, for the sum of £35.

3-Visitors—Resolved, To appoint Councillors Baker, Handley and Stroud the Visiting Sub-Committee for the ensuing month.

HERBERT STROUD, Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 25th day of February, 1902—Present Councillors Baker, R. Davies, Handley, Hayward, Parsonage and Stroud (Councillor Stroud in the chair)—

4-Cheltenham and Honeybourne Railway—A letter from Mr. W. H. Williams, of the Great Western Railway Estate Office, was read, stating that the Company desired to acquire a portion of the site of

Alstone Baths for the purpose of their proposed line between Cheltenham and Honeybourne and asking to be informed what sum it was thought should be paid for the property.

The Borough Surveyor reported that the portion of the Baths required included the whole of the boiler house and chimney shaft, the washing baths, dressing shelter for the open air bath, and about half the open air swimming bath.

Resolved, To adjourn consideration of the matter with a view to arranging for an interview with Mr. Inglis, the Chief Engineer of the Company, and Mr. Williams, with a deputation from this Committee consisting of the Chairman, Councillors Baker and Parsonage (as Chairmen of other Committers interested), the Town Clerk or Deputy Town Clerk and the Borough Surveyor, and that the Mayor and Alderman Norman be invited to accompany the deputation to be present at the interview.

HERBERT STROUD,

Chairman.

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RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 17th day of February, 1902—Present: The Mayor ; Councillors Bainbridge, Baker, Bendall, Handley, Lamb and King-Harman (Councillor Lamb in the chair)—

1--Naunton Park Recreation Ground Swings—The Borough Surveyor reported that four wooden sets of two swings each required strengthening and two should be replaced at an estimated cost of £40 by one iron one carrying four swings. Resolved, To expend £40 for providing the new iron set and to instruct the Borough Surveyor to have the others strengthened and repaired.

Gifts—Councillor Bendall reported that Mr. W. Hall, Leckhampton Road, had presented four plants of Pampas Grass. Resolved, That the thanks of the Council be given to Mr. Hall.

Visitors—Resolved, To appoint Visitors for the month as follows, viz.—Councillors Bendall and Handley for Naunton Park; Councillors Bainbridge and Baker for the Agg-Gardner, Barrett's Mill and Grove Street Recreation Grounds; and Councillors King-Harman and Lamb for the East Ward Recreation Ground.

ARTHUR LAMB,

Chairman.

BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE.

No member of this Committee being present, no business could be transacted.—21st February, 1902.

E. T. BRYDGES,

Town Clerk.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 25th day of February, 1902—Present The Mayor ; Councillors Bence, Gurney, Handley, Hayward, King-Harman, Parsonage and J. Waghorne (Councillor Gurney in the chair)—

1 —Loans—The Town Clerk reported completion of the loan of £10,000 to the Tynemouth Corporation at 3 per cent., £6,000 having been lent from the Sinking Fund Account and £4,000 from the Loans Fund.

The Borough Accountant reported that he had arranged a loan of £150, at 3 ¼ per cent. without commission, from Mrs. Jane Bull, repayment at six months' notice on either side.

That on the 6th March last six months' notice was received from the Rev. C. W. Aston, with Messrs. Dale and Walker, to repay £100 standing at 2 7/8 per cent., but an arrangement had been made to continue the loan at 3 ¼ per cent.

The Secretary of the Beaufort Lodge of Oddfellows desired to know if the Corporation would give 3 ½ per cent. for £400.

The Bank rate had been reduced to 3 per cent., and the Corporation was consequently paying the Bank on overdraft and debentures at the minimum rate of 3 ½ per cent. Resolved, That the arrangements of the Borough Accountant be approved and confirmed, and that the Secretary of the Beaufort Lodge be informed that the Council cannot offer more than 3 ¼ per cent. interest for a loan of £100.

2 - Unsanctioned Capital Expenditure—The Borough Accountant reported that he had made up to date the amounts of the several items of capital expenditure for which sanction had not been obtained, which were as follows, viz.:—

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Pittville Park, sanction exceeded by ..	£1704 13 10
Montpellier Gardens, sanction exceeded by .	£1381 7 3
“ Baths, “ “ “ “	£2726 5 2
Alstone “ “ “	£ 198 8 2
Colonnade Wood Paving “ “	£ 38 8 7
Henrietta Street, Sherborne Street, &c.. sanction exceeded by ..	£8[0] 12 6 [?]
Suffolk Road Improvement, no sanction ..	£164 8 10
Promenade Improvement No. 2, no sanction	£ 33 9 11
Closing of Slaughterhouses, “ “	£624 4 6
Hatherley Brook Sewer, sanction exceeded by .	£387 14 9*
Sewerage Works Districts Nos. 1 and 2, sanction exceeded by.	£4092 18 4
Sewerage Works District No. 4, no sanction	£116 13 9
Waterworks, sanctions exceeded by ..	£8590 15 7#

*Plus additional expenditure when amount ascertained.

#Less unascertained amount chargeable to surplus.

3— Taxation of Land Values—In response to a letter from the Town Clerk of Bradford, Resolved, To follow the example of the Council of that borough by sealing a petition to Parliament in favour of powers being given to Municipalities to relieve occupying ratepayers by the taxation of land values.

4-- Local Taxation—Resolved, To take no action with regard to a letter from the Town Clerk of Sheffield suggesting that this Council should co-operate in pressing upon the Government and the local Member of Parliament the desirability of the undermentioned reforms in relation to local taxation, viz.:-

(a) A uniform system and basis of valuation of property for all descriptions of rates and taxes ;

(b) The due representation on the District Valuation Committees of all rating and spending authorities in the areas for which such Valuation Committees act ; and

(c) The consolidation of existing rates of all kinds into one General Rate, to be levied and collected by one Local Authority in such proportions as may be deemed advisable.

5-Remuneration of the Borough Elective Auditors—The Borough Elective Auditors submitted for payment accounts for £35 each for their remuneration for the last audit of the Corporation accounts, and wrote therewith a letter in which they stated that in 1891-92 the amount received was £32 12s. each for each year based on the time occupied at the statutory allowance of 2 guineas per day. That owing to friction arising as to the time occupied, the amount of time constituting a day and the assiduity of the Auditors, 12 ½ days had then been agreed as a reasonable time, and the Auditors agreed to accept a fixed amount of 25 guineas each. For 10 years since this had been the fixed remuneration, but, whilst that had been stationary, the work, and consequently the time occupied, had doubled, but they were prepared, so long as they held office, to limit their charge for some years to come to £35 each. Resolved, That, in view of the recent election of the Auditors upon the understanding that their remuneration was to continue as before, the Council cannot consent to pay the increased amount, but if the Auditors desire to apply for an increase of their remuneration the same shall receive consideration in due course.

6-General District Rate—The Report of the Borough Accountant of date the 25th instant on the collection of the second instalment of this Rate, was read. Amount collected, £17,839 14s. 9d., leaving outstanding £2,101 5s. 9d.

7-Water Rate—The Report of the Borough Accountant of date the 25th instant on the collection of this Rate was read. Amount received £9,380 17s. 11d., leaving outstanding £2,519 16s. 5d

8—Recounts— 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 £15,950 4s. 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 28th January last			£68,457	7s 9d
Paid since that date	£11,671	4s 2d		
Sinking Funds invested with the Corporation of Tynemouth at 3 3/4 per cent.	<u>£10,000</u>	<u>0 0</u>		
			£21,671	4 2
Received since that date			£90,110 <u>£12,404</u>	11 11 <u>6 8</u>
Overdrawn			£77,724	5 3
Being Ordinary Rates Expenditure	£3,022	4 10		
Electric Lighting, Water & other Capital Accounts	£74,702	<u>0 5</u>		
	£77,724	5 3		

W. GERALD GURNEY,
Chairman.

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PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 18th day of February, 1902—Present :
Councillors Hayward and King-Harman ; the Rev. J. Evans ; the Baron de Ferrieres ; Mr. Palmer and
Mr. Whittard (Councillor Hayward in the chair)—

1-Librarian's Report—The Librarian reported that £5 9s. 1d. had been received during the past month, and that the following presentations had been made to the Library, viz.:—The Baron de Ferrieres, 1 vol.; The Society of Musicians, 1 vol. ; The Trustees of the British Museum, 1 vol.; and the University Tutorial Press, 1 vol.

He also reported that the experiment during the past fortnight of the open book case in the Reference Library, in which are placed Directories, Year Books, &c., had resulted in an increased use of this class of books. The consultations were estimated at some 50 per day. Although this result would appear very satisfactory, it was gained rather by a slight disturbance of quiet and comfort to the more serious readers of books and magazines. If it should be considered desirable to continue the open shelves it would be necessary to alter the present arrangement of the room.

Also that the Exhibition of Books on Architecture had been visited by 599 persons.

Resolved, To request the Librarian to re-arrange the room and continue for a month the experiment of the open book case, and report again thereon at the next meeting of the Committee.

2-Sub-Committee's Report—This Sub-Committee reported that the Librarian had submitted for approval a rough sketch plan for extending the open shelves in the Reference Library for a selection of books in other classes of literature, and that they recommended that before any arrangement be

made an experiment should be tried with some temporary book cases or by filling up the shelves in the present case. Resolved, That the recommendation of the Sub-Committee be approved and adopted.

C. HAY WARD,

Chairman.

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Wednesday, the 26th day of February, 1902—Present ; The Mayor ; Aldermen Haddon, Holliday and Norman ; Councillors Bainbridge, Lawrence and Parsonage (Councillor Bainbridge in the chair)—

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

2-Attendance Officers' Report—The Monthly Report of the Attendance Officers was read, from which it appeared that duplicate registers had been received from 46 schools, from which 970 names of absentee children had been extracted, all of whom had been visited. They also reported that the parents of 78 children had been summoned to attend before the Local Committees, who had held 8 meetings; that 6 parents had been prosecuted, and 4 were fined.

3-Local Committees--The Minute Books of the several Local Committees were gone through and examined. Resolved, That proceedings under the Bye-Laws be taken against the parents of the following children, viz. :— Arthur Cannock, Harry Lippiatt, George Neale, Mabel Spreag, William Jeens, Elsie Turner, Maggie Ward, Annie Ward, Frederick Mitchell and Maud Smith.

A letter from Councillor Handley was read, resigning his membership of the South and Middle Wards Local Committee. Resolved, That the thanks of the Central Committee be given to Councillor Handley for his past services.

4—School Attendance—The following letter was read from Mr. J. P. Cook, Head Master of St. Luke's Boys' School :—

St. Luke's Boys' School, Cheltenham,
February 20th, 1902.

Sir,—The percentage of attendance in this school has been so unusually high since Christmas, that it calls forth a word of praise for those entrusted with the work of looking up absentees, and for the gentlemen serving on the Ward Committees. I never remember the work so well done as it has been lately and I speak from a long experience. In my department the attendance averages 98 per cent., the highest I ever remember, and H.M. Inspector told me this week the improvement was general throughout the town. It also speaks well for the healthy condition of the town.

I am, yours very truly,

JOHN P. COOK.

The Chairman, School Attendance Committee.

F. T. BAINBRIDGE, Chairman.

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 7th day of April, 1902.

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 10th day of March, 1902—Present : The Mayor; Aldermen Norman and Skillicorne ; Councillors M. Davis, R. Davies, King-Harman, Lawrence, Parsonage and H. Waghorne (Councillor Parsonage in the chair)—

1-Zymotic Disease—The Medical Officer of Health reported that there had been notified since the last meeting of the Committee 11 cases of Scarlet Fever, 4 of Diphtheria, 4 of Erysipelas, and 1 of Puerperal Fever ; that all the cases of Scarlet Fever and Diphtheria notified had been sent into the Delancey Hospital, and that the number of Corporation cases then in that Hospital was 11 of Scarlet Fever and 3 of Diphtheria.

2 — Cleansing and Limewashing at Nos. 75, 91, 92, 94 & 98, Naunton Crescent, No. 10, Hermitage Street, No. 201, High Street, Nos. 2, 3, 42 & 50, Rutland Street, and Nos. 2 & 3, Long's Cottages—The Medical Officer of Health having certified under Section 46 of the Public Health Act, that the above-named dwelling houses were in such a filthy and unwholesome condition that the health of the inmates was affected or endangered thereby, Resolved, That Notice be given to the owners under the said Section, requiring the houses to be cleansed and limewashed.

3—Nuisance from Drains, &c, at No. 20, Regent Street, Nos. 1 & 2, Napier Cottages, Vine Cottage, St. Paul's Street South, and No. 20, Windsor 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.

4—Overcrowding at No. 10, New 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 requiring them to abate the same.

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

6—Houses without proper Ash Receptacles—The Medical Officer of Health handed in a list of houses which had no proper ashpits or ash receptacles. Resolved, That the necessary Notices be given to the respective Owners under Sec. 36 of the Public Health Act, 1875, and Sec. 27 of the Cheltenham

Improvement Act, 1889, requiring them in each case to provide a moveable ash receptacle of such size, pattern, and constructions as may be approved by the Borough Surveyor on behalf of the Corporation.

7—Houses Unfit for Human Habitation, viz., Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4 & 5, Major Cottages, Millbrook 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 obtains orders for them to be closed.

22—Building Plans—The following plans of proposed new buildings were laid before the Committee, viz. :—

No. of Plan	Name	Description
1501	J. D. Bendall	Detached villa, Charlton Lane.
1502	Estcourt and Sons	Alterations at Farnley Lodge for the Ladies' College.
1503	C. Gater	Rebuilding shop at No. 39, Grosvenor Street.
1504	Geo. Loveday	Pair of semi-detached cottages and row of cottages in Arle and Alstone, Croft Roads.

Resolved, That as regards drainage and other sanitary matters the plans above-mentioned be approved, subject as regards—

No. 1502, to a proper junction for the drain being provided to connect to the sewer, and that a man-hole be provided with fresh air inlet, and to be constructed on the Farnley Lodge ground and not on the sewer ;

No. 1503, to the drain being constructed of coated cast-iron pipe with lead joints for its full length ; and

No. 1504, to provision of a disconnecter and an inspection chamber on the sewer at the junction of each house drain, and to the drain under one house being constructed of coated cast-iron pipe with lead joints.

E. H. PARSONAGE,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Wednesday, the 19th day of March, 1902—Present: The Mayor ; Aldermen Norman and Skillicorne ; Councillors M. Davis, R. Davies, King-Harman, Lawrence and Parsonage (Councillor Parsonage in the chair)—

23----Sewage Farms Manager—The applications received for this appointment were considered and selections made therefrom.

E. H. PARSONAGE,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Thursday, the 20th day of March, 1902---Present Aldermen Norman and Skillicorne ; Councillors M. Davis, King-Harman, Parsonage and H. Waghorne (Councillor Parsonage in the chair)—

24 --Sewage Farms Manager—The selected applications were again considered, and a further selection therefrom was made.

E. H. PARSONAGE,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 24th day of March, 1902--Present: The Mayor; Aldermen Norman and Skillicorne; Councillors M. Davis, R. Davies, King-Harman and Parsonage (Councillor Parsonage in the chair)—

25—Zymotic Disease—The Medical Officer of Health reported that there had been notified since the last meeting of the Committee cases of Scarlet Fever, 1 of Enteric Fever, 3 of Diphtheria, and 5 of Chicken Pox; that 2 cases of Scarlet 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 8 of Scarlet Fever and 2 of Diphtheria.

26—Cleansing and Limewashing at No. 18, Francis Street, No.10, New Street, Cottage at back of No. 28, St. George's Place, Steel's Cottage, Elmstone Street, No. 21, Queen's Retreat, No. 19, Russell Street, and No. 3a, Orchard 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 Nos. 1, 4 & 5, Paragon Parade, No. 22, Upper Norwood Street, and The Shamrock Inn, Grove 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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28—insanitary Property at Nos. 22 & 23, Upper Norwood Street, Cumberland House, Grove Street, No. 19, Russell Street, No. 21, Henrietta. Street, and No. 6, Alstone Croft—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.

29—Overcrowding at No. 6, Cox's Cottages, Alstone—The Medical Officer of Health reported that the above premises were so over-crowded as to be dangerous or injurious to the health of the inmates. Resolved, That the Committee being satisfied of the existence of a nuisance on the said

premises, Notices under Sec. 94 of the Public Health Act be served on the owners and occupiers thereof requiring them to abate the same.

30—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.

31—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.

32—Closing of St. Peter's Infants' School—The Medical Officer of Health reported that this School was closed on the 12th instant until after the Easter Holidays in consequence of an outbreak of measles, and the Local Government Board had been duly notified.

33—Urinals at The Garrick's Head Inn, Bath Street, The Five Alls, Bath Road, and The Shamrock Inn, Grove Street—The Medical Officer of Health reported that the Urinals at these public houses Were so foul and in such a state as to be a nuisance owing to faults in construction, want of water supply, &c. Resolved, That the Council being satisfied of the existence of nuisances arising from the insanitary condition of these urinals, 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 a sufficient and continuous water supply to the urinals for flushing purposes and carry out such structural works of amendment as shall be specified.

34—Drain from the Midland Railway Station—The Inspector of Nuisances reported that the Midland Railway Company were laying a new drain from their Station and connecting it with a private drain of their own which ultimately discharged into the main sewer at Lower Alstone. Resolved, To instruct the Borough Surveyor, as soon as the Company have disconnected their drain from the old sewer, to examine it and bring up a recommendation as to what should be done with it.

35—Office Accommodation—The Medical Officer of Health having represented to the Committee that the office accommodation of his department Was so cramped and inconvenient that the work could not be properly performed and that it was unhealthy and overcrowded. Resolved. To call the attention of the General Purposes and Watch Committee to the matter and to request them to consider what if anything can be done to increase the present office accommodation for the health department.

36—Damage to flay Crop from Sewage Flooding—Resolved, To pay a claim of £7 rot. made by Mr. C. Daft, of The Woodlands, for damage done to his hay crops by the sewage flooding of his orchard during the last five years.

37—Contract for the Hatherley Brook Sewer—A letter was read from Mr. Wm. Cresswell asking to be paid the £60 or £70 the balance of his contract for this sewer, and he enclosed a letter from Mr.

W. C. Prance stating that he was satisfied with the state in which the Hatherley Court Estate had been left by Mr. Cresswell as contractor. He also enclosed a certificate from Mr. J. G. Villar, agent for Mr. Prance, that he was satisfied with Mr. Cresswell's work. Resolved, That, in the absence of the Borough Surveyor, consideration of the matter be adjourned.

38---Report of Sewage Farms Sub-Committee—The Sewage Farms Sub-Committee reported that they had met on the 14th instant, when there were present Alderman Skillicorne, and Councillors M. Davis, King-Harman and Lawrence. That they had visited Hayden Knoll, Hayden and Barn Farms. That they recommended the purchase of some sheep and a few rough bullocks to turn out ; and that the annual valuation should be made and the books prepared for same and presented to the Committee. They also reported that they had visited Gabs Piece and Lodilow Ground under irrigation for Mr. John Brookes, and found the same satisfactory. Resolved, To authorise the Sub-Committee to carry out their recommendation and to purchase such stock as they may deem necessary, and that they be authorised to employ a professional valuer to make an inventory and detailed valuation of the stock and effects on the farms.

39—Sewage Irrigation of Corse Patch, Uckington—A letter was read from Mr. L. P. Gibbons stating that he had cleaned out the ditches of his fields by Dog Bark Lane, Lodilow, and that he thought there was no chance of a nuisance being caused if he was allowed to again have the sewage on the gorse patch just above Gabs Piece. Resolved, That the Sub-Committee be authorised to deal with the matter.

40—Sewage Farms Manager—The Committee having again considered the selected applications which had been received for this appointment, Resolved, To request the under-mentioned candidates to attend a meeting of the Committee to be held on the 2nd proximo, viz. : Thomas Drackley, Keighley, Manager of the Corporation Sewage Farm ; W. Ellera, Manager of the Tunbridge Wells Corporation Southern Sewage Farm, Langton Green ; R. Otter, Manager of the Urban District Council Sewage Farm, Wellingborough ; G. Stones, Manager of the Kidderminster Corporation Sewage Farm, Stourport ; J. A. Smith, Manager of the Liverpool Corporation West Derby Sewage Farm at Fazakerley ; and J. Woodhouse, Manager of the Corporation Sewage Farm at Crewe ; and that reasonable expenses, including third-class return railway fare, be paid.

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41—Sewer in Hayward's Road—The following tenders were received for laying 100 yards of sewer, with 1 man-hole, in Hayward's Road, viz.

	£	s.	d.
J. Riley	33	0	0
Wm. Cresswell	34	9	6
Mark Williams & Co	37	5	0

Resolved, That the tender of Mr. J. Riley be accepted.

42—Sewer in Leighton's Row, New Street—The following tender was received for this sewer, viz. :—

J. Riley £23

Resolved, That the tender of Mr. J. Riley be accepted.

43—Building Plans—The following plans of proposed new buildings were laid before the Committee, viz. :--

No. of Plan	Name	Description
1505	Mrs. Potter	New shop front to lock-up shop at top of the Royal Hotel Yard, Albion Street.
1506	Colonel Thoyts	Five cottages in the Hatherley Road.
1507	H. A. Gwinnell	Two houses next to No. 34, Glenfall Street.
1508	Mrs. Maule	Alterations to Saddlery Stores, Nos. 314 to 316, High Street.
1509	Rev. Kelly	Additional stabling at Stradbally.

Resolved, That Nos. 1505 and 1507 be not approved, that No. 1506 be approved subject to the drains under the houses being cast-iron coated pipes with lead joints, and that Nos. 1508 and 1509 be approved as shown.

E. H. PARSONAGE,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Wednesday, the 2nd day of April, 1902—Present The Mayor ; Aldermen Norman and Skillicorne ; Councillors 31. Davis, Lawrence, King-Harman and Parsonage (Councillor Parsonage in the chair,—

44—Sewage Farms Manager—Mr. G. Stones having withdrawn his application, the under-mentioned selected candidates, viz., Messrs. Thos. Drackley, W. Elleray, R. Otter, J. A. Smith, and J. Woodhouse, having attended as requested, and having been seen and questioned by the members of the Committee, Resolved, That consideration of the applications of the following candidates be adjourned for further enquiry, viz., Messrs. Otter, Smith and Woodhouse, and, if deemed necessary, for visits of inspection to be paid to the farms which are at present respectively under their management.

E. H. PARSONAGE,

Chairman.

STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 11th day of March, 1902—Present The Mayor; Aldermen Haddon and Skillicorne ; Councillors Baker, Bendall, Packer and Parsonage (Councillor Baker in the chair)—

1—Roadway West Side of Otago Terrace—A letter was read from Mr. F. W. Lesterleigh, owner and occupier of No. 1, Otago Terrace, hoping that he would not be expected to pay for the private improvement works now commenced in the road at the West side of Otago Terrace according to his frontage (18 yards), as the road is principally used by two other abutting owners mentioned by him.

Resolved, That the writer be informed that his letter will be considered when the question of the apportionment of the expenses is before the Committee.

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2—Footpath North-East Corner of Albion and Winchcomb Streets—With reference to the resolution to Minute No. 13 of this Committee's proceedings at their last meeting, a letter was read from Miss Gwinnell stating that as her gratings had been put into proper order just recently she could not comply with the Committee's suggestion as to the substitution of Hayward's lights.

3—Road in Front of Winchcomb Place—A letter from Messrs. A. C. and S. Billings was read asking that the whole of the roadway in Winchcomb Place where the new tramway passing place is being put in shall be laid with the same paving as the tramway track and the 18 inches on either side. Resolved, That the request be acceded to, and the remainder of the roadway outside the 18 inches on either side of the tramway lines at the passing place be forthwith paved with Woolliscroft's bricks.

4—Bye-laws with Respect to New Buildings—The Minute and Resolution of the Public Health Committee on this subject, dated the 10th inst., having been read and considered by this Committee. Resolved, That a copy of all Bye-laws relating to Plans and notices be served upon each builder in the borough and upon others who deposit plans for new buildings, and that the Building Inspector (Mr. Moorman) be instructed to examine the notices sent to the Borough Surveyor and the register of plans deposited at least twice a week, in order to ascertain what works are in progress, and to report thereon after inspection to the Borough Surveyor, such report to be submitted to this Committee at its first meeting in each month. Further Resolved, That it is desirable to frame a Bye-law defining the component quantities of "good cement concrete" and "mortar" referred to in the Building Bye-laws.

5—New Buildings—The Borough Surveyor laid before the Committee the following notices and plans received by him from persons intending to erect new buildings, viz. :—

No. of Plan.	Name.	Description.
1501	J. D. Bendall	Detached villa in Charlton Lane.
1502	Estcourt & Sons	Alterations at Farnley Lodge. (for Ladies' College)
1503	C. Dater	Rebuilding shop 39, Grosvenor Street.
1504	G. Loveday	Pair of semi-detached cottages and row of cottages in Arle and Alstone Croft Roads.

Resolved, That Nos. 1501 and 1502 be disapproved and that Nos. 1503 and 1504 be adjourned for the Committee to view.

WILLIAM A. BAKER, Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Wednesday, the 26th day of March, 1902—Present :
Councillors Baker, Bendall and Parsonage (Councillor Baker in the chair)—

6—View Meeting—At this meeting on the 26th inst. there were present Councillors Baker, Bendall and Parsonage.

7- Street Projections-Resolved, To accede to an application received from Messrs. Steel Bros. for permission to fix five wrought-iron brackets on the fascia of the shop next to Bon Marche, in Suffolk Road, for Mr. F. Bick for the purpose of fitting with the electric light.

8—Lane back of Naunton Park Terrace—A letter having been received from Sergt.-Major W. Musgrove calling attention to the bad condition of this road, Resolved, To forward the letter to the Hay trustees with a request from this Committee that they will undertake to put the road into repair.

9—Winstonian Road—A letter was read from Colonel Thoyts enquiring if anything was being done with regard to the repairing of this road. A memorial having been read from Mr. W. Cresswell and eighteen other owners and occupiers of property in Winstonian Road requesting the Council to defer the operation of the private improvement works in the street until at least more of the proposed new houses have been erected and completed, and so avoid having again to repair the road to make good the damage done by building operations, Resolved, To vary the resolution to Minute No. 6 of the proceedings of this Committee of the 11th ulto. and to defer the carrying out of the works until building operations now proceeding or which shall be shortly commenced shall have been completed, on condition that the road between Victoria Place and All Saints' Road is kept in proper repair, and that a copy of this Minute and Resolution be sent to Colonel Thoyts.

10— Footpath South-West Side of London Road—With reference to a letter received from the Clerk to the Charlton Kings Urban District Council calling attention to the fact that the resolution to Minute No. 17 of the proceedings of this Committee of date the 25th day of February, 1901, to repair this footpath from Raymond Terrace to the Borough Boundary by renewing the asphalt, edging same with blue brick and regravelling the margins, had not been carried out, Resolved, To instruct the Borough Surveyor to carry out the resolution referred to as soon as possible, and that a copy of this resolutions be forwarded to the Clerk to the Charlton Kings Urban District Council.

11-Hatherley Road Private Improvement Expenses—The Town Clerk reported that he had received a letter from the Rev. W. D. Challice saying that he would pay the £37 12s. 9d. due from him in respect of the cost of carrying out these works.

12-Road back of Bayshill Terrace—In reply to a letter received from Mr. T. Lewis, Resolved, To inform him that now the edging and channelling of the footpath has been completed the repair of the roadway will be proceeded with.

13—Report of Stores Sub-Committee--The Stores Sub-Committee reported that they had had a Meeting on the 17th instant, when there were present The Mayor, Alderman Haddon, and Councillors Baker and Parsonage. That they had enquired into the method of purchasing stores and materials with a view of extending the principle of contracts, as also the prices charged to various departments, and they recommended that in order to cover cost of store keeping, booking, wastage, and capital outlay upon buildings, a charge of 5 per cent. be added to the amounts debited to the various departments in the transfer.

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

14—Report of the Borough Surveyor re Highways—The Borough Surveyor reported that the work done by the Highways Department for the month ending the 20th instant had been as follows:—

Repaired with Clee Hill Stone--Suffolk Road 2,347 square yards, Manchester Street 700 square yards.

Patching, Clee Hill—Overton Park, Regent Street, Royal Well Place, Lower High Street.

Repaired with Whitwick Granite—St. George's Road 4,800 square yards.

Repaired with Wickwar 2in.—Cemetery Road (proceeding).

Repaired with Asphalt—St. George's Place 750 yards.

Patching, Wickwar—Hewlett Road, back Rotunda Terrace, Brunswick Street, Bayshill Road, Hanover Street.

Patching, Kerbing, Crossing, Channelling and Paving—College Road, St. George's Road, Promenade, Brunswick Street, Hanover Street, Imperial Square, Bath Road, St. James's Street, Hale's Road, Portland Street, York Street, Clarence Street, Albion Street, High Street, Pittville Lawn, Evesham Road, Wellington Square, St. Paul's Road, Moorend Road and Street, Queen Street, Ashford Road, Leckhampton Road, Fairfield Road, Suffolk Road, Short Street, Christ Church Road, Lansdown Place, Montpellier Walk, Grafton Terrace, Bath Street, St. Luke's Road, Hewlett Road, Granville Street, Old Bath Road, Thirlestaine Road, Burton Street. St. George's Street, Market Street, Lansdown Crescent, Bayshill Road, Albert Street, Millbrook Street, Manchester Street, St. George's Road.

He had examined the iron gratings and flags in the pavement in Albion Street and Winchcomb Street at the North-East corner of the two streets. The iron grating was about four feet square, in two sections one part consisting of open bars and the other part iron flap (rolling stay). The open bar grating had been repaired in a very rough and ready way, and stood up above the other bars enough for anyone to stumble against. Besides the grating had a bearing on three sides only and was not firmly fixed. The iron flap which was part of the same structure was a flimsy arrangement, and the whole thing gave as a person walked over it.

He had had a new gully fixed opposite the premises at the corner referred to as instructed.

The grating in Winchcomb Street was fairly good.

The private improvement works on Whitecross Square, as regards the footpath, were finished on the 15th instant. The road making would follow in due course.

The private improvement works at Railway Buildings were proceeding, the kerb and channel were finished on the 19th inst., while the road making had been held over for the new gas main (commencing 26th inst.)

The private improvement work in Whaddon Lane was completed on the 24th inst.

Six trees had been pruned in Pittville Circus Road.

Two trees had been planted in Priory Street (silver birch), Overton Park Road (3 acacias).

The footpath in Swindon Road had been repaired with gravel 1,165 super yards ; and

One new gully had been fixed in Albion Street.

Resolved, To call Miss Gwinnell's attention to the dangerous state of the gratings and iron flap in the pavement of the footpaths in Albion Street and Winchcomb Street opposite her shop as disclosed by the report of the Borough Surveyor.

15—Crossing in Footpath opposite No. 16, Priory Terrace—A letter from the Rev. P. Cave Moyles was read protesting against having to pay so much as for the cost of the crossing which had been made at his request to afford a passage for his motor car across the footpath. Resolved, That the Council cannot see any reason for making any abatement, as the work was done at his request with the usual material and in the usual manner.

16—Tenders for Cement—The following tenders were received for a supply of not less than 200 tons during the 12 months ending 31st of March, 1903, viz.

Name of Dealer.	Address.	Name of Manufacturer or Place of Manufacture.	Price per Ton in Sacks.
Sessions & Sons, Ltd	Cardiff	Belgium	35s in 200 ton lots. 38s 6d in 20 “
J. E. de Wolf & Co.	London	No information given	35s 8d
Coles, Shadbolt & Co	Harefield, near Rexbridge	Ditto	35s 9d
Aitken & Co.	Cardiff	Brussels	36s
H. A. Gwinnell & Co	Cheltenham	Sphinx Brand of J.Board & Co.	36s 3d in 4 ton lots.
		West Kent Cement Co.	36s 10d in 80 “
		“ “	37s 4d in 40 “
		” ”	37s 10d in 20 “
S. B. Dix & Co.	Cheltenham	John Board & Co.'s Sphinx Brand	37s 6d in 4 “
South Wales Portland Cement & Lime Cement & Lime Co., Ltd.	Cardiff	Own manufacture	38s

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Name of Dealer.	Address.	Name of Manufacturer or Place of Manufacture.	Price per Ton in Sacks.
Saxon Portland Cement Co., Ltd.	Cambridge	Own manufacture	38s 6d
F. C. Barron & Co., Ltd.	Rainham	Ditto	38s 9d
Weldon & Co	Birmingham	Saxon Portland Cement Co. Ltd.	39s
Sessions & Sons, Ltd.	Gloucester	Associated Portland Cement Manufacturers (1900), Ltd., White's Branch.	40s

Name of dealer	Address	Name of Manufacturer or place of Manufacture	Price per Ton in Sacks
Aberthaw Portland Cement Manufacturers	Porthkerry, West, Barry	Own manufacture	42s
George Hickman	Cheltenham	Greaves, Bull & Lakin, Ltd., Harbury, near Leamington.	43s 6d
L. G. Hill & Co.	Bristol	Own manufacture	52s

Resolved, That the tender of Messrs. H. A. Gwinnell & Co., for J. Board & Co.'s Sphinx Brand Cement at 36s 3d per ton, be accepted.

17—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.
1488	Salvation Army Citadel Co., Ltd.	New Meeting Halls on site of Colosseum, Bath Road.
1501	J. D. Bendall	Villa in Charlton Lane.
1502	Ladies' College	Additions and alterations to Farnley Lodge.
1503	C. Gater	Rebuilding shop at 39, High Street.
1504	Geo. Loveday	Row of cottages, Alstone Croft Road.
1506	Col. N. B. Thoyts	Five cottages in Hatherley Road.
1508	Mrs. Maule	Alterations at Nos. 354, 355 & 356, High Street.
1509	The Rev.	Kelly Additions to stabling at Stradbally.
1510	Henwood and Everett	New shop front at No. 365, High Street.

Resolved, That as regards construction and situation all the plans above mentioned be approved.

WILLIAM A. BAKER,

Chairman.

TOWN IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 24th day of March, 1902 — Present : The Mayor ; Alderman Norman ; Councillors Bainbridge, Baker, Bence and Rickerby (Councillor Rickerby in the chair)—

1—Report of the Entertainments Sub-Committee—This Sub-Committee reported :--That they had arranged for an extension of the electric light to the Skating Rink, as it was deemed to be a matter of urgency.

That they had offered Mr. C. Gilding the opportunity of organising two concerts for Good Friday at the Winter Garden on sharing terms; the Corporation to receive 40 per cent. of the takings and do the necessary advertising; and that such offer had been accepted.

That they had let the Montpellier Gardens to the Horticultural Society for the 14th May ; subscribers to be admitted half-price.

That they had made the following engagements, viz. :—

Montpellier Gardens.—Week commencing May 26th: W. C. Pepper and his White Coons ; Corporation to receive 40 per cent.

Week commencing June 26th : Mr. Mel. B. Spurr and Party; Corporation to receive 40 per cent. of the takings.

July 3rd, one day : Band and Pipers of the Gordon Highlanders ; Corporation to receive 25 per cent. of combined takings for the Band Concerts and the Cinematographic Exhibition on the same day.

July 9th, one day : Irish Guards' Band ; Corporation to receive 25 per cent. of the combined takings for the Band Concerts and the other Entertainment on the same day.

Week commencing August 25th : Madame Lloyd's Choir ; Corporation to receive 35 per cent.

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September 4th, one day Coldstream Guards' Band. Terms not settled.

Week commencing September 8th : Berlin Meister Orchestra ; Corporation to receive 40 per cent.

That they had accepted an offer from Mr. E. J. Burrow to publish 5,000 copies of a small Illustrated Guide to Cheltenham for £40, and had arranged the following details:—

Number of Photos to be not less than 15.

Four full-page advertisements at end of book to be allowed.

Photographic blocks to be made, at an estimated expense of about 20s each, of

1. The Elevation of the New Town Hall.
2. Reduction of Photos on Pages 34, 45 & 47 of the large Guide.
3. Map of Town and District.

That they recommended that a vote of thanks be given to Mr. Burrow for his gift of a full-page advertisement of Cheltenham in his Illustrated Guide to Ilkley.

Pittville Park—That they had Resolved to consider what arrangements can be made for some entertainments at Pittville this season.

That they recommended that the subscription to Montpellier Gardens for the ensuing season be 5s for each person ; that subscribers be admitted free to all engagements except those (without restriction in number) in respect of which due notice will be given, to which they will be admitted at half-price.

That tickets admitting children under 7 to the Gardens, except immediately before and during entertainments, be issued on payment of a subscription of 2s 6d per annum for each child, and that nurses in charge of such children be admitted free. Resolved, That the proceedings of the Sub-Committee be approved and confirmed and their resolutions and recommendations adopted.

2-Wesleyan Synod Resolved, To grant to the Wesleyan Synod free of charge the use of the Winter Garden on the afternoon of the 14th of May next up to five o'clock.

3—Coronation Day--Resolved, To reserve free of charge all the Public Gardens and Grounds on the 26th of June next for the use of the Committee having in hand the arrangements for celebrating in the borough the King's Coronation.

4--- Building Societies Association—Resolved. To accede to a request received from Mr. D. Lewis, secretary of the Cheltenham and Gloucestershire Permanent Mutual Benefit Building Society, to grant the free use of Pittville Gardens for the purpose of holding a Garden Party on the afternoon of May 30th next, on the occasion of the meeting in Cheltenham of this Association, and that notice of closing the Gardens to the public that afternoon be given.

5--Wych Elms in Wellington Road—With reference to a letter from Mr. N. W. Olive calling attention to the insecure condition of these trees, Resolved, To instruct the Borough Surveyor to have such of them as are dangerous to the public safety removed.

6--Archery at Montpellier—A letter from Miss Carnegy was read stating that she had wrongly worded her application for the use of the ground for archery, as the charge of £11 included the services of the man for fixing and removing the targets, the extra £1 having been for the use of the room for Bow Meetings at 2s 6d each time, of which heretofore there had been eight each season. Resolved, To again grant the use of the ground to the Archery Club upon these terms, and that the resolution of this Committee at their last meeting relating to this matter be varied accordingly.

7—Advertising—Resolved, Not to entertain offers received from Mr. J. K. Knight, of the British Hotel Advertising Company, for advertising the town by means of painting views of the town on panels of the walls of the dining hall of the Hotel Metropole, Leeds, and from the City Bill Posting Co., Ltd., Birmingham, to post advertising bills of the town on their advertising stations.

In reply to a letter received from Messrs. Cornelius and Boulter on behalf of Messrs. Elder Dempster, Limited, of Bristol, suggesting an arrangement with the Corporation for the distribution of literature relating to Jamaica and the display of show cards advertising the place, in consideration of which they would circulate handbooks or other literature advertising the town, also show cards, throughout all the principal hotels in Jamaica, the public institutions of the island, and throughout their fleet of steamships. Resolved, To inform them that the Council cordially approves of the suggestion, and that the Committee will be glad to have further particulars.

8—Meeting of Annual Moveable Committee of Oddfellows in 1903—In reply to a letter received from the Provincial Corresponding Secretary of the Cheltenham District of Oddfellows, M.U., suggesting that the Council should identify themselves with a movement set on foot to obtain the honour of a visit of the A.M.C. to Cheltenham in 1903 in Whitsun Week, and to lend assistance in thus advertising the town, Resolved, To grant the use of the Winter Garden for meetings free of any charge, and to admit the Delegates free to any of the Public Gardens and entertainments, and to inform the Provincial Corresponding Secretary that the Council will do what they can to encourage the proposal.

9—Trees opposite Lake View, Pittville—In reply to a letter received from Mr. R. B. Joyner requesting the removal of a lime tree close to his front gate, Resolved, That the Council regret they are unable to accede to Mr. Joyner's request.

10-- Football in Montpellier Gardens-The Committee having received Mr. C. Burton and Captain Henderson, residents in the vicinity of Montpellier Gardens, and having heard them in opposition to the application of the Cheltenham Rugby Football Club for the use of the Montpellier Gardens next winter for football, Resolved, To adjourn consideration of the matter until the next meeting.

T. E. RICKERBY,

Chairman.

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TOWN IMPROVEMENT AND GENERAL PURPOSES AND WATCH COMMITTEES.

At a joint Meeting of these Committees, held on Wednesday, the 26th day of March, 1902—

Present The Mayor; Aldermen Haddon, Norman and Skillicorne ; Councillors Bainbridge, Baker, Bence and Packer (The Mayor in the chair)—

1—Town Hall —Resolved, To authorize the Architect to carry out some alterations and modifications in the plan of the building suggested by him which would not involve any additional expense.

Organ Chamber—Resolved, To instruct the Architect to work out an estimate of the cost for providing an Organ Chamber by carrying the upper floor of the building over the porch in front of the carriage entrance at the south end.

Heating—Resolved, To adopt a suggestion of the Architect to have the pipes coated so as to retain heat at an additional cost estimated at £83.

Warm Water Service—The Architect submitted a plan and scheme from Messrs. G. N. Haden & Sons, which he recommended should be adopted, for providing a warm water service for the Lavatories and for cleaning purposes by means of a boiler and circulating main pipe round the building, the cost of which he estimated at £141 and extra £27 for coating the boiler and pipe, but not including the cost of fittings and fixing same. Resolved, To approve the recommendation and to request the Architect to obtain a tender from Messrs. Haden & Sons for carrying it out, including the provision of fittings and fixing same.

2-Laying of Corner Stone—Resolved, That the Architect be requested to arrange for the laying of a corner stone of the building as one of the items of the programme to be carried out on the day fixed for celebrating the Coronation,

3— Electric Lighting Installation—Resolved, To authorize the Architect to employ a Consulting Electrical Engineer to prepare a plan and specification for fitting up the building for lighting with electricity with a view to arrangements being made for the installation in carrying on the building operations and to request him to obtain tenders therefor.

RICHARD ROGERS, Chairman.

LIGHTING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Wednesday, the 26th day of March, 1902 — Present: Alderman Norman Councillors Baker, Bainbridge, Parsonage and Hayward, (Alderman Norman in the chair)—

1--Gas Examiner's Report—The Gas Examiner reported that he had tested the gas during the past month with the following results, viz. :—

ILLUMINATING POWER.		PURITY.	
1902			
Feb. 26th	16.01 candles		Grains of Sulphur per 100 cubic ft.
March 8th	16.13	March	
March 15th	17.58	8th-9th	13.58
March 22nd	16.64	22nd--23rd	11.88
Average	16.59	Average	12.73

2-Gas Inspector's Report— The Gas inspector reported that the hourly average consumption of gas in the street lamps during the past month had been as follows, viz. :—Lamps with 425 ft. burners, 4,262 cubic feet ; Guildhall lamps with No. 4 incandescent burners, 5.635 cubic feet ; lamps with No. 3 incandescent burners, 3.595 cubic feet.

3-Lamp Book--From this Book it appeared that during the past month 15 metered, 49 unmetered, and 23 Incandescent lamps had been out and a burning dimly.

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4-Street Gas Lighting--Discount on Gas Account—In reply to the Resolution of this Committee at their last meeting to again approach the Gas Company with a view to obtaining more favourable treatment for the Corporation as regards allowance of discount than is allowed to ordinary customers having regard to the fact that the charges for Street Lighting are paid monthly instead of quarterly, and the very large consumption of gas as compared with the amount consumed by ordinary customers, a Letter from the Clerks to the Gas Company was read, pointing out that this matter was dealt with at a date subsequently to that referred to when the contract for public lighting was entered into, and directing attention to their Letter to the Council of the 20th of September, 1900, which was to the effect that as the amount of the discount was settled by the Company's Act the Company were not prepared to consent to any variation.

Shadowless Lanterns--With reference to the enquiry of the Council whether the Company would be prepared at the price quoted to substitute the Shadowless Lanterns for the whole of the existing lanterns fitted with No. 3 incandescent burners and subject to the original number being continued

would fix or remove them from time to time in or to such positions as the Council might require in any part of the Borough, a Letter from the Clerks to the Gas Company was read with which they forwarded a resolution of the Directors informing the Council that there was a difficulty in substituting shadowless lanterns for the whole of the existing lanterns fitted with No. 3 incandescent burners owing to the fact that these lamps were widely distributed throughout the town in side streets, passages and isolated points as well as in main thoroughfares because a special patent lighting torch was required for the shadowless lanterns rendering it practically necessary that the lamps should be contiguous or embraced within the areas of the rounds of the lamp lighters carrying the new torches, but the Company was prepared to substitute 86 lanterns in the Pittville District, 5 in North Place, 11 in Evesham Road, 3 in Clarence Road, 13 in Clarence Square, 14 in Wellington Square, 3 in Wellington Road, 7 in road from Wellington Square to Saxham, 18 in Pittville Lawn, 1 in road from Pittville Lawn to Albert Road, 7 in Albert Road, 4 in Pittville Crescent, and to complete the lighting in St. George's Road by substituting the remaining 5 lanterns, making a total of 91 lamps, upon the terms and conditions mentioned in Minute No. 7 of the proceedings of this Committee of date the 20th of November last, which were the same as for the ordinary lamps with No. 3 incandescent burners, except that the Council would be bound to continue their use for a period of five years.

5--Lighting of Whaddon Large—A Letter from Councillor Bence was read stating that the occupiers of the houses facing the field at the North end of Whaddon Lane required a lamp, and suggesting that the Committee should decide to place one there. Resolved, That consideration of the matter be adjourned for the Committee to view.

6—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. There were 570 customers with the equivalent of 35,760 8 candle-power lamps then connected to the mains, and applications for supply to about 20 intending customers and the equivalent of about noon 8 candle-power lamps.

He was desired by the Council of the Municipal Electrical Association to inform the Committee that the following resolutions were passed at a Special General Meeting of the Association on the 21st ult., viz:—

(1) With reference to the resolution passed by this Association at the Glasgow Convention, 1901, authorising the Council to approach the President of the Local Government Board and the Secretary of State for Scotland with the object of obtaining leave to suspend the operation of sinking fund during the first three years of the loan, and to take such other steps as may be necessary to accomplish this object this meeting approves the action of the Council in approaching the Borough Treasurers' Association in order to ensure their co-operation, and unanimously agrees that the operation of sinking fund should be suspended for three years from the date of loan, without, however, increasing the period allowed for repayment, and that this suspension should apply also to monies borrowed for the purpose of extensions from time to time.

(2) That, in the opinion of this Association, Electricity Supply Undertakings having to be maintained in a thorough state of efficiency out of revenue, no depreciation or further writing off of capital is necessary when the period allowed for re-payment of loans is not greater than thirty years, as the equated life of the works exceeds this period.

(3) That with regard to the formation of a Reserve Fund, this Association is strongly of the opinion that such should be formed, up to the limit allowed by the Provisional Order, before any contribution is made in relief of the rates.

He submitted 15 tenders for arc lamp carbons which had been received in response to 22 invitations to tender. He laid before the Committee plans showing the proposed positions for the arc lamps in Christ Church Road, Bayshill Road, St. George's Parade, Montpellier Street and Royal Well Place.

Five additional cells were required at the works and he recommended that these be ordered at once from the Tudor Accumulator Co., Ltd., at a cost of £104 including delivery and erection.

A large amount of work had been done on the arc lighting mains, both as regards testing and renewals of some slightly faulty parts, and the insulation to earth had been considerably improved and was then very good: he had repeatedly spoken at night to various parts of the town and considered that the interference was much less than it had been. If further testing should indicate the possibility of further improvement the necessary steps would be taken at once to secure it.

He laid before the Committee letters from Mr. Holder and Messrs. Steel Bros., relative to Mr. Holder's application for electric supply to his house in Libertus Road : the former made the wiring of two houses in Queen's Road contingent on his own application being acceded to.

An application had been made by Mr. Parker of 2, Motcombe Villas, London Road, for electric supply to two new houses (St. Vincent and St. Hilda's) in the London Road ; this application, if acceded to, would necessitate an extension of about 120 yards, costing £65.

An application had been received from Mr. Ripley, for electric supply to Ashley Manor, and, as Mr. Ripley required supply by May 1st, he recommended that he be authorized to extend, if necessary, the Battledown high pressure main for a distance of 400 yards at a cost of £110.

The extensions required in order to supply Mr. Holder's and Mr. Parker's houses were included in loans already sanctioned; that for Mr. Ripley, if required, must be included in a future loan.

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He recommended that during Coronation week current be supplied at 2d. per unit upon payment of a fee of 2s 6d to cover cost of reading the meters before and after the aforesaid week, also that current be supplied upon the same terms for temporary installations upon payment of all costs of temporary service and meter, or of alterations to service or meter as the case might be.

Resolved, To refer the tenders for carbons to the Electrical Engineer to report upon.

To approve the positions for the arc lamps referred to as now settled and shown on the plan as amended.

To approve and adopt the recommendations of the Electrical Engineer contained in his report.

That the proposed extension of the main to Mr. Holder's house in the Libertus Road be not sanctioned until some additional return on the outlay is assured, but to inform Mr. Holder that the Committee will be pleased to connect his two houses in Queen's Road.

To accede to the application of Mr. Parker and authorise the necessary extension.

To authorise the construction of a transforming station in the Gloucester Road near the Midland Hotel at an estimated cost of £275; and

To instruct the Electrical Engineer to advertise for tenders for the supply of coal required at the Electrical Works for a period of twelve months.

7—Supply of Coal to Electrical Works—In reply to a letter received from Messrs. H. A. Gwinnell & Co. suggesting that the coal required at the Electrical Works should be tendered for, Resolved, To inform them that this had already been decided upon before their letter was read.

8—Extension of Electric Lighting Area beyond the Borough — Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to give the preliminary notices with a view of making application to the Board of Trade for an amendment of The Cheltenham Electric Lighting Order, 1890, by extending the area of supply described in the 1st Schedule to comprise the parishes of Prestbury, Bishop's Cleeve, Leckhampton, Swindon, Southam, Woodmancote and Brockhampton, or such part or parts thereof as may be determined upon.

GEO. NORMAN,

Chairman.

WATER COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Thursday, the 27th day of March, 1902—Present : Councillors Baker, Bendall, M. Davis, King-Harman, Rickerby and H. Waghorne (Councillor H. Waghorne in the chair)—

1—Report of the Water Engineer—The Water Engineer reported that on the 26th instant the supply from Hewletts springs was 101.04 gallons, the average for the past three years being 230 gallons, and the quantity of water in store at Hewletts and Leckhampton was 9,332,239 gallons.

On the 26th instant the Dowdeswell Reservoir was 20ft. 6in. in depth, and the contents 46,688,696 gallons, exclusive of the daily yield of the streams, which was then 677,721 gallons, which gave a total storage of 56,020,935 gallons.

Sir F. D. Hartland had let Ashley Manor, Charlton Kings, to Henry Ripley, Esq., and he wished to put in fittings not in accordance with the regulations and without paying additional rent for them.

Resolved, To offer Mr. Ripley a supply by meter, the dead rent to be fixed upon the amount of the gross estimated rental of the dwelling house and cottages.

2-Water Fittings Contravening Regulations—With reference to the report at the last meeting but one of this Committee of the Water Engineer that Mr. A. Cleevely, builder, of Charlton Kings, had fixed flushing boxes in some new houses which he had been building which did not conform to the regulations, a letter from Mr. Cleevely was read expressing regret for having infringed the regulations, he being unaware that the Newport box was condemned, and the boxes being so small he had put them in in preference to the Severn, as the space in the w.c's was so limited. He

suggested that all the plumbers should be notified when the Committee decide to prohibit the use of any pattern of tap or flush box. Resolved, That Mr. Cleevly be given notice to substitute a flush box of approved pattern for all those he has fixed which do not conform to the regulations.

3 — Water Supply to Northway—A letter from Mr. Badham was read stating that Mr. W. H. Greening wanted to use the Severn water at once, and enquiring if there was any objection to his arranging with the Midland Railway Company or the Ashchurch School Board to have some water from them until the pipes are laid. Resolved, That until the pipes are laid Mr. Greening be permitted to arrange for a supply in the manner suggested.

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A letter was read from Captain Steward, of Northway House, returning the agreement signed by him on behalf of Mrs. Steward to take the water supply for three years, and asking what is to be done and when the water pipes would be laid. Resolved, To inform Captain Steward that the pipes will be laid as soon as a sufficient number of the owners and occupiers have signed similar agreements to insure the requisite return of 10 per cent. on the outlay.

4 —Coal—A letter from Messrs. H. A. Gwinnell & Co. was read suggesting the advisability of obtaining tenders for the supply of coal required by the Water Undertakers. Resolved. That in future all the coal required for the undertaking in the borough of Cheltenham be obtained by contract, and that tenders be at once invited by advertisement for such a supply for a period of twelve months.

5—Waterworks Loan of £10,000—A letter from the Local Government Board was read enquiring when the Board might expect to receive the plans and detailed statement of the cost of the works which were asked for in their letter of the 16th of July last. Resolved, To inform the Board that the delay has been caused in consequence of the illness of the Water Engineer and pressure of work in his department, but that the work is in hand and the plans and statement referred to will be furnished as soon as possible.

6—Water Supply to Houses in Grafton Passage—With reference to the letter received from Mr. W. H. Ferguson asking the Council to provide a supply pipe to carry a supply of water from the main to his houses in Grafton Passage and to charge him with the cost, Resolved. To leave the matter to the Chairman and Councillor Baker to deal with.

7—Land at Sandford Pumping Station—With a view to letting this land out in allotments, Resolved, To serve notices to determine all the existing tenancies at Christmas, but to inform the tenants that applications from them to retain their holdings or part or parts thereof as allotments will receive due consideration.

8—Proposed Supplementary Main from Tewkesbury—Resolved, To refer to the Water Engineer a letter received from Mr. H. S. Jacques, A.M.I.C.E., applying for appointment as Assistant Engineer to directly supervise the work of laying this main under the Water Engineer.

9—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 25th, day of March, 1902-Present : The Mayor ; Aldermen Haddon, Norman and Skillicorne; Councillors Baker, Hayward, Lamb, Parsonage, Rickerby and J. Waghorne (The Mayor in the chair)-

1—Fire Brigade—The Superintendent of the Fire Brigade reported that on the 22nd ulto. the Brigade was summoned to extinguish a fire at a builder's workshop in rear of No. 7, St. Luke's Place, the cost of extinction being £6 3s. 6d.

Also on the 21st inst. to an outbreak of fire at a timber yard in Leckhampton occupied by Messrs. Smith Bros., the cost of extinction being £3 4s, and that particulars would be sent to the Borough Accountant to enable him to claim payment of the two sums mentioned from the Insurance Offices in which the risks were covered.

New Escape—Resolved, To have the name of the Corporation painted on the new fire escape.

2-Pawnbroker's Certificate—Resolved, To recommend the Council to accede to the application received from George Goodman to grant him a certificate authorising the grant to him of an Excise licence to carry on the business of a pawnbroker at the shop and premises known as No. 2, Suffolk Road, Cheltenham.

3—Transfers of Hackney Carriage Licences—Resolved, To accede to the following applications for transfers of hackney carriage licences, viz.:—

No. 37 from F. G. Baldwin to Harry Dunn, of No. 36, Duke Street.

No. 17 from John Jones to Frederick Jones, of Clarence Mews, North Place; and,

Subject to the licence being sent in, from Alfred Aston to William Bell, of No. 3, Dagmar Terrace, Tivoli ; and Resolved, To adjourn consideration of an application received for transfer of licence No. 56 from Josiah Jones to Alfred Young, of Hafod Cottage, pending inspection and approval of the landau and until the licence has been sent in.

4-Drivers' Licences—The Street Inspector reported that Edward Morley had been twice convicted of offences relative to hackney carriages within twelve months.

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5—Telephone Underground Wayleaves—Resolved, To adjourn consideration of a letter received from Mr. R. Shepherd, Provincial Superintendent of the National Telephone Co., Limited, in which he referred to his letter of the 28th ulto., and expressed a hope that his application for underground wayleaves would be dealt with at an early date.

6--Site for Municipal Offices—In reply to a letter received from Mr. G. Herbert offering the Imperial Rooms as a site for the proposed new Municipal Offices, Resolved, To inform him that the Council consider the site is not a suitable one.

7—Report of the Art Gallery Sub-Committee—This Sub-Committee reported that they had had a meeting on the 7th inst., when there were present Alderman Norman, Councillor Hayward, the Baron de Ferrieres and Dr. E. T. Wilson, and that they had Resolved—

To close the Art Gallery for cleaning and renovating from the 10th to the 15th inst. inclusive, and to instruct the Curator to give notice thereof to the public by advertisement in local newspapers.

That the Annual Report be printed, as last year, with the Public Library Report, and that, in addition, 200 copies be ordered separately.

That a draft of Rules respecting the reception of Objects given, lent, or sent on approval for purchase, as settled by the Sub-Committee at their meeting be approved ; and

That Alderman Norman be requested to enquire and report as to the cost and method of improving the ventilation of the large room by means of an electric fan or otherwise.

The Curator reported that 2423 visits had been made to the gallery since the last meeting of the Sub-Committee.

Resolved, That the resolutions and proceedings of the Sub-Committee above mentioned be approved and adopted, and that one guinea be paid to Mr. Young as remuneration for extra duties performed by him in connection with the Exhibitions of Objects of Art recently held in the Art Gallery.

8—Leckhampton Hill Public Rights—The Sub-Committee reported that on the 12th instant they had had a meeting at the office of Mr. R. Ticehurst, Clerk to the Rural District Council, Essex Place, with a Committee of the said District Council. That there were present: The Mayor ; Alderman Norman ; Councillors Baker and J. Waghorne, representing the Town Council. Mr. Hicks Beach, Mr. Tinson, Mr. Moses Davis, Mr. McIlquham, Mr. Walker and Mr. Witts, representing the District Council, and it was Resolved, To submit a joint case for the opinion of Counsel as to the method of procedure which the two Local Authorities should adopt, the cost of which should be equally divided between them.

At a subsequent meeting of the Sub-Committee, when there were present : The Mayor ; Alderman Norman ; Councillors Baker and J. Waghorne it was Resolved to appoint Alderman Norman Chairman.

The draft case for the opinion of Counsel prepared by Mr. Ticehurst having been perused was approved.

Resolved, That the proceedings of the Sub-Committee be approved and confirmed, and the resolutions therein referred to adopted.

9-Petrol Licences—Resolved, To accede to the application of Messrs. H. G. Norton & Co. for a license to store 100 gallons of Petrol at the back of their premises in High Street and Bath Road, subject to the Borough Surveyor being satisfied that they have properly constructed the storage chamber.

Resolved, Not to accede to an application received Rom Strettons Limited for a licence to store 100 gallons of petrol in and upon their premises in Bath Road known as The Million Cycle Factory, as no suitable storage chamber has been constructed.

10—Meeting in Cheltenham of the British Association for the Advancement of Science—A letter was read from Dr. C. Callaway, suggesting the desirability of inviting this Association to meet in Cheltenham, and offering to afford any further information in his power. Resolved, To thank Dr. Callaway for his suggestion, and to request the Mayor to communicate with him with a view to its being carried into effect.

11—Offices of the Health Department—With reference to the resolution of the Public Health Committee calling attention to the insufficiency of the offices of that Department, Resolved, To inform that Committee that this Committee regret that they are unable, owing to the limited space, to increase the office accommodation of the Health Department in the existing building.

RICHARD ROGERS,

Chairman.

MINERAL WATERS AND BATHS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Friday, the 21st day of March, 1902—Present : The Mayor; Councillors Baker, R. Davies and Parsonage (Councillor Davies in the chair)—

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

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2 —Alstone Baths—The Borough Accountant reported that up to this date £322 16s. 5d. had been received from these baths, and £472 8s. 4d., exclusive of interest and repayment of loan, had been paid. Drawers —Resolved, To purchase two gross of bathing drawers, and to instruct the Borough Surveyor to obtain tenders.

3—Montpellier Gardens—The Borough Accountant reported that up to this date £535 17s. 4d. had been received from these baths, and £533 3s. 6d., exclusive of interest and repayment of loan, had been paid.

Brine Bath—Resolved, To request the Medical Officer of Health, with Councillor Davies, to draw up a circular for distribution calling the attention of medical men and others to the fact that this bath is ready for use, and to authorise the expenditure of a sum not exceeding £10 for the purchase of the necessary furniture and china ware.

4.—Shaft Well at Pittville—The Borough Surveyor having reported that a section of the lining of this well under the Pump Room had fallen in, and that he had obtained a tender from Mr. J. Riley to clear out the debris and reline the collapsed section of the shaft for £31. Resolved. To accept the tender of Mr. Riley and to request him to carry- out the work as soon as possible.

R. DAVIES,

Chairman.

RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 24th day of March, 1902—Present: The Mayor ; Alderman Holliday ; Councillors Baker, Bainbridge, Bendall, King-Harman and Lamb (Councillor Lamb in the chair).

1—Visitors—Resolved, To appoint Visitors for the ensuing month as follows, viz:—Councillors Bendall and Handley for Naunton Park ; Councillors Bainbridge and Baker for the Agg-Gardner, Barrett's Mill, and Grove Street Recreation Grounds ; and Councillors King-Harman and Lamb for the East Ward Recreation Ground.

2 —Recreation Grounds—Resolved, To instruct the Borough Surveyor to cut down four of the Crab fruit trees in the added part of the Agg-Gardner Recreation Ground, and one nearer the Lake, the trees referred to be marked by the Visitors, and to carry out instructions now given to paint and varnish the fountain, repair steps to same and re-point top courses of outside wall of Urinal.

To fix rustic wood paling in lieu of the barbed wire at the Grove Street ground, and repaint the rules on the board there.

To at once cleanse the land and remove stones and rubbish at the East Ward ground and sow with grass seed, and To fix the new swings at the Naunton Park Recreation Ground in a position to be indicated to hint by Councillor Bendall.

ARTHUR LAMB,

Chairman.

BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, the 25th day of March, 1902, Present :—Alderman Haddon ; Councillors Baker, Bence and M. Davis. (Alderman Haddon in the chair.)

1-Designs—Resolved, To approve the following designs, viz: Headstones to Lt.-Colonel William John Brooke and Herbert Otto Wildman Goodwyd Brooke, George Greening, Julia Clarke, Caroline and Francis Skinner, Mary Ann Schwamenkrue, John Samuel Lane, Richard Charles Dickerson, John Macfarren, William James Moore. Monument to Col. William John Brooke, and Kerbing to grave of Sarah Pashler.

JOHN HADDON, Chairman.

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FINANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Thursday, the 6th day of March, 1902—Present The Mayor : Alderman Skillicorne ; Councillors Gurney, Handley, Hayward, King-Harman, and Parsonage (Councillor Gurney in the chair)—

1 --Borough Rate—In compliance with a request from the Assistant Overseer, Resolved, To inform hint that the Committee estimates that the amount which will probably be required from the

Overseers in augmentation of the Borough Fund for the year ending the 31st of March, 1903, will be £12,500.

W. GERALD GURNEY,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 1st day of April, 1902—Present Alderman Skillicorne ; Councillors Bence, Handley, Hayward, King-Harman and Parsonage (Councillor Parsonage in the chair)-

2—Chairman—to the absence of the Chairman, Resolved, That Councillor Parsonage be appointed Chairman at this meeting.

3— Rating of Machinery Bill, 1902—A letter was read from the Chairman and Secretaries of a Conference of Northern Public Bodies held recently on the subject of the provisions of the Rating of Machinery Bill, 1902, and at which it had been decided to oppose the Bill, stating that a further Conference of Local Authorities would be held in London on the 7th inst., and asking the Cheltenham Town Council to send representatives to such Conference and to petition Parliament against the Bill.

(The object of the Rating of Machinery Bill is to exempt from rating all machinery (other than machinery used for producing or transmitting motive power or for heating or lighting) which is not fixed or which can be moved without necessitating the removal of any part of the premises.)

4—Local Authorities' Officers' Adoptive Superannuation Bill—A letter was read from the Town Clerk of Swansea enclosing a copy of a memorial which the Swansea Town Council had presented to the Local Government Board, that the Poor Law Officers' Superannuation Act had inflicted serious hardship upon ratepayers, inasmuch as by its retrospective effect superannuation allowances had been and were being paid out of the rates to officers who were appointed at adequate salaries to their respective offices with no prospect of such allowances, and therefore could not reasonably lay claim to such superannuation. That they were of opinion that under the Local Authorities' Officers' Adoptive Superannuation Bill the period of service to be reckoned as entitling an officer to superannuation should be deemed to commence as and from the date of payment of his first contribution to the Superannuation Fund, and not from the date of the original appointment of such officer, and the memorial prayed the Board to lend its aid in securing the amendment of the Local Authorities' Officers' Adoptive Superannuation Bill accordingly. Resolved, That the Committee recommend that the Corporate Seal be affixed to a memorial to the Local Government Board similar in terms to the one presented by the Swansea Corporation.

3 - Remuneration of the Borough Elective Auditors—With reference to the resolution to Minute No. 5 of this Committee's proceedings at its meeting on the 25th February last, a further letter was read from the Borough Elective Auditors stating that they had delivered their account before their re-election and as soon as the audit had been completed, and before entering upon their duties for the present year they must ask the Council if they are prepared to continue an arrangement for such a fixed sum as the Auditors considered fair in view of the increase of work, viz., £35 each, as, if not, they must fall back on their legal claim of £2 2s for each day' that they are engaged on the audit. Resolved. That the remuneration of the Elective Auditors be fixed at 30 guineas each for the current year.

6—Chief Assistant, Borough Accountant's Department—A letter was read from Mr. W. H. Routly, Chief Assistant in the Borough Accountant's Department, resigning his appointment, as he had been appointed Chief Assistant to the Borough Accountant of Folkestone. On the recommendation of the Borough Accountant, Resolved, That Mr. E. W. Deacon, the present second assistant to the Borough Accountant, be appointed Chief Assistant at a salary of £100 per annum, rising by £10 per annum to £150.

7—Loans—The Borough Accountant reported that he had received £400 on loan, at 3 ¼ per cent., from the Loyal Beaufort Lodge of Oddfellows, on account of the Winter Garden loan of £9,650.

He also reported that Mr. R. Busswell, who had lent £400, wished to have £100 of his loan repaid to him as soon as possible if the Council could see their way to comply with his request. Resolved, That £100 be repaid as requested.

8-General District Rate—The Report of the Borough Accountant of date the 1st instant on the collection of the second instalment of this Rate, was read. Amount collected, £18,633 14s. 2d., leaving outstanding £1,307 6s. 4d.

9 -Water Rate--The Report of the Borough Accountant of date the 1st instant on the collection of this Rate was read. Amount received £10,304 16s. 11d., leaving outstanding £1,629 7s. 10d.

10—Rates Collection—Resolved, That in view of the large amounts remaining uncollected of the Water and General District Rates, and having regard to the continued serious illness of Mr. Loveridge, the Borough Accountant be directed to make what arrangements he may deem necessary to clear up the arrears as soon as possible.

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 £10,972 12s. 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.

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The following was the General Statement :—

Overdrawn on the 25th February last	£77,724 5 3
Paid since that date	<u>£16,260 1 3</u>
	£93,984 6 6
Received since that date	£ 7,545 18 2
Overdrawn	£86,438 8 4
Being Ordinary Rates Expenditure	£ 4,412 1 11
Electric Lighting, Water & other Capital Accounts	<u>£82,026 6 5</u>
	£82,438 8 4

E. H. PARSONAGE,

Chairman.

PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 25th day of March, 1902—Present: Alderman Skillicorne; Councillors Hayward and King-Harmon ; the Baron de Ferrier. ; the Rev. F. Evans, and Messrs. Beckingsale, Butler and Palmer (Councillor Hayward in the chair)—

1--Librarian's Report—The Librarian reported that the placing of a selection of Books in the open Book-case had considerably reduced the recorded issues, but a low estimate of the use of these books of 30 per day for 27 ½ days gave an additional issue of 825 and a total of 1,681, an average of 61 per day.

That considerable progress had been made with the printing of the new supplementary catalogue.

That £5 4s had been received during the past month, and that the following presentations had been made to the Library, viz., Miss Johnson 1 volume, Dr. Garrett 1 pamphlet, Corporation of London 1 pamphlet, Mrs. A. Gowing 3 volumes, and Miss Cooper 7 volumes.

2-Sub-Committee's Report—This Sub-Committee reported that they recommended that 500 copies of the Annual Report be printed for the sum of £3 15s half of which amount would be paid by the Art Gallery Committee.

That the Librarian be instructed to advertise for a junior assistant in place of S. G. Ball who is leaving. That the wages of F. W. Turner and H. Godwin be increased from 8s and 6s per week to 10s and 8s respectively.

That the following sum be allowed for extra services in connection with the Exhibitions in the Art Gallery, held in December and February—F. W. Turner 10s 6d

The Librarian reported that he had tried the placing of an extended selection of books in open book-shelves in the Reference Library as suggested by the Committee last month, but owing to the dimensions of the room and other reasons it was found impossible to carry it out satisfactorily.

Resolved, That the 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 2nd day of April, 1902—Present : The Mayor ; Aldermen Haddon and Holliday (The Mayor in the chair)—

1—Chairman--In the absence, through attendance at a meeting of another Committee of the Council, of the Chairman, Resolved, That the Mayor be appointed Chairman at this meeting.

2 —Attendance Officers' Report—The Monthly Report of the Attendance Officers was read, from which it appeared that duplicate registers had been received from 44 schools, from which 874

names of absentee children had been extracted, all of whom had been visited. They also reported that the parents of 74 children had been summoned to attend before the Local Committees, who had held 9 meetings; that 9 parents had been prosecuted, and 9 were fined.

3—Local Committees—The Minute Books of the several Local Committees were gone through and examined. Resolved, That proceedings under the Bye-Laws be taken against the parents of the following children, viz. :— Hilda Hill, Alfred Bond, Windham Owen, Henry George Young, Edith Hunt, Harry Bowstead, Ivy Johnson, Winifred Emmett, William Hooper, Winifred Iles, Dorothy Agg and Mary Steger.

Also Resolved, To call the attention of the Managers of St. John's Schools to the fact that the duplicate registers are not received regularly from the teachers of such schools.

4—Alleged Illegal Employment—A letter was read from Mr. C. E. F. Nash, Hon. Treasurer of the All Saints' Schools, calling attention to a case of irregular attendance and alleged illegal employment, together with a report from the Chief School Attendance Officer of the result of his enquiries into the case. Resolved, That Mr. Nash be informed of the result of the enquiries made.

RICHARD ROGERS,

Chairman.

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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 Monday, the 5th day of May, 1902.

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Wednesday, the 9th day of April, 1902—Present, The Mayor; Aldermen Norman and Skillicorne; Councillors M. Davis, King-Harman, Lawrence and Parsonage (Councillor Parsonage in the chair)—

1--Subsidence of Garden at back of Yorkleigh—Letters were read from the Rev. J. Lewitt, joint owner with his wife of this house, alleging that a subsidence of the garden at the back of his house had been caused by the deepening of the bed of the Chelt by the Corporation, and requesting the Council to take steps to secure him from the expense and more inconvenience. Resolved, With the permission of Mr. Lewitt, and on the understanding that such action shall not necessarily be construed as an admission of any liability, to instruct the Borough Surveyor to sink a shaft in the garden with a view of trying to ascertain the cause of the subsidence.

2- Sewage Farms Bailiff—Resolved, To request the Chairman, Councillors Davis and King-Harman to pay visits of inspection to the Sewage Farms respectively under the management of Messrs. Otter, Smith, and Woodhouse, at Wellingborough, West Derby, near Liverpool, and Crewe, and report thereon to the Committee at their next meeting on the 17th inst.

E. H. PARSONAGE, Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Thursday, the 17th day of April, 1902—Present: The Mayor ; Aldermen Norman and Skillicorne ; Councillors M. Davis, R. Davies, King-Harman, Lawrence and Parsonage (Councillor Parsonage in the chair)—

3- Zymotic Disease—The Medical Officer of Health reported that since the last meeting of the Committee the following cases of Zymotic Disease had been notified, viz., 11 of Scarlet Fever, 2 of Diphtheria, 1 of Erysipelas, and 23 of Chicken Pox ; that all the cases of Scarlet Fever and 1 of Erysipelas had been sent into the Delancey Hospital, and that the number of Corporation cases then in that Hospital was 10 of Scarlet Fever.

4— Closing of School on account of Measles—The Medical Officer of Health reported that on the 9th inst. St. Mark's Infant School was closed is doe form for three weeks on account of prevalence of measles, and the closing had been notified to the Local Government Board.

5-- Cleansing and Limewashing at No. 3, Fairview Retreat, Nos. 3 & 11, St. George's Street, and No. 14, Henrietta Street—The Medical Officer of Health having certified under Sec. 46 of the Public Health Act, 1875, 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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6-Nuisance from Drains, &c, at Nos. 3 & 46, St. George's Street, No. 19, Henrietta Street, No. 30, North Place, The Exchange, North Street, Nos. 3 & 6, North Street, and Northfield Mews-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 -Cleansing and Disinfecting at No. 3, Fairview Retreat, and No. 15, Hungerford Street-The Medical Officer of Health having certified that the cleansing and disinfecting of the above-named premises or parts thereof would tend to prevent or check infectious disease, Resolved, That the Council being of opinion, on the certificate of the Medical Officer of Health, that the cleansing and disinfecting above mentioned would tend as aforesaid, Notices under Sec. 120 of the Public Health Act, 1875, be served on the owners and occupiers of the said premises to cleanse and disinfect as aforesaid within the time specified in such notices.

8-Houses Unfit for human Habitation, viz., Nos. 30 & 31, New Street, Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9 & 10, Elmstone Street, No. 47, Sherborne Street, and Nos. 1, 2 & 3, Gardner's Court, Sherborne 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.

9-Insanitary Property at No. 3, St. George's Street, No. 4, Townsend Place, Tewkesbury Road, No. 7, Marlborough Place, Nos. 5, 8 & 9, St. George's Street, and No. 2, Regent 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, walls, floors, yard 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.

10-Houses let in Lodgings.-The Medical Officer of Health recommended that the landlords of the following houses let in lodgings, viz., Nos. 2 & 3, Clarence Parade, No. 2, Crescent Place, No. 22, Manchester Street, and Mountfort Lodge, Hewlett Road, 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 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 lessees.

11-Defective Sewer in Edward Street-The Medical Officer of Health reported that Nos. 13, 14, 15 & 16, Edward Street were found to be infested with rats, which were a source of damage and nuisance, and it was probable that their runs connected with the neighbouring sewer, as the house drains were found to be sound, and he recommended that the sewer and the conduit of an old water course should be examined by the Borough Surveyor with a view of obviating the nuisance. Resolved, To instruct the Borough Surveyor to inspect accordingly and report to the Committee.

12-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.

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

14-Office Accommodation for the health Department -. Resolved, To adjourn for consideration at the next meeting a letter from Messrs. Young and Gilling offering for this purpose the upper portion of No. 10, Promenade on a lease for five years, with option to continue, at a rental of £60 per annum, the owner to give a side entrance to the upper portion of the premises.

15-Sewage Farms Manager-Councillors Davis, King-Harman and Parsonage reported that they had paid visits of inspection to the Sewage Farms at West Derby, Crewe, and Wellingborough, under the respective management of J. A. Smith, R. Otter and J. Woodhouse, and that they had decided to recommend the appointment of R. Otter as Manager of the Corporation Sewage Farms, upon the terms stated in the advertisement inviting applications, to commence his duties on the 5th proximo or as soon thereafter as he can arrange for the termination of his present employment. Resolved, That the recommendation be approved and adopted.

16- Sewer in Swindon Road North-Resolved, To instruct the Borough Surveyor to prepare a written report as to the severing of Swindon Road North for presentation to the Committee.

17--Subsidence of Garden at back of Yorkleigh-The Town Clerk reported that he had received the written consents of Mr. and Mrs. Lewitt, the owners of this property, to the sinking of the inspection shaft in the garden. Resolved, To instruct the Borough Surveyor to proceed with the work.

18--Sewer in Hayward's Road-A letter was read from Mr. C. Young, whose tender for this sewer at £25 15s. had been accepted, stating that he had tendered on the assumption that 6-inch pipes were specified, and that he could not put in 9-inch pipes at the same price.

The Borough Surveyor reported that Mr. Young wished to amend his tender to the sum of £29 15s. 0d. Resolved, That this be acceded to, that Mr. Young's tender at £29 15s. 0d. be accepted, and that the Resolution to Minute No. 41 of the proceedings of this Committee at their meeting of date the 24th of March last accepting his tender at £25 15s. 0d. be varied accordingly.

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19- Demolition of Nos. 44 & 45, Sun Street—The Town Clerk reported that he had served the notice required by statute of the intention of the Committee to further consider at this meeting their Resolution to Minute No. 28 of their proceedings of date the 17th of February last, that it is expedient to order the demolition of these buildings, upon the Norwich Union Life Insurance Society, who were the owners, and that he had received a letter from the General Manager of that Society that the Society would raise no objection to the demolition of the houses, and wished, therefore, that the necessary orders should be given without any further formalities. Resolved, That the resolution referred to be confirmed, and that the Borough Surveyor be instructed to demolish the houses.

20— Building Plans—The Borough Surveyor laid before the Committee the following plans of proposed new buildings, viz. :-

No. of Plan	Name	Description
1512	Mrs. Potter	New shop front to lock-up shop at top of the Royal Hotel Yard, Albion Street.
1513	A. D. Jenkins	Two villas in the London Road.
1515	Mr. Burcher ..	Two villas in the Glencairn Park Road.
1516	The Loyal Imperial Lodge of Oddfellows, M.U.	Two houses in Grosvenor Street and two in St. James's Street.
1517	H. A. Gwinnell	Two houses in Glenfall Street.

Resolved, That, as regards drainage and other sanitary matters, the plans above mentioned be approved, but as regards No. 1512 as a warehouse only, to the intent that the building shall not be used for domestic purposes unless a w.c. is provided on the premises.

E. H. PARSONAGE, Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 21st day of April, 1902— Present : The Mayor ; Aldermen Norman and Skillicorne ; Councillors M. Davis, King-Harman, Parsonage and H. Waghorne (Councillor Parsonage in the chair)—

21—Zymotic Disease—The Medical Officer of Health reported that there had been notified since the last meeting of the Committee case of Diphtheria and 5 cases of Chicken Pox ; and that the number of Corporation cases then in the Delancey Hospital was 9 of Scarlet Fever.

22--Cleansing and Limewashing at Nos. 14 & 17, Edward Terrace, No. 10, Providence Square, Nos. 2, 3, 4 & 5, Edward Terrace, No. 22, St. Phillip's Street, No. 37, Russell Street, and No. 6, Newent 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.

23--Nuisance from Drains, &c., at No. 2, Priory Terrace, and No. 13, Albion 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.

24 —Houses Unfit for Human Habitation, viz., Three Cottages adjoining No. 54, Sherborne 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.

25--Insanitary Property at Nos. 13, 14, 15 & 17, Edward Street, Nos. 2, 3, 4 & 5, Edward Terrace, No. 10, Providence Square, No. 16, Corpus Street, and No. 15, Priory 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, &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.

26—Urinals at The Swan: Inn, High Street, and The White Horse Inn, Regent Place—The Medical Officer of Health reported that the Urinals at these public houses were so foul and in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to health owing to defects in structure, want of water supply, &c. Resolved, That the Council being satisfied of the existence of nuisances arising from the insanitary condition of these urinals, 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 a sufficient and continuous water supply to the urinals for flushing purposes and carry out such structural works of amendment as shall be specified.

27—Notices not Complied With—Resolved, To instruct the Town Clerk to take proceedings to compel compliance with notices to carry out sanitary works of amendment which had been served

but not complied with, a list of which the Medical Officer of Health had laid before the Committee at this meeting.

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28—Office Accommodation for Health Department—Resolved, To instruct the Borough Surveyor to report as to what additional accommodation, if any, can be provided to the existing offices by adapting the vacant offices recently in the occupation of the Electric Lighting Department or otherwise, and that in the meantime consideration of the letter received from Messrs. Young and Gilling be adjourned.

29 —Sewerage of Houses in Swindon Road North—The Borough Surveyor reported that the sewer at the manhole near Maud's Elm was too shallow to effectually drain these houses, and that the fall of the ground was in an opposite direction to that in which the sewer would have to drain.

The only way in which it would be practicable to drain the cottages was to connect the manhole in Tewkesbury Road opposite Malvern Place, following the line of the existing sewer part of the way, but at a lower level. This could be an independent sewer, and so leave the existing one intact unless found to be defective, in which case it would be possible to convert it into a surface water drain.

This would not give a self-cleansing velocity, and it would be necessary to provide a flushing tank at the summit.

The length of sewer would be 433 yards. There would be four manholes, and where the pipe was within 2 ½ feet of the surface it would be necessary to encase it with concrete as a protection against heavy traffic.

The cost for a 9-inch stoneware pipe with the manholes, &c., he estimated at £350, and £40 or £50 in addition for picking up the house connections. Resolved, That the Council are of opinion that a sewer should be laid so as to receive the drainage of the houses referred to, and that when the next applications is made to the Local Government Board to sanction a loan for sewerage works the cost of laying this sewer shall be included therein.

30—Defective Sewer in Edward Street— The Borough Surveyor reported that he had found a defective disused sewer in Edward Street which caused the nuisance of rats which had been complained of, and that he had taken steps to rectify it by filling up the disused sewer with hot lime.

31—Sewerage of Nos. 1 and 2 Districts—The Borough Surveyor reported that on the 29th May, 1899, the Committee authorised tenders to be invited for the construction of a number of new sewers to replace those known to be defective in the Western portion of the town, and described as Nos. 1 and 2 Severing Districts, together with a new sewer between the Hatherley Brook sewer and Queen's Road to intercept the sewage discharged into the culvert under the Great Western Railway.

The lowest tender was for the sum of £15,800 12s. 7d. As this was much in excess of the authorised loan, he was instructed by the Council on the 8th January, 1900, to examine and report upon the tenders submitted. After a careful examination of the quantities he gave it as his opinion that the cost of the works should not exceed £10,000, and he therefore could not advise that any tender be accepted.

Consequent upon that report he was instructed to carry out the work by the direct employment of labour and purchase of materials.

The works were then completed, together with a length of 884 yards of 9-inch pipe sewer in Old Bath Road which had been carried out by the same staff and during the same time.

The clearing of the Chelt showed that the foundations under the side walls were seriously washed out by the water and required a considerable amount of underpinning. This work was authorised by the Health Committee on the 11th November, 1901, and had since been completed as far as the end of Royal Well Lane and beyond the outfall of the uppermost storm overflow.

The work done included all that was tendered for except 96 yards of 9-inch pipe sewer in Bloomsbury Street, which was found to have been relaid some years ago, but of which he had no record.

The works extra to the original estimate include 47 yards of sewer through the grounds of Downside to intercept the drainage of the West side of Western Road, and 99 yards of 9-inch pipe sewer in Malvern Road to drain Glenlee, Malvern Road, built since the scheme was laid down, and extra depth of the Westerns Road sewer to intercept sewage flowing into the Great Western Railway ; also 50 yards of 9-inch pipe sewer for the drainage of Royal Crescent, the lines of which could not be laid down until the ground was opened.

In addition, there were many house drains found in unexpected positions involving extra work for which a contractor would have been paid, the cost of which was included.

The only outstanding claims and liabilities of which he was aware were the claim for loss at No. 287, High Street and the repairing of a few cracks in Nos. 15 and 16, St. George's Parade.

	Estimate.	Cost.
Nos. 1 & 2 Districts, Original Estimate made in 1896	£7,929 14 5	
Increased owing to advances in labour and capital	£10,000 0 0	£10,042 1 9
Shelburne Road	£2,500 0 0	£2,445 14 6
Old Bath Road	£652 0 0	£ 698 10 11
Extra on Chelt strengthening	<u>£500 00</u>	<u>£ 567 2 5</u>
	£13,652 0 0	£13,753 9 7
Amount of tender	£15,800 12 7	
Cost of same work and extras	<u>£13,186 7 2</u>	
	£2,614 5 5	

In conclusion, he desired to express his appreciation of the work done by all the members of his staff, especially Mr. C. S. Cole, Resident Engineer, and Mr. J. Riley, Works Manager. Their interest in the work and attention at all times, whether by night or by day, had materially contributed towards the result, which must, he thought, be regarded as highly satisfactory,

especially when it was observed that all the materials used were the very best procurable, the pipes being thicker and therefore stronger than were usually used, and of 15 per cent. higher value, the

manholes were lined with Staffordshire blue brick, and all the brick sewers were built with specially-made pressed bricks.

32—Sewage Farms Manager—Resolved, To accept an offer from Mr. W. J. Berkley to remain as Manager of the Sewage Farms until the new Manager can enter upon his duties, and to inform Mr. Berkley that the Committee will give him a fortnight's previous notice of the date on which he will be required to vacate his position and occupation of the premises.

33--Shooting over Corporation Farms—Resolved, To accede to an application from Messrs. Ticehurst, McIlquham, and Wyatt, on behalf of Mr. Bingham and Mr. McIlquham, for renewal of their shooting tenancies.

E. H. PARSONAGE,

Chairman.

STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 15th day of April, 1902—Present: The Mayor ; Alderman Haddon Councillors Baker and Bendall (Councillor Baker in the chair)—

1-Opening of Roads by Light Railway Company—A letter from Mrs. R. W. Pearson having been read complaining that in consequence of the opening of the road in Manchester Street by the Light Railway Company inconvenience had been caused to traffic to the Great Western Railway Station, Resolved, To instruct the Town Clerk to write to the Manager of the Company on the subject, and also to call his attention to the inconvenience caused by the road material being left in the streets, to the openings not being filled in as promptly as they should be, and to the imperfect manner in which the filling in and replacing of the surface material is carried out.

2—Postal Pillar Box—Resolved, To accede to a request made by Mr. Powell Chandler, the Postmaster at Cheltenham, for per-mission to fix a postal pillar box at the edge of the pathway near the Malvern Inn in Leckhampton Road.

3—Street Watering—Resolved, To inform the Rev. P. Burd and Mrs. La Terriere that letters received from them on the insufficiency of the street watering in Sydenham and Priory Roads and the Gloucester Road shall receive attention.

4 —Infringement of Building Bye Laws—The Borough Surveyor having reported that Mr. Dubbin, the builder of additions to stabling at Stradbally, had not complied with the provisions of the Bye Laws and had also finished the building before the plan had been approved, Resolved, That Mr. Dubbin be given notice to attend at the next meeting of the Committee to show cause why proceedings under the Bye Laws should not be taken against him for infringement thereof.

5—New Buildings—The Borough Surveyor laid before the Committee the following plans of proposed new buildings, viz.:—

No. of Plan.	Name.	Description.
1511	A. Meats	Additions to No. 24, Lansdown Crescent.
1512	Mrs. Potter	New shop front to lock-up shop at top of the Royal Hotel Yard, Albion Street.
1513	A. D. Jenkins	Two villas in the London Road. J. Smith Additions to coach house, Granville Street.
1515	Mr. Moore	Two villas in Glencairn Park Road.
1516	The Loyal Imperial Lodge of Oddfellows, M.U.	Two houses in Grosvenor Street and two houses in St. James's Street.
1517	H. A. Gwinnell	Two houses in Glenfall Street adjoining No. 34.

Resolved, That, with the exception of Nos. 1513 and 1517, the plans above mentioned be approved as regards construction and situation.

WILLIAM A. BAKER,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 28th day of April, 1902—Present The Mayor; Aldermen Haddon and Skillicorne ; Councillors Baker, Bendall, Packer and Parsonage (Councillor Baker in the chair)—

6-Street Projections—Resolved, To accede to an application from G. Goodman to fix a pawnbroker's sign outside No. 2, Suffolk Road, provided that it does not at any part exceed a projection of 2 feet from the wall of the building and is not less than 9 feet in height from the ground.

Also, To accede to an application from Mr. W. J. Melville to fix a V-shaped signboard outside No. 15, Albion Street, provided that it does not at any part exceed a projection of 1 ½ feet from the wall of the building and is not less than 9 feet in height from the ground.

7—Report of the Borough Surveyor re Highways—The Borough Surveyor reported that the work done by the Highways Department for the month ending the 24th, April, 1902, had been as follows:—

Repaired with Clee Hill Stone—St. George's Road, 1200 square yards ; Tivoli Circus, 1160 square yards ; Andover Road, 3105 square yards.

Patching--Montpellier Terrace, Thirlestaine Road, St. James' Square, Brandon Terrace, Bath Road, High Street, Lansdown Place, Promenade, Portland Street, Tewkesbury Road, Sandford Road, St. George's Place.

Repaired with Wickwar Stone--Cemetery Road, 4445 square yards; All Saints' Road, 1414 square yards.

Patching—Six Chimney Lane, Bayshill Road, St. Luke's Place, St. George's Place, Royal Well Lane.

Kerb, Crossing, Channelling and Paving—St. George's Road, Millbrook Street, Leamington Place, Bayshill Road, Promenade, Montpellier Terrace, Upper Park Street, Sandford Road, Lower High Street, Tivoli Place and Circus, Fairview Street, Glenfall Street. Park Place, Suffolk Square, Royal Well Lane and Place, Oriel Villas, Lypiatt Terrace, Andover Road, St. James' Square, Grove Street, Tivoli Road, Montpellier Parade, Hereford Passage, Swindon Passage, New Street, Ambrose Street, Swindon Road, Suffolk Road, Spa Road, Grafton Terrace, Cemetery Road, Queen's Parade.

The footpaths on the West side of Montpellier Parade, and on the North side of Montpellier Spa Road had been laid with concrete flags.

Ash Collection- -Load collected, 1282; Consumed at Destructor, 997, weight 1069tons 7cwt.

Slab Factory-372 slabs, each 2ft 6in. by 2ft., and 866 slabs, 2ft. by 2in., had been made.

The framing of the drying shed had been fixed and the roof covering had been advised.

8—Footpath in St. Georges Square--In reply to a letter from Mr. R. Birt of Lansdown, St. Mark's, complaining of the state of a footpaths in St. George's Square, which he suggested the Council should repair. Resolved, To inform Mr. Birt that when the other owners of the Square contribute a fair share towards its maintenance the Council will consider his suggestion.

9 Trap Accident—In reply to a letter from Mr. A. Dix of Bath Road, claiming compensation for the breakage of the tyre of a wheel of his trap when passing over the crossing in High Street, opposite the site of Lloyds Bank. Resolved, To inform Mr. Dix that the Council do not admit any liability.

10— Inspection of New Buildings—The Borough Surveyor reported that the work of inspecting new buildings during their erection was one of the most unsatisfactory matters with which Local Authorities had to deal, and according as the views of such authorities vary between actual inspection of all parts, such as :—The site after excavation, concrete foundation, footings, thickness of walls, scantling of timbers, size of rooms, size of windows, direction, fall, and soundness of drains, character and fixing of traps, size and substance of soil pipes, sink drains, bath and lavatory wastes, concrete over site, area of open space and the inspection of the building generally, and whenever there were indications that the work had been done in an improper manner, requiring it to be opened out, and if any infringement of the Bye Law be discovered, followed by a prosecution.

In Cheltenham, the endeavour had been as far as was practicable, to have all parts of each house inspected before the work was covered in, but owing to the very wide area over which building operations proceed, there must be some places where the work has been covered before the Inspector can see it. For example, the number of houses in course of erection on the 14th of April, 1902, was 63, in addition to such works as the Home for Sick Children, and additions to existing houses, and those extended from Alstone Croft to Hayward's Road and from Leckhampton Road to Harp Hill. To see these houses once in each week, which was certainly as long an interval as ought to be allowed, and allowing for the necessary time for testing drains, he did not think one man could give such inspection as would enable the Committee to be assured that every part was in accordance with the Bye Laws in all respects.

The only notice which the builder could be required to give was "one clear day" "before beginning to lay out or construct such street or to erect such building."

After this notice the only way in which the Inspector could ascertain when the works were in hand was by frequent visits, and in the intervals anything might be completed and covered in.

Mortar and concrete might be, and he had reason to believe was, used of one quality when the Inspector was expected and another when he was known to be engaged a mile or two away, and especially was this the case when the houses were built on speculation to sell.

It would probably conduce to more efficient performance of his duties if Mr. Moorman was provided with a tricycle, or better, that an allowance should be made to him for the purpose of enabling him to provide one for himself. Repairs and renewals would probably cost £5 or £6 per annum, as they were somewhat higher than for a bicycle, which would not be suitable.

He had prepared detailed specifications for mortar and concrete in accordance with the Bye Laws in that behalf, but he did not see how to ensure their being adhered to at any reasonable cost, and it was a question how far it was the duty of the Council to provide a clerk of works free of cost to anyone who wished to commence speculative building. Possibly, the

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Council might get the Bye Law with regard to giving notice extended so that the builder must give notice at each stage of the work, but the carrying out of this would cause much delay and give rise to the complaints which were common in towns where the system is in force, as well as do much to prevent some desirable building being carried on.

Upon a careful consideration of the whole matter, he could not advise such a procedure. Probably with better facilities for more frequent visits, and, one or two judicious prosecutions where the Bye Laws are infringed, instead of the sort of cautions that have been given in the past, the present system would answer every purpose of protecting the health of occupiers, although it might not be sufficient to enable the speculator to obtain a well-built house at the price of an inferior one.

Resolved, That £5 per annum be allowed to Mr. Moorman to provide himself with a tricycle and keep same in repair.

11—Land of Corporation at side of No. 1, St. George's Square—In reply to a letter received from Mr. W. D. Rogers, the owner of No. 1, St. George's Square, enquiring if the Corporation would sell to him the narrow strip of land belonging to them running alongside his house or grant him a right of way over it to afford a side entrance to his house, Resolved, To inform Mr. Rogers that the Corporation are not prepared to sell the land or grant any easement over it.

12—Land Side of No. 1, Hatherley Place—With reference to Minute and Resolution No. 8 of the proceedings of this Committee of date the 29th of July last, by which an application made by Mr. C. Haward for permission to enclose this piece of land with iron fencing similar to that in front of the other houses in Hatherley Place" was acceded to, a letter from Mr. J. Lanwarn, of Tivoli Place, was read, complaining that Mr. Harvard had close boarded the railings inside to a height of two feet above them, completely blocking the side view from the drawing room window of his house. Resolved, To inform Mr. Haward that this is an infringement of the conditions upon which he was allowed to enclose the ground, and that he be called upon to remove the boarding forthwith.

13—Hayward's Road—With reference to a letter received from the Charlton Kings Urban District Council stating that that Council had instructed their Surveyor to bring up a specification of the works necessary to be done, by or at the expense of the abutting owners, to put into repair so much of the half of this street situated within the Urban District of Charlton Kings as was coextensive with the frontages of the houses which had been built on the East side of the road, and suggesting that the Council of this borough should take similar action as regarded the half of the road within the borough of Cheltenham, Resolved, That, provided the Urban District Council of Charlton Kings will adopt a similar specification as regards the half of the road in Charlton Kings. the Borough Surveyor be instructed to bring up a specification of the works to be done by the abutting owners to pave, edge, channel, and remetel so much of the half of the said street situated within the borough of Cheltenham as is coextensive with the frontages of the houses which have been built on the East side of it.

14— Strip of Land in Front of Premises adjoining No. 4, Bedford Buildings—A letter from Messrs. Griffiths, Ryland & Co. was read calling attention to the fact that the leasehold interest of the Corporation acquired by them in the strip of land in front of the premises adjoining No. 4. Bedford Buildings had expired by effluxion of time, and they were instructed by the owners of the property to enquire whether the Corporation would now be willing to purchase the freehold of the same for £100, otherwise their clients would of course enclose the strip once more. Resolved, To adjourn consideration of the matter for the Town Clerk to report thereon.

15-- Collum End Road—In reply to a letter received from the Clerk to the Leckhampton Parish Meeting, Resolved, To inform him that the Borough Surveyor has received instructions to repair the part of the road between the Leckhampton Road and Leckhampton National Schools.

16-Street Watering—In reply to a letter from Councillor King-Harman calling attention to the necessity for more frequent watering of the streets, Resolved, To inform him that the matter shall receive attention.

17—Contribution by County Council to Maintenance of Main and Contribution Roads- The Chairman reported that, pursuant to resolution to Minute No. 19 of the proceedings of this Committee of date the 27th of January last, he and Councillor Parsonage, with the Borough Surveyor, had had an interview with the County Surveyor, when it was agreed to recommend that the agreement with the County Council of date the 29th of July, 1899, with regard to the annual amounts to be paid by the County Council in respect of the maintenance of main and contribution roads in the borough of Cheltenham, should be renewed for a further period of three years from the 31st of March, 1902. Councillor Parsonage reported that the Highways, Works and General Purposes Committee of the County Council had, at their meeting held on the 26th inst., resolved to recommend the County Council to renew the agreement for three years. Resolved, That the recommendation contained in the report of the Chairman be approved and adopted.

18—Cottages on Land at East End of Rosehill Street--With reference to a letter from the Rev. A. Armitage complaining that the Borough Surveyor had prevented the building operations being proceeded with on this land, Resolved, To remind Mr. Armitage that he signed an endorsement on the plans undertaking to remove all offensive matter from the site before building, and to inform him that the Committee, having viewed the site, find that this has not been done, and are of opinion that the site is not suitable in its present condition for building on.

19-- Asphalted," "Good Mortar," " Good Cement," and Good Concrete"—The Borough Surveyor presented a specification of each of the above terms as follows, viz. :—

"Asphalted"—A surface so prepared shall have the surface of the earth made perfectly smooth and even, and shall then be covered with a layer of material prepared in the following manner :—Clean hard cinder, hard burnt ballast, broken brick, or stone to pass a mesh of one inch referred to as the matrix shall be heated, and whilst so heated such quantity of boiling bitumen and tar be added so that the mixture shall consist of thirty parts of the matrix to eight parts of tar and one part of bitumen. The finished layer to be at least two inches in thickness and to be thoroughly rolled or rammed to a perfectly smooth surface.

"Good Mortar" shall be made of the following materials and proportions :—Not more than three parts by measure of clean sharp sand to one part, by measure, of good lime, thoroughly mixed and incorporated with clean water or clean hard cinder or clinker and lime in the like proportions, thoroughly ground and mixed in a mortar mill.

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"Good Cement" means the material known as "Portland Cement," having a resistance of 300lbs. per square inch when made into briquettes and immersed in water for a period of seven days. When used the cement is to be mixed with clean water. When used as mortar the foregoing cement is to be mixed with clean sharp sand in the proportions of one part, by measure, of cement to not more than four parts of clean sharp sand and as small a quantity as possible of clean water.

" Good Concrete" shall consist of one part, by measure, of good cement to not more than seven parts, by measure, of clean broken stone, brick, or clinker broken to a size of not larger than will pass a three-inch mesh, and shall be thoroughly mixed with such quantity of water as will render the whole mass damp, and not more. Or one part, by measure, of freshly burnt lias lime carefully and thoroughly slacked and mixed with not more than five parts, by measure, of clean broken stone, brick, or clinker, and such quantity of water as will bring the lime to the consistency of thin mortar. Resolved, That the above be approved and adopted as the specification of "Asphalted," "Good Mortar," "Good Cement," and "Good Concrete" referred to in the Bye Laws with respect to New Buildings.

20—Carriage Entrances to Houses West side of Montpelier Parade—Resolved, To give notice to the owners and occupiers of these houses that before permitting communication for horses or vehicles across the footway to afford access to their premises from the street, they must comply with the provisions of Sec. 41 of the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1889, and construct sufficient crossings over the footway of the street of such materials and in such manner as shall be satisfactory to the Borough Surveyor, in default of which they will be liable to a penalty.

21- Building Plans--Resolved, As regards situation and construction, to approve the following plans of proposed new buildings, viz., No. 1518, additions to No. 1, Conderton Villas, Hale's Road, for Mr. G. Smith, and No. 1513, two villas in London Road for Mr. A. D. Jenkins.

WILLIAM A. BAKER,

Chairman.

TRAMWAYS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 29th day of April, 1902—Present :
Councillors Baker, Bence, M. Davis, Hayward, Lawrence, Packer, Parsonage and J. Waghorne
(Councillor J. Waghorne in the chair)—

1-inquiry by Light Railway Commissioners—The Town Clerk reported that he had received notice from the Secretary of the Light Railway Commission that the Commissioners would, on the 15th proximo, at 10.15 o'clock, open a public Inquiry at the Art Gallery as to the expediency of granting the application which had been made to them for an Order to authorise the proposed extensions of the Cheltenham and District Light Railway. Resolved, To approve the principle of consenting to the proposed extensions provided satisfactory terms are arranged between the Corporation and the Company, and that the Town Clerk be authorised to instruct counsel to represent the Corporation at the Inquiry.

2-Agreement with the Company—The Town Clerk reported that Mr. Nevins had declined to deposit £5,000 at Lloyds Bank as security for carrying out the amendments to the existing line as specified by the Borough Surveyor, nor had he arranged for a security to the Bank for the like sum upon which the Corporation could draw. That Mr. Nevins contended that the greater part of the work had been already carried out, and he had signed an undertaking to raise and repave all the brick on the Gloucester Road if the Borough Surveyor requires it to correspond with the work already done by him, and to have all the bricking done to the satisfaction of the Committee, but if the work above mentioned is not carried out by him before the Inquiry takes place the Borough Surveyor is to be at liberty to make an estimate of what it will cost to carry out so much of the work as has not been done then, and he would deposit the amount of such estimate at Lloyds Bank in the name of the Corporation in money pending completion. As the bricks wear, the Company is to be at liberty from time to time to renew them with granite setts in the Gloucester Road. Resolved, That, having regard to the fact that a great deal of the work specified by the Boroughs Surveyor has been carried out, the undertaking above referred to be accepted and incorporated in the Agreement in lieu of the deposit of £5,000, and that the Resolutions to Minute No. 1 of this Committee's proceedings of date the 26th February last be varied accordingly.

The clauses of the Agreement having been settled, including, amongst others, a condition that the Company should pave with the same material as the track of the line the whole width of the High Street from channel to channel from a line level with the West side of Gloucester Road to a line level with the East side of the lane leading to Barrett's Mill, Resolved, That the same be re-drafted as now amended and submitted to the Solicitors to the Company for approval.

3-Lines of Extensions—Resolved, To approve the plan now laid before the Committee showing the lines and their positions in the streets, except that the passing hoes in the High Street between Winchcomb Street and Cambay shall commence where shown thereon in red.

J. WAGHORNE,

Chairman.

TOWN IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 21st day of April, 1902 — Present : The Mayor; Alderman Norman ; Councillors Bainbridge, Baker, Bence, Lawrence, Packer and Rickerby (Councillor Rickerby in the chair)—

1-- life Boat Demonstration—Resolved, To permit the Committee of the Life Boat Demonstration to have the use of a boat from Pittville, they being responsible for all damage and conveyance of same from and back to the boat house at Pittville.

2 -Town Band—A letter from Mr. J. Hall, the Conductor of the Town Band, was read, offering the services of the Band for 18 weeks from May 12th to September 13th, consisting of 12 performers in uniform, to play 2 hours per day each week at such times and places as ordered for £12 per week. The Band, with the consent of the Entertainments Sub-Committee, to be allowed occasionally to accept engagements out of the town when they shall forfeit their day's pay, or with such consent as aforesaid be allowed to extend the engagement until they have played so as to make up the number of days they have been absent. Resolved, That this offer be accepted.

3 -Entertainments Sub-Committee—The Entertainments Sub-Committee reported that they had accepted a tender of Mr. Hailing for the supply of 5000 copies of the Prospectus of Engagements for the sum of £10 7s. 6d.

That they had made the following additional engagements for Montpellier Gardens :—

Week ending July 19th, Cerise Pierrot Party —Corporation to receive 40 per cent.

Week ending September 6th, " The Serenaders."—Corporation to receive 40 per cent.

The terms for the Coldstream Guards Band to be altered to the same as for the Irish Guards Band.

The engagement of the Berlin Meister Orchestra to be extended for a week upon same terms :

The Winter Garden to be conditionally reserved for such week. The Winter Garden to be conditionally reserved for Bank Holidays and for days on which Military Bands are engaged.

That they recommended that tenders for 500 more chairs similar to those at present at Montpellier be advertised for.

That the Borough Surveyor do obtain tenders for repainting the Montpellier Band Stand white and gold, &c. in accordance with a specification to be prepared by him and that they be empowered to accept a tender.

That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have the part on which chairs are placed in front of the Proscenium at Montpellier gravelled forthwith.

That the 5s subscription to Montpellier include the right of free admittance to Pittville Gardens. That the age for children be raised from 7 to 10, and that out of the 5s subscription 3s 9d be credited to this Sub-Committee.

Resolved, That the recommendations of the Sub-Committee be approved and adopted, and that the Resolution to Minute No. 1 of this Committee's proceedings of date the 24th ulto. re Subscriptions to Montpellier be varied accordingly.

4--Admittance to Pittville of Members of Cavendish Tennis Club—A letter was read from Mr. F. W. Davey, on behalf of the members of this club, asking for special terms for admittance, as they paid 3 guineas for each court and proposed that 1s should be paid for each member of the club. Resolved, To inform Mr. Davey that a reduction has already been made to the club in the charge originally made for the courts, and the Committee do not consider they can recommend the Council to accede to the request.

5-- Damage by Painted Seats at Athletic Sports--A letter was read from Mr. A. C. White, Hon. Sec., of the Athletic Society, with which he forwarded a copy of a letter received from Mr. S. H. Bath of No. 2, Priory Terrace, claiming £3 3s. with the right to retain the damaged articles for damage done to a coat and skirt which his wife was securing and seas spoilt by contact with a recently painted seat, placed for the accommodation of visitors at the Athletic Festival at Montpellier Gardens on the 31st of March last. Resolved, To adjourn consideration of the matter for the Borough Surveyor to investigate and report upon.

6— Advertising—Resolved, Not to entertain proposals received for advertising the town in the holiday number of " The Financial News," " The Medical Review," and The Gordon Hotels Limited Universal Hotel Guide " Where to Stay."

A letter was read from Messrs. Cornelius and Boulter with reference to the proposed advertising facilities between Jamaica and Cheltenham, asking to be informed when the Cheltenham advertising matter is packed ready for shipment as they would collect it and have it placed on board the boat and enclosing a copy of a letter received from Messrs. Elder Dempster and Co., stating that they wished to get copies of " Jamaica" officially stamped and placed in the Municipal offices and buildings, and any public reading rooms in Cheltenham ; also to have one or two framed pictures of their steamers hung in good positions, in return for which they would send out framed photographs or guide books which the Council may desire to Jamaica to be distributed in their hotels and circulated on board their steamers among the passengers. Resolved, That the suggestions be cordially accepted and that Councillors Bainbridge and Packer be requested to bring up a report and recommendation as to providing framed photos of the town to send out to Jamaica.

7-- Yeomanry Tournament at Montpellier—Resolved, To inform Quartermaster R. C. Bastin that as the Gardens are engaged on August Bank Holiday, the Council are unable to accede to a request received from him to grant an application on behalf of The Royal Gloucester Hussars Imperial Yeomanry for the use of Montpellier Gardens on that day on the same terms and conditions as previous years for the purpose of holding the Fifth Annual Military Tournament.

8— Football at Montpellier Gardens.— A letter was read front Captain Henderson and Mr. Clerke Burton with which they forwarded a petition signed by 88 ratepayers resident in the neighbourhood of Montpellier Gardens, against the suggestion that the use of Montpellier Gardens for football should be granted next winter to the Rugby Football Club as formerly. Resolved, that having regard to this influential and numerous signed petition which has been presented by a large number of

rate-payers and residents in the locality, in opposition to the proposal, the Council deem it incumbent to refuse the application of the Football Club.

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9—Lodge at Essex Lodge Entrance to Pittville—The Borough Surveyor laid before the Committee the working drawings for the erection of this building. Resolved, To advertise for tenders for same.

10—Band at Recreation Grounds- -Resolved, To instruct the Entertainments Sub-Committee to arrange for a band to play one evening each week during the summer in the Agg -Gardner and Naunton Recreation Grounds.

11—Marle Rill Annexe—Resolved, To instruct the Borough Surveyor to provide for the man in charge, a shelter at the Hanover Parade Entrance to the Marle Hill Annexe to Pittville Park.

12--Electric Lighting at Winter Garden—Resolved, To request the Lighting Committee to supply the electric energy for lighting the Winter Garden upon the same terms as are conceded to ;Cavendish House and other large establishments in the town.

T. E. RICKERBY,

Chairman.

LIGHTING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Saturday, the 12th day of April, 1902— Present: The Mayor; Alderman Norman; Councillors Bainbridge, Baker, Handley, Hayward, Parsonage and J. Waghorne (Alderman Norman in the chair)—

1—Electric Power Supply for Light Railway from Brockworth to Gloucester—In reply to a letter from the Clerk to the County Council enquiring whether the Cheltenham Corporation would be willing to supply the Gloucestershire County Council with electric power to work a Light Railway between the Cross Hands Inn at Brockworth and the City Boundary of Gloucester in the event of the County Council making and constructing such a line and desiring to take such power from the Cheltenham Corporation, Resolved. That the Committee unanimously recommend the Town Council to express their willingness and ability to furnish the supply subject to terms being arranged.

GEO. NORMAN,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Wednesday, the 23rd day of April, 1902--Present: The Mayor ; Alderman Norman ; Councillors Bainbridge, Baker, Handley, Parsonage, Stroud and J. Waghorne (Alderman Norman in the chair)—

2—Gas Examiner's Report—The Gas Examiner reported that he had tested the gas during the past month with the following results, viz. :—

ILLUMINATING POWER.		PURITY.	
1902 April 4th..	15.63 candles	1902	Grains of Sulphur per 100 cubic ft.
"4th..	16.16 "	April	
"19th..	15.93 "	4th-5th	11.93
		19th—20th	15.99
Average ..	15.91 "	Average ..	13.96

3---Gas Inspector's Report--The Gas Inspector reported that the hourly average consumption, of gas in the street lamps during the past month, had been as follows, viz.:—Lamps with 4.5 ft. barriers, 4.274 cubic feet ; Guildhall lamps with No. 4 incandescent burners, 5.026 cubic feet ; lamps with No. 3 incandescent burners, 3.6385 cubic feet.

4—Lamp Bank--This Book was produced and examined. Ordinary lamps extinguished, tottered, 6 unmetred; 11 Incandescent extinguished and a burning dimly.

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5-Shadowless lanterns—With reference to the letter from the Clerks to the Gas Company offering on behalf of the Company to substitute 91 of these lamps in groups, as specified in Minute No. 4 of the proceedings of this Committee at their last meeting, upon the terms and conditions set out in the letter of the Clerks to the Company of the 11th of November last, Resolved, To request the Directors of the Company to receive a deputation from this Committee to discuss this and other matters.

6 -Lighting of Rowanfield Road—Resolved, To adjourn for view consideration of a letter received from Mr. W. Westcott directing attention to the need for additional lighting in this road.

7—Report of the Borough Electrical Engineer—The Electrical Engineer reported that all work, both of extensions and ordinary running, had progressed satisfactorily during the past month, and that the equivalent of more than 36,000 8-candle-power lamps were connected to the private supply mains. That, with reference to the appended Schedule of Tenders received at the last Committee meeting for the supply of arc lamp carbons during the current financial year, he had made careful tests, and recommended acceptance of Messrs. Johnson and Phillips' tender at £2 1s. 3d. per 1,000.

ARC LAMP CARBONS—SCHEDULE OF TENDERS.

	Mark.	Price per 1000 11 ½ in. Rods.
General Electric Co., Ltd.		40s
Crompton and Co., Ltd.	W.C.	41s 3d
De Grelle Houdret and Co.	G. x 1.	41s 3d
Johnson and Phillips	W.C.	41s 3d
Sloan Electrical Co., Ltd	W.C.	41s 3d
Oscar Scholzig		43s
Brush Electrical Engineering Co., Ltd	C	46s 6d
Electrical Co., Ltd.	U	48s
G. Braulik		48s 8 ½d
Brush Electrical Engineering Co., Ltd	A.	49s 6d

Fabius Henrion		49s 6d
H. M. Salmony and Co., Ltd		49s 8d
English Electrical Carbon Co., Ltd.	Phoebus.	52s-
Krupka and Jacoby		52s
International Electric Co	Electra.	57s
De Grelle Houdret and Cu .	W. x 1.	63s
Brush Electrical Engineering Co., Ltd.	D.	65s
“ “ “	E.	67s 3d
Crompton and Co., Ltd	Krone.	68s 3d
Brush Electrical Engineering Cn., Ltd.	B.	68s 6d
Electrical Co., Ltd.	A.	69s
“ “	S.A	70s
Siemens Bros. and Co., Ltd.	R.	82s 10d
A “ “ “	A.	152s 8d

That applications for electric supply to Lansdown Court and to two new villas in the Leckhampton Road had been received. That the necessary extensions would cost £90 and £230 respectively, and that he recommended carrying out the former when required and deferring the latter until further applications had been received from residents along the route of the proposed extension. Resolved, That the report and recommendations of the Electrical Engineer be approved and adopted.

8 --Tenders for Coal—The following tenders for coal were received and referred to the Electrical Engineer to report upon, viz.:—

Gwinnell, H. A. & Co. Trafalgar Small	9s 7d
Sawyer, W. & Co. Foxes Bridge Small	9s 10d
Gwinnell, H. A. & Co. Cannop Level Small	10s
Sawyer, W. & Co Whittington Small	10s 6d
Webb Bros. Ltd. Park Iron, Small	10s 7d
Nott, A. H. Princess Royal Small	10s 9d
Gwinnell, H. A. & Co Lydbrook Small	11s 2d
Nott, A. H. Norchard Small	11s 3d
Webb Bros. Ltd. Park Iron Medium Thro'	11s 7d
Powell Duffryn Steam Coal Co. Aberamon Small (see a)	11s 9d
Nott, A. H. Park End Deep Navigation Medium Thro'	12s
Nott, A. H. Norchard, Medium Thro'	12s 3d
Voile, T. & Co Bwllfa & Nerthyr Dare Small	12s 4d
Nott, A. H. Norchard Thro' & Thro'	13s 3d
Nixon's Navigation Co. Own Small (see a)	13s 7d
Nott, A. H. Cwmaman Small	13s 0d
Nott, A. H. Princess Royal Thro'	14s 3d
North's Navigation Collieries Ltd. .. Own Pea (see a)	15s 3d
Tredegar Iron & Coal Co., Ltd. Own Pea	15s 9d
Tredegar Iron & Coal Co., Ltd. Own Nut	16s 9d
Nott, A. H. Princess Royal Large	17s 3d

Nott, A. H. Fforchwen Nut Large	17s 0d
Nott, A. H. North Blaina Large	18s 4d
Nott, A. H. Cwmaman Large	20s 10d

(a) 1/3 for haulage has been added to each of these tenders, which were for coal delivered at the Great Western Railway Station, Cheltenham.

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9—Coal Supply—Letters from Messrs. H. A. Gwinnell & Co. were read requesting to be informed why the tenders for coal were to be sent in to the Electrical Engineer instead of the Town Clerk. Also why new coal was being tested at the Electric Works prior to the receipt of tenders by the Committee. Also expressing their dissatisfaction that the tenders which had been invited were only for the supply of slack coal for the Works, as quantities of coal were used at the Works other than slack.

10—Salary of the Electrical Engineer—A letter from the Electrical Engineer, dated the 18th of December last, consideration of which had been adjourned, was read applying for an increase of his salary from £400 to £500 per annum. Resolved, That the salary of the Electrical Engineer be increased to £450 per annum frosts the 31st of December last and to £500 per annum from the 30th of June next.

11---Telephonic Disturbance--In reply to a letter from the General Manager of the National Telephone Company complaining that the interference with the telephone service in the borough due to the leakage and induction from the Electric Light Works still continued, Resolved, To inform the writer that the Electrical Engineer reports that a large amount of work had been done on the arc lighting mains both as regards testing and renewals of some slightly faulty parts, the insulation to earth had been considerably improved and was very good, and if further testing should indicate the possibility of further improvement the necessary steps would be taken at once to secure it.

12—Accounts—Alderman Norman having to leave, Councillor Baker was appointed Chairman for the purpose of submitting the Accounts for payment.

GEO. NORMAN,

Chairman.

WATER COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Thursday, the 24th day of April, 1902---Present Councillors Baker, Bendall, M. Davis, King-Harman, Lawrence, Packer and H. Waghorne (Councillor H. Waghorne in the chair)—

1—Report of the Water Engineer—The Water Engineer reported that on the 23rd instant the supply from Hewletts springs was 112.22 gallons, the average for the past three years being 184 gallons per minute, and the quantity of water in store at Hewletts and Leckhampton was 10,243,835 gallons.

On the 22nd instant the Dowdeswell Reservoir was 23ft. 1 ¾ in. in depth, and the contents 57,581,729 gallons, exclusive of the daily yield of the streams, which was then 895,978 gallons, which gave a total storage of 67,825,564 gallons, or about 64 days' supply.

The Reservoir at Dowdeswell had gained 2 feet during the last month owing to the unusual rainfall, but that gave very little security against a prolonged drought.

With a view to providing for such an emergency he had arranged to have the boilers and pumps at Sandford Mead put in order, which involved repairs to the condenser which were being carried out by Messrs. Meats and Co.

He also reported that he had received an application from Mrs. Daubeney, of No. 10, Pittville Lawn, for a free supply of water to a cattle trough near the Cross Hands Inn on the Tewkesbury Road, which could be obtained from the 3-inch main taken to supply Arle village or direct from the 9-inch main which passes under the suggested site. Resolved, That the action of the Borough Surveyor as regards the restoration to working order of the pumping machinery, &c., at Sandford Mead be approved, and that the application of Mrs. Daubeney be acceded to.

2--Loans of £8,591 and £17,000—A letter from the Local Government Board was read acknowledging receipt of applications for sanctions to borrow these amounts, and requesting plans and detailed statement and estimate of the cost of the works. The Borough Surveyor stated that these were in hand and would shortly be ready to forward to the Board.

3—Coal Supply at Tewkesbury—A letter was read from Messrs. H. A. Gwinnell and Co. suggesting that the coal required for the works at Tewkesbury should be tendered for.

4-Tenders for Coal —The following tenders were received for a supply of 5 tons of House Coal and 100 tons of Engine Slack at Sandford Waterworks, and 6 tons of House Coal at Dowdeswell Reservoir, viz.:—

Name of Dealer.	Works.	Name of Mine.	Description.	Price per Ton.	
H. A. Gwinnell & Co. ..	Sandford	Holly Bush	House Coal	19s	
"	"	(Various	Engine Slack	8s 6d	
"	"	(Parkend	Engine Slack	9s 10d	
"	"	(Light Moor	Engine Slack	9s 10d	
"	"	Dowdeswell	Holly Bush	House Coal	21s 6d

Name of Dealer.	Works.	Name of Mine.	Description.	Price per Ton.
A. H. Nott	Sandford	Valley	House Coal	18s 6d
"	"	New Bowson or Princess Royal	Engine Slack	11s 3d
"	Dowdeswell	Valley	House Coal	21s
T. Fowler	Sandford	Ansley Hall	House Coal	17s 6d
"	"	Ditto	Engine Slack	8s 11d

"	Dowdeswell	Ditto	House Coal	18s 6d
W. Sawyer & Co.	Sandford	Kingsbury	House Coal	19s 6d
"	"	Foxes Bridge	Engine Slack	10s 6d
"	"	Yard	Engine Slack	8s 6d
"	Dowdeswell	Kingsbury	House Coal	22s
J. Williams & Co.	Sandford	Birch Coppice	House Coal	20s
"	"	Ditto	Engine Slack, fine	
"	"	Ditto	Engine Slack, good rough	14s
	Dowdeswell	Ditto	House Coal	22s
A. G. Stockwell	Sandford	Nuneaton	House Coal	21s 6d
"	"	Parkend	Engine Slack	12s
"	Dowdeswell		House Coal	25s
T. Voile & Co.	Sandford	Birch Coppice	House Coal	18s 6d
"	"	Ditto	Engine Slack	8s
"	Dowdeswell	Ditto	House Coal	19s 6d
Webb Bros. Ltd.	Sandford	Glascote	House Coal	19s
"	"	Park Iron (Trenchard Seam)	Engine Slack	11s 6d
"	"	Trafalgar	Engine Slack	10s 6d
"	"	Princess Royal	Engine Slack	12s
"	"	Nixon's Navigation Smokeless Welsh Steam	Engine Slack	16s
"	Dowdeswell	Glascote	House Coal	21s-

Resolved, That the tender of Mr. T. Fowler be accepted subject to a sample ton of each sort of coal being sent for test and proving satisfactory.

5---Land near Sandford Pumping Station—A letter was read from Mr. Hough, the tenant of the triangular piece of land lying between the Click and the public footpath, stating that about three years ago he was given leave by the Council to erect a shed upon the land and put a gas engine and carpet beating machine in same, for which concession he agreed to pay, and had since paid, an additional rent of 20s per annum. The shed and machinery had cost him over £400. That if the Council intended to determine his tenancy pursuant to the notice which had been served on him, it would entail a serious loss, and he trusted the rearrangement of the holdings could be effected without disturbing his tenancy. He would, however, be willing to purchase at a fair price either the whole of the garden or the part upon which he had his shed and the roadway to it, or if allowed to retain the latter only (and give up the garden belonging to it) at any charge not excessive, he would agree to this, but if the whole should be taken from him he was sure the Committee would admit

that he would be entitled to compensation for a removal which would be costly and very inconvenient to him. Resolved, That consideration of the matter be adjourned, and that in the meantime Mr. Hough be requested to inform the Committee what rent he would be prepared to offer for a continuance of his existing tenancy.

6--Pollution of Severn at Worcester and Upton--A letter having been read from the Medical Officer of Health representing to the Committee that in view of the increasing consumption of Severn water in the borough he believed it to be the duty of the Corporation to take immediate action against the Corporation of Worcester, under the Rivers Pollution Prevention Act or otherwise, to prevent the continued pollution of the river at Worcester, Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to again write to the Town Clerk of Worcester to ascertain if the wayleaves referred to by the Town Clerk of Worcester in his letter of date the 12th of December last have all been obtained, and what steps the Corporation of Worcester have taken and intend promptly to take to abate the cause of complaint, and that the Town Clerk be also instructed to call the attention of the County Councils of Worcestershire and Gloucestershire to the pollution of the river at Worcester and Upton, and to suggest that if necessary they should exercise the powers conferred upon them by Sec. 14 of the Local Government Act, 1888.

7—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 22nd day of April, 1902—Present : The Mayor ; Aldermen Haddon and Norman; Councillors Baker, Gurney, Hayward, Lamb, Parsonage, Rickerby, Stroud and J. Waghorne (The Mayor in the chair)—

1—Fire Brigade—The Superintendent of the Fire Brigade reported that on the 13th instant, the Brigade was summoned to extinguish a fire at No. 323a, High Street, Cheltenham, premises occupied by Mr. Wooton, Fancy Draper, &c., when damage was done to the extent of £100.

That the expenses of the brigade amounted to £3 11s. 0d., particulars of which had been furnished to the Borough Accountant to enable him to claim same from the Office in which the property was insured.

Resolved, That the old fire escape be now removed and stationed on the site chosen for it near the Norwood Arms.

2—Drivers' Licences—Resolved, Not to accede to an application received from James Williams of No. 13, Hamilton Place for a driver's licence, and in the absence of William Henry Leopard of No. 4, High Street, to adjourn consideration of a similar application received from him. The Street Inspector reported that William Smith and Charles Birch had each been twice convicted of offences in contravention of the law relating to hackney carriages within 12 months. Resolved, To instruct the Town Clerk to write to them letters warning them of the consequences of further convictions.

3- Hackney Carriage Licences-- Resolved, To accede to the application made on behalf of Alfred Young of Hafod Cottage for the transfer to him of the landau license No 56 held by Josiah Jones of Clarence Mews. An application having been received from Joseph Williams of the Co-operative Mews, Grosvenor Place South, for an open carriage licence, Resolved, To inform him that as there is no vacant licence the Council are unable to accede to his application. Complaint having been received of occasions on which there had been no cabs at the Railway Stations to meet the arrival of trains in the evening and early morning. Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to write to the Great Western and Midland Railway Companies to draw their attention to the matter.

4—Inspection of Hackney Carriages, Omnibuses and Wheel Chairs—Resolved, To hold the Annual Inspection of hackney carriages, omnibuses and wheel chairs, at the Depot, on Friday, the 30th of May ; omnibuses and hackney carriages at 8.45, and wheel chairs at 10 o'clock.

5—Annual Licensing Meeting-- -Resolved, That this meeting be held on Friday, the 6th of June, at the Winter Garden, at 10.30.

6—Coal Supply --A letter was read from Messrs. H. A. Gwinnell and Co., suggesting that the coal required in the department of the Committee be contracted for.

7-Report of the Art Gallery Sub-Committee—This Sub-Committee reported that they had had a meeting, on the 22nd instant, when there were present—Aldermen Haddon and Norman ; Councillor Hayward and The Baron de Ferrieres.

That in the absence of the Chairman, Alderman Haddon was appointed Chairman at that meeting.

That it was Resolved to accept a tender of Messrs. R. S. and C. Marshall to connect the Art Gallery and the Library by telephone at an inclusive cost of 62s 6d.

That it was Resolved to insure the loan exhibit of embroidery from South Kensington for to include risk of transit, and

That the Curator be authorised to instruct Mr. M. H. Reay to paint the outside ironwork of the roof of the Art Gallery. Resolved, That the resolutions of the Art Gallery Sub-Committee be approved and adopted.

8--Outdoor Wesleyan Service in St. George's Square—An application having been received from Councillor Bence for permission for the Wesleyan Church of St. George's Street to hold an outdoor service in St. George's Square, on the 12th proximo, on the occasion of their annual synod, and stating that he had obtained the consent of the other owners of the Square, Resolved, That so far as the Council can give such consent the application be acceded to.

9--Coronation—Resolved, That The Mayor, Aldermen Norman and Winterbotham, and Councillor J. Waghorne be requested to draw up an Address to the King on the occasion of his Coronation ; and that Councillors Baker, Hayward, Lamb Rickerby and Stroud be appointed a Sub-Committee to arrange for the decoration of the Municipal Buildings in the Borough, and to bring up an estimate of the sum that will be required for this purpose.

RICHARD ROGERS, Chairman.

MINERAL WATERS AND BATHS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Friday, the 18th day of April, 1902—Present The Mayor ; Alderman Norman ; Councillors Baker, R. Davies, Handley, Hayward and Parsonage (Councillor Davies in the chair)—

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

2-Montpellier Baths—The Borough Surveyor reported that the brine bath was fit for use except that the cane lounges which had been obtained did not meet the requirements of some of the medical men, and he had therefore arranged to have light wood couches.

Councillor Davies laid before the Committee the draft of a circular which he proposed should be sent out to all the medical men in the County of Gloucester, excepting the neighbourhood of Bristol and Bath, and also in parts of the Counties of Hereford and Oxford bordering upon the County of Gloucester. Resolved, That the same be approved and that 500 copies be printed for distribution as proposed by Dr. Davies.

Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have the table of charges reprinted for distribution with the circular relating to the brine bath.

Resolved, That in future the charge for swimming lessons shall also include free admittance to the swimming bath.

Resolved, To inform Mr. T. J. F. Haskoll of Brandon House School and Miss James of Suffolk Hall School in reply to letters received from them on the subject, that the Committee are not prepared to recommend the Council to depart from the resolution of the Baths and Recreation Grounds Committee to Minute No. 9 of the proceedings of that Committee of date the 2nd of October last approved by the Council, that in future the use of the swimming bath be not reserved for the exclusive use of boys' schools.

In reply to a letter received from the Hon. Sec. of the Cheltenham Swimming and Water Polo Club. Resolved, To inform him that the Committee will accede to his request to receive a deputation at their next meeting from the club with reference to the use by them of the swimming bath for two Aquatic Displays during the season, the club having received applications for fixtures from Oxford University Swimming Club and Manchester Osborne Swimming Club.

3—Alstone Baths—The Borough Surveyor reported that he had obtained the following tenders for two gross of bathing drawers, VIZ :-

	£	s.	d.
Lance and Co., Limited	7	16	0
E. L. Ward (late Stranger)	6	18	0
Dicks and Sons, Limited	8	6	0
Rees Jones ..	9	12	0

Drake and Co.—Not to sample 5s 7 ½d, 5s 11 ½d, 6s 9d, 7s 11d per doz. Cavendish House Company—Not to sample.

and that he had accepted the tender of Mr. E. L. Ward. Resolved, That the action of the Borough Surveyor be approved, and that for the future one penny be charged for the use of bathing drawers in either of the swimming baths at Alstone.

In reply to a letter from Mr. H. Edwards on behalf of the Managing Committee of the Lyefield Schools, Charlton Kings. Resolved, to inform him that the boys attending those schools may use the open air swimming bath upon the same terms as last year, viz., upon payment of 1d. each ; but that the Committee are unable to make arrangements for granting the use of the bath for the girls, and that he should arrange with the Superintendent at the baths as to the days and times when it would be most convenient for the boys to be received.

4-Supply of Coal to the Baths—A letter from Messrs. H. A. Gwinnell and Co. was read, suggesting that contracts be made for the supply of coal for the baths.

RICHARD DAVIES,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Thursday, the 24th day of April, 1902—Present : Councillors Baker, Handley, Parsonage and Stroud (Councillor Stroud in the chair)—

5— Shaft Well at Pittville—With reference to Minute No. 4 of this Committee's proceedings of date the 21st ulto., the Borough Surveyor reported that the lower part of the shaft well at Pittville had entirely collapsed, that in consequence he had directed the contractor who was at the time engaged on the work of clearing out the debris resulting from the first (partial) falling in to cease work and render his account for what had been done by him to that time. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be directed to forthwith prepare a report on the best method of clearing out the shaft and preventing the recurrence of a collapse in the future, together with a plan and estimate of the cost.

Also Resolved, That in view of the extreme urgency of the matter this Committee be empowered to take action upon the report of the Borough Surveyor when presented, and to carry out, if so resolved by the Committee, his recommendations.

HERBERT STROUD,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 28th day of April, 1902—Present: The Mayor; Alderman Norman; Councillors Baker, Handley, Parsonage and Stroud (Councillor Stroud in the chair,—

6— Montpellier Swimming Bath—In consequence of defects in the white glass lining of the sides of the Swimming Bath, Resolved, That, as the matter is one of great urgency, the Borough Surveyor be instructed to employ Messrs. C. H. Channon & Son forthwith to strip off the existing lining and

replace it, in accordance with a specification to be prepared by the Borough Surveyor, with the best procurable white tiles, at an estimated cost of £80, and that notice be published of the closing of the Bath during the carrying out of the work.

HERBERT STROUD,

Chairman.

RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 21st day of April, 1902—Present The Mayor ; Aldermen Holliday and Norman ; Councillors Baker, Bainbridge, Bendall, Handley, King-Harman and Lamb (Councillor Lamb in the chair)—

1- Cricket at Agg Gardner Recreation Ground— In reply to a letter from Mr. N. Carter, hon. treasurer of the St. Paul's Old Boys' Cricket Club, applying for permission to use the Agg-Gardner Recreation Ground for playing cricket matches on Saturday afternoons through the season, Resolved, That having regard to the resolution of this Committee to Minute No. 4 of their proceedings of date the 18th of April, 1898, approved by the Council, that they cannot reserve any part of a public recreation ground for the exclusive use of any particular section of the ratepayers, Mr. Carter be informed that the Council are unable to accede to his application.

2- Coronation Celebration Day—Resolved, To place the Recreation Grounds at the disposal of the Committee formed for celebrating the King's Coronation on the 26th of June next.

3—Visitors - Resolved, To appoint Visitors for the ensuing month as follows:—Councillors Bendall and Handley for Naunton Park ; Councillors Bainbridge and Baker for the Agg-Gardner, Barrett's Mill, and Grove Street Recreation Grounds ; and Councillors King-Harman and Lamb for the East Ward Recreation Ground.

ARTHUR LAMB,

Chairman.

BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Friday, the 26th day of April, 1902—Present Alderman Haddon ; Councillors Baker, Bence, M. Davis, Packer and Stroud (Alderman Haddon in the chair)—

1—Cemetery—Resolved, To accept an offer from Mr. Minett, of Lynworth Farm, Prestbury, to purchase the grass at the Cemetery., as last year, for the sum of £5. Also that the Borough Surveyor be instructed to supply the Superintendent with 3 new scythes, 2 pairs of shears, one edging knife. and half-pound of Emery powder.

2- Designs--Resolved, To approve the following designs, viz: Footstone to Elizabeth Nichols ; Headstones to William Ball, Geoffrey Leonard Wallich, George L. Aston, Elizabeth Agnes Whiting, Emma Brereton, Sarah Anne Ducat, Amy Constance Dysdale, H. W. Wood; and Kerbing to grave of Elizabeth Taylor.

JOHN HADDON, Chairman.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 29th day of April, 1902—Present: The Mayor ; Alderman Skillicorne ; Councillors Bence, Gurney, Handley, Hayward, King-Harman, Parsonage and J. Waghorne (Councillor Gurney in the chair)—

1-Ewlyn Road Private Improvement Expenses—Resolved, To accede to a request made by Mr. W. Smith of Yewdale, Leckhampton, to pay the balance of £37 9s. 2d. due from him by instalments of £5 per quarter, on interest being paid at 5 per cent. per annum.

2-Salary of the Borough Accountant—The Borough Accountant having renewed the applications made by him in September, 1900, and again in June last, for an increase of his salary, at present £450 per annum. Resolved, That he be granted an increase of £100 per annum, to commence from the 5th proximo.

3—Accounts — The Financial Statement of the Receipts and Expenditure since the last Meeting and the Bills and Accounts to be paid were examined, and the latter, amounting to £12,039 .6s. 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 6th March last	£86,438 8 4
Paid since that date	<u>£11,891 9 10</u>
	£98,329 18 2
Received since that date	£ 3,041 17 2
Overdrawn	£95,288 1 0
Being Ordinary Rates Expenditure	£ 8,536 14 11
Electric Lighting, Water & other Capital Accounts	<u>£86,751 6 1</u>
	£95,288 1 0

W. GERALD GURNEY,

Chairman.

PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 22nd day of April, 1902—Present The Mayor; Alderman Haddon ; Councillors Hayward and King-Harman ; the Revs. J. Evans. G. Gardner, J. A. Owen ; the Baron de Ferrieres and Messrs. Butler, Cresswell and Palmer (Councillor Hayward in the chair)—

1-Librarian's Report—The Librarian reported that since the last monthly meeting of the Committee the sum of £5 10s. 8d. had been received for fines, catalogues, cards, and sales of newspapers.

That the estimated number of books consulted in the open book-case was 30 per day or a total of 1077 for the current year, giving a total daily average of 75 with the number of consultations recorded.

2-Report of the Sub-Committee—The Sub-Committee reported that they recommended that the list of New books submitted be approved and purchased at a cost of about £12.

That the list of Worn-out books be approved and the books replaced at a cost of about £7.

That the offer of a free copy of the "Rechabite Temperance Magazine" for the newsroom be accepted.

That H. C. Williams be appointed Junior Assistant at the wages of 6s per week, and

That an offer from the Rev. J. A. Owen of a free copy of the "Temperance Chronicle" for the newsroom each week be accepted.

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

C. HAYWARD,

Chairman.

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SCHOOL ATTENDANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Wednesday, the 30th day of April, 1902—Present : Aldermen Holliday and Skillicorne ; Councillors Bainbridge, Lawrence and Parsonage (Alderman Skillicorne in the chair)—

1—Attendance Officers' Report—The Monthly Report of the Attendance Officers was read, from which it appeared that duplicate registers had been received from 40 schools, from which 677 names of absentee children had been extracted, all of whom had been visited. They also reported that the parents of 33 children had been summoned to attend before the Local Committees, who had held 5 meetings ; that 13 parents had been prosecuted, and 11 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. :— Annie Davis, Esparto Hopkins, Annie Richards, and Louisa Hunt.

3—Elementary Education (Blind and Deaf Children) Act, 1893—A letter was read from the Rev. G. W. L. Cass, Curate of St. Stephen's, stating that in that parish resided a blind child, William Robinson, of No. 37, Tivoli Street, aged 6 years, the parents of whom were too poor to provide him with the special education necessary, and requesting the Council to send the boy to some Blind School or Institution, in which case the mother would contribute one shilling a week towards the boy's maintenance in the Institution, which was the utmost she could afford. Resolved, To instruct the Town Clerk to ascertain if the General Institution for the Blind at Edgbaston, Birmingham, is certified by the Board of Education as suitable for providing elementary education for blind children, and, if so, upon what terms the boy would be received in that Institution, and that further consideration of the letter from Mr. Cass be in the meantime adjourned.

W. NASH SKILLICORNE, Chairman.

Borough of Cheltenham

MINUTES of the Proceedings of Committees of the Town Council to be submitted for approval at the Special Meeting of the Council, to be held on Tuesday, the 13th day of May, 1902.

TRAMWAYS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held On Tuesday, the 29th day of April, 1902—Present :
Councillors Baker, Bence, M. Davis, Hayward, Lawrence, Packer, Parsonage and J. Waghorne
(Councillor J. Waghorne in the chair)—

1—Inquiry by Light Railway Commissioners—The Town Clerk reported that he had received notice from the Secretary of the Light Railway Commission that the Commissioners would, on the 15th proximo, at 10.15 o'clock, open a public Inquiry at the Art Gallery as to the expediency of granting the application which had been made to them for an Order to authorise the proposed extensions of the Cheltenham and District Light Railway. Resolved, To approve the principle of consenting to the proposed extensions provided satisfactory terms are arranged between the Corporation and thy Company, and that the Town Clerk be authorised to instruct counsel to represent the Corporation at the Inquiry.

2— Agreement with the Company—The Town Clerk reported that Mr. Nevins had declined to deposit £5,000 at Lloyds Bank as security for carrying out the amendments to the existing line as specified by the Borough Surveyor, nor had he arranged for a security to the Bank for the like sum upon which the Corporation could draw. That Mr. Nevins contended that the greater part of the work had been already carried out, and he had signed an undertaking to raise and repave all the brick on the Gloucester Road if the Borough Surveyor requires it to correspond with the work already done by him, and to have all the bricking done to the satisfaction of the Committee, but if the work above mentioned is not carried out by him before the Inquiry takes place the Borough Surveyor is to be at liberty to make an estimate of what it will cost to carry out so much of the work as has riot been done then, and he would deposit the amount of such estimate at Lloyds Bank in the name of the Corporation in money pending completion. As the bricks wear, the Company is to be at liberty from time to time to renew them with granite setts in the Gloucester Road. Resolved, That, having regard to the fact that a great deal of the work specified by the Borough Surveyor has been carried out, the undertaking above referred to be accepted and incorporated in the Agreement in lieu of the deposit of £5,000, and that the Resolutions to Minute No. 1 of this Committee's proceedings of date the 26th February last be varied accordingly. The clauses of the Agreement having been settled, Resolved, That the same be re-drafted and submitted to the Solicitors to the Company for approval.

3—lines of Extensions—Resolved, To approve the plan now laid before the Committee showing the lines and their positions in the streets, except that the passing lines in the High Street between Winchcomb Street and Cambray shall commence where shown thereon in red.

J. WAGHORNE,

Chairman

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Friday, the 2nd day of May, 1902—Present: The Mayor ; Councillors Baker, Bence, Hayward, Lawrence, Packer, Parsonage and J. Waghorne (Councillor J. Waghorne in the chair)—

4---Agreement with the Company—The Committee having considered objections which had been made to the proposed Agreement by the Solicitors to the Company, and the same having been revised, Resolved, That as now settled the terms of the Agreement be approved, and that the Solicitors to the Company be informed that the consent of the Council to the application and their support thereof is conditional upon the Agreement being sealed by the Company and delivered to the Town Clerk before the Inquiry by the Light Railway Commissioners is held.

J. WAGHORNE, Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Wednesday, the 7th day of May, 1902—Present The Mayor; Councillors Baker, Bence, M. Davis, Hayward, Packer, Parsonage and J. Waghorne (Councillor J. Waghorne in the chair)—

5—Agreement—The Town Clerk reported that the Seal of the Cheltenham and District Light Railway Company had been affixed to the Agreement as settled at the last meeting of the Committee.

6—Railway in High Street—A letter from Mr. C. F. Dobell and copies of memorials from Mr. J. M. Skarratt and Mr. E. C. Green and others to the Light Railway Commissioners, which had been sent to the Council, expressing disapproval of the proposed extension along the High Street, were further considered. Resolved, To inform the memorialists that due consideration has from time to time been given by the Committee to the views expressed in the memorials above referred to, but the Committee are unable to give effect thereto.

Letters were read from Mr. Mansbridge, hon. sec. to the Chamber of Commerce for Cheltenham and District, enclosing copies of the following resolutions of that Chamber, viz.:--(1) "That this Chamber approves of the extension of the Cheltenham " and District Light Railway to Charlton Kings and Leckhampton."- (2) " Whilst agreeing with the general extension of " the Cheltenham and District Light Railway, this Chamber is of opinion that the proposed route through the High Street " would be impracticable."

7—Sunday Running—A memorial from the Rev. Canon Roxby and other clergy and ministers of religion in Cheltenham and neighbourhood, asking the Council to exercise their influence to prevent the running of cars over the railway on Sundays. which had from time to time been considered by the Committee, was again considered Resolved, To inform the memorialists that Mr. Nevins had given the Committee to understand that he would, in deference to the wish expressed, cease the running of the trams on Sunday mornings, and would not in the future commence the running of cars on Sundays before 12.30 p.m.

8—Regulations of the Board of Trade—A letter from the Board of Trade was read enclosing a copy of amended regulations with respect to the use of electrical power on the Cheltenham and District Light Railways in the form in which the Board proposed to make them at the expiration of a week.

J. WAGHORNE, Chairman.

GENERAL PURPOSES AND WATCH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Thursday, the 1st day of May, 1902—Present The Mayor; Aldermen Haddon, Norman and Winterbotham; Councillors Baker, Gurney, Lamb, Parsonage, Rickerby, Stroud, H. Waghorne and J. Waghorne (The Mayor in the chair)—

1—Breach of Agreement by the Borough Surveyor—The reply of the Borough Surveyor to a letter which had been written to him requesting explanation with regard to a rumour which had been circulated that he had been paid a sum of money from the Promoter of the Cheltenham and District Light Railway having been received, Resolved, That consideration of the same be adjourned for a Sub-Committee to further consider a report which had been prepared as to the facts.

RICHARD ROGERS,

Chairman.

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At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Thursday, the 8th day of May, 1902—Present : The Mayor ; Aldermen Haddon, Norman, Skillicorne, and Winterbotham ; Councillors Baker, Grimy, Hayward, Lamb, Parsonage, Rickerby, Stroud, H. Waghorne, and J. Waghorne (The Mayor in the chair)—

2—Vibration from Machinery at the Cheltine Factory—A Memorial was read from the Rev. Canon Roxby and residents in the neighbourhood of the Parish Church calling attention to the nuisance to health caused by the smoke emitted from the chimneys of the Cheltine Company's Factory, and also to the vibration caused by the same Company's machinery which rendered residence in the neighbourhood almost intolerable, and they asked the Council to help them in the matter. Resolved, as regards the smoke nuisance to refer the matter to the Public Health Committee, and to instruct the Town Clerk to write to the Company on behalf of the Council as owners of the Public Library and Art Gallery to request them to forthwith abate the nuisance caused by the machinery, and to inform them that unless this request is complied with the Council will be obliged to take proceedings to obtain an injunction.

3—Coronation Decorations—The Sub-Committee having suggested what should be done to suitably decorate the several properties in the town belonging to the Corporation on the occasion of the Celebration of the King's Coronation, Resolved, To place at their disposal a sum not exceeding £250 for this purpose.

4—Coronation Address to the King—Resolved, To authorise an expenditure not exceeding the sum of ten guineas for the preparation and illumination of this Address.

5--Breach of Engagement by the Borough Surveyor—The attention of the Committee having been called to an allegation that Mr. Hall, the Borough Surveyor, had received a large payment from or on behalf of Mr. Nevins in connection with the Light Railway undertaking, the Committee instructed the Town Clerk to communicate with Mr. Hall on the subject, and Mr. Hall having admitted in reply the accuracy of the statement, it further appointed the Mayor, Alderman Norman, the Deputy-Mayor (Councillor J. Waghorne) and Councillor Rickerby as a Sub-Committee to interview Mr. Hall and to report on the matter.

The facts are as follows :—The amount received by Mr. Hall was £1,000. This was paid to him in three instalments, the first, of £800, early in 1901, and the others of £100 each, the latter of these two payments being made in October last. With the exception of the last payment, which was made direct to Mr. Hall, the money was paid through the late Mr Henry Lumley, of London, and the whole of the payments was covered by an arrangement or agreement originally entered into in the year 0895 between Mr. Lumley and Mr. Levi Lawson also since deceased) on the one part and Mr. Hall on the other part, under which Mr. Hall was to receive the sum of £10,000, to cover the costs of preparing and supplying all the necessary plans, levels, etc., for a proposed light railway connecting Cheltenham with Cleeve Hill and Winchcombe. Mr. Hall also states that from his first coming to Cheltenham he had been impressed with the desirability of such a railway, and, previous to the date of the agreement with Mr. Lumley and Mr. Lawson, had done some work with a view to furthering the project. The agreed sum of £1,000 was to cover all such work from the inception of the idea, and all future plans and work until effect was given to it and the line constructed. In the event of non-completion, Mr. Hall states, no remuneration was provided for.

The scheme under consideration when the above arrangement was made was one by which the Hill was to be reached by a line through private property along its escarpment, and it contemplated an extensive acquisition of land en route. It fell into abeyance mainly in consequence of the death of Mr. Lawson, who was himself the chief member of the syndicate by which the scheme had been entertained ; but Mr. Hall states that he had at that time prepared all the levels and plans necessary for it, and had obtained in writing options of purchase from some of the landowners over whose property it was proposed to pass.

Mr. Nevins appears to have been introduced to the project by Mr. Lumley in May, 1896, on an understanding that he was to accept responsibility for the liabilities already incurred by Mr. Lumley, including that involved by the agreement with Mr. Hall. Upon consideration, Mr. Nevins declined to proceed with that portion of the scheme submitted to him which involved the purchase of land upon Cleeve Hill, but sometime later he did decide to promote an amended scheme along the highway, over Cleeve, to Winchcombe. The plans, &c., for this amended scheme were prepared by Mr. Hall, or under his direction, and there were some subsequent variations in the plans including the abandonment of the section of the line beyond Cleeve Hill, until the scheme was finally carried through for the line as now constructed, all the work necessary for which was done by, or under the direction of, Mr. Hall.

Mr. Hall states that of the £1,000 he received under the agreement his out-of-pocket expenses amounted to, at least, £653. He produced to the Sub-Committee a letter referring to a receipt from Messrs. Pollard & Co., of London, for £131, and some receipts for small sums ; but the larger part of the whole amount was stated to have been paid away in weekly wages to various assistants employed in surveying plans, &c., under his direction. Mr. Hall assured the Sub-Committee that only a small portion of the work was done by his clerks and assistants and that not in office hours. Of the £653 thus paid away, Mr. Hall states that about £200 was disbursed before the date at which Mr. Nevins was introduced, chiefly in connection with the abortive scheme along the hill escarpment.

Mr. Hall admits that he did not at any time communicate to the Town Council, or to any of its members, his arrangement with Mr. Lumley or the payments made under it. But he denies that there was any intentional concealment on his part, and he cites the fact that in his own name he

entered into written options with Mr. Skillicorne and other landowners for the purchase of land in support of this denial and as presumptive evidence that he was professionally employed. He admits, too, that his arrangement with Mr. Lumley was a breach of the condition of his appointment by the Town Council, under which he was required to give his whole time to his office, the full effect of which breach he did not at the time realise ; but he urges that in approaching Mr. Lumley, and in his subsequent action, he was actuated by a conviction of the great advantage to the town of easy access to Cleeve Hill and the belief that he was acting in accord with the general feeling of the Council and the town on that point. This Committee having carefully considered the above facts, Resolved, That while acquitting Mr. Hall of any corrupt or unworthy motive this Committee regards the action of Mr. Hall as a serious breach of his engagement to devote his whole time to the business of the Corporation which cannot be overlooked.

RICHARD ROGERS,

Chairman.

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 2nd day of June, 1902.

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 12th day of May, 1902—Present Aldermen Norman and Skillicorne; Councillors M. Davis, R. Davies, King-Harman and Parsonage (Councillor Parsonage in the chair)—

1—Zymotic Disease—The Medical Officer of Health reported that the number of cases of Zymotic Disease notified since the last meeting of the Committee had been as follows, via., Scarlet Fever 4, Diphtheria 1, Variola 1, Erysipelas 1, and Varicella 3, and that the number of Corporation cases then in the Delancey Hospital was 11 of Scarlet Fever.

2 — Cleansing and Limewashing at No. 3, Lamb Retreat, No. 3, Orchard Place, No. 37, Russell Street, No. 10, Courtenay Street, and No. 16, Chapel Street—The Medical Officer of Health having certified under Sec. 46 of the Public Health Act, 1875, that the above-named dwelling houses were in such a filthy and unwholesome condition that the health of the inmates was affected or endangered thereby, Resolved, That Notice be given to the owners under the said Section, requiring the houses to be cleansed and limewashed.

3—Nuisance from Drains, &c, at No. 1, Stanhope Street, Regent Chambers, No. 1, St. Alban's Terrace, Hewlett Road, No. 94, High Street, Nos 15 & 16, Portland Street, Cheltenham and District Light Railway Offices and Premises, The Shillingford Engineering Company, Limited, and The Vulcan Iron Works—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.

4-Overcrowding at No. 23, Stanhope 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.

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

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

7- - Dairies, Cowsheds and Milkshops Order —Resolved, To accede to an application received from John William Pearce to be registered as a purveyor of milk at Agra House and Norfolk House, Bath Road.

8-Houses let in Lodgings—The Medical Officer of Health recommended that the landlords of the following houses let in lodgings, viz., No. 16, Corpus Street, No. 5, Sherborne Place, No. 2, Rose Villas, Dunalley Street, Knapp Farm, New Street, and Burlington House, North 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 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 lessees.

9-- Nuisance from Blocked Drain—The Medical Officer of Health reported that a drain used jointly by the Shillingford Engineering Company, Messrs. W. Letheren and Sons, and the Cheltenham and District Light Railway Company, was blocked and in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to health. Resolved, That the Council being satisfied of the existence of a nuisance in consequence of the drain being blocked as aforesaid, Notice under Sec. 94 of the Public Health Act, 1875, be served upon the Shillingford Engineering Company, Messrs. Letheren and Sons, and the Cheltenham and District Light Railway Company requiring them to abate the nuisance within a time to be specified therein, and to execute such works and do such things as may be necessary for that purpose.

10-Extension of Common Lodging House in Grove Street—The Medical Officer of Health reported that Mr. Meulbreuck, lodging house keeper in Grove Street, had applied for permission to add to his lodging house the next door premises, which had recently been partly rebuilt under a Closing Order (formerly called Kear's Cottages), and he recommended that the application be acceded to. Resolved, That the recommendation of the Medical Officer of Health be approved and adopted.

11-- Smoke Nuisance---A memorial was read from the Rev. Canon Roxby and others complaining of the nuisance from the emission of black smoke from the chimney stack of the Cheltine Factory in Chester Walk. The Inspector of Nuisances reported that black smoke was emitted in such quantities on the 2nd and 12th inst. and on other occasions from the chimney stack referred to as to be a nuisance or injurious to health. Resolved, That the Council being satisfied of the existence of a nuisance from the emission of black smoke from the said chimney, Notice under Sec. 94 of the Public Health Act, 1875, be served on the Company requiring them to abate the nuisance within a time to be specified therein, and to execute such works and do such things as may be necessary for that purpose.

12-Improper and Insufficient W.C. Accommodation—The Inspector of Nuisances reported that there was no proper w.c. accommodation for the employees working at the engine shed of the Midland & South-Western Junction Railway Company at their depot Tewkesbury Road. An old existing sewer was so dilapidated as to be impossible of use. Resolved, That Notice under Sec. 36 of the Public Health Act, 1875, be served on the Company requiring them within a reasonable time therein specified to provide sufficient water closet accommodation.

13- Sewage Farms—Alderman Skillicorne, Councillors Davis, King-Harman and Parsonage reported that on the 9th instant they visited Haydon Knoll, Haydon, and Barn Farms, and they recommended that tenders be invited for the purchase of the remaining portions of three hayricks at Haydon and Haydon Knoll Farms and the manure in the farmyard. That at Barn Farm a water trough to supply the North-West portion of Hay Furlong be fixed. That fences at each of the farms required strengthening, and for this purpose 50 posts and 20 rails be sent to Barn and Haydon Farms each, and that eight bushels of oats be sent to the Barn Farm for seed planting. Resolved, That these recommendations be approved and adopted.

The Farm Bailiff reported that on the 12th inst. the Stock on the Farms was as follows, viz. :— Belonging to the Corporation, 6 horses, 140 cattle, and 33 sheep, and on tack 7 horses. That since the 15th ulto. 106 cattle had been purchased, costing £1,217 15s. 0d., and 12 bullocks had been sold for £206 1s. 6d. That he recommended that the water trough for Hay Furlong Meadow be fixed as soon as possible, as the field should be grazed. That where the hedges have been laid they should be protected from the cattle.

14 - Keeping of Horses in Sydney Street—In reply to a letter from Mr. E. L. Jones, of No.7, Sydney Street, complaining of nuisance caused by keeping horses at stables in Sydney Street, Resolved, To inform him that the Inspector of Nuisances reports that all the provisions of the Bye Laws as regards manure receptacles, &c., are being properly complied with at the stables referred to, and that no nuisance is caused therefrom.

15—Flooding of Basement of Salopian Villas, Tivoli Road—Resolved, To adjourn for the Borough Surveyor to report thereon consideration of a letter received from Mrs. Keith Harman Brown complaining of the flooding of the basement of her house owing to the drainage not being properly carried off by the sewer.

16-Damage at No. 287, High Street—A letter having been read from me. Lamb, solicitor for the occupier of these premises, stating that as the Corporation had not accepted the offer made by his client for compensation he had decided to proceed to recover the damages in accordance with the

provisions of the Public Health Act, and asking to be informed whom the Corporation appoint as arbitrator on their behalf, Resolved, To leave it to Mr. Lamb's client, as the person making the claim, to take the first step in the direction indicated.

17- Nuisance from Rats—A letter from Messrs. Ley Wood and Rickerby, solicitors for Mrs. Birkett, of Oakleigh, Lansdown Road, was read claiming compensation on her behalf for damage caused by rats which she alleged to have been disturbed in consequence of the laying of a drain by the Corporation under her property. Resolved, To adjourn consideration of the matter for the Borough Surveyor to report thereon.

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18—Office Accommodation, &c., for Health Department—The Borough Surveyor reported that he was unable to suggest any satisfactory method of making use of the offices at No. 2, Church Street for providing additional accommodation for the Health Department. Resolved, To adjourn consideration of the matter for the Town Clerk to ascertain whether the rooms over No. 351, High Street could be obtained.

19— Damage to Retaining Wall of Garden at back of Rainow—A letter was read from Mr. A. G. Pollock, the owner of Rainow, addressed to the Chairman of the Committee, stating that his tenants had informed him that damage had been done to the wall at the bottom of the garden at the back of Rainow in consequence of the deepening or alteration of the water-course of the Chelt by the Town Council. The Chairman reported that he had replied informing Mr. Pollock that the matter was being investigated.

20— Subsidence of Garden at back of Yorkleigh—The Borough Surveyor reported that, as recommended, he had had a shaft, 6ft. by 4ft, sunk in the garden near the bank of the Chelt to a depth of 3ft. below the bed of the river. The result of the examination showed that the original surface sloped to the bed of the river, and that it consisted of blue lias clay with a thin bed of yellow clay loam overlying in which surface vegetation rooted.

Upon this surface blue clay " spoil " from the excavations of buildings had been tipped to a depth of five or six feet and a wall built along the side of the river.

The surface of the " spoil " so tipped became a garden, and, being kept open, the rain percolated through the loose upper soil and clay until it reached the bed of yellow clay. The water acted at this plane as a lubricant, and permitted the whole of the deposited mass to thrust the wall into the river.

The original wall was of brick, much too thin for its duty, and when it fell a portion of it was left and could then be seen.

The bank being in the course of the river, it was necessary to either remove it or cut away a portion of the side belonging to the Corporation. This was done, and the then owners of Yorkleigh built a thin wall of dry stone about the year 1886.

Early last year the wall fell down, and was left in that condition until after the clearing of the bed of the Chelt was completed beyond that point. The wall was then rebuilt to some extent, but not of sufficient strength, and he wrote to the Rev. Mr. Lewitt directing his attention to the fact.

To avoid any interference with the loose bank and fallen wall, he had the bank of the land belonging to the Corporation cut away, so as to permit the stream to flow without in any way interfering with the Yorkleigh side of the river.

Whilst the bed of the stream was being cleared opposite Cambridge House garden some stakes were found which he was informed were originally driven to form the side of the Corporation yard. If that was so, it proved that the properties on the South side of the river had encroached about 12 feet.

Resolved, That having regard to the above report the Council are unable to admit any liability.

21—Sewer at back of Mayfield---A letter from the Local Government Board and copy of a letter to the Board from General Babbage which they enclosed, with reference to the alleged private sewer at the back of his house, were read, also the draft of the letter which the Town Clerk proposed to write in reply. Resolved, That the same as now settled by the Committee be approved.

22— Building Plans—Resolved, That as regards drainage and other sanitary matters the following plans of proposed new buildings be approved, viz.:—

No. of Plan	Name	Description
1522	Colonel M. Churchill	Additions to Suffolk House, Suffolk Square.
1523	H. T. Young	Additions to Naunton House, Bath Road.

E. H. PARSONAGE,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Wednesday, the 21st day of May, 1902--Present: The Mayo, Aldermen Norman and Skillicorne ; Councillors M. Davis and King-Harman (Alderman Skillicorne in the chair)—

23—Chairman—In the absence of the Chairman, Alderman Skillicorne was appointed Chairman at this meeting.

24—Zymotic Disease—The Medical Officer of Health reported that there had been notified since the last meeting of the Committee 3 cases of Scarlet Fever and 3 of Chicken pox ; that the 3 cases of Scarlet Fever had been sent into the Delancey Hospital, and that the number of Corporation cases then in the Delancey Hospital was 11 of Scarlet Fever.

25-Cleansing and Disinfecting at No. 2, Rosslyn Villas, Shurdington Road, and Workman's Stables, Imperial Lane —The Medical Officer of Health having certified under Sec. 120 of the Public Health Act, 1875, that the cleansing, disinfecting & purifying of these houses or parts thereof would tend to prevent or check infectious disease, Resolved, That the Council being of this opinion, Notices be served on the owners and occupiers to cleanse and disinfect the houses within the time specified in such notices.

26-- Insanitary Property at Nos. 2, 31, 33 & 34, Rose and Crown Passage, and Nos. 5, 7, 8, 13 & 17, Northfield 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, walls, ceilings, 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 works specified in the Notices.

27—Houses Let in Lodgings—The Medical Officer of Health recommended that the landlords of the following houses let in lodgings, viz., Nos. 7, 15 & 16, St. Paul's Street South, No. 2a, Grafton Terrace, and No. 8, Brandon Terrace, 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 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 lessees.

28—Cleansing and Limewashing at Nos. 61 & 65, Upper Norwood Street, Vine Cottage, Northfield Passage, No. 13a, Northfield Passage, Nos. 7 & 8, Northfield Terrace, Nos. 2, 31, 33 & 34, Rose and Crown Passage, Edmonstone Cottage, Rose and Crown Passage, and No 2, Carnal Cottages, Rose and Crown Passage—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.

29-Nuisance from Drains, &c., at Nash. Cottage, North Street, No. 7, North Street, and Edmonstone Cottage, Rose and Crown Passage—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

30-Overcrowding at a Stable occupied as a dwelling-house in road at back of houses West side of Clarence Square--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.

31---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.

32—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.

33—Dairies, Cowsheds and Milkshops Order—Resolved, Not to accede to an application received from William Newman, of No. 5, Exmouth Street, to be registered as a purveyor of milk, the Medical Officer of Health having reported that the premises, being used as a general shop, were unsuitable.

34—No. 3, York Cottages, York Street—The Medical Officer of Health reported that a notice served requiring these premises to be cleansed and limewashed had not been effectual in making any improvement. Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to serve a final notice, and, if necessary, to take proceedings to compel compliance with it.

35—Paving in Crave Street—Resolved, To refer to the Street and Highway Committee a report from the Medical Officer of Health that the footways in this street were generally bad, and especially in front of cottages recently known as Kear's Cottages and Meulbreuck's common lodging house.

36—Notices not Complied With—The Medical Officer of Health handed in a list of notices which had been served to carry out sanitary requirements but which had not been complied with. Resolved, To instruct the Town Clerk to serve final notices, and, if necessary, take proceedings to compel compliance with them

37--Subsidence of Garden at back of Yorkleigh--With reference to the resolution of this Committee come to at their last meeting, that having regard to the report of the Borough Surveyor on this subject the Council are unable to admit any liability, the Rev. J. Lewitt attended this meeting in order to suggest that as the matter was at least open to contention some terms of compromise might be arranged. Resolved, Without admitting any liability and without prejudice and with a view to improving the water way, to offer to Mr. Lewitt to rebuild the retaining wall at the bottom of his garden provided that he will contribute half the cost thereof.

Also with reference to the complaint received from Mr. Pollock that the deepening of the Chelt at the back of Ruinous- had caused the retaining wall of the garden at the back of that house to give way, to offer without prejudice and upon the same terms to continue the same work along the bottom of the garden at the back of Rainow.

38--Publication of Returns of Infectious Diseases in the Borough--Resolved, To accede to a request from the Local Government Board for permission to publish the returns of cases of infectious disease within the borough for the year 1901.

39— Damage to No. 287, High Street—A letter from Mr. A. Lamb, solicitor for Mr. Taylor, the tenant of these premises, stating that his client was willing to refer to the arbitration of the County Court Registrar, Mr. O. J. Williams, the assessment of the compensation to be paid by the Corporation for the damage sustained by Mr. Taylor in consequence of the sewerage works carried out by the Corporation in the street alongside the house. Resolved, To agree to the appointment of Mr. Williams as sole arbitrator in the matter between Mr. Taylor and the Corporations.

40-- Building Plans— Resolved, As regards drainage and other sanitary matters, to approve the following plans, viz. .—

No. of Plan	Name	Description
1524	W. T. Pates	Additions to The Croft, Alstone Lane.
1525	John D. Bendall	House in Leckhampton Road opposite Hillsborough.

W. NASH SKILLICORNE,

Chairman.

STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Thursday, the 8th day of May, 1902—Present : The Mayor ; Alderman Skillicorne; Councillors Baker, Bendall and Parsonage (Councillor Baker in the chair)--

1-Locomotive Traffic along Andover Road—In reply to a letter from Mrs. Keith Harman Brown complaining of the shaking of her house by the traffic of a traction engine along Andover Road and requesting the Council to stop or control such traffic, Resolved, To inform her that the matter shall receive attention.

2—Depot— Resolved, That trio tarpaulins be purchased to cover the saw benches, and to have the spouting round the stables painted.

3—Building Inspection—The Building Inspector reported that Mr. Dubbin had finished the work of building additions to the stabling at Stradbally in a satisfactory manner. Resolved, That the Council trust that Mr. Dubbin will in future comply strictly with the provisions of the Building Bye Laws.

4-Road between Suffolk Square and Lypiatt Lawn—Resolved, To instruct the Borough Surveyor to have this road repaired.

5—Building Plans--Resolved, As regards construction and situation to approve the following plans of proposed new buildings, viz.:—

No. of Plan.	Name.	Description.
1517	H. A. Gwinnell	Two houses in Glenfall Street adjoining No. 34.
1520	H. A. Gwinnell	Two houses in Winstonian Road.
1521	Wm. Cresswell	Three houses in Glenfall Street in front of Providence Terrace.

WILLIAM A. BAKER,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 26th day of May, 1902—Present The Mayor ; Aldermen Haddon and Skillicorne ; Councillors Baker, Bendall, Hayward and Parsonage (Councillor Baker in the chair)—

6—Street Projection—A letter was read from Messrs. F. Beckingsale and Son asking for permission to substitute a small japanned tea canister with the word "Tea " thereon for the boot that had been outside No. 139, High Street for many years. Resolved, That the request be acceded to.

7—Report of the Borough Surveyor re Highways—The Borough Surveyor reported that the work done by the Highways Department for the month ending the 22nd May, 1902, had been as follows:—

Repaired with Clee Hill Stone—Gloucester Road (proceeding), Shurdington Road (proceeding), Bath Road (proceeding), Painswick Lawn 1,395 square yards.

Patching—High Street, Hale's Road, King's Road, Prestbury Road, Glenfall Street, Clarence Street, Queen's Circus, Park Place, North Street, St. George's Place, Winchcomb Street, Queen's Parade, Andover Road, Lansdown Place and Road, Queen's Road, Montpellier Terrace, Albion Street, Wellington Street, Leamington Place.

Repaired with Wickwar Stone—St. Paul's Street south 700 yards, Henrietta Street 600 yards, Overton Park 750 yards, Clarence Parade 500 yards.

Patching—Clarence Road, Queen's Retreat, Lipper Park Street, Workhouse Lane, Swindon Road, Montpellier Grove.

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The road opposite the Library and Art Gallery had been repaired with tarred macadam 647 square yards.

The private improvement works in Whitecross Square were finished, and those at the back of Railway Buildings were in hand.

Kerb, Crossing, Channelling and Paving—Cemetery Road, Suffolk Road, Tivoli Circus, Montpellier Parade, Fauconberg Road, Queen's Parade, Ambrose Street, Cleaveland Street, Regent Street, Grafton Terrace, Spa Road, High Street, Andover Road, St. George's Street and Road, London Road, Blenheim Parade, North Place, Lansdown Crescent, Road, and Place, Leckhampton Road, Lower Park Street, Market Street, Hewlett Road, Pittville Circus, Crescent Terrace, Bath Road, Marle Hill Road, Queen Street, Bayshill Road, Swindon Road, North Street, Clarence Street, Royal Well Lane, Promenade, Workhouse Lane, Warwick Place, St. Paul's Street South.

Gullies and Drains—Two earthenware gullies had been fixed near the entrance to the Midland Station to replace defective ones, and new surface water drains to connect them with the Gloucester Road system in an efficient manner.

Destructor— Loads collected 997, loads consumed 819, weight 826 tons 13 cwt. 2 qrs.

Slab Factory--533 slabs 3ft. x 2ft. and 644 slabs 2ft. 6in. x 2ft.-6,418 super feet.

Resolved, To pay a visit of inspection to the Clinker Slab Factory when the Committee next meet.

8—Main and Contribution Roads—The Town Clerk reported that he had received from the Clerk to the County Council the draft of the agreement between the County Council and the Town Council as

regards main and contribution roads, and that the same was exactly similar in terms to the agreement which expired on the 1st ulto. Resolved, That the same be approved and that the Corporate Seal be affixed to the engrossment thereof.

9—Footpath in front of Osborne Lodge, The Park—A letter was read from Mr. H. B. Osborne, of Osborne Lodge, The Park, calling attention to the impaired condition of the asphalted pathway in front of his gates. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to do what repairs are necessary.

10—St. Stephen's Road (Footpath in), Prestbury Road (Footpath opposite Pates and Sharpe's Nursery), Crove Street (impaired portion of Footpath on West side), Gloucester Road (Footpath on West side opposite Grange Crescent and Alstone Villas and from Alstone Lawn Lodge to the Midland Railway Bridge)—Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to bring up specifications of the works required to be done to the above footpaths by the abutting owners.

11—Footpath in Road at Side of No. 1, Pittville Villas (leading out of Prestbury Road to Road back of Pittville Crescent)—Resolved, That this footpath be repaired by the Borough Surveyor.

12— Salary of Chief Clerk, Central Depot --A letter was read from Mr. J. E. Pouting, Chief Clerk at the Central Depot, applying for an increase in his salary, at present £100 per annum. He called attention to the great increase of work at the Depot. Resolved. That Mr. Ponting's salary be increased by £10 per annum.

13—Land at Side of No. 1, Hatherley Place--With reference to the resolution to Minute No. 12 of this Committee's proceedings at its meeting on the 28th ulto., a letter was read from Mr. C. M. Hansard asking the Council, for reasons set out in his letter, to reconsider their decision to require him to remove the boarding put up by him round the land at the side of No. 1, Hatherley Place. Letters were read from Mr. J. Lanwarn and Mr. D. Jones expressing the hope that the Council would see their resolution carried out.

Resolved, That Mr. Hansard be informed that the Council see no reason to depart from their previous resolution, and that unless the boarding is removed on or before the 7th proximo the Council will call upon him to remove the fencing and kerbing also.

14—Street Watering----A letter was read from Mrs. Forsyth Grant, of No. 34, St. Stephen's Road, complaining of the entire lack of street watering in St. Stephen's Road and of the consequent nuisance from dust. Resolved, To inform the writer that her complaint shall be attended to.

15—Strip of Land in front of Premises adjoining No. 4, Bedford Buildings With reference to Minute No. 14 of this Committee's proceedings of date the 24th ulto., the Town Clerk having reported on this matter, Resolved, That Messrs. Griffiths, Ryland and Co., the solicitors for the owners of the land, be informed that the Council are not prepared to purchase the strip of land in question at the price named.

16— 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
1522	Colonel M. Churchill	Additions to Suffolk House, Suffolk Square.
1523	H. T. Young	Additions to Naunton House, Bath Road.
1524	W. T. Pates	Additions to The Croft, Alstone Lane.
1525	J. D. Bendall	House in Leckhampton Road opposite Hillsborough.
1526	W. D. Rogers	Additions to Craig-y-Don, Hewlett Road.
1527	Stephen James	Additions to The Carpenter's Arms, Portland Square.

Resolved, That all the plans be approved so far as regards situation and construction.

WILLIAM A. BAKER,

Chairman.

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TOWN IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 20th day of May, 1902 — Present : The Mayor; Alderman Norman ; Councillors Bainbridge, Baker, Packer and Rickerby (Councillor Rickerby in the chair)—

1—Meeting in Cheltenham of Building Societies Association—Resolved, To grant the use of the Town Band free of charge to play at the " At Home," to be given by this Association, at Pittville Gardens, and that the delegates be invited to all the Corporation entertainments without charge of admission, the cost to the Entertainment Sub-Committee to be credited to them.

2--Winter Garden Building—At a meeting of the Committee, at the Winter Garden, on the 7th inst., it was Resolved, That the room in the base of the South-West tower be repaired and put in order at a cost not exceeding £25, and that the work be commenced forthwith.

3—Advertising in Daily Telegraph —Resolved, To renew the one line advertisement in the Daily Telegraph at the end of the weekly paragraph, relating to the town as follows, viz., " Illustrated Guide to the Town, obtainable post free from the Town Clerk."

4—Military Tournament —In reply to a letter from Quarter-Master Sergeant Bastin, asking for the use of Montpellier Gardens for a Military Tournament. Resolved, To inform him that the engagements for the gardens are so numerous that they are not available for this purpose.

5—Accommodation for Ladies in Lodge at Montpellier- -A letter from Miss Carnegie having been read, calling attention to the insufficiency of the accommodation for ladies at this lodge, Resolved, To instruct the Borough Surveyor to prepare a drawing of a pavilion to be erected at the Montpellier Gardens for providing accommodation for visitors and for storage of implements, tennis nets, &c., and to inform Miss Carnegie that the Council are intending to provide the additional accommodation she suggests.

6—Report of Entertainments Sub-Committee—The Entertainments Sub-Committee reported that they had completed their engagements to the 13th September. That they had arranged that subscribers tickets be issued at Messrs. Westley's as well as at the Municipal Offices, That they had

arranged for the Town Band to play for the present in Naunton Park on Wednesday evenings, and in the Agg-Gardner Recreation Ground on Friday evenings, with the exception of Whit Week, when the Town Band played on Whit Monday afternoon at Naunton Park and Such's Band at the Agg-Gardner Recreation Ground,

7—Lifeboat Demonstration--In reply to a letter from Mrs. Swiney, Resolved, To inform her that the date of her engagement of Montpellier Gardens for this demonstration cannot now be altered, nor can any variation be made of the terms arranged for admittance of subscribers.

That she can only be permitted to erect such marquees as shall be approved by the Borough Surveyor as to the number, size, position, and the time of their erection.

That if wet, she can have the use of the Winter Garden if not otherwise let for a charge in addition to the charge for the engagement of Montpellier Gardens of £3 3s., plus the cost of lighting.

That she cannot be allowed to have a Shooting Gallery, Aunt Sally, or Merry-go-round ; the Committee not having contemplated such forms of amusement when the gardens were let to her.

8— Aquatic Sports at Pittville on 26,h prox. Resolved, To accede to the request of the Coronation Celebration Committee for the use of six canoes and three larger boats for aquatic sports which they propose to arrange at Pittville on that day.

9—Borough Meteorologist--A letter was read from Messrs. Brydges, Mellersh and Brydges, Solicitors for the Widow and Executrix of the late Mr. Richard Tyrer, acquainting the Committee with the following bequest contained in his Will, viz.:—

" If the Corporation of Cheltenham appoint a Meteorologist to succeed me I bequeath to the Corporation all my meteorological "instruments, telescope excepted, on condition only that they be used for continuing the observations I have made since " the beginning of 1878, and also all my manuscript books of observations ; but if no successor be appointed the instruments "to follow the rest of my estate, and the manuscript books with all enclosures to be forwarded to the Royal Meteorological "Society, 70, Victoria Street, Westminster."

Resolved, To inform the Executrix that the condition as to the appointment of a Borough Meteorologist to succeed the late Mr. Tyrer shall be observed and that the bequest be accepted accordingly.

10-Restoration of the Fountain at Montpellier Gardens—The following tenders for restoring this fountain were received, viz. :—

Messrs. Boultons £32 10 0,

Messrs. Martyn & Co., £50 0 0

Resolved, To adjourns consideration of these tenders for the Committee to inspect the fountain.

11--Chalet at Essex Lodge Entrance, Pittville—The following tenders for the erection of this chalet were received, viz.

Messrs. A. C. & S. Billings (subject to a reasonable extension of time) £373 0 0

Messrs. Collins and Godfrey. £385 10 0

Resolved, That the tender of Messrs. Billings be accepted.

T. E. RICKERBY,

Chairman.

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TOWN IMPROVEMENT AND GENERAL PURPOSES AND WATCH COMMITTEES.

At a joint Meeting of these Committees, held on Tuesday, the 20th day of May, 1902—Present :
The Mayor; Aldermen Norman, Skillicorne and Winterbotham ; Councillors Bainbridge, Baker,
Hayward, Packer, Stroud and J. Waghorne (The Mayor in the chair)—

1- Town Hall—Organ Chamber—The Architect reported that the cost of this chamber would be £585 9s. 7d., but if provided with a fire-proof floor underneath the organ, which he recommended, the cost would be £639. Resolved, That this recommendation be approved and adopted.

RICHARD ROGERS,

Chairman.

LIGHTING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Wednesday, the 21st day of May, 1902—Present The
Mayor ; Alderman Norman ; Councillors Baker, Handley, Hayward, Stroud and J. Waghorne
(Alderman Norman in the chair)—

1—Gas Examiner's Report—The Gas Examiner reported that he had tested the gas during the past month with the following results, viz.: -

ILLUMINATING POWER.		PURITY.	
		Grains of Sulphur per 100 cubic ft.	
1902		1902	
May 12th..	15.62 candles	May	
20th..	16.17 "	12th-13th	10.56
Average	"	Average	

2-Gas Inspector's Report—The Gas Inspector reported that the hourly average consumption of gas in the street lamps during the past month had been as follows, viz.: - Lamps with 4.25 ft. burners, 4.3186 cubic feet ; Guildhall lamps with No. 4 incandescent burners, 5.739 cubic feet ; lamps with No. 3 incandescent burners, 3.748 cubic feet ; and That 4 metered and 3 incandescent lamps had been out and 2 burning dimly.

3- Lighting of Bayshill District near Queen's Parade—Resolved, To adjourn for view consideration of a letter received from Mr. C. Stuart Millard requesting that one or two gas lamps should be placed between Wyastone and No. 9, Queen's Parade.

4-- Conference with Cos Company--In reply to a letter from the Clerks to the Gas Company asking what the "other matters" were referred to in the resolution of this Committee requesting the Directors of the Company to receive a deputation, Resolved, To remind them that the utilisation of the Guildhall Lamps is another matter which the Committee understood the Company desired to have settled and might be discussed at the suggested interview.

5—Electric Inspector's Report—The Electric Inspector reported that he had tested the electric supply to the town during the past month with the following results, viz.: 12th and 20th inst., 210 volts, the legal standard being 200 volts.

6—Report of the Borough Electrical Engineer -The Electrical Engineer reported that all work, both of extensions and ordinary running, had progressed satisfactorily during the past month, and that the equivalent of about 36,180 8-candle-power lamps were connected to the private supply mains.

That at a Conference convened by the Council of the Institution of Electrical Engineers on May 12th the following resolutions had been passed, viz.:--"That, in the opinion of this Conference, there are clauses in the Factory and Workshop Act of 1901 that are prejudicial to the industry of electricity supply." "That the Institution of Electrical Engineers be requested to take steps to approach the Home Secretary in order to lay before him the views expressed at this Conference as to the prejudicial effects of the incidence of certain provisions of the Factory and Workshop Act of 1901 on the industry of electricity supply, and to pray him to allow the Institution to confer with him when it is framing regulations under the Act."

That the coal tests were still in hand and would probably be completed within about three weeks.

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That applications for electric supply to No. 1, Waterloo Place, Upper Bath Road, and to Silwood, The Park, had been received. That the necessary extensions would cost about £40 and £100 respectively, of the latter of which all but £35 had been already authorised.

That he recommended that a sum of £85 should be included in the next loan to cover the cost of completing the low pressure main along the West side of the upper Bath Road when required.

That he recommended purchase of another typewriter at a cost of about £25, as the existing machine was worn out.

Resolved, That the extensions above mentioned be carried out, and that the recommendations of the Electrical Engineer contained in his Report be approved and adopted.

7—Telephonic Disturbance—A letter from Mr. W. E. L. Gaine, solicitor to the National Telephone Company, was read, making the following requirements, viz.:—

1. That the electric arc circuits of the Corporation be properly balanced by fitting the lamps alternately on the arms of the circuits.
2. That the insulation of all electric circuits of the Corporation be raised to and kept at the minimum standard prescribed by the Board of Trade.

A further letter from Mr. Gaine was read stating that the Company did not desire litigation with the Corporation if it could be avoided, and he was willing that, as a last attempt to arrange the matter, the Company's Engineer-in-Chief should meet the Borough Electrical Engineer and discuss the Company's requirements. The Electrical Engineer reported that he had arranged as suggested to meet the Engineer of the Company.

8—Convention of the Incorporated Municipal Electrical Association—Resolved, To appoint the Chairman, with the Electrical Engineer, to represent the Council at this Convention to be held in London on July 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th next.

GEO. NORMAN,

Chairman.

WATER COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Thursday, the 22nd day of May, 1902—Present The Mayor ; Councillors Baker, Bendall, M. Davis, King-Harmon, Packer, Rickerby and H. Waghorne (Councillor H. Waghorne in the chair)—

1—Report of the Water Engineer--The Water Engineer reported that on the 21st instant the supply from Hewletts springs was 92.26 gallons, the average for the past three years being 131 gallons per minute, and the quantity of water in store at Hewletts and Leckhampton was 10,557,715 gallons.

On the 20th instant the Dowdeswell Reservoir was 24ft. 6in. in depth, and the contents 63,478,616 gallons, exclusive of the daily yield of the streams, which was then about 458,784 gallons, which gave a total storage of 74,036,331 gallons.

For the supply of two houses at Prestbury it had been necessary to extend the 3-inch main 30 yards from the old Toll House.

The pipes for the extension at Ashchurch had been ordered, but had not then arrived.

The Town Clerk of Tewkesbury had written that the Tewkesbury Borough Council had passed a resolution that certain of the water mains in that boroughs should be looped up. This would cost about £31 15s. 0d., upon which the Tewkesbury Corporation would be required to pay £6 per cent. per annum, viz., £1 18s. 1d.

He submitted a plan of additions to the Lodge at the Hewletts Reservoir, the cost of which would be about £100.

Resolved, That the resolution of the Tewkesbury Town Council be complied with, and that the additions to the Lodge at Hewletts Reservoir be carried out and that tenders be advertised for.

2---Duplicate Main from the Severn—The Town Clerk reported that the necessary notice for publication and for service on the owners and occupiers of the lands through, across, under, or on which this work is to be done, and on the Overseers of the parishes and on the Highway and Road Authorities, was being prepared and would be completed as soon as all the necessary information had been fully ascertained and supplied by the Engineer's Department.

3-Assessment of Water Undertaking---A letter from Messrs. Hedley and Sons, valuers for the Assessment Committee, having been read asking for information, Resolved, That the Water Engineer be authorised to furnish such of the information asked for as he may be able to.

4—Land at Sandford Pumping Station—In reply to a letter fronts Mr. Hough, Resolved, To inform him that his tenancy may be continued subject to his paying, from the time at which the notice to discontinue it expires, a rental of £6 per annum.

5— Late Overseer at Dowdeswell Reservoir—In reply to a letter from Mr. A. W. King asking for a sealed testimonial, Resolved, To inform him that when he is applying for a situation the Council will be willing to furnish particulars as to his services whilst in their employment.

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6—Pollution of Severn at Worcester and Upton—Letters which the Town Clerk had written to the County Councils of Worcestershire and Gloucestershire and to the Local Government Board on this subject were read. Resolved, That the same be approved.

A letter from the Town Clerk of Worcester was read stating that the Dean and Chapter of Worcester, who are the owners of the land across which the wayleave was required, had not stated the terms on which they would permit the sewer to be laid, but their valuer was about to submit his report, and as soon as the claim should be communicated to the Council the matter would be carefully gone into.

Also, a letter from the Clerk to the Rural District Council of Upton was read stating that he was instructed by his Council to point out that this Council can in no way be damaged, and in view of the heavy expense and of the fact that Worcester and other towns considerably larger than Upton empty their sewage into the river, the Upton Rural District Council trust the Cheltenham Town Council will forbear to press their plaint.

7—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 May, 1902- -Present : The Mayor; Aldermen Norman and Skillicorne, Councillors Baker, Hayward, Stroud and J. Waghorne (The Mayor in the chair)—

1—Fire Plug on No 4, Tivoli Place--A letter from Mr. J. Burrows was read, stating that he had had his business premises painted and the fire plug notice had been painted out, and he suggested that the Council should have it re-written. Resolved, To instruct the Borough Surveyor to have the matter attended to.

2—Hackney Carriage Drivers' Licences -Resolved, To accede to the following applications for drivers' licences, viz.:—

From George Coati ley, Berkeley Lawn, Berkeley Street.

“ Ernest Camden, Bayshill Cottage.

“ Arthur Webb, Hewlett Road Dairy.

“ Albert Tom Powell, 3, Moorend Place.

The Street Inspector reported that the following drivers had been more than once convicted of offences against the Hackney Carriage Bye Laws within twelve months, viz., George Clifford, Arthur Gardner, Tom Cook, James Smith and William Smith. Resolved, That Clifford be informed that unless he shows good cause to the contrary before the licensing meeting the Council will not renew his licence, and that Gardner, Cook, and J. and W. Smith be cautioned.

3—Hackney Carriage Licences—Resolved, To accede to an application from Mrs. E. Martin to transfer the number of her licensed vehicle to another one which the Mayor reported he had inspected and approved.

A letter was read from Mrs. S. Evans of the Railway Hotel, stating that she had sold her licensed pony carriage, No. 116, to Mr. Edward Harding of the Seven Stars Inn, Henrietta Street, and she enclosed the licence with her letter.

4—Leckhampton Hill Public Rights—A letter was read from the Clerk to the Rural District Council with which he forwarded the opinion of Mr. Cunningham Glen upon the case which had been submitted to him. Resolved, That it be referred to the Sub-Committee for consideration.

5—Representation on Library Committee of the Cheltenham and District Trade and Labour Council—In reply to a letter from this Council, asking to be allowed to nominate a representative on the Public Library Committee, Resolved, that as that Committee is already so numerous, this Committee regret that they are unable to accede to the request at present.

6- Bath and West of England Society's Show—In reply to a letter from Mr. F. Wright, Resolved, To inform him that the Council consider the requirements of the Society are so onerous that they are unable to comply with his suggestion to invite the Society to hold their show next year in Cheltenham.

7- Town Hall —A letter was read from Mr. A. T. Billings, Architect, making suggestions for Municipal Offices, another Town Hall and removal of the New Club.

8-Renumbering of Courtenay Street—A letter from Mr. D. H. Walford was read, suggesting that Nos. 1 to 42 should be allowed to remain as at present and the other six houses in Courtenay Street numbered onwards. Resolved, That this suggestion be adopted and carried out.

9--Telephone Underground Wayleaves --Resolved, To adjourn consideration of a letter received from Alderman Holliday, suggesting that underground wayleaves should be granted to the National Telephone Company.

10—Appointment of Special Constables—A letter from the Chief Constable was read, with which he enclosed a copy of the order of the Standing Joint Committee of the County Council, specifying the conditions upon which Additional Constables may be appointed.

11—Cabs at Railway Stations—Letters were read from the Midland and Great Western Railway Companies, stating that attention should be given to the complaints which had been made that cabs from the Queen's and Plough Yards did not meet all trains on arrival at the Stations in Cheltenham.

RICHARD ROGERS,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Wednesday, the 28th day of May, 1902—Present : The Mayor ; Aldermen Haddon, Skillicorne and Winterbotham ; Councillors Baker, Gurney, Hayward, Lamb, Parsonage, Rickerby, Stroud, H. Waghorne, and J. Waghorne (The Mayor in the chair)—

12— Breach of Engagement by the Borough Surveyor--The Mayor read a letter which he had received from the Borough Surveyor in which he gave notice to terminate his engagement as Borough Surveyor and Water Engineer on November 28th next.

RICHARD ROGERS, Chairman.

MINERAL WATERS AND BATHS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Friday, the 16th day of May, 1902—Present : Councillors R. Davies, Hayward and Stroud (Councillor Stroud in the chair)—

1—Montpellier Baths —The Borough Accountant reported that the receipts from these baths from the 31st March to the 11th inst. amounted to £39 15s. 3d.

A letter was read from Mr. J. F. Tarrant, secretary of the Ladies' College, asking that the same arrangements as last year should be continued for the Ladies' College, as they did not require the swimming bath reserved for the whole day on Tuesdays.

Mr. Tarrant, with Miss Allen, the swimming instructress for the College, having attended the meeting and explained their wishes, Resolved, That the exclusive use of the swimming bath for ladies may be secured for one hour by any party on presenting not less than 40 tickets.

That during the following times the ladies from the College may be taught swimming by their own teacher, viz.:-

Mondays, between 7 and 9 a.m. and 2.30 and 5 p.m.

Tuesdays, between 2.30 and 5 p.m. ; and Thursdays, between 7 and 9 a.m. and 4 and 6 p.m.

That the resolution of the Baths and Recreation Grounds Committee to Minute No. 9 of their proceedings of date the 2nd of October last, that no teaching of swimming with appliances other than by the Superintendent and Mrs. Brains be permitted except on Tuesdays, be varied accordingly ; and That on Tuesdays the swimming bath be not reserved for the exclusive use of the Ladies' College only during the months of May, June and July.

2—Alstone Baths—The Borough Accountant reported that the receipts from these baths from the 31st March to the 11th inst. had amounted to £29 18s. 3d.

A letter from the Chief Engineer to the Great Western Railway Company was read with which he enclosed for approval a plan showing how the Company proposed to carry their Cheltenham and Honeybourne Railway above the baths by means of a girder bridge supported by three columns resting on the land of the Corporation which would partly cover over the outside swimming bath. Resolved, That the easement applied for be granted, provided the Company will pay the expense of converting the outside swimming bath into a covered one with all the necessary equipment, including heating of the water, dressing boxes, he., in accordance with a specification to be prepared by the Borough Surveyor, and will, in addition, pay an annual rental to be agreed upon.

3—Aquatic Displays at Alstone and Montpellier Swimming Baths— Messrs. E. W. Smith and Harris, as a deputation from the Cheltenham Swimming and Water Polo Club, were received to lay before the Committee the following applications, viz.:—

1. For the use of Alstone Swimming Bath for two aquatic displays on the same terms as last year, viz., one guinea per night inclusive.
2. For the use of the Montpellier Swimming Bath for two similar displays upon terms to be arranged.
3. For the use of Montpellier Swimming Bath the same as at Alstone for practice once a fortnight from 9 to 10 p.m.
4. For reduction of charge for tickets for such practices. Resolved, To accede to Nos. 1 and 2, but as to No 2 during the month of September only from 7 to 10 p.m., at a charge of 2 ½ guineas inclusive for each occasion, and that Nos. 3 and 4 be not acceded to.

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4—Testimonial to Mr. and Mrs. Braint—The Committee being informed that Mr. and Mrs. Braint were applicants for the appointment as superintendents of some baths in London and desired to have a testimonial from the Committee, Resolved, That the Chairman and Town Clerk be authorised to draw up a testimonial expressing the entire satisfaction of the Committee with the mariner in which Mr. and Mrs. Braint have carried out their duties as superintendents at the Montpellier Baths.

5—Accident at Montpellier Baths—In reply to a letter from Mrs. Fasken claiming £15 as compensation for the injury sustained by her son having cut his foot at the Montpellier Swimming Bath with a glass tile which had fallen from the side of the bath, Resolved, That, while the Committee exceedingly regret that her son met with such a misfortune, Mrs. Fasken be informed that as the Council are not legally liable the Committee cannot recommend payment of her claim.

6—Price of Season Tickets to Clubs for Swimming Baths—In reply to a letter received from Mr. B. R. Rossiter, secretary of the Young Men's Christian Association Swimming Club, asking what reduction could be made to the Club in the price of season tickets to either the Montpellier or Alstone Swimming Baths. Resolved, To inform Mr. Rossiter that as books of tickets can already be obtained at a reduced price the Committee are not prepared to recommend any further reduction.

HERBERT STROUD, Chairman.

RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 20th day of May, 1902—Present Aldermen Holliday and Norman ; Councillors Baker, Bendall and Handley (Councillor Baker in the chair)—

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

2 — Old Cemetery—Resolved, To renew the usual grant of £10 towards the cost of keeping open the Old Cemetery for the use of the residents in the locality, and to express a hope that a portion of it will be used for providing more means of comfort for the old people.

3—Caretakers of Recreation Grounds as Additional Constables—Resolved, To refer to the General Purposes and Watch Committee a letter from the Chief Constable with reference to the appointment of special constables.

4—Application of Caretaker at Agg-Gardner Recreation Ground for Increase of Salary—Resolved, To adjourn until the next meeting of the Committee consideration of an application received from Mr. C. W. Lodge for an increase of salary.

5—Visitors—Resolved, To appoint visitors for the ensuing month as follows, viz., Councillors Bendall and Handley for Naunton Park, Councillors Bainbridge and Baker for the Agg-Gardner, Barrett's Mill, and Grove Street Recreation Grounds, and Councillors King-Harman and Lamb for the East Ward Recreation Ground.

WILLIAM A. BAKER,

Chairman.

BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Friday, the 23rd day of May, 1902—Present The Mayor ; Alderman Haddon ; Councillors Baker, Bence, M. Davis and Packer (Alderman Haddon in the chair)—

1—Cemetery—Resolved, To advance to the Superintendent 45 extra this month for payment of wages, and to instruct the Borough Surveyor to supply £5 worth of plants for bedding out.

Resolved, To adjourn for view consideration of a letter received from Mr. B. Loudon, of Gloucester, asking for removal of a spruce fir tree overhanging the grave of Miss Hannah Harvie, No. 2974 Q, to prevent injury to the memorial cross from drippings from the tree after rain.

2- Designs—Resolved, To approve the following designs, viz: Memorial Crosses to graves of Elizabeth Dickson, Sarah Taylor Wintle, Charles Briton Kew and Amy his wife, Eliza Smith, Arthur E. Dyer ; Headstones to Frances Fewings, Martha Lewis and William John Lewis, and Albert Charles Smith.

JOHN HADDON,

Chairman.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Thursday, the 22nd day of May, 1902—Present : The Mayor; Alderman Skillicorne ; Councillors Bence, Gurney, Handley, Hayward, King-Harman, Parsonage and J. Waghorne (Councillor Gurney in the chair)—

1—Rates Collection—The question of the arrangements to be made for the collection of the rates in view of the recent death of Mr. P. B. Loveridge and the possibility of amalgamating the collection of the Poor and General District Rates was considered. Resolved, That further consideration of the matter be adjourned until the next meeting of the Committee.

Resolved, To instruct the Borough Accountant to arrange to continue until the expiration of his engagement the employment of the junior clerk engaged by the late Mr. Loveridge, for three months from the 28th of April last, at a salary of 17s per week.

2---Late Collector's Salary—Resolved, That the late Mr. Loveridge's salary be paid up to the 24th June next.

W. GERALD GURNEY,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 27th day of May, 1902—Present The Mayor ; Councillors Bence, Handley, Hayward, King-Harman, Parsonage, J. Waghorne and Gurney (Councillor Gurney in the chair)—

3—Rates Collection— The question of the arrangements to be made for collection of the rates in the future was further considered, and a report of the Borough Accountant on the proposals under consideration by the Committee and favouring the same was read. Resolved, To make the following recommendations to the Council :—

1. That the collection of the Poor, General District, and Water Rates, the Pittville Rents Charge, and the Electric Lighting Accounts, and of such other moneys from time to time payable to the Corporation as it may be considered desirable should be received in the Rates Office, be concentrated in one office upon premises belonging to or in the occupation of the Corporation.

2. That Mr. M. B. Ricketts, the present Assistant Overseer, be the Collector and undertake the responsibility for the whole of such collection without further direct remuneration than he is at present receiving as Assistant Overseer.

3. That Mr. Francis Herbert Harris, at present clerk in the Waterworks Office, be appointed an Assistant Collector at a salary of £175, rising after the first two years by annual increments of £5 to £200 per annum.

4. That Mr. Edwin Drew Ricketts, at present assisting his father as Assistant Overseer, be appointed an Assistant Collector at a salary of £150, rising after the first two years by annual increments of £5 to £175 per annum.

5. That the General District and Water Rates after the present half-year be made out by the Collector and his assistants.

6. That the method of collection of the General District and Water Rates and other moneys payable to the Corporation be subject to the approval of this Committee, and the details to be subsequently settled by them. Receipts to be given in order of payment in such form as may be settled by the Committee

7. That after the 1st October next (the date when the second instalments of the Poor and General District Rates become due) the Rate Office be kept open through all usual business hours on every week day, and that the Collector or one of the Assistant Collectors be always in attendance.

8. That the Collector and Assistant Collectors give security by the bond of a Guarantee Society to the satisfaction of this Committee, the premiums to be paid by the Corporation.

9. That the Collector and Assistant Collectors be required to devote the whole of their time to the duties of their offices. Mr. M. B. Ricketts, Mr. F. H. Harris, and Mr. E. D. Ricketts attended before the Committee and agreed, if the above recommendations were approved by the Council, to accept office on the terms specified.

4—General District Rate—The Borough Accountant presented a Report upon the collection of the second instalment of the General District Rate and also upon the collection for the whole of the year now passed.

5—Budget —Resolved, That a meeting of this Committee be held on the 30th inst., at 8 p.m., to consider and settle the estimates for the General District and Borough Rates.

6—Minutes—A suggestion made by Councillor Lawrence that the monthly list of bills passed for payment should be printed at the end of the Minutes of this Committee for the information of the public was considered. Resolved, That the Committee are of opinion that no useful purpose commensurate with the expense involved would be served by the adoption of the suggestion.

7—Accounts—The Financial Statement of the Receipts and Expenditure since the last Meeting and the Bills and Accounts to be paid were examined, and the latter, amounting to £7,096 0s. 4d., ordered to be paid by the Borough Treasurer. The Treasurer's Accounts at the Bank were examined and the balances found to be correct.

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The following was the General Statement :—

Overdrawn on the 29th ulto.		£95,288 1 10
Paid since that date		<u>£ 8,894 10 0</u>
		£104,182 11 0
Received since that date		<u>£ 3,314 9 6</u>
	Overdrawn	£100,868 1 6
Being Ordinary Rates Expenditure	£13,860 17 8	
Electric Lighting, Water & other Capital Accounts	<u>£87,007 3 10</u>	
	£100,868 1 6	

W. GERALD GURNEY,
Chairman.

PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 20th day of May, 1902—Present The Mayor ; Alderman Skillicorne ; Councillors Hayward and Stroud ; the Revs. F. Evans, G. Gardner, and A. C. Turberville; Messrs. G. H. Palmer and A. Beckingsale (Councillor Hayward in the chair)—

1—Librarian's Report—The usual monthly report of the Librarian was read. Amount received £19 18s. 9d. He also reported that the Rev. G. Gardner had intimated his intention to present to the Library the eleven supplementary volumes of the Encyclopaedia Britannica. Resolved. That the best thanks of the Committee be tendered to Mr. Gardner for his kindness.

On the recommendation of the Librarian, Resolved, That the Open Book Case be removed for the ensuing month from the Reference Library into the Newspaper Room.

2—Report of the Sub-Committee—The Sub-Committee recommended that the list of new books submitted be purchased at a cost of about £5 5s. 0d., and that the Librarian be authorised to make arrangements for as many members of the staff as possible to attend the Corporation employees' outing on the 11th pros. without the necessity of closing the Library. Resolved, That the recommendations of the Sub-Committee be approved and adopted.

3—Leckhampton Branch Library—A memorial was read from Mr. B. G. Thompson and 80 other ratepayers in the Leckhampton district asking that the Leckhampton Reading Room might be opened at 10 a.m. instead of at 5 p.m. Resolved, That the application be referred to the Sub-Committee for consideration and report.

C. HAYWARD,

Chairman.

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Wednesday, the 28th day of May, 1902—Present The Mayor ; Aldermen Holliday and Skillicorne ; Councillors Parsonage and Rickerby (Alderman Skillicorne 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 48 schools, from which 638 names of absentee children had been extracted, all of whom had been visited. They also reported that the parents of 51 children had been summoned to attend before the Local Committees, who had held 6 meetings; that 4 parents had been prosecuted, and 4 were fined.

2 — Local Committees--The Minute Books of the several Local Committee were gone through and examined. Resolved, That proceedings under the Bye-Laws be taken against the parents of the following children, viz. :—Dorothy Hawkins, Gladys Shipsides, Samuel Blakely, Albert Howlett, Nellie Charlottes and Ellen Cummings.

3--Blind Child —A letter was read from the Secretary of the Edgbaston General Institution for the Blind stating that their school was full, and they could not in consequence admit the boy William Robinson referred to in the letter of the Rev. G. W. L. Cass read at the last meeting.

4--Dumb Child—In reply to a letter from Mr. C. E. F. Nash with reference to the education of a boy who is dumb but not deaf, Resolved, To instruct the Town Clerk to ascertain what can be done to provide special education for this boy under the powers conferred by the Elementary Education (Defective and Epileptic Children) Act, 1899.

5--Education Bill—Resolved, To express no opinion with reference to letters received from the Secretary of the Municipal Corporations Association, the Clerk to the Pontypool Urban District Council, the Town Clerk of Carlisle, and the Town Clerk of West Ham upon the subject of the Education Bill.

W. NASH SKILLICORNE,

Chairman.

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Borough of Cheltenham

MINUTES of the Proceedings of Committees of the Town Council to be submitted for approval at a Monthly Meeting of the Council, to be held on Monday, the 7th day of July, 1902.

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 9th day of June, 1902—Present: The Mayor ; Aldermen Norman and Skillicorne ; Councillors M. Davis and Parsonage (Councillor Parsonage 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, 9 of Chicken Pox, and 2 of Diphtheria; that the 6 cases of Scarlet Fever and the 2 cases 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 10 of Scarlet Fever, and 2 of Diphtheria.

2—Insanitary Property at No. 5, Orchard Place, No. 27, York Street, Nos. 1 & 2, Victoria Parade, No. 25, Russell Street, Nos. 1, 2 and 3, Gordon Terrace, No. 2, Sherborne Place, and No. 12, Gloucester Place—The Medical Officer of Health reported that the premises above-mentioned were in such a state as to be injurious to the health of the inmates owing to defective roofs, walls, floors, &c. Resolved, That the Council being satisfied that the said premises are in such a state as to be injurious to health, Notices under Sec. 94 of the Public Health Act, 1875, be served upon the Owners requiring them to put the same into a healthy condition, and for that purpose to carry out the works specified in the Notices.

3—Houses let in Lodgings—The Medical Officer of Health recommended that the landlords of the following houses let in lodgings, viz., No. 2, Sherborne Villas, Nos. 118 & 82, Fairview Road, Nos. 20 & 59, Leighton Road, No. 13, Jersey Place, and No. 1, Selkirk 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

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 lessees.

4—Cleansing and Limewashing at No. 5, Little's Court, New Street, No. 27, York Street, No. 2, St. Peter's Place, Nos. 1 & 3, Sherborne Place, No. 16, Gloucester Place, and No. 3, Trent Cottages.—The Medical Officer of Health having certified under Sec. 46 of the Public Health Act, 1875, 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 No. 9, Clarence Street, Nos. 7 & 8, Sherborne Place, No. 70, Queen Street, No. 51, Townsend Street, and the Police Station, Shurdington Road. — 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 Town Clerk reported that as regards the drains at No. 9, Clarence Street, he had already given authority to the Inspector of Nuisances to act under the said section, as it was a matter of urgency. Resolved, That the action of the Town Clerk be approved and confirmed.

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6—Overcrowding at No. 3, Trent Cottages, Gloucester Place, and No. 18, Columbia 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—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—Factory and Workshop Act, 1901—The Medical Officer of Health called attention to the provisions of this Act, which required the Council to cause examination to be made of Factories and Workshops as regards the means of escape in case of fire in certain cases and to grant certificates, and suggested that the Council should determine by whom such examinations should be made.

In regard also to the provisions of Sec. 107, which require Occupiers of workshops and Contractors to furnish lists of the names and addresses of their employees twice a year, he suggested that this requirement should be notified by advertisement in the local newspapers for the information of those who have to fulfil the requirements and to forestall the plea of ignorance as an excuse.

Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to make the examinations above referred to, and that the suggestion of the Medical Officer of Health as to advertising the requirements of the said section be approved and adopted.

10--Nuisance from Cats--The Medical Officer of Health having reported that at No. 12, Selkirk Parade the nuisance from the keeping of cats, for which the occupier had twice been summoned and fined, still continued, and she had failed to comply with a notice to abate it which had been served upon her. Resolved, To instruct the Town Clerk, if necessary, to again take proceedings to compel compliance with the notice.

11--Insanitary Urinals at the Sydney Arms, Pittville Street, and The Grapes, Gloucester Place.--The Medical Officer of Health having reported that these Urinals were in such a state in consequence of defects of construction and want of water supply for flushing as to be nuisances or injurious to health, Resolved, That Notices under Sec. 94 of the Public Health Act, 1875, be served on the owners of the said premises requiring them to abate the nuisances, and for that purpose to carry out such structural works of amendment as shall be specified, and lay on sufficient and continuous supplies of water for flushing purposes.

12—Closing of Schools on Account of Measles—The Medical Officer of Health reported that the Infants' Departments of St. James's and St. Philip's Schools were respectively closed, the former on May 26th and the latter on May 30th, in due form, on account of Measles among the scholars.

13—Flooding of Basement of Salopian Villas --The Borough Surveyor reported that further investigation proved that the drainage of these houses was connected with the main sewer in Andover Street which was 3-ft. in diameter. This sewer received in its course a larger number of branch setters varying from 2ft. 6in. to 1ft. 6in. in diameter, and discharged into an egg-shaped sewer (the Hatherley Brook Sewer) of the same capacity. It was evidently taxed to its full capacity in the upper portion where the gradients were somewhat flat, and when there was an extraordinary rainfall some flooding took place, especially where the basements were near the level of the sewer, as at Salopian Villas. During the storm of rain on the 30th December, 1900, many of the houses drained by this sewer were flooded; in the cellar of one house in Great Norwood Street the water rose 12 inches above the floor level, evidently backing out of the sewer. As this sewer drained all houses from Naunton Lane and a large part of Leckhampton, it would be necessary in the near future to increase the size of some portions of it, after a careful study of the levels had been made.

Resolved, To inform .Mrs. Keith Harman Brown that the subject matter above referred to shall receive attention when the comprehensive scheme for the sewerage of the Tivoli District is being dealt with.

14—Damage by Rats at Oakleigh—The Borough Surveyor reported on this matter, as follows, viz. :—I have seen Mrs. Birkett and have personally examined the premises thoroughly. The conditions are such that no rats can either enter or leave the sewer. It should be observed that fowls have been kept for a long time, and. at the time the work was commenced rats were very commonly seen by

the men, and many were destroyed. During the progress of the works, eight gooseberry trees were destroyed, and twelve were planted to replace them, of which at least ten are now living and bearing fruit. Mrs. Birkett also complained that a pond in her field would not now hold water, but as the supply is simply surface water I do not think it could ever have been a permanent supply, and I am informed that it has usually failed in summer. Resolved, That a copy of this Report be sent to Messrs. Ley Wood & Rickerby, and to inform them that the Council con-sider that it appears to them that no damage has been sustained for which they are liable to pay compensation.

15-Barn Farm—Mr. Corbett having made a claim for La for fixing posts for the fence in Sand Common Field, Resolved, To remind him that he agreed if the posts were provided that he would fix them at his own expense and that therefore the Council are unable to admit the claim.

16—Re-Sewering of Nos. 1 & 2 Districts—Me. Riley leaving requested the Council to consider the propriety of making him a grant for overtime and bonus in respect of his services in connection with this work, and stated that the first 18 months of his work occupied 14 hours a day on an average, and frequently all night and on Sundays, but that he had been paid for only nine hours a day, and that it was arranged that if the work cost less than the lowest tender, he should receive a commission on the difference, Resolved, That a grant of £50 be made to Mr. Riley for overtime work and bonus on the amount saved between the actual cost and the amount of the lowest tender.

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17 Farm Bailiff--A letter from Mr. Otter was read, stating that he would commence his duties on the 17th instant.

The Farm Bailiff reported as follows, viz., The stock on the Farms on the 7th June was as follows :—

CORPORATION	PROPERTY.	NO.	ON TACK.	NO.
Horses	.. .. .	6	Horses	12
Cattle	.. .. .	192	Cattle ..	0
Sheep	.. .. .	33	Sheep	0
BOUGHT.		£ s d.	SOLD.	£ s. d.
May 16-12	Cattle	145 0 0	May 12—	2 Bullocks 37 16 6
" 24-54.	Ditto	115 2 6	" 26-	5 Cattle 87 17 6
„ 31-12	Ditto	124 10 0	June 2-	5 Cattle <u>90 5 0</u>
June 4—11	Ditto	152 10 0		
„ 7-15	Ditto	<u>163 0 0</u>		
		£700 2 6		£215 19 0

I recommend that still more stock be purchased. Owing to the continued damp weather the present stock cannot keep the grass down, and on that account I cannot get the land bare enough to distribute the sewage satisfactorily. There should be at least another 30 at Barn Farm and 20 here (Haydon Knoll Farm).

I am continually being asked to take horses in to tack. If I do, I must put a field aside for that purpose, they could follow after cattle. I doubt the advisability of having them, and I should be glad if you would state definitely, whether they are to be taken in or not, as I have informed several people I should lay the matter before you to-day. All the stock on the farms are doing remarkably well and I have had no case of illness amongst them of any description. I am sending 6 bullocks and 33 fat sheep to Gloucester Market to-day.

18—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
1526	W. D. Rogers	Additions to Craig-y-don, Hewlett Road.
1527	Stephen James	Additions to the Carpenters' Arms, Portland Square, Pittville.
1528	W. Moorman	Additions to Fernbank, Moorend Road
1529	Society of Friends	Meeting House in Portland Street.
1530	Josiah J. Barrett	Two pairs of Semi-detached houses in Leckhampton Road.
1531	R. R. & W. H.	Pearce Block Plan for Houses, Alstone Grange Estate.
1532	Major Parsons	Coach House and Stables to new house in Shurdington Road.

Resolved, As regards drainage and other sanitary matters, that the plans above specified be approved.

E. H. PARSONAGE,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 23rd day of June, 1902--Present: Aldermen Norman and Skillicorne, Councillors M. Davis and Parsonage (Councillor Parsonage in the chair)—

19—Zymotic Disease—The Medical Officer of Health reported that there had been notified since the last meeting of the Committee it cases of Scarlet Fever, 5 of Diphtheria, 1 of Enteric Fever, and 3 of Chicken Pox ; that the 11 cases of Scarlet Fever and the case of Diphtheria had been sent into the Delancey Hospital, and that the number of Corporation cases then in that Hospital was 15 of Scarlet Fever, 2 of Diphtheria, and 1 Quarantine.

20— Closing of School—The Medical Officer of Health reported that the Naunton Park Infant School was closed on June 17th, on account of a prevalence of Measles amongst the scholars, and that the fact had been reported to the Local Government Board

21— Unsound Fruit—The Medical Officer of Health reported that on June 17th seventy-one tins of unsound canned peaches and apricots were seized upon a grocer's premises, and destroyed after being condemned by a Magistrate.

22—Urinals at The Bath Hotel, Albion Strict, The New Inn, Gloucester Road, and The Cross Keys, Tewkesbury Road—The Medical Officer of Health reported that these Urinals were in such a state in consequence of defects in structure and want of water supply for flushing 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 of the said premises requiring them to abate the nuisances, and for that purpose to lay on continuous and sufficient supplies of water for properly flushing the urinals, and carry out such structural amendments as shall be specified.

23-- Overcrowding at Steel's Cottage, Elmstone 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.

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

25-Cleansing and Limewashing at Nos. 25 and 37, Russell Street, 36, Victoria Street, 19, York Street, 4, Dunalley Parade, 20, Courtenay Street, 5, Derrett's Cottages, 12 and 15, Gloucester Place, and 16, Gloucester Road-The Medical Officer of Health having certified under Sec. 46 of the Public Health Act that the above-named dwelling houses were in such a filthy and unwholesome condition that the health of the inmates was affected or endangered thereby, Resolved, That Notices be given to the owners under the said Section requiring the houses to be cleansed and limewashed.

26-Nuisance from Drains, &c., at Nos. 7, 8, and 9, Devonshire Street and 4, Dunalley 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 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-

27-House Unfit for Human Habitation, viz., The Stables, Wellesley Road, occupied by W. Jones-The Medical Officer of Health having certified that this house was in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to health and unfit for human habitation, Resolved, That proceedings under Sec. 32 of the Housing of the Working Classes Act, 1890, be taken to obtain orders for this house to be closed.

28-Insanitary Property at Nos. 3, 4, and 5, Derrett's Cottages, Alstone, 7, Lypiatt Street, 24, Sun Street, 4, Dunalley Parade, 17 and 49, Sherborne Street, 27, York Street, and 3, 56, and 57, Rutland 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, waste pipes, traps, &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.

29 - Houses Let in Lodgings---The Medical Officer of Health recommended that the landlords of the following houses let in lodgings, viz., Nos. 4 and 17, Albert Place, 6, Ormond Terrace, Gainsborough House, Bath Road. and No. 6, Bath Place, 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 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 lessees.

30-Notices not Complied With-The Medical Officer of Health handed in a list of notices to carry out sanitary requirements which had been served but had not been complied with. Resolved, To instruct the Town Clerk to serve final notices, and, if necessary, take proceedings to compel compliance with them.

31--Holidays in the Health Department-Resolved. To authorise the Medical Officer of Health to arrange for the holidays for himself and staff as usual.

32-Rebuilding of Retaining Wall of Garden at back of Yorkleigh-In reply to a letter received from the Rev. J. Lewitt, asking to be informed as to the probable cost of this work, Resolved, To inform Mr. Lewitt that his share of the cost shall not exceed £40.

33-Extension of Sewer at Alstone Croft--Resolved, To accede to a request from Nix.. G. Loveday to extend the sewer in the Alstone Croft Road to receive the drainage from six houses to be erected by him, the plans of which were approved by this Committee on the 10th of March last.

34-Building Plans-The Borough Surveyor laid before the Committee the following plans which he had received of proposed new buildings, viz. :- No. of Plan.

No. of Plan.	Name.	Description.
1481.	W. Burrows.	Cottage between Nos. 33 and 37, Duke Street.
1519	Surg.-Major Newton.	Lodge south side of the Park.
1533	Webb Bros., Ltd.	Mill, Engine, and Generating Houses and Coke Bunker, Battledown Brickworks.
1534	Mrs. Gilmore.	New Show and Workrooms at Marlborough House.
1535	J. Cypher.	Alterations to Rose View, Queen's Road.
1536	Mrs. Fordham.	Detached Villa, Old Bath Road.
1537	Mrs. M. A. Blower	Cottages in Millbrook Street.

Resolved, That as regards drainage and other sanitary matters, Nos. 1534, 1535, and 1537 be not approved. That subject to a separate disconnecting trap being provided for each house adjoining the chamber marked A on the Plan ; and the trap marked B thereon being removed and the drain made good, No. 1481 be approved, and that Nos. 1519, 1533, and 1536 be approved as shown.

E. H. PARSONAGE,

Chairman.

FARMS AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held. Wednesday, the 18th day of June, 1902; Present—Aldermen Norman and Skillicorne ; Councillors M. Davis, Lawrence, and Parsonage (Councillor M. Davis in the chair).

1—Chairman—Resolved, That Councillor M. Davis be appointed Chairman of this Committee.

2—Accounts —Resolved, That the following Accounts be forthwith prepared by the Borough Accountant and copies sent to each member of the Committee.

(1) An account of the Receipts and Payments on Capital Account relating to the Sewage Farms Stock and Implements.

(2) An account of Purchases and Sales of Sewage Farms Stock and Implements.

(3) An account of Expenditure and Income relating to the Sewage Farms, and the Revenue Working for the year ended 31st March, 1902, with a Profit and Loss Account Nett Revenue.

3-Inspection of Farms—The Committee proceeded, with the new Bailiff, to inspect the Farms and the growing crops thereon, consisting of oats, wheat and beans, and also to inspect the Cattle, which numbered 199.

M. DAVIS,

Chairman.

STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 10th day of June, 1902—Present : The Mayor ; Alderman Haddon ; Councillors Baker, Bendall, Hayward, Lawrence and Parsonage (Councillor Baker in the chair)—

1—Footpath in Workhouse Lane—Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to bring up a specification of the Works required to be done to this footpath by the abutting owners.

2--Clinker Slab Factory—The Chairman reported that the following Members of the Committee paid a visit of inspection to the Clinker Slab Factory on the date of this meeting, and had found the Factory in satisfactory working order ; viz.—The Mayor ; Councillors Baker, Bendall, Lawrence and Parsonage.

3—Awning Outside Theatre and Opera House—A letter was read from the Secretary of the Theatre and Opera House Company, Ltd. stating that his Directors had had frequent complaints of the inconvenience and discomfort arising from the want of an awning outside the Theatre door to protect those waiting for admission from bad weather, and asking for permission to erect such an awning similar to the one occasionally used at the Victoria Rooms. Resolved, That the writer be requested to forward a sketch of what the Company wish to put up, and that, in the meantime, consideration of the application be adjourned.

4--Building Inspection—The usual monthly report of the Inspector of New Buildings was read.

5—Tenders for Pipes—A letter was read from Messrs. H. A. Gwinnell & Co., suggesting the advisability of tenders being invited for the supply of such pipes as the Council may require for the next twelve months. Resolved, To inform Messrs. Gwinnell that the Council have some months' supply of pipes in stock

6—Tree in front of Argyle Place, The Park—The Borough Surveyor reported that on the 9th instant, Mr. Henry 'Moorman, of Tivoli Gardens had cut and injured the trees growing in the highway in front of No. 2, Argyle Place, The Park, and that while engaged in so doing he had been requested to desist by Corporation officials, but had refused.

A letter was read from Mr. Moorman, stating that the trees were cut in order to allow of the growth of a holly tree and the grass in the garden of No. 2. Argyle Place, and because repeated applications to have them cut by the Corporation men had failed to get any attention. Resolved, That the Town Clerk be directed to take proceedings against Mr. Moorman forth-with for the penalties incurred.

7-- Ewlyn road Private Improvement Expenses—A Letter was read from Mr. S. B. Dix in reply to one from the Town Clerk, stating with reference to the amount due from him for Private Improvement Works in Ewlyn Road, what allowances and abatements he thought should be made to him in the matter, and that he as owner of the soil of the road objected to the road being declared a highway. Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to take the necessary steps to obtain payment of the amount apportioned to Mr. Dix.

8—Contract for Cement—Letters seem read from Messrs. H. A. Gwinnell & Co. claiming the sum of £30 for empty cement sacks alleged not to have been returned to them. The Boroughs Surveyor reported that the sacks referred to had been returned to the Railway Company consigned to Bridgwater, - carriage forward" and not 'carriage paid " as Messrs. Gwinnell requested. Resolved, That the Council cannot recognize the claim made and must refer Messrs. Gwinnell to the terms of their contract.

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9—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.
1528	Sydney Joyner	Additions to Fernbank, Moorend Road
1529	Society of Friends	Proposed Meeting House, Portland Street.
1530	Josiah J. Barrett	Two pairs of semi-detached houses in Leckhampton Road
1532	Major Parsons ..	Proposed new coach-house and stables to new house, Shurdington Road.

Resolved, That the same be approved as shown as regards situation and construction.

10—Alstone Grange Estate—The Borough Surveyor laid before the Committee an amended block plan of part of the Alstone Grange Estate sent in by Messrs. R. R. & W. H. Pearce. Resolved. That the same be approved.

WILLIAM A. BAKER, Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 30th day of June, 1902—Present Aldermen Haddon and Skillicorne ; Councillors Baker, Bendall, Hayward and Parsonage (Councillor Baker in the chair)—

11—Street Projections—The Street Inspector reported that a shield-shaped sign had been suspended in front of No. 20, Promenade Villas by Messrs. Revell & Co., 7ft. from the pavement and projecting about 18 inches. Resolved, To instruct the Town Clerk to give notice to Messrs. Revell & Co. to remove the sign forthwith. Resolved, To inform Miss M. A. Wood that the Council cannot accede to her request for permission to hang out an advertisement flag two days a week in front of No. 199, High Street, as such flags are only allowed on special occasions by permission of the Mayor.

12— Fencing of Frontages of Houses in Brandon. Terrace—In reply to a letter from Mr. C. H. Maisey, Resolved, To inform him that the Council has no power to prevent the erection of the fencing referred to by him in front of the line of frontage of houses recently converted from the old malt house situate in Brandon Terrace.

13—Condition of Carriage Way of Old Bath Road and Charlton Lane—A letter was read from Mr. J. Whittle calling attention to the bad state of the carriage way of the Old Bath Road and Charlton Lane between Laracor and the Delancey Hospital. Resolved, To instruct the Borough Surveyor in its turn to reface the surface of the roadway in Charlton Lane between the Malvern Inn and the railway bridge.

14—Report of the Borough Surveyor re Highways—The Borough Surveyor reported that the work done by the Highways Department during the month ending 26th June, 1902, had been as follows:—

Roads Repaired with Clee Hill Stone— Gloucester Road 1,740 square yards, Shurdington Road 7,467 square yards, Bath Road 364 square yards, Queen's Road proceeding, Montpellier Walk 2,000 square yards.

Patching—Pittville Circus Road, High Street, Norwood Road, St. James' Square, The Park, Leamington Place, Wellington Street, Prestbury Road, Sandfield Road, New Street, London Road, Tewkesbury Road.

Repaired with Wickwar Stone—Swindon Road 516 square yards, Bath Road 182 square yards, Imperial Lane 1,112 square yards, Montpellier Parade 1,556 square yards, Painswick Road 3,640 square yards.

Patching—St. George's Road, Royal Well Lane. The Private Improvement Works at the hack of Railway Buildings were finished, and the apportionment would be prepared shortly.

Kerb, Crossing, Channelling, and Paving—Queen's Road and Street, Marle Hill Road, St. George's Road and Place, Clarence Street, Warwick Place, North Street, St. Paul's Street, Hewlett Street, Andover Road, Roman Road, Swindon Road, Grosvenor Street, New Street, Albion Street, Spa Road, Tewkesbury Road, Regent Street, Lansdown Place, Park Place, Burton Street, Great Norwood Street, Townsend Street, Bath Road, Rodney Road, Pittville Villas (back of), Gloucester Road and Place, Montpellier Terrace and Street, High Street, Church Street, Portland Street, Cambray, Segrave Place, St. James' Street, Fairview Road, Parabola Road.

The footpath on the West side of Vittoria Walk had been laid with concrete paving.

Trees Pruned in--Monson Avenue, Clarence Square and Road, Wellington Square, back of Saxham Villas, Evesham Road, Pittville Lawn, Crescent, Circus and Road, Leamington Place, Prestbury Road, Selkirk Street, All Saints' Road, Dagmar Road.

Trees Cut Down--1 Imperial Square (dead), 1 St. Luke's Road, 1 Bayshill Road (dead), 4 Pittville Lawn, 4 Albert Road, 1 Wellington Road, 1 Prestbury Road.

Ashes Collected and Destroyed—The number of loads collected seas 1,203 ; consumed at the Destructor 974, the weight of which was 1,000 tons and 5 cwt.

At the Slab Factory 5,215 super feet of paving had been made, at a cost of £70 3s. 5d.

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15—Old Bath Road Improvement—Councillor Parsonage having reported that the Highways Committee of the County Council declined to contribute towards the cost of this improvement in consequence of the proposal to lay out the road to a width of 50 feet, which they considered would greatly benefit the abutting owners but would be a greater width than necessary for the convenience of the public, Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to prepare a plan and estimate of the cost for laying out a section of the road extending about 3000 yards south of Laracor to a width of 40 feet, and that further application be made to the County Council to contribute towards the cost of it.

16—Crossing from North End of Shelburne Road over Lansdown Road and Footpath in Former—A letter was read from Dr. Flecker requesting the provision of this crossing and calling attention to the state of the asphalt path in the Shelburne Road, which had been cut up by the carts passing over it when the sewer was being laid in the road. Resolved, To accede to the request of Dr. Flecker, and to instruct the Boroughs Surveyor to lay the crossing and repair the footpath.

17—Footpath South Side of Lansdown Road—Resolved, To instruct the Borough Surveyor to have this footpath re-gravelled where it has been opened up for laying electric light mains, and that the cost be charged to the Electric Light Undertaking.

18—Footpaths on Bays Hill and Parabola Road —In compliance with a request received from the Rev. C. E. Gibson, Resolved, To instruct the Borough Surveyor to relay these footpaths in sections, repairing the first one with clinker slabs and the remaining sections with the paving removed from the preceding section or sections, and to place two seats in the Christ Church Road.

19—Building Plans—Resolved, That the undermentioned plans of proposed new buildings, as regards situation and construction, be not approved, viz., No. 1538, five houses in Leighton Road for John Powell ; and No. 1534, addition of new show and workrooms at Marlborough House, Montpellier, for Mrs. P. Gilmore.

WILLIAM A. BAKER,

Chairman.

TOWN IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 23rd day of June, 1902—Present Alderman Norman Councillors Bainbridge, Baker, Bence, Packer and Rickerby (Councillor Rickerby in the chair)—

1 —Entertainments Sub-Committee—The Sub-Committee reported that with reference to several letters on the subject they resolved that children holding 2s 6d tickets will not be excluded from the Montpellier Gardens until 45 minutes prior to the commencement of each Entertainment and at the close they will be re-admitted until three-quarters of an hour previously to the next entertainment to be again re-admitted at the close thereof, and as regards tennis players the latter will not be excluded until half an hour before any performance.

That the Royal Roumanian Band had been engaged for the week commencing the 14th of July instead of the Cerise Pierrot Party, the Corporation to receive 25 per cent. of the takings ; and that they resolved in respect of the Band Concerts at Montpellier to insert a one line advertisement in the " Daily Telegraph " the week previously to each such Concert. Resolved, That the proceedings and resolutions of the Sub-Committee be approved and adopted.

2—Subscribers' Privileges at Montpellier Gardens—In reply to a letter from Councillor Hayward making the following suggestions, viz..—

That children's tickets should secure admission all day until 7 p.m.

That tennis players should be allowed admission to their courts at all times upon payment of 1s for the season additional to the cost of their Subscriber's ticket ; and

That tickets for visitors should be issued for a week, a month, or a quarter at 1s, 2s and 3s respectively to any householder who has previously obtained a Subscribers ticket for the use of a bona-fide visitor to the house.

Resolved. That having regard to the engagements which have been made for the season the Council consider it is inexpedient to make any such alterations as suggested for this year.

3--Advertising--Resolved, Not to entertain a proposal from the Secretary of The Matlock House Hydropathic Co., Limited, that the Council should advertise the town in a View Album of Matlock and District at a charge of £10 per page.

4-Band Stand in Promenade Long Garden —Resolved, To request the Chairman and Alderman Norman to call upon Mr. Ryland, the owner of No. 24, Promenade, with a view to prevailing upon him to allow the Council to proceed with the erection of this Band Stand, and that they be authorised to ask Councillor J. Waghorne to accompany them.

5-Automatic Weighing Machines --- Resolved, Not to entertain a suggestion from Messrs. Salter & Co. that the Council should purchase some, of these machines to place in the gardens under their control or allow them to place half a dozen, for which they would give to the Council 25 per cent. of the gross takings.

6—Renovation of Fountain at Montpellier Gardens—Resolved, That the tender of Messrs. Boultons for renovating this fountain at £32 10s. 0d. be accepted.

7—Borough Meteorologist--Resolved, To request the Chairman of the Committee to ascertain from Mr. F. O. Bell if he would accept this appointment.

8—Damage to Montpellier Carders—Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed without special authority to forthwith prosecute any person found doing damage at the Montpellier Gardens, and that arrangements be made for a constable in plain clothes to be on duty in the Montpellier Gardens on Sundays.

T. E. RICKERBY,

Chairman.

TOWN IMPROVEMENT AND GENERAL PURPOSES AND WATCH COMMITTEES.

At a joint Meeting of these Committees, held on Friday, the 6th day of June, 1902---Present The Mayor; Aldermen Haddon, Norman, and Skillicorne ; Councillors Baker and Rickerby (The Mayor in the chair)—

1—Town Hall—Memorial Stone—Resolved, To approve the design of the inscription to be placed on this stone as now submitted to the Committee by the Architect.

Electric Lighting—The Architect having read a letter he had received from Mr. Hawtayne, the Consulting Electrical Engineer that he had employed as authorised, with reference to the preparation of the Specification for the lighting of the building by electricity, Resolved, That he be requested to have the specification printed locally ; To obtain tenders for carrying it out by advertisement in the *The Electrician* and the local papers, and to state therein that applications for copies of the Specification must be accompanied by a deposit of £5, to be returned on receipt of a bona-fide tender. Resolved, To authorise the Architect to inspect the method of installation of the electric light at the Town Hall at Ilford, and at the Guildhall School of Music.

2—Winter Garden—The Architect for the Town Hall having reported that the position of the Ventilating and Heating Fans at the Winter Garden would interfere with the Town Hall building, Resolved, To authorize him to consult with the Electrical Engineer and the Borough Surveyor with a view to moving the fans to another position, and to report to the Committee.

RICHARD ROGERS,

Chairman.

LIGHTING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Wednesday, the 25th day of June, 1902—Present Alderman Norman Councillors Hayward, Parsonage and Stroud (Alderman Norman in the chair)—

1—Electrical Inspector's Report—The Electrical Inspector reported the result of his tests of the Electric supply during the past month, as follows :-

LOW PRESSURE CABLES.			
Date	Legal Standard.	Test at Manchester Street.	
June 10th ..	200 Volts.	208 Volts	
" 23rd ..	"	<u>208</u> "	
Average....		208 Volts.	
2—Gas Examiner's Report—The Monthly Report of the Gas Examiner, as follows, was read:—			
ILLUMINATING POWER.		PURITY.	
1902		1902	Grains of Sulphur per
June 10th.	16.45 candles	June	100 cubic ft.
" 23rd..	15.73 "	10th—11th	12.23
Average.	16.09 "	18th—19th	13.96
		Average	13.09

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. viz. :—Lamps regulated to burn 4.25 cubic feet per hour 4.3173 cubic feet ; Guildhall Lamps, with No, 4 Incandescent burners 5.963 cubic feet ; and lamps with No. 3 Incandescent burners 3.8695 cubic feet.

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

5--Extension of Electric Lighting Area beyond the Borough—With reference to the Resolution to Minute No. 8 of the proceedings of this Committee of date the 26th March last that the Town Clerk be instructed to give the preliminary notices with a view of making application for an extension of area to comprise Prestbury, Bishop's Cleeve, Leckhampton, Swindon, Southam, Woodmancote and Brockhampton, a letter was read from Mr. A. H. Wyatt, solicitor, stating that he had laid the draft agreement prepared by the Town Clerk for the extension of the area to include the parish of Prestbury before the Prestbury Parish Council, and he had been instructed to inform the Committee that the Parish Council must adhere to the draft agreement which he returned approved on the 21st of August last, consenting to the passing of the cable through the parish of Prestbury, Resolved, That unless the understanding provisionally conic to between the Chairman of the Committee and the Town Clerk on the one part, and the Chairman of the Parish Council on the other, that the inclusion of the parish of Prestbury within the lighting area should be concurrent with the arrangement of way leave the Town Council is not prepared to proceed further with the matter.

With reference to an application received from Mr. T. Malvern for a supply of current to a house in course of erection in Coronation Road, Prestbury for Miss M. Louch, Resolved, To inform Mr. Malvern that in consequence of the action of the Prestbury Parish Council, this Council has no power to accede to his request.

6—Report of the Electrical Engineer—The Electrical Engineer reported that all work had progressed satisfactorily during the past month, and that he had not yet completed testing the samples of coal for which tenders had been received.

7 —Painting of Electric Light Standards in Lansdown Road—A letter was read from Lieut.-Colonel C. Berkeley Calcott, calling attention to the fact that these standards had not yet been painted. Resolved, To instruct the Borough Surveyor to press the Contractor to proceed with the work of painting these standards.

GEO. NORMAN,

Chairman.

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WATER COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Thursday, the 19th day of June, 1902—Present.: The Mayor ; Councillors Baker, Bendall, M. Davis, Lawrence, Packer, and H. Waghorne (Councillor H. Waghorne in the chair)—

1—Report of the Water Engineer—The Water Engineer reported that on the 18th instant the supply from Hewletts springs was 109 gallons, the average for the past three years being 102 gallons per minute, and the quantity of water in store at Hewletts and Leckhampton was 11,661,745 gallons.

On the 18th instant Dowdeswell Reservoir was 25ft 4iii. in depth, and the contents 67,207,513 gallons, exclusive of the daily yield of the streams, which was then about 918,432 gallons, which gave a total storage of 78,869,258 gallons, or about 78 days' supply.

He had received an application from Mr. H. Edwards for a free supply of water on the 26th instant, to provide tea in a field at Charlton Kings for old people in the parish, as part of the celebration of the King's Coronation. Resolved, To accede to the application.

2—Land gear Sandford Pumping Station— A letter was read from Mr. G. Hough, accepting the offer of the Council for a continuance of his tenancy at a rental of £6 per annum.

3—Pollution of Severn at Worcester—A letter from the Local Government Board was read, with which they enclosed copies of correspondence they had had on this subject with the Corporation of Worcester, from which it appeared, that as an excuse for not having proceeded with their scheme for the treatment of their sewage they alleged that they had had difficulty in negotiating way leaves. The Town Clerk reported that he had replied, pointing out, that it did not appear necessary to negotiate for way leaves, having regard to Sec. 16 of the Public Health Act, 1875. Resolved, That the reply of the Town Clerk be approved.

4— Abstracting Water from Cattle Troughs for Traction Engines -With reference to a complaint which the Water Engineer had made to Mr. G. F. Butcher, Steam Hauling Contractor, of Westgate Bridge, Gloucester, that a driver of one of his engines had abstracted water from one of the road cattle troughs to which water was supplied by the Cheltenham Corporation, a letter from Mr. Butcher, was read, pleading ignorance on the part of the engine driver. Resolved, To inform Mr.

Butcher that if the offence is repeated, proceedings will be taken, and to suggest to him the advisability of making an arrangement with the Corporation for such a supply of water for his engines as he may require.

5- Additions to Lodge at Hewletts—The following tenders for this work were received, viz :—

William Creswell	£167 10 0
Dunman & Marshall	£130 0 0

Resolved, That the tender of Messrs. Dunman & Marshall be accepted.

6—Publication of Accounts of Undertaking—Resolved, That in compliance with Sec. 43 of the Cheltenham Corporation Water Act, 1878 (41 & 42 Vict. c. 203), an Abstract of the Accounts of the Water Undertaking of the Corporation for the year ended 31st March, 1902, be forthwith published in the Local Newspapers circulating in the Borough.

7--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 24th day of June, 1902—Present :
Councillors Baker, Gurney, Hayward, Parsonage, Stroud and J. Waghorne (Councillor J. Waghorne in the chair)—

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

2--- Swine Fever—Superintendent Hopkins reported that on the 6th inst an outbreak of Swine Fever had occurred at Juniper Cottage, Alma Road, Gloucester Road. That there were nine pigs upon the premises, two of which died of the disease. The remaining seven were slaughtered under the direction of the Inspector of the Board of Agriculture, and the carcasses were cremated at the Ash Destructor. He had served the necessary forms, and would see that the provisions of the Swine Fever Order were strictly carried out.

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3—Fire Brigade—The Superintendent reported that on the 22nd inst. the Brigade was called to extinguish a fire at No. 90, High Street. That the extinction expenses amounted to £3 10s. 6d., which would in due course be claimed by the Borough Accountant from the Office in which the property was insured. Resolved, That the Account of the salaries and allowances to the firemen be submitted to and investigated by the Sub-Committee once a fortnight.

4—Drivers' Licences—Resolved, To accede to applications received from William Trinder and George Clifford for drivers' licences, and not to accede to similar applications received from John Beamish

and George Cleveland. The Street Inspector reported that William Philip Jones and Arthur Gardner had been five and four times respectively convicted of offences against the Hackney Carriage Bye Laws and Towns Police Clauses Act within twelve months.

5—Hackney Carriage Licences—The Street Inspector reported that Frederick James Paul and William Philp Jones, who previously to the last licensing day had each been proprietor of a licensed hackney carriage, had failed to again show their vehicles since their licences were refused.

6—Library Committee—A letter was read from the Secretary of the Cheltenham and District Trade and Labour Council asking the Town Council to again consider the application made on behalf of the District Trade and Labour Council that they should have a representative appointed on the Public Library Committee. Resolved, To adjourn consideration of the matter until the appointment of Committees is made in the Autumn.

7—Vibration front Machinery at Cheltine Factory—A letter was read from the General Manager of the Cheltine Foods Company stating that considerable expense had been incurred in making alterations to stop the noise from their boiler, and they had succeeded in doing so.

8—Game Dealers' Licences—Resolved, To accede to the undermentioned applications for renewal of licences to deal in game received from the following persons, viz.:—Charles Barnett, 86, High Street ; W. Hall & Sons, 92, High Street ; Edward Thomas Lee, 1, Winchcomb Street ; Lucy Ann Morris, Columbia House, Winchcomb Street ; Nolan Wellesley Olive, 4, Colonnade ; William Wilks, 372, High Street ; and Thomas Burt Woodard, Nos. 1 and 2, Montpellier Avenue.

9--Clerical Staff in Borough Surveyor's Department—The Borough Surveyor reported that in place of Mr. Harris he had arranged that Mr. W. J. Mullins should undertake the clerical work lately performed by Mr. Harris in connection with the Water Undertaking, and had appointed Mr. E. C. Jennings to undertake the general clerical work.

JOHN WAGHORNE,

Chairman.

MINERAL WATERS AND BATHS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Friday, the 20th day of June, 1902—Present The Mayor ; Alderman Norman ; Councillors Baker, Davies, Handley, Hayward, Parsonage, and Stroud (Councillor Stroud in the chair)—

1--Montpellier Baths—The Borough Accountant reported that since the 31st March last £101 17s. 0d. had been received, and £91 11s. 10d. had been paid, exclusive of repayment of loan and interest. Resolved, That on presentation of not less than 40 tickets by any party of gentlemen the Swimming Bath may be retained for their exclusive use for one hour, and that the resolution to Minute No. 9 of the proceedings of the Baths and Recreation Grounds Committee of date the 2nd of October last that the Swimming Bath in future be not reserved for the exclusive use of any boys' schools be rescinded.

Resolved, That a Special Meeting of the Committee be held to consider the advisability of increasing the number of Washing Baths and the addition of another Brine Bath. Resolved, To approve the

form of sheet prepared by the Borough Accountant for return of the receipts at the Baths, and to instruct the Superintendent to make the entries therein.

2-Alstone Baths—The Borough Accountant reported that since the 31st of March £98 15s. 10d. had been received, and £71 12s. 10d., exclusive of repayment of loan and interest, had been paid. Resolved, To instruct the Borough Surveyor to obtain tenders for the supply of three gross of towels, and to furnish the Superintendent with 16 yards of hose for washing down the baths, five dozen blue edging tiles to place round the flower beds, and six yards of trellis work to protect them. Resolved, To close the Baths from 10 a.m. on the 26th and 27th inst. Resolved, To approve the form of sheet prepared by the Borough Accountant for return of the receipts at the Baths, and to instruct the Superintendent to make the entries therein.

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3—Mineral Waters—Resolved, To consider the development of the Mineral Waters at the Special Meeting before referred to, and to have a board affixed at the entrance to the Montpellier Gardens stating the character of the different mineral waters obtainable at the Lodge. The Borough Surveyor laid before the Committee the following report which he had prepared relating to the Well under the Pump Room at Pittville, which had collapsed, viz. :— " The Well which collapsed at Pittville is under the west side of the north wing of the Pump Room. It is 56-feet in depth below the cellar floor; at a depth of 34ft. the diameter contracts to about 3-feet 2-inches, and then expands towards the bottom where the brickwork has fallen in. I propose to line the whole depth of 22-feet with cast iron tubing put down in sections and bolted together, the joints being arranged as shewn to break vertically. After the bottom ring is in position, the end of the tunnel to be completed in blue brick set in lias lime mortar. The space between the fallen brickwork and the cast iron lining is then to be filled with broken brick or stone packing to a height of 10-feet, the remaining 12-feet in depth of the space to be filled with cement concrete composed of clean broken stone of such size as will pass a 3in. x 3in. mesh, and be rejected by a 2in. x 2in. mesh, in the portion of eight parts by measure of broken stone to one part by measure of good Portland cement, the cement to be mixed as mortar, but without sand, perfectly clean water from the town supply to be used. The stones are to be thoroughly wetted immediately before the cement mortar is added, the mixture is then to be turned over until all the stones are completely covered with cement. All the pumps now in the well to be removed before the work is commenced, and refixed after the lining is completed, and are to be left in perfect working order. A wrought iron ladder to be provided and fixed to the horizontal flanges and secured thereto by the connecting bolts, and to be continued to the level of the cellar floor, being secured at every five feet of vertical height by stays fixed at least four inches into the brick wall so as to be perfectly secure. The bottom of the well to be cleaned out completely, after the lining and concrete are in position. The cost cannot be accurately estimated, as a contractor will need to protect himself by a large addition to cover the contingencies of risk, such as accidents to workmen, the possible collapse of the upper portion before the lining can be placed in position, etc., but should not exceed The pieces of iron will not exceed 200lbs. each in weight. I do not consider it necessary to line the upper portion of the well or to disturb the brickwork in any way, but if desired the iron lining could be continued at a comparatively small cost. I should therefore advise that alternate tenders be obtained." Resolved, That tenders for carrying out the work above mentioned be advertised for.

HERBERT STROUD, Chairman.

RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on: Monday, the 23rd day of June, 1902—Present Alderman Holliday; Councillors Bainbridge, Baker, and Bendall (Councillor Baker in the chair)—

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

2—Remuneration of Caretakers at Agg-Gardner and Naunton Park Recreation Grounds—Resolved, To increase the salary of Mr Lodge, Caretaker at the Agg-Gardner Recreation Ground, by 10s a month, and the allowances to Mr. Sutton, Caretaker

3—Naunton Park Rugby Football Club—Resolved, To accede to an application from this Club for permission to play football next season upon the Naunton Park Recreation Ground as heretofore Shelter at Naunton Park Recreation Ground—Resolved, To adjourn, for view, consideration of a Memorial received from Cornelius Smith and others, requesting the Council to remove this shelter to another position.

5 —Visitors—Resolved, To appoint Visitors for the ensuing month, as follows, viz :— Councillors Bendall and Handley for Naunton Park ; Councillors Bainbridge and Baker for the Agg-Gardner, Barrett's Mill, and Grove Street Recreation Grounds, and Councillors King-Harman and Lamb for the East Ward Recreation Ground.

WILLIAM A. BAKER,

Chairman.

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BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Wednesday, the 25th day of June, 1902—Present Alderman Haddon ; Councillors Baker, Bence, M. Davis, Packer and Stroud (Alderman Haddon in the chair)—

1-Designs—Resolved, To approve the following designs, viz: Headstones to Job, Mary and Rose Packer, Sumner Hogarth, William George N. Manley, George C. D. Manley, and Lilian F. Georgina Manley, Joseph George Perkins, Charles Martin, and Emma Muller, Jane Anne Green, Emma Deney. Kerbing to grave spaces of Sarah Yardington, William Barry Brown, and Elizabeth Rathbone. Cross and Kerbing to grave space of Mary Lydia Fanny Larden.

JOHN HADDON, Chairman

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held On Wednesday, the 2nd day of July, 1902—Present: The Mayor; Alderman Skillicorne; Councillors Bence, Gurney, Hayward, King-Harman, and Parsonage (Councillor Gurney in the chair).—

1—Stock Issue —A Preliminary Report of the Borough Accountant with reference to the issue of further Stock was read. Resolved, That he be instructed to proceed with his preparations for the issue of Stock as quickly as possible.

2---Annual Meeting of the Institute of Municipal Treasurers and Accountants —Resolved, To authorise the Borough Accountant to attend the Annual Meeting of the above-named Institute to be held at Hull on the 9th, 10th, 11th, and 12th inst.

3—Loan of £200 from Messrs. Helliwell and Powell—A letter from Mr. C. H. Helliwell was read requiring repayment of this loan, and enquiring whether payment off could be arranged at less than six months' notice, as fixed by the Debenture. Resolved, To inform Messrs. Helliwell and Powell that the Council cannot make any exception in order to vary the terms of the Debenture as regards the length or notice for repayment.

4 —Typewriter for the Accountant's Department—Resolved, To authorise the Borough Accountant to purchase a typewriter for use in his department.

5 —Bank Overdraft--A letter was read from the Manager of Lloyds Bank, Cheltenham, stating that the Directors of the Bank had agreed to a renewal of the Corporation's overdraft limit of £100,000 for three months on the old terms.

6—Collection of Outstanding Rates- -Resolved, To grant Mr. F. H. Harris an honorarium of ten guineas for the extra work performed by him since the end of last February in collecting outstanding rates.

7—Collection of Debts due to Corporation—Resolved. To instruct the Borough Accountant to report what Officials receive money on behalf of the Corporation, and in what respects the several amounts are not received, with a view to consolidating such collections in one department.

8—Outstanding Debts—Resolved, To instruct the Borough Accountant at the next meeting to furnish a list of all outstanding debts due to the Corporation.

9—General District Rate—The Report of the Borough Accountant of date the and inst. on the collection of the first instalment of this Rate was read. Amount collected £379 14s. 6d., leaving outstanding £21,025 15s. 5d.

10—Water Rate—The Report of the Borough Accountant of date the and inst. on the collection of this Rate was read. Amount received £1,610 5s. 10d., leaving outstanding £9,273 5s. 8d.

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 £19,007 17s. 4d., ordered to be paid by the Borough Treasurer. The Treasurer's Accounts at the 'bank were examined and the balances found to be correct. The following was the General Statement :—

Overdrawn on the 27th May	£100,868 1 6
Paid since that date	£ <u>9,485 13 10</u>
	£110,353 15 4
Received since that date	£ 4,705 10 10
Overdrawn	£105,648 4 6

Being Ordinary Rates Expenditure	£12.975 14 0
Electric Lighting, Water & other Capital Accounts	<u>£92,672 10 6</u>
	£105,648 4 6

W. GERALD GURNEY,

Chairman.

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PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 24th day of June, 1902—Present : Aldermen Holliday and Skillicorne; Councillors Hayward and Stroud ; the Revs. J. Evans, and G. L. H. Gardner ; and Messrs. Cresswell and Whittard (Councillor Hayward in the chair)—

1—Leckhampton Branch Library—With reference to the Memorial read at the last Meeting from Mr. B. G. Thompson and 80 other Ratepayers in the Leckhampton District asking that the Leckhampton Reading Room might be opened at 10 a.m. instead of at 5 p.m., the Sub-Committee reported that this would involve an expenditure of about £25 12s. or nearly double the present expense. Resolved, To open this Branch from 2 o'clock in the afternoons, as an experiment, from the 1st of October next until the end of the year.

2—Librarian's Report—The usual Monthly Report of the Librarian was read. Amount received £6 8s. 8d. He also reported that Atkyn's History of Gloucestershire and Nash's History of Worcestershire which were deposited on loan in July, 1889, by the late Rev. Ellis Viner, had been removed by the Executors.

The preparation and arrangement of the printed slips of the Catalogue in the MS. Book was progressing, and the letter F had been reached.

The Directories which had been removed from the open book case in the Reference and placed in the Newsroom had been much used, and the new arrangement had given satisfaction.

The Annual Stocktaking which had been going on for the last month had not been completed. The following presentations had been made to the Library, viz :- -

The Baron de Ferrieres 1 vol.; Town Clerk of London 4 vols. ; Rev. W. L. Lang 3 vols., W. J. Crawford 1 vol.; J. T. Daniells 1 vol. ; University College of Wales 1 vol. ; and the Rev. G. L. H. Gardner 1 vol.

3—Tenders for New Literature—The following tenders for the supply of new Literature were received :—

[table below]

RATE OF DISCOUNT PER CENT.

	Miscellaneous Literature	Books Published Published Net	Magazines and Periodical Literature
Cossens & Knight	27 ½	Net	25
Westley & Co.	27 ½	Net	25*
John Banks & Son	27 ½	Net	25*
J. W. Pink & Son	27 ½	Net	25

	Magazines Published Net	Newspapers (Daily & Weekly)	Second-hand Books (from Catalogued Price) Carriage Paid
Cossens & Knight	5	7 ½	5
Westley & Co.	10	--	Catalogued Price
John Banks & Son	10	--	Catalogued Price
J. W. Pink & Son	--	--	10

[table split for clarity of information]

*Except Net Magazines which are Net.

Resolved, That the tender of Messrs. J. W. Pink & Son be accepted, and that the Librarian be instructed to obtain the Newspapers upon the best terms he can arrange from anyone willing to supply them alone.

4—Bookbinding--Tenders were received for Binding from Messrs. Harvey & Healing and Messrs. Norman & Sawyer. Resolved, To accept the tender of Messrs. Norman & Sawyer, being the lowest.

C. HAYWARD, Chairman.

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE COMMITTEE.

At a meeting of this Committee, held on Wednesday, the 2nd day of July, 1902—Present : The Mayor ; Aldermen Haddon, Holliday and Skillicorne, and Councillor Parsonage (Alderman Skillicorne 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 43 schools, from which 919 names of absentee children had been extracted, all of whom had been visited. They also reported that the parents of 89 children had been summoned to attend before the Local Committees, who had held 7 meetings ; that 4 parents had been prosecuted, and 4 were fined.

2- Local Committees—The Minute Books of the several Local Committee; were gone through and examined. Resolved, That proceedings under the Bye-Laws be taken against the parents of the following children, viz. :— William Slitter, Edith Hunt, Joseph Lewis, Sidney Cook, Nellie Blackwell,

Maud Smith, Charlotte Hughes, Thomas Pontin, William Wells, Horace Philips, Maud Butler, Ivy Johnson, Lillie Johnson, Kate Clapham.

3—Blind Child, W. Robinson—A letter was read from the Secretary of the Bristol Asylum and School of Industry for the Blind, stating that the School would shortly cease to be certified under the Elementary Education (Blind and Deaf Children) Act, that there were other candidates to be considered, and no admissions until after the vacation, about the 17th of August. Resolved, To instruct the Town Clerk to ascertain if the child can be received at the Adamsdown Board Blind School, Cardiff.

4—Special Examination for Exemption —The Town Clerk reported that the result of the Special Examination, held on the 31st of May last, was as follows, viz. :—

STANDARD VI.-	BOYS.		GIRLS.
Number Examined	31		Number Examined 49
Number Passed	9		Number Passed 23
Number Failed	22 [of] 31		Number Failed 26 [of] 49
Number failed in Reading..	2		Number failed in Reading ...0
" " Writing	10 "		" Writing 8
" " Arithmetic ..	20 "		" Arithmetic .. 25
Total number examined	80	Total number failed in 1 subject	32
" " Failed	<u>48</u> "	" " 2 subjects	15
	" "	3 "	<u>1</u>
" " Passed	32		
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W. NASH SKILLICORNE,

Chairman.

Borough of Cheltenham

MINUTES of the Proceedings of Committees of the Town Council to be submitted for approval at a Quarterly Meeting of the Council, to be held on Tuesday, the 5th day of August, 1902.

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 14th day of July, 1902—Present Aldermen Norman and Skillicorne ; Councillors M. Davis, Davies, Lawrence, and Parsonage (Councillor Parsonage in the chair)—

1—Zymotic Disease—The Medical Officer of Health reported that there had been notified since the last meeting of the Committee, 10 cases of Scarlet Fever, 9 cases of Chicken Pox, and 1 case of Erysipelas; that to cases of Scarlet Fever had been sent into the Delancey Hospital, and that the number of cases then in the Delancey Hospital sent in by the Corporation was 19 cases of Scarlet Fever, and 1 of Enteric Fever.

2— Cleansing and Disinfecting at Eaton Cottage, Prestbury Road—The Medical Officer of Health having certified that the cleansing, disinfecting and purifying of this house or part thereof would tend to prevent or check infectious disease, Resolved, That the Council being of this opinion, Notice be served on the owner and occupier to cleanse and disinfect the house within the time specified in such Notice.

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

4—Houses tot in Lodgings—The Medical Officer of Health recommended that the landlords of the following houses let in lodgings, viz., Kingston Villa, St. George's Road, No. 2, Hinton Villas, and 7, St. Philip'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 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 with respect to houses let in lodgings, except as to the age and sex of the occupants and the names of lessees.

5--Cleansing and limewashing at Eaton Cottage, Prestbury Road, 4, Savory's Court, Duke Street, 3, Dovey's Cottages, Swindon Road North, 19, Queen's Retreat, 14, Victoria Place, Bath Road, and 1, Little's Court, New Street—The Medical Officer of Health having certified under Sec..46 of the public Health Act, 1875, 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. 21, Manchester Street, The Noah's Ark, St. George's Street, No. 370, High Street, No. 4, Paragon Parade, and No. 29, Columbia 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.

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7--Overcrowding at No. 1, Little's Court, New Street—The Medical Officer of Health reported that the above premises were so overcrowded as to be dangerous or injurious to the health of the inmates. Resolved, That the Committee being satisfied of the existence of a nuisance on the said premises, Notices under Sec. 94 of the Public Health Act be served on the owner and occupier thereof requiring them to abate the same.

8—Insanitary Property at No. 7, Union Street, 7, Hermitage Street, 14 and 20, Upper Park Street, 3 and 4, Lamb Retreat, and 9 and 18, Commercial 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.

9—Insanitary Urinals at the Marlborough Arms, Duke Street, Old Anchor Inn, Tewkesbury Road, The Lamb and Flag Inn, off Commercial Street—The Medical Officer of Health reported that these Urinals were in such a state in consequence of defects of construction and want of proper water supply for flushing as to be nuisances or injurious to health. Resolved, That Notices under Sec. 9 of the Public Health Act, 1875, be served upon the owners of the said premises requiring them to abate the nuisances, and for that purpose to carry out such structural works of amendment as shall be specified, and lay on sufficient and continuous supplies of water for flushing purposes.

10--W C.'s without Proper Water Supply—The Medical Officer of Health reported that at Nos. 79, 80, and 81, Stanhope Street, and No. 13, Swindon Street, flushing apparatus had been affixed to the w.c's, but no water supply had been yet laid on. Resolved, That Notice be given to the owner in the case of the premises first mentioned and to the occupier of the last-mentioned premises to lay on and keep a proper supply of water to the flushing apparatus.

11—Compensation for Closing Registered Slaughter-houses—With reference to the application of the Council for sanction to borrow the sum of £624 to defray compensation paid to owners and occupiers of registered slaughter-houses in respect of the closing of such slaughter-houses, a letter was read from the Local Government Board enquiring upon what statutory authority the Council relied for power to borrow the money, to which the Town Clerk had replied that the Council relied upon the power to borrow given by the Public Health Act, 1875, as that Act incorporated the provisions of the Towns Improvement Clauses Act, 1847, as amended with respect to slaughter-houses by the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1889, and the Cheltenham Order, 1896. A further letter from the Board was read stating that it did not appear to the Board that the borrowing powers of the Public Health Act, 1875, were available to the Town Council for the purpose mentioned, nor that the other Acts and Order mentioned furnished the necessary authority. Resolved, That the further consideration of the matter be adjourned.

12—Private Sewers— The Medical Officer of Health presented the following memorandum on this subject :—

THE PRIVATE SEWERS AT TIVOLI (AND ELSEWHERE IN THE BOROUGH)

The question of the renewal of those of these sewers that are in a defective condition, and the acquisition of the property of all privately-owned sewers in the Borough by the Corporation, needs to be brought to an immediate solution. The matter has been allowed to drift for some years in an indeterminate manner, and I advise that it is dangerous and contrary to the sanitary welfare of the town that it be allowed to drift further. That the sewers of any part of this town should be beyond the full control of the Sanitary Authority is an anomalous position to which it would be difficult to find a parallel in the country. Other Urban Sanitary Authorities have taken care to have all sewers vested in the public ownership, including any that were previously privately owned, or made for the profit of companies or individuals, and the Cheltenham Corporation is behind other Corporations in this particular. There is a constant recurrence of inconvenience in our Public Health Department in dealing with house-drains connected with privately-owned sewers, these sewers having often been

found to be in a defective condition, and it is imperative for the Sanitary Authority to take immediate steps to obtain the rectification and renewal of such defective private sewers, many of which were laid down a good deal longer than fifty years ago. In dealing with the owners to obtain this necessary rectification and renewal, care must be taken that the complete ownership pass immediately and for all time to the Corporation.

The Public Health Committee have to consider whether their existing legal powers are sufficient to enable the owners of the sewers to be satisfactorily dealt with, or whether it be essential to obtain greater powers by Act of Parliament or Provisional Order of the Local Government Board, but the action of the Committee in the matter should be immediate and continued without stay or intermission until a settlement be arrived at.

J. H. GARRETT, July 14th, 1902. Medical Officer of Health.

To the Sanitary Authority of the Cheltenham Urban District.

Resolved, That the Committee recommend the Council to take steps to promote a Bill in Parliament for dealing with the private sewers and slaughter-houses and such other matters in connection with public health as the Council may deem expedient.

13—Rebuilding of Retaining Wall of Garden at back of Yorkleigh—With reference to the resolution to Minute No. 32 of this Committee's proceedings at its last meeting, a letter was read from the Rev. J. Lewitt stating that he accepted the offer as to rebuilding the wall, and hoped the work would be carried out as soon as convenient, and that the cost would not be as much as stated. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to bring up a plan and specification for rebuilding the wall.

14- Application by the late Farm Bailiff—A letter was read from Mr. W. J. Berkley, the late Bailiff of the Sewage Farms, stating that on coming to Cheltenham about three years ago he brought with him his own horse, trap and harness, the trap being then nearly new, that he had used them and a bicycle continuously in the Council's service, and some eighteen months ago had spent £4 13s. in repairs to the trap, in addition to which he had paid 45s. in licence duty. It would cost more than £4 13s. for she repairs now necessary, and he asked the Council to make him some allowance towards such cost. Resolved, To inform Mr. Berkley that the Council cannot see their way to accede to his request.

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15—Building Plans—The Borough Surveyor laid before the Committee the following notices and plans received by him from persons intending to erect new buildings, viz.

No. of Plan	Name	Description
1539	G. Moore.	Pair of Semi-detached Villas, Glencairn Park Estate.
1541	Rev. Walter Butt.	Alterations and additions to Domestic Offices, Arle Court.
1542	W. Cresswell.	Two Semi-detached Villas, Libertus Road.
1543	Mrs. P. Gilmore.	Additions to Marlborough House.
1544	Mrs. M. A. Blower.	Cottages in Millbrook Street.
1545	John Powell.	Five Houses in Leighton Road.
1546	Mrs. Watson.	Wing with Bathroom at rear of the Beauthorns, Lansdown Road.

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

E. H. PARSONAGE, Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Wednesday, the 23rd day of July, 1902--Present :
Aldermen Norman and Skillicorne ; Councillors R. Davies. Lawrence and Parsonage (Councillor Parsonage in the chair)—

16—Zymotic Disease—The Medical Officer of Health reported that since the last meeting of the Committee the following cases of Zymotic Disease had been notified, viz.:—4 of Scarlet Fever, 4 of Diphtheria, 1 of Enteric Fever, and 1 of Erysipelas ; that the 4 cases of Scarlet Fever and of Diphtheria and the case of Enteric Fever had been sent into the Delancey Hospital, and that the number of Corporation cases then in that Hospital was 16 of Scarlet Fever, 4 of Diphtheria, and 1 of Enteric Fever.

17--Insanitary Property at Nos. 4, 5, 23, 25, 29, 40, and 98, Naunton Crescent, No. 5, Chester Walk, No. 30, Tivoli Street, and No. 20, Fairview Road—The Medical Officer of Health reported that these premises were a nuisance or injurious to health owing to leaky house roofs, defective walls, floors, yard paving, &c. Resolved, That the Council being satisfied of the existence of nuisances at the aforesaid premises, caused by the defects above-mentioned, Notices under Sec. 94 of the Public Health Act, 1875, be served on the respective owners thereof requiring them to abate the nuisances, and for that purpose to carry out such works of amendment as shall be specified.

18—Cleansing and Limewashing at Nos. 4 and 9, Victoria Place, No. 2, Fountain Cottages, and No. 36, Fairview Road—The Medical Officer of Health having certified under Sec. 46 of the Public Health Act that the above-named dwelling houses were in such a filthy and unwholesome condition that the health of the inmates was affected or endangered thereby, Resolved, That Notices be given to the owners under the said Section requiring the houses to be cleansed and limewashed.

19—Nuisance from Drains, &c., at No. 18, Royal Crescent, Barnard's Row, New Street, Bath Hotel, 8, Bath Parade, and 29, Naunton Crescent—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.

20—Overcrowding at No. 3, Higgs' Collages, Alstone—The Medical Officer of Health reported that the above premises were so overcrowded as to be dangerous or injurious to the health of the inmates. Resolved, That the Committee being satisfied of the existence of a nuisance on the said premises, Notices under Sec. 94 of the Public Health Act be served on the owners and occupiers thereof requiring them to abate the same.

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

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

23--Blocked Drain at Barnard's Row—The Medical Officer of Health having reported that premises at Barnard's Row were in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to health in consequence of a blocked drain, Resolved, That the Council being satisfied of the existence of a nuisance owing to the drain being blocked, Notice under Sec. 94 of the Public Health Act be served on the owner, or owners, of the premises requiring him, her, or them, to abate the nuisance, and for that purpose to clear out the drain, and to instruct the Town Clerk to take proceedings to compel compliance with the notice if necessary.

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24--Notices not Complied With -Resolved, To instruct the Town Clerk to take proceedings to compel compliance with notices which had been served upon the owners of the following houses to provide ash receptacles, viz. :—Nos. 29, 30, 35, 36, 40, 42, 75. 80, and 92, Naunton Crescent, and South View House, and upon the owner of No. 15, Priory Street to abate a nuisance caused by damp walls of the scullery, and upon the owner of No. 18, Columbia Street to abate a nuisance caused by overcrowding the dwelling house.

25—Sewage Deposit near the Electric Works—The Medical Officer of Health having called attention to the nuisance caused at the Electric Light Works by the beds of sewage deposit and ashes, and to the fact that a new bed was about to be made very near the entrance to the engine shed. Resolved, To instruct the Borough Surveyor to use his utmost endeavour to minimise the nuisance as much as possible.

26— Abolition of Private Ownership of Sewers—The Medical Officer of Health reported that he had made enquiry by circular letters from 28 large towns whether there were any sewers in those towns not vested in the Sanitary Authority, and he had then received 24 replies, stating in each case that the Sanitary Authority had full control of the sewers, nothing being reserved under Sec. 13 of the Public Health Act, 1875.

27--Re Disuse of Drain from Midland Railway Station—In reply to a letter received from Mr. Anthony White, complaining that in consequence of the disconnection of this drain the surface water from his garden in Rowanfields was no longer drained away, Resolved, To inform Mr. White that this drain was the private property of the Midland Railway Company, which was disconnected and ceased to be used in consequence of complaints which had been received, and the Committee have reason to believe that his predecessor connected his surface water drain with the Company's drain without their knowledge or permission,

28—Wall at back of Yorkleigh —The Borough Surveyor submitted a plan and specification of the works required for the reconstruction of this wall. Resolved, That tenders for executing the work be advertised for.

29— Building Plan—Resolved, As regards drainage and other sanitary matters, to approve plan No. 1547, for the erection of a dwelling-house in Carlton Street for Mr. McRae.

E. H. PARSONAGE, Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Wednesday, the 30th day of July, 1902—Present The Mayor ; Alderman Norman ; Councillors King Harman, Lawrence and Parsonage (Councillor Parsonage in the chair)—

30--Wall at back of Yorkleigh —The following tenders for rebuilding the wall at the back of Yorkleigh were received, viz.

Richard Pearce	£112 0 0
William Cresswell	£111 11 6
Mark Williams & Co.	£ 89 10 0
J. Riley	£ 75 18 0*

*Including 100 cubic feet of stone for large bonders or throughs, weighing not less than half-a-ton each. Resolved, That the tender of Mr. Riley be accepted, and that the Borough Surveyor be authorised to instruct him to proceed with the work at once.

E. H. PARSONAGE,

Chairman.

FARMS AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL COMMITTEE.

At a meeting of this Committee, held on Friday, the 11th day of July, 1902—Present : Councillors M. Davis and Lawrence. There not being a sufficient number of members present to form a quorum, no business could be transacted.

E. T. BRYDGES,

Town Clerk.

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At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, the 14th day of July, 1902; Present—Aldermen Norman and Skillicorne ; Councillors M. Davis. Davies, Lawrence, and Parsonage (Councillor M. Davis in the chair)—

1-**Alleged Pollution of Chelt and Hatherley Brook** —A letter was read from the Clerk to the County Council forwarding a copy of the following resolution passed by the County Council on the 7th instant, and asking for the reply of the Corporation thereon :—" Resolved. That this Council should enquire from the Cheltenham Corporation what, if any, steps have been taken to improve matters in connection with the pollution of the Hatherley Brook and the Chelt, or what course they propose to take in the future"

A letter was read from Mr. H. Arkell, of Butler's Court, dated the rich ultimo, alleging that the Chelt was in a disgraceful state on the 7th June, 1902, and asking that something should soon be done to remedy the evil. A letter on the same subject was also read from Mr. John Buckle. Resolved, That the

Town Clerk be instructed to write to Mr. Gardom acquainting him with the recent change of manager of the Farms and with the resolution of the Public Health Committee, approved by the Council some time since, that the Borough Surveyor be instructed to bring up a plan and estimate for the enlargement of the outfall sewer from the Arle Tank, and the unexpected difficulties the Council found themselves in as regards such work.

2-Report of Sewage Farms Manager—The Report of the Sewage Farms Manager, dated the 11th instant, was read. He suggested that certain repairs were necessary to the house and farm buildings, and that a new plough, two new carts, an Avery's spring balance weighing machine, and a new horse collar should be purchased. He reported that he had inspected the Boddington Brook for the whole length, from the outfall in Withy Bridge Lane to the Chelt. The effluent was fairly clear, but the Brook required cleaning out, and this he suggested should be thoroughly done as soon as the men could be spared for the work. Resolved, That the suggestions contained in the Report be approved ; that the Borough Surveyor be instructed to bring up a specification of the repairs necessary to the house and farm buildings, and that the Sewage Farms Manager do obtain the various implements and the horse collar mentioned in his Report.

3—Removal of Mr. Otter's Furniture—The Sewage Farms Manager submitted the account for the removal of his goods to Cheltenham, amounting to £9 18s. 10d., and made application to the Committee for payment of the same. Resolved, That the sum mentioned be paid.

M. DAVIS,

Chairman.

STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 15th day of July, 1902—Present Aldermen Haddon and Skillicorne; Councillors Baker, Bendall, Hayward, Packer, and Parsonage (Councillor Baker in the chair)--

1—Allowance for Returned Empty Cement Sacks—A letter was read from Messrs H. A. Gwinnell & Co. objecting to deductions, amounting to £55 10s. 0d., being made from their accounts in respect of charges made for sacks in which they had delivered content, as they could not allow for them before being returned, and that they had only had sacks returned to the value of £26. Resolved, That the balance of £29 10s. 0d. be paid to Messrs. Gwinnell & Co. on condition that the returned sacks be allowed for in the accounts rendered next after the return of the sacks from time to time.

2- --Strip of Land in front of Premises adjoining No. 4, Bedford Buildings—With reference to the resolution of the Council that they were not prepared to purchase this strip of land at the price named by the owners, viz., £100, a letter from their solicitors, Messrs. Griffiths, Ryland & Co., was read, acknowledging the receipt of a copy of the resolution " declining to purchase," and stating that their client. Mr. R. E. Marshall, then intended (with the concurrence of the tenants) to enclose the strip of land, and suggesting that the Borough Surveyor should meet him to settle the boundaries, the dimensions of which appeared to them to be 18ft. 9in. by 7ft. 6in. Resolved, To inform Messrs. Griffiths, Ryland & Co. that they have misread the resolution referred to, but the Council do not recognise the right of their client to place any obstruction in front of the premises adjoining No. 4, Bedford Buildings.

3- Street Watering— Resolved, To inform Mrs. Selwyn that the complaint received from her of the insufficiency of the street watering shall receive attention.

4-Street Projection—Resolved, 'To inform Messrs. H. Higgins & Co., in response to an application received from them, that the Council will not object to the erection of the usual Pawnbroker's sign of three balls in front of their premises, Nos. 314 and 315, High Street.

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5-- Collection of House Refuse—In reply to a letter from General Cunningham, complaining of the smell from the ashpit of his house, and suggesting that it should be more frequently cleared out in hot weather, Resolved, To inform General Cunningham that the matter shall receive attention.

6— Roads in the North Ward—With reference to a letter received from Mr. C. Barnard, of No. 219, High Street, calling attention to the bad state of the roads in the North Ward, and suggesting that they should be paved with wood where the traffic was most frequent and heavy, Resolved, To thank Mr. Barnard for his suggestion, and to inform him that as a considerable part of the High Street will be paved when the line of the Cheltenham and District Light Railway extensions to Charlton Kings and Leckhampton is laid, the Council do not consider it is expedient at present to incur any large expenditure in the manner suggested by him, but in the meantime the necessary repair of the road shall be carried out.

7—Private Improvement Works in Stoneville Street—A letter was read from Mr. Joseph James requesting the Council to delay the service of notice. on the abutting owners in this street to execute works of street improvement, as he understood the G.W.R. Co. would require part of his property for their proposed line to Honeybourne. Resolved, To inform Mr. James that the work is so urgently necessary that the Council consider they cannot accede to his request.

8—Alterations to Tower adjoining Marlborough House, Montpellier—With reference to the rights of the Corporation to access to a Mineral Water Well under this building, a plan of alterations to which had been submitted for approval by Mr. T. Malvern, architect, on behalf of Mrs. P. Gilmore, the following letter from Mr. Malvern was read, viz. :—

2nd July, 1902.—To the Chairman of the Street and Highway Committee.

Dear Sir, Plan No. 1543-On behalf of Mrs. P. Gilmore, I beg to inform you that I am prepared to make provision for access to the Well under the Tower in such a manner as shall meet with the approval of the Borough Engineer, and that at such times and whenever necessary he shall, or those appointed by him, have access to the Well perpetually.

I am, yours faithfully, THOMAS MALVERN.

Resolved, That consideration of the matter be adjourned pending the preparation of a further plan showing in detail exactly how the undertaking above mentioned will be carried out.

9—Report of the Building Inspector —This report was read and approved.

10—All Saints' Terrace- Apportionment of Private Improvement Works—The Borough Surveyor reported that the cost of carrying out these works amounted to £174 16s. 8d., which sum was due

from the several owners according to their respective frontages. Resolved, That the apportionment be approved, and that notices thereof and of demand be served on the owners affected.

11— Building Plans—The Borough Surveyor laid before the Committee the following plans of proposed new buildings, viz. :-

No. of Plan.	Name.	Description.
1533	Webb Brothers, Limited.	Mill House, Engine House, Generating House, and Coke Bunker at Battledown Brickworks.
1536	Mrs. Fordham.	Detached Villa, Old Bath Road.
1539	George Moore.	Pair of Semi-detached Villas, Glencairn Park Estate.
1540	The Rev. Percival Smith.	Bay and Porch to Lanvair Lodge, Hewlett Road.
1541	The Rev. Walter Butt.	Alterations and Additions to Domestic Offices, Arle Court.
1542	W. Cresswell.	Two Semi-detached Villas, Libertus Road.
1544	Mrs. M. A. Blower.	Cottages in Millbrook Street.
1545	John Powell.	Five Houses in Leighton Road.
1546	Mrs. Watson.	Wing with Bath Room at rear of The Beauthorns, Lansdown Road.

Resolved, That Nos. 1536 and 1542 be disapproved, and that the other plans above mentioned be approved as shown.

WILLIAM A. BAKER,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 28th, day of July, 1902—Present : The Mayor Aldermen Haddon and Skillicorne ; Councillors Hayward, Parsonage and Lawrence (Councillor Parsonage in the chair)—

12—Chairman —In the absence of the Chairman, Councillor Parsonage was appointed Chairman at this meeting. —

13—Street Projection—Resolved, To serve notice upon the occupier of No. 147, High Street to remove forthwith a gas rail which has been fixed in front of the premises without permission having been first obtained.

14-Spiked Roller over Bridge in Evesham Road—A letter having been read from Mr. T. E. Healing, calling attention to the clanger of the spiked roller over the parapet of the bridge in the Evesham Road across the stream flossing between the two lakes at Pittville, Resolved, That the Borough Survey-or be instructed to fix a light iron railing near to the outer edge of the coping ; also to is a similar rail on the coping of the wall of the bridge on the east side of the Cheese Path Drive.

15- Street Watering—A memorial having been read from Mrs. La Terriere and others complaining of the dust in the Gloucester Road, and requesting more frequent watering of the road, and a letter

having been read from Mr. Edward Rogers complaining of the dust in Princes Road, Tivoli, and requesting more frequent watering of the roads in his neighbourhood, Resolved, To inform the memorialists and Mr. Rogers that their complaints shall receive due attention.

16—Piping of Ditch in Leckhampton Road—Resolved, To accede to a request from Mr. J. J. Barrett to pipe the ditch co-extensive with the frontage of his property in the Leckhampton Road, and to instruct the Borough Surveyor to act accordingly.

17—Strip of Land in front of Bedford Buildings—A letter from Messrs. Griffiths, Ryland & Co. was read, suggesting that if the Council are willing to purchase it would be more business-like for them to say so and make an offer with a view of meeting them, but they hardly thought, however, that their client was likely to reduce his offer. Resolved, To inform Messrs. Griffiths, Ryland & Co. that the Council are not prepared to make any offer for the purchase of the land.

18—Nuisance from Ash Carts—A letter was read from Mr. J. J. Banks complaining of the nuisance caused by the Ash Carts not being covered while conveying house refuse through the streets of the town. Resolved, To inform Mr. Banks that the nuisance is unavoidable, but shall be minimised as much as possible.

19—Report of the Borough Surveyor re Highways—The Borough Surveyor reported that the work done by the Highways Department during the month ending 24th July, 1902, had been as follows:—

Repaired with Clee Hill Stone—Fairview Road 2,566 yards ; Queen's Road 1,555 yards; Oriol Road (proceeding),

Patching- Lower High Street, Queen's Circus, St. Stephen's Road, High Street, Hatherley Road, London Road, Lansdown Road, Gloucester Road, Albion Street, Lansdown Place, Tewkesbury Road.

Repaired with Wickwar Stone — Hale's Road 2,060 yards, Park Place 3,611 yards ; St. Stephen's Road 3,278 yards ; Sherborne Place 1,112 yards; Leighton Road 533 yards.

Patching—Bayshill Road, Leighton Road, Hale's Road, Lower Park Street, Clarence Square, Francis Street, Exmouth Street, St. George's Road.

The Private Improvement Works in Commercial Street are proceeding.

Trees had been Pruned in—Monson Avenue, Clarence Square, Wellington Square, back of Saxham Villa, Evesham Road, Pittville Lawn and Crescent, Albion Street, Clarence Road, Albert Road, Hewlett Road, Cemetery Road, Prestbury Road, Leamington Place, All Saints' Road, Dagmar Road, Pittville Circus, Selkirk Street, Battledown Approach, Hale's Road, Sydenham Road, Cranham Road, Keynsham Road, High Street, College Road, Montpellier Drive, Parade and Terrace, Spa Road, Vittoria Walk, Oriol Road, Rodney Road, Imperial Square, Fauconberg Road, Bayshill Road, Parabola Road, Promenade, Leckhampton Road, Moorend Park Road, The Park, St. Philip's Terrace, Overton Park, Christ Church Road, Lansdown Road and Place, Gloucester Road, St. George's Road.

The following Trees had been cut down in consequence of being dead :—Gloucester Road 3; Malvern Road 1 ; King's Road 1, Hewlett Road 1 ; Parabola Road 1 ; Pittville Lawn 4, Wellington Road 1, Prestbury Road 1, Imperial Square 1, St. Luke's Road 1, Bayshill Road 1.

He called attention to the large number of trees which have recently, died, and the condition of many of the trees in the Promenade and Imperial Square. There was clear evidence that the injury was due to escaping gas, and unless some steps were taken to prevent further leakage a considerable portion of the trees would die within a very few years.

Kerb, Crossing, Channelling, and Paving—Fairview Road, York Passage, Queen's Circus, Regent Street, Christ Church Road, Parabola Road, Lansdown Crescent and Parade, St. Paul's Street, North and South, Painswick Road, Park Place, Duke Street, Brunswick Street, Hanover Street, Douro Road, Rose and Crown Passage, Montpellier Terrace, Clarence Street, Bath Road, Promenade, Carlton Street, High Street, St. George's Road and Place.

The path in Crescent Place was being relaid with Concrete Flags.

The path in Gloucester Road had been refaced with Tar and Lias Lime.

A new McDougall Brick Crossing had been put down at the north end of Shelburne Road across Lansdown Road.

The path in Parabola Road was being relaid with Concrete Flags.

The road on the west side of Tramway at the corner of St. George's Place and St. George's Road had been laid with McDougall's bricks.

Destructor and Ash Collection-937 loads collected ; 854 loads consumed, equivalent to 748 tons, 19 cwt.

Slab Factory-5,498 super feet had been made at a cost of £59 0s. 1d., which if purchased on the market would cost £127 5s. 5d.

Resolved, That the attention of the Gas Company be called to the damage being done to the trees in the town from the leakage of gas from their mains, and to request them to consider and inform the Council what they are prepared to do to prevent a continuance of so serious an injury.

20—Apportionments of Expenses of Private Improvement Works to Road at back of The Railway Inn, Great Norwood Street, Road at West side of Otago Terrace, St. Luke's Road, and Chester Walk—The Borough Surveyor reported that the costs of carrying out these Works amounted respectively to £85 10s. 6d., £24 13s. 1d., and £60 2s. 10d. Resolved, That in settling the apportionments of the costs of carrying out the Private Improvement Works in the streets at back of the Railway Inn and West side of Otago Terrace regard be had to the greater or less degree of benefit to be derived by the respective premises abutting thereon, and in settling the apportionment of the cost of carrying out the Private Improvement Works in Chester Walk regard be had to the value of the work already done by the Corporation in respect of the frontage of the Public Library, and that the apportionments be settled as follows :-

As regards the street at the back of The Railway Inn aforesaid :—			
			£ s. d.
Mr. Charles Cambridge, owner of No 6, Providence Terrace, Garden and Buildings			19 0 3
Mrs. Ann Cooling, owner of Stables, Yard, and Sheds adjoining .			5 7 3
Mr. James Slatter, owner of Nos. 1 and 2, Providence Cottages .			8 14 7
Mr. W. W. Moore, owner of Nos. 3, 4 and 5, Providence Cottages .			8 9 1
Mr. Daniel Clarke, owner of Coal Yard and Buildings .. .			10 3 2
Mr. John Thomas Burrows, owner of Buildings, Slaughter House and Yard			0 18 6
Mrs. Jane Cole, owner of Buildings and Slaughter House ..			0 16 0
Mr. William Smith, owner of Nos. 27, 28 and 29, St. Philip's Street ..			5 11 4
Mr. Leonard Luce, owner of No. 29, St. Philip's Street			1 14 5
Mr. Peter Carter, owner of No. 28, St. Philip's Street ..			1 16 6
Messrs. Winterbothams & Gurney, owners of Nos. 24, 25, 26 and 27, St. Philip's Street .			7 5 8
Mr. James Slatter, owner of No. 23, St. Philip's Street..			2 4 1
The Cheltenham Original Brewery Co., Ltd., owners of Nos. 1 and 2, Railway Buildings and The Railway Inn			<u>13 18 10</u>
			£85 10 6
As regards the Footpath West side of Otago Terrace :-			
Mr. Frank Wm. Lesterleigh, owner of No. 1, Otago Terrace ..			£2 3 4
Mr. Herbert Emmanuel Millard, owner of Workshop, Yard, &c.			£10 0 0
Mr. George Herbert, owner of Elkstone House and Stables ..			£6 0 0
Mr. A. Lewis, owner of Mersea House ..			£2 3 3
Miss Olive Teague, owner of Lismore House			£2 3 3
Mr. Henry Jordan, owner of Belmore House			<u>£2 3 3</u>
			£24 13 1
As regards Chester Walk :-			
Messrs. Godsell and Sons, owners of The Horse and Groom Inn, and No. 14, Chester Walk			£ 14 16 10
Mrs. Elizabeth Nash Bricknell, owner of Chester Cottage .. .			£18 6 5
Worths Patent Syndicate, Ltd., owners of the Cheltine Food Factory			£15 3 5
The Corporation of Cheltenham, owners of The Public Library .. .			<u>£11 16 2</u>
			£60 2 10

and that Notices of such apportionments and of demand be served on the owners affected.

21—Apportionments of Expenses of Private Improvement Works to Footpath South side of Imperial Lane, Footpath in Oakfield Street, and Footpath in Naunton Lane—The Borough Surveyor reported that the costs of carrying out these works amounted respectively to £32 3s. 1d., £97 4s 10d., and £87 0s. 11d., which said sums were due from the respective owners according to their several frontages Resolved, That the same be approved, and that Notices of such apportionments and of demand be served on the owners affected.

22 — Private Improvement Works in St. Stephen's Rood, Grove Street, Prestbury Road between Windsor Street and Lane to back of Pittville Crescent-Specifications from the Surveyor, with plans of

the several 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 respectively 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.

23-Private Improvement Works in Workhouse Lane and Hayward's Road—Specifications from the Surveyor, with plans of the Works required to be done to the above Streets, were read and approved. And it was Resolved, That the necessary 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 respectively 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.

24—Building Plans—Resolved, As regards position and construction to approve the following plans of new buildings, viz. :— No. 1547, a dwelling house in Carlton Street for me, McRae, and No. 1548, a stable at the bottom end of Langdon Road, Leckhampton, for Mr. Charles Young.

E. H. PARSONAGE,

Chairman.

TRAMWAYS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 15th day of July, 1902—Present : Councillors Baker, Lawrence, Packer and Parsonage (Councillor Parsonage in the chair)—

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

2— Stroud and Gloucestershire Light Railway—The draft of this Order was perused. Resolved, That subject to the same being amended as now settled by the Committee, the draft of the Order be approved, and that the Town Clerk be instructed to endeavour to procure such amendment accordingly.

E. H. PARSONAGE,

Chairman,

TOWN IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Wednesday, the 23rd day of July, 1902—Present Alderman Norman; Councillors Bainbridge, Baker, Bence, Rickerby and Lawrence (Councillor Rickerby in the chair)—

1— Advertising--Resolved, Not to entertain a proposal received from Gaze's Advertising Agency that the Council should advertise the town in their Tourists' Handbook.

2- Borough Meteorologist—A letter from Mr. F. O. Bell was read, accepting the appointment as Borough Meteorologist, subject to the Corporation granting him the use of the instruments bequeathed by the late Mr. Tyrer, at an honorarium of £20 per annum. Resolved, To confirm the appointment, and that Mr. Bell be requested to commence his readings as soon as possible, and that the Borough Surveyor be requested to arrange with him the positions of the instruments.

3—Report of the Entertainments Sub-Committee—The Entertainments Sub-Committee reported that they had arranged for Band Concerts in the Marle Hill Annexe to Pittville Park every Friday evening for the present from 7 to 9 p.m., the bands engaged for alternate weeks being the Cheltenham Rifle Band and the Fire Brigade Union Band.

T. E. RICKERBY, Chairman.

LIGHTING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 7th day of July, 1902—Present The Mayor ; Alderman Norman, Councillors Baker, Handley, Hayward, Parsonage, Stroud and J. Waghorne (Alderman Norman in the chair).—

1 -Tenders for Coal—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that he had made trials of various small coals as follows, viz.:—Seven-day trials of Foxes' Bridge, North's Navigation, Princess Royal and Trenchard, and shorter trials of Bwlfa, Cannop Level, Cwmaman, Lydbrook, Nixon's Navigation, Powell-Duffryn and Whittington ; that the tenders for Lydbrook and North's Navigation coals had been withdrawn ; and that, having regard to labour required as well as to cost of coal used, he considered that Princess Royal was the best of the remaining coals, and recommended acceptance of Mr. A. H. Nott's tender for supply of this coal at 10s. 9d. per ton during the remainder of the contract period, ending on April 30th, 1903. Resolved, That the recommendation of the Borough Electrical Engineer be approved and adopted.

GEO. NORMAN, Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Wednesday, the 23rd day of July, 1902—Present : Alderman Norman ; Councillors Bainbridge, Baker, Handley, Hayward, Parsonage, Stroud, and J. Waghorne (Alderman Norman in the chair)—

2—Electrical Inspector's Report—The Electrical Inspector reported the result of his tests of the Electric supply during the past month, as follows

LOW PRESSURE CABLES

Date	Legal Standard.	Test at Manchester Street.
July 17th	200 Volts.	210 Volts
" 22nd	"	<u>212</u> "
Average.— 211 Volts.		

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

ILLUMINATING POWER.

PURITY.

1902	1902 Grains of Sulphur per 100 cubic ft.
July 17th 15.53 candles	July 17 th -18 th 13.25
" 22nd.. 15.59	
Average ..15.56	

4—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 with 4.25 cubic feet burners, 4.3446 cubic feet ; Guildhall Lamps, with No 4 Incandescent burners, 6.16 cubic feet ; and Ordinary Lamps with No. 3 Incandescent burners 3.978 cubic feet,

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

6-- Report of the Borough Electrical Engineer - The Electrical Engineer reported that he had received the following tenders for the supply of large steam coal at the rate of 25 to 30 tons per week from the middle of November till the end of February, viz.

T. Fowler Kingsbury	13s 9d
H. A. Gwinnell & Co. Cannock & Rugely	13s 9d
" " East Cannock	13s 9d
" " Kingsbury	13s 9d
" " Nuneaton	13s 9d
" " Stanton	13s 9d
" " Tamworth	13s 9d
J. W. Howling & Co. Castle Myrther .	18s 1d
" " Myrther	20s 9d
H. Jordan & Co. Cannock Chase ..	16s 3d
Nixon's Navigation Co., Limited Nixon's	23s
North's Navigation Co., Limited North's	19s 0d. 15 [? ½]
A. H. Nott Cwmaman	19s 4d
" Fforchwen	18s 4d
" Kingsbury	13s 8d
" Nuneaton	13s 10d
" Valley	14s 8d
Powell-Duffryn Co., Limited Aberaman	18s 6d

Tredegar Iron and Coal Co., Limited, Tredegar	18s
W. Sawyer & Co. Birch Coppice	15s 5d
“ Kingsbury	13s 11d
T. Voile & Co. Birch Coppice	15s 8d
“ Haunchwood	15s 1d
Webb Brothers, Limited Cannock Chase	14s 8d
J. Williams & Co Haunchwood	15s 6d

Resolved, That the tender of the Tredegar Iron and Coal Co., Limited, be accepted.

GEO. NORMAN, Chairman.

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WATER COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Thursday, the 24th day of July, 1902--Present: The Mayor ; Councillors Baker, Bendall, Lawrence, Packer, and H. Waghorne (Councillor H. Waghorne in the chair)—

1— Report of the Water Engineer —The Water Engineer reported that on the 23rd instant the supply from Hewletts springs was 88 gallons, the average for the past three years being 83 gallons per minute, and the quantity of water in store at Hewletts and Leckhampton was 12,657,753 gallons.

On the 23rd instant Dowdeswell Reservoir was 23ft 7 ¼ in. in depth, and the contents 59,468,080 gallons, exclusive of the daily yield of the streams, which was then about 214,480 gallons, which gave a total storage of 72,125,833 gallons, or about 64 days' supply.

The quantity of water then being pumped at Tewkesbury Works for the supply of Tewkesbury, Cheltenham, and district was at the rate of 883,671 gallons per day, which was 30 per cent. in excess of the proper quantity to ensure efficient filtration and without any spare for cleaning. He therefore recommended that two of the additional filters should be put in hand so as to bring up the filtering capacity to 37,500 gallons per hour.

With regard to the Shurdington Road extension, he had received a letter from a Captain Ellis, stating that his mother desired to know if the Corporation would supply water to Chargrove House, Shurdington, which she was thinking of making an oiler for, but would not do so unless a suitable arrangement could be made with the Corporation. The agreements to take water which had already been received, together with the supply to this house, would produce a return of 5 per cent on the outlay. There was therefore every prospect that an extension would ultimately prove remunerative.

Resolved, To instruct the Borough Engineer to prepare the detailed drawings for two new filter beds at Tewkesbury and an estimate of the cost of constructing them for consideration at the next meeting of the Committee.

Also that subject to agreements being entered into sufficient to secure a return of 5 per cent. on the outlay, the Borough Engineer be instructed to proceed with the extension of the water main to Shurdington, and that the resolution to Minute No. 2 of the proceedings of this Committee of date the 21st of November last, that subject to sufficient applications for water supply being received to

provide a return of 10 per cent. on the outlay, the extension of the main to Shurdington at a cost of £550 be carried out, be varied accordingly.

2-Water Main between Tewkesbury and Cheltenham—The following tenders for pipes were received, viz. :—

	Tewkesbury.		Cleeve.		Chelt'ham (M.R.)		Chelt'ham G.W.R.)		
	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	
Biggs, Wall & Co., 13, Cross Street,	4	19 0	4	19 0	4	19 0	4	19 0	per ton
Finsbury, London	*10	10 0	10	10 0	10	10 0	10	10 0	"
A. G. Cloake, 54, Holborn Viaduct,	5	0 0	5	0 0	5	0 0	5	0 0	"
London, E.C. 1	*9	0 0	9	0 0	5	0 0	5	0 0	"
Cochrane & Co., Woodside Iron Works, Dudley	4	19 0	5	0 3	4	19 0	4	19 0	"
	*9	17 6	9	18 9	9	17 6	9	17 6	"
Robert MacLaren & Co., Eglinton Foundry, Glasgow	6	2 6	6	2 6	62	6 6	6	2 6	"
	*12	0 0	12	0 0	120	0 0	12	0 0	"
Sheepbridge Coal and Iron Co., Limited,	5	4 3	5	4 3	52	6 6	5	2 6	"
Chesterfield	*9	14 3	9	14 3	912	6 6	9	12 6	"
Stanton Iron Works Co., Limited, Stanton-	4	19 3	4	17 6	4	17 6	4	17 6	"
by-Dale, Notts	*10	0 0	10	0 0	10	0 0	10	0 0	"
I). M. Stevenson & Co., 12, Waterloo Street, Glasgow }	6	3 0	6	3 0	61	0 6	6	1 0	"
	*10	10 6	10	10 6	to 7	6 6	10	7 6	"
D. V. Stewart & Co., St. Rollox, Glasgow	5	18 9	5	18 9	5	18 9	5	18 9	"
	*11	15 0	11	15 0	11	15 0	11	15 0	"
Thomas Spittle, Limited, Cambrian Iron	5	15 0	5	15 0	5	15 0	5	15 0	"
Pipe Foundry, Newport (Mon.)	*12	2 0	12	10 0	12	10 0	12	10 0	"

*Denotes special pipes, which will be about 7 per cent. in weight of the straight pipes which will be required.

Resolved, To accept the tender of the Stanton Ironworks Co., Limited.

The following tenders were received for laying the main, including the payment of compensation, except where otherwise stated, viz.:

Stephen Ambrose, 19, Green Park, Bath	£6634
Roger W. Barker, 5 and 6, Lowther Arcade, Harrogate	£3947
Arthur Beale, 43, Gleneagle Road, Streatham, London, S.W.	£8000
Herbert E. Buckley, Bingley	£5280
The Case Sea Defence Syndicate, Limited	£5108
J. W. Dean, Contractor's Office, Chale Waterworks, Isle of Wight	£4426 13 4
James Dickson, Townsend, St. Albans	£5957 0
James Durnford & Son, Upton Road, Bedminster, Bristol	£6634
Ben Firth, 58, Bishopthorpe Road, York	£6165 7 4
Jowett Brothers, Burscough	£4788 13 4
William Jones and Sons, Neath, South Wales	£4300
James E. Kaye, Huddersfield	£5900
John Langley and Fred Westmoreland, Kirton, near Boston, Lines	£9317
W. L. Meredith & Co., Limited, Mill House, Whitecroft, Lydney	£6152
John Moffat, 38, Arcade Chambers, St. Mary's Gate, Manchester	£6797 12 8
A. E. Nunn, Tenterden, Kent	£5000
Reid Brothers, 12, Wharf Road, City Road, London, N.	£7354

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J. Riley, Gloucester Road, Cheltenham	£3853 15 0*
Henry Roberts, Hourwithy, Ross	£5640 0 0
Thomas Roseland, Sandiway, Northwich	£4500 0 0
Thomas Vale, Stourport	£4583 3 4
J. H. Vickers, Limited, Nottingham	£4165 0 0
Mark Williams & Co., 28, Granville Street, Cheltenham	£5176 10 0 & £3976 10 0*
Samuel Wood, to, Richmond Avenue, Montpellier, Bristol	£7800 0 0

*Does not include compensation.

Resolved, To accept the tender of Mr. Roger W. Barker subject to the proviso that the scheme and the loan required therefor is sanctioned by the Local Government Board.

3--Pollution of Severn at Worcester and Upton—A letter from the Clerk to the County Council was read stating that he was informed that in this matter the Local Government Board had obtained a mandamus against the Worcester Corporation compelling them to provide proper sewage disposal works. Also that the Board had sanctioned a loan to the Corporation for the purpose, and that the Corporation had bought land to carry out the matter. That he would be glad to be informed whether these are the facts, and whether the Local Government Board are satisfied with the manner in which the Worcester Corporation are complying with the mandamus. If not it seemed to hint that the best remedy would be for the Local Government Board to press their mandamus, and that any proceedings by the County Council under the Rivers Pollution Prevention Act would not improve matters. Resolved, To send a copy of this letter to the Local Government Board with a request to be supplied with the information therein asked for, and that the County Council be requested at all events to proceed under the Rivers Pollution Prevention Act as regards the pollution of the Severn from the town of Upton.

4—Wall between Tewkesbury Waterworks and St. Joseph's -.Resolved, To accede to an application from the Rev. T. W. Fenn for permission to place struts upon the land of the Corporation to support this wall subject to his paying therefore a nominal consideration of 1s per annum.

5—Resident Engineer for Tewkesbury Water Main Works--In reply to an application received from Mr. W. A. L. Roseland, applying for appointment as Resident Engineer to supervise the carrying out of these works, Resolved, To inform him that at present the Council have no intention of appointing an engineer for this purpose.

6— Land at Sandford—A letter from Mr. John Cox, dated the 24th ultimo, was read, giving notice that on or before the 29th of September next he would quit and deliver up possession of the land at Sandford he occupies as tenant of the Corporation.

7--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 Wednesday, the 9th day of July, 1902—Present The Mayor ; Aldermen Haddon and Skillicorne ; Councillors Davis, Hayward, Lamb, Parsonage, and J. Waghorne (The Mayor in the chair)—

1--Fruit and Vegetable Market—A letter was read from Mr. C. C. Castle, Hon. Sec. of the Cheltenham Market Gardeners' Association, asking for an interview with regard to starting a Fruit and Vegetable Market in the Cheltenham Market, for which a long shed would have to be built.

Mr. Castle, with Mr. W. Restall, Vice-President of the Association, and Mr. W. Westcott, the Hon. Treasurer, attended the meeting of the Committee to further explain the proposition.

The Borough Surveyor laid before the Committee a plan which he had prepared of an open shed as proposed with a wood and felt roof, the cost of which he estimated would not exceed £100.

Mr. Castle, Mr. Restall, and Mr. Westcott undertook to enter into an agreement on behalf of the Association and jointly and severally as guarantors to become tenants of the building from the Corporation for a period of four years, yielding and paying therefor an annual rental of £30, subject to revision at the request of either party at the end of the first year. The tenants to be responsible for all arrangements for collection, sale and disposal of goods, and ensure an open market for all persons desiring to sell garden produce. Resolved, That the plan of the Borough Surveyor be approved, and that he be instructed to have the same carried out as soon as possible.

RICHARD ROGERS,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 22nd day of July, 1902—Present : The Mayor ; Aldermen Haddon, Norman and Skillicorne ; Councillors Baker, Hayward, Lamb, Parsonage, Rickerby, Stroud, and J. Waghorne.

2-- Fire Brigade Sub-Committee—This Committee reported that they had held a Meeting on the 2nd day of July instant, when there were present Councillors Baker, Parsonage, and H. Waghorne.

Fire Escape near Norwood Arms—Councillor Baker having reported that the Old Escape had been damaged so that the wire rope had been injured and the drum would not work, and that he had had it removed into the Naunton Park Recreation Ground, it was Resolved, To instruct the Borough Surveyor to have the Escape thoroughly repaired and all defects made good, and that for the future the Escape be kept in the Naunton Park Recreation Ground, and that a notice be placed up at the Caretaker's House to indicate that the key of the gate can be obtained there ; that instructions be given to the Superintendent to test the Escape at Naunton Park once a month and report thereon in his monthly report to the General Purposes Committee, stating the date on which the test was made; and that jumping nets be ordered at an estimated cost of £20. It was also Resolved, That the Fire Escapes be not lent out to any one for any purpose other than for use at fires, Resolved, That the resolutions and proceedings of the Sub-Committee be approved and adopted.

3—Drivers. Licences—Resolved, To accede to an application received from Harry Jones, of No. 5, Providence Terrace, to be licensed as a Hackney Carriage Driver. A letter was read from John Beamish, asking the Committee to reconsider their decision not to renew his Driver's Licence and his licence for a Hackney Carriage. Resolved, That the Committee are unable to recommend the Council to re-consider their resolution refusing to renew the licences referred to The Street Inspector reported that Arthur Gardner had been five times convicted of offences in relation to Hackney Carriages within twelve months.

4-- Hackney Carriage Licences —With reference to an application received from A. Townley for a licence to ply for hire with a landau, Resolved, That the same be not acceded to.

5--Cheltenham and Honeybourne Railway—The Town Clerk reported that he had received notice from the Great Western Railway Company to treat for the sale to the Company of three pieces of land, part of the North Ward Allotments, containing together one acre and fifteen perches.

The Borough Surveyor reported that the construction of the railway over the pieces of land referred to would cut off access to the remainder by cart road from Folly Lane ; and including the cost of building a bridge to provide this means of access he estimated that £450 would be a fair demand to make for compensation. Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to make a claim for this amount on behalf of the Corporation.

6--Petroleum Licences—Resolved, To accede to an application received from Edward Alfred Stretton for a licence to keep 100 gallons of petroleum otherwise than for private use at The Million Cycle and Motor Works, Bath Road ; and to adjourn for the Borough Surveyor to report as to the suitability of the storage consideration of an application received from E. S. Holloway for a licence to keep 48 gallons of petroleum otherwise than for private use at No. 3, St. Mark's Emporium.

7-Pawnbroker's Certificate---Resolved, To accede to an application received from Harry Higgins for a certificate to enable him to carry on the business of a Pawnbroker at Nos. 314 and 315, High Street,

subject to his sending in the certificate granted to him to carry on the business at No. 326, High Street.

8--Leckhampton Hill Rights—The Sub-Committee reported that they had met in conference with the Sub-Committee of the Rural District Council on the 18th instant, when there were present Mr. W. F. Hicks Beach (in the chair), Mr. C. J. Tinson, Mr. M. Davis, Mr. J. H. McIlquham, and Mr. R. Walker, with Mr. R. Ticehurst, Clerk to the Rural District Council ; Mr. G. B. Witts, Chairman of the Leckhampton Parish Meeting ; Alderman Norman and Councillor Baker, with Mr. A. D. Jenkins (Town Clerk's Office).

The " Opinion " of Mr. R. Cuningham Glen having been read and considered, It was unanimously Resolved, That before considering the expediency- of resorting to legal proceedings, which could only affect definite rights of way over the Hill and at the best dispose of only one phase of the dispute, a Sub-Committee be appointed to endeavour to come to some arrangement with Mr. Dale which shall cover all grounds of dispute in the general interest of the public. The Sub-Committee appointed were as follows :—Mr. W. F. Hicks Beach, Mr. C. J. Tinson, Alderman Norm., and Councillor Baker. Resolved, That the proceedings of the Sub-Committee of this Committee be approved and adopted.

9— Report of the Art Gallery Sub-Committee—This Sub-Committee reported that they had held a meeting on the 22nd inst., when there were present Aldermen Haddon and Norman, The Baron de Ferrieres, and Dr E. T. Wilson (Alderman Haddon in the chair).

That the Curator had reported that there had been 3,896 visits made to the Gallery from 23rd April to July 19th inclusive. That the following loans had been made to the Gallery, viz. :—

Hyett, W. ..	Coronation of Queen Victoria (Newspaper)
Jay, Miss	Needlework—Framed .
Tapp, W.	Coronation Plate. Forms observed in the Coronations of the Kings and Queens of England.
Wynn, G. H.	Needlework Book Cover.
South Kensington Museum ..	Collection of Embroideries —56 frames.

That the Plaster Casts of Italian Sculpture and Fictile Ivories, ordered by the Art Gallery Sub-Committee, were received on the 18th inst.

A letter was read from the Board of Education, enquiring whether the Sub-Committee desired any grant in aid of the purchase of copies of statuary or other objects of art, and it was Resolved, That Councillor Hayward be asked to accompany the Curator to South Kensington with a view to making a selection for copies for purchase and to report to the Sub-Committee. Resolved, That the resolutions and proceedings of this Sub-Committee be approved and adopted.

RICHARD ROGERS, Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Friday, the 18th day of July, 1902—Present : Alderman Norman ; Councillors Baker, Davies, Handley, and Stroud (Councillor Stroud in the chair)—

1—Montpellier Baths—The Borough Accountant reported that since the 31st March last £203 9s. 7d. had been received and £172 8s. 7d. paid, exclusive of repayment of loan and interest.

2—Salary of Superintendents at Montpellier Baths--A letter was read from Mr. H. C. Brains, applying on behalf of his wife and himself for an increase of salary (at present £100 per annum, with house, fuel and light), and that each should be granted a week's holiday each year, to be taken separately, so that one would be in charge while the other was absent. Resolved, That the request as to an annual holiday be granted, but that while acknowledging the efficient services rendered by Mr. and Mrs. Braint, the Committee are unable at present to see their way to recommend an increase in salary.

3-- Alstone Baths—The thorough Accountant reported that since the 31st March last £159 2s. 6d. had been received and £127 3s. paid, exclusive of repayment of loan and interest. Complaints having been received as to the nuisance caused to householders in the vicinity of the Baths by bathers shouting on Sunday mornings, Resolved, That notices be put up in the Swimming Bath requesting bathers not to shout, as otherwise the privilege of using the Bath on Sunday mornings will be taken away.

4—Proposed Life-saving Class—The Caretaker of Alstone Baths having requested permission to hold a class for instruction in methods of life-saving at the Alstone Baths two nights a week after the ordinary time for closing the Bath, and to make a small charge for tuition, Resolved, That the request be acceded to.

5—Visitors—Resolved, That the following be appointed Visitors for the ensuing month :—Alstone—Alderman Norman, Councillors Baker and Davies. Montpellier—The Chairman, Councillors Baker and Handley'.

HERBERT STROUD,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 29th day of July, 1902—Present The Mayor ; Alderman Norman ; Councillors Baker, Davies, Hayward, Parsonage and Stroud (Councillor Stroud in the chair)—

6—Tenders for Lining Well Shaft at Pittville—The tenders sent in in response to the advertisement were opened and found to be as follows, viz. :—

J. Riley	£127 0 0
Mark Williams & Co.	£527 10 0
E. Doogood & Co	£175 0 0

Resolved, That the tender of Mr. J. Riley be accepted.

Chairman.

RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held Tuesday, the 22nd day of July, 1902—Present The Mayor ; Alderman Norman ; Councillors Baker, Bendall and Lamb (Councillor Lamb in the chair)—

1-Football at Agg-Gardner Recreation Ground—A letter was read from Mr. L. E. Lusty, Hon. Sec. of the St. Paul's United Association Football Club, requesting, on behalf of the Club, permission for them to play football at the Marle Hill Road end of the ground during the coming season. Resolved, To inform Mr. Lusty that, being a public recreation ground, the Council are unable to reserve any part of it for the exclusive use of any section of the ratepayers, but facilities will be afforded to the Club as heretofore to play football on such part of the ground as the Borough Surveyor shall from time to time direct.

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2 —East Ward Recreation Ground—Resolved, To instruct the Borough Surveyor to prepare a scheme for planting this ground round the boundaries with trees and report thereon at the next meeting of this Committee, and also to report as to what should be done to further improve the ground by sowing with clover or other seed and by rolling it.

3—Naunton Park Recreation Ground—Resolved, That the following donors of flowers to this Ground be thanked for their gifts, viz. :—The Baron de Ferrieres, Major Shewell, Mrs. St. Clair Ford, Mrs. Cox, Mr. Clissold, Mrs. Hamilton, Councillor Rickerby, Councillor Bendall, Mr. Cypher, Messrs. Worman & Amos, Mr. Mayo, Mr. Carter, and Mr. Bartlett.

In reply to a letter from the Rev. G. Despard, Resolved, To inform him that the Ground may be used on the 1st proximo for 200 Infant School Children to play in from 4.30 to 6.30 p.m.

4—Visitors—Resolved, Until a change shall be decided upon, to appoint Visitors as follows, viz. :—Councillors Bendall and Handley for Naunton Park, Councillors Bainbridge and Baker for the Agg-Gardner, Barrett's Mill, and Grove Street Recreation Grounds, and Councillors King Harman and Lamb for the East Ward Recreation Ground.

ARTHUR LAMB,

Chairman.

BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Friday, the 25th day of July, 1902—Present Alderman Haddon ; Councillors Baker, Bence, and Stroud (Alderman Haddon in the chair)—

1-Designs—Resolved, To approve the following designs, viz: Headstones to Martha Braddy, Elizabeth Scott, Maria Ingram, Ann Grinning, Mary Hopkins, Anne Berry, Kate Elizabeth Short. Marble Cross to Margaret Winifred Malvern. Tomb Stone to Emma Jane Byrne.

JOHN HADDON,

Chairman.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 29th day of July, 1902—Present The Mayor ; Alderman Skillicorne ; Councillors Bence, Gurney, Handley, Hayward, King-Harman, Parsonage and Waghorne (Councillor Gurney in the chair)—

General District Rate—The Report of the Borough Accountant of date the 29th inst. on the collection of the first instalment of this Rate was read. Amount collected £3,26 7s. 3d., leaving outstanding £8,279 2s. 8d.

2 --Water Rate—The Report of the Borough Accountant of date the 29th inst. on the collection of this Rate was read. Amount received £2,045 8s. 4d., leaving outstanding £7,842 3s. 2d.

3—Accounts— The Financial Statement of the Receipts and Expenditure since the last Meeting and the Bills and Accounts to be paid were examined, and the latter, amounting to £10,645 2s. 2d., ordered to be paid by the Borough Treasurer.

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

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The following was the General Statement :—

Overdrawn on the 2nd July	£105,648 4 6	
Paid since that date	<u>£ 15,839 5 9</u>	
	£121,487 10 3	
Received since that date	£ 11,779 16 2	
Overdrawn	£109,707 14 1	
Being Ordinary Rates Expenditure		£12,882 4 0
Electric Lighting, Water & other Capital Accounts		<u>£96,825 10 1</u>
		£109,707 14 1

4--Loan of £1,000—A Notice dated the 1st inst., received on the 18th, was read, from Mrs. F. E. Lawrence, Miss M. Lawrence and Mr. Geo. Norman, requiring payment at the expiration of three months from the date thereof of the sum of £1,000 and interest thereon secured by Debenture of the Corporation.

5-- Hatherley Road Private Improvement Works--A letter was read from Mr. F. W. Taylor, with which he enclosed a cheque for £5 on account of the sum of £47 14s. 1d. due from him in respect of the cost of these Works, and offering to pay the balance by instalments of £5 per quarter until the debt is discharged. Resolved, To accept the offer, subject to payment of interest on the balance from time to time due at the rate of 5 per cent. per annum.

6— Accounts of the Great Western Railway Company—A letter from the Great Western Railway Company, was read, calling attention to the manner in which their accounts with the Council are dealt with, and asking that arrangements should be made by which payments of the whole account should be paid month by month as rendered. Resolved, To inform the Company that the matter shall

receive attention with a view to minimising as much as possible the number of items left outstanding from time to time for inquiry.

7--Collection of Debts due to the Corporation—The Borough Accountant laid before the Committee a Report as to what Officials receive money on behalf of the Corporation. Resolved, That consideration of the mattes be adjourned.

8—Outstanding Debts—The Borough Accountant laid before the Committee a list of the outstanding debts due to the Corporation.

9-- Issue of Stock—Resolved, That this matter be considered at a Special Meeting to be held on Friday, the 8th instant, at 3 p.m.

10—Collection of Rates—The Collector submitted forms of application, receipt, &c. Resolved, To consider these and other matters arising in connection with the Rates Department at the above Special Meeting.

W. GERALD GURNEY, Chairman

PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 22nd day of July, 1902—Present : The Mayor ; Alderman Skillicorne ; Councillors Bainbridge and Hayward ; the Baron de Ferrieres and the Rev. F. Evans (Councillor Hayward in the chair)—

1- - Librarian's Report—The usual Monthly Report of the Librarian was read. Amount received £3 16s. 0d. The following presentations had been made to the Library, viz.:—The Baron de Ferrieres, 4 Vols., Pamphlet ; Rev. G. Gardner, 1 Vol. ; The Trustees of the British Museum, 7 Vols., 4 Pamphlets; the Board of Trade, 1 Vol. ; Captain Welch, R.N., 5 Vols.; University College, 1 Vol. ; and the Board of Education, 1 Vol.

2—Caretaker's Residence—Resolved, To authorise renovations at the Caretaker's house at a cost not exceeding £10.

C. HAY WARD,

Chairman.

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Wednesday, the 30th day of July, 1902—Present The Mayor; Aldermen Haddon and Norman ; Councillors Lawrence and Parsonage (Councillor Lawrence in the chair)—

1-Chairman- In the absence of the Chairman, Councillor Lawrence was appointed Chairman at this meeting. Attendance Officers' Report—The Monthly Report of the Attendance Officers was read, from which it appeared that duplicate registers had been received from 43 schools, from which 751 names of absentee children had been extracted, all of whom had been visited. They also reported

that the parents of 82 children had been summoned to attend before the Local Committees, who had held 6 meetings; that 12 parents had been prosecuted, and that 10 were fined.

3—Local Committees--The Minute Books of the several Local Committee were gone through and examined. Resolved, That proceedings under the Bye-Laws be taken against the parents of the following children, viz. :— Cecilia Kitchen, Jessie Tombs, Albert Purser, Graham Mathews, William Pope, Frank Boyce, Richard Lessemore, Charles Pearce, Kate Hambling, Rose Steger, Nellie Sheen, Richard Johnson, Harry Bowstead, Samuel Hopkins, and Leonard Loveridge.

4-The Elementary Education (Defective and Epileptic Children) Act, 1899—The Town Clerk reported that he had just received from the Board of Education a list of Schools certified by the Board of Education under the above Act. Resolved, To request the Town Clerk to ascertain if the boy referred to by Mr. Nash can be received at any of them, and upon what terms. - Blind Child, W. Robinson—The Town Clerk reported that he had received a letter from Mr. C. M. Collingwood, Superintendent of the West of England Institution for the Blind, St. David's Hill, Exeter, stating that, provided the boy is (a) not mentally defective, (b) cleanly in his habits, (c) not subject to epileptic fits, his Committee would doubtless be prepared to receive him as a pupil, but that to nominate the child as a candidate for admission it would be necessary for the School Attendance Committee to qualify as Governors by becoming subscribers of two guineas. The annual charge would be 20 guineas per annum, which would cover education, board, clothing, &c.

The Town Clerk having reported that from the Form of Application it appeared that no application could be received by the Institution on behalf of children under eight years of age, and that the boy in question was stated by Mr. Cass to be aged only six years.

Resolved, That consideration of the letter received from Mr. Collingwood be adjourned until the Committee may have a candidate qualified for admission to the Institution, and to inform Mr. Cass that at present they have not been successful in finding a certified School at which the boy can be received.

EDWARD LAWRENCE,

Chairman.

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Borough of Cheltenham

MINUTES of the Proceedings of Committees of the Town Council to be submitted for approval at a Monthly Meeting of the Council, to be held on Monday, the 1st day of September, 1902.

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 11th day of August, 1902—Present :
Alderman Norman Councillors M. Davis, Davies, King-Harman, and Parsonage (Councillor Parsonage 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, 1 of Enteric Fever, 1 of Erysipelas, 2 of

Chicken Pox, and so of Diphtheria; that 4 cases of Scarlet Fever and 6 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 13 cases of Scarlet Fever, 8 of Diphtheria and 1 of Enteric Fever.

2 --House without a proper Water Supply at The Plough Hotel Cottage, Plough Hotel Yard, Regent Street—It appearing on the report of the Borough Surveyor, dated the 8th inst., that the above premises were without a proper supply of water, but that such supply could be furnished at a cost not exceeding the Water Rate authorised by the Cheltenham Corporation Water Acts. Resolved, That Notice be given under Sec. 62 of the Public Health Act, 1875, to the owners, requiring them to obtain such a supply and do all such things as may be necessary for that purpose.

3 -Cleansing and Disinfecting at Cirencester Lodge, Victoria Place, and No. 3, Denmark Cottages, Millbrook Street—The Medical Officer of Health having certified that the cleansing, disinfecting and purifying of these houses or parts thereof would tend to prevent or check infectious disease, Resolved, That the Council being of this opinion, Notice be served on the owner and occupier to cleanse and disinfect the house within the time specified in such Notice.

4—Nuisance from Drains, &c, at The Leans, Painswick Road, Central Club, Albion Street, Cheltenham Advertising Co., Albion Street, The Parsonage, Portland Street, 40, Burton Street, No. 22, St. Paul's Street, North, No. 29, Columbia Street, and No. 11, Victoria Place, Bath Road- The Inspector of Nuisances having made written application under Section 41 of the Public Health Act, stating that the drains, on or belonging to the above-named houses were in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to health, Resolved, That authority be given to the Inspector of Nuisances to open the ground, examine the drains, and, if necessary., give the notices and act as provided by the said Section.

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

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

7—Cleansing acid Limewashing at Nos. 5 and 7, Ambrose Place—The Medical Officer of Health having certified under Sec. 46 of the Public Health Act, 1875, that the above-named dwelling houses were in such a filthy and unwholesome condition that the health of the inmates was affected or endangered thereby, Resolved, That Notice be given to the owners under the said Section, requiring the houses to be cleansed and limewashed.

8—Houses let in Lodgings—The Medical Officer of Health recommended that the landlords of the following houses let in lodgings, viz., No. 12, Grosvenor Place, South, Rosherville, Grosvenor Place, South, No. 4, Oriel Terrace, and No. 7, Grange Crescent, 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 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 lessees.

9—Insanitary Property at Nos. 5 and 7, Ambrose Place, Anaen House, Upper Bath Street, No. 23, Bath Terrace, No. 70, Queen Street, and No. 11, Upper Park Street—The Medical Officer of Health reported that the premises above-mentioned were in such a state as to be injurious to the health of the inmates owing to defective roofs, walls, floors, ceilings, paving of yards, &c. Resolved, That the Council being satisfied that the said premises are in such a state as to be a nuisance or 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.

10—Overcrowding at No. 4, Newbery Cottages—The Medical Officer of Health reported that the above premises were so overcrowded as to be dangerous or injurious to the health of the inmates. Resolved, That the Committee being satisfied of the existence of a nuisance on the said premises, Notices under Sec. 94 of the Public Health Act, 1875, be served on the owners and occupiers thereof requiring them to abate the same.

11—Offices for Health Department—The Borough Surveyor reported that the accommodation at No. 351, High Street was not suitable for providing offices for the Health Department. Resolved, That the question of providing better accommodation for the Health Department be considered at the next meeting of the Committee.

12—Extension of the Abattoir—The Medical Officer of Health called attention to the fact that the proposed extensions at the Abattoir had not been carried out. Resolved, That the plan of same now laid before the Committee by the Borough Surveyor be approved and that the same be carried out, and that the Borough Surveyor be instructed to report as to the estimated cost at the next meeting of the Committee.

13—Parliamentary Bill— Resolved, To instruct the Medical Officer of Health and the Borough Surveyor to report at the next meeting of the Committee in what respects, if any, they consider the proposed Bill of 1900 might be amended or added to as regards matters within the purview of this Committee;

E. H. PARSONAGE, Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 18th day of August, 1902—Present : The Mayor ; Alderman Norman ; Councillors King-Harman, Lawrence and Parsonage (Councillor Parsonage in the chair)—

14—Zymotic Disease—The Medical Officer of Health reported that since the last meeting of the Committee there had been notified 1 case of Erysipelas ; and that the number of cases then in the

Delancey Hospital sent in by the Corporation, was 11 of Scarlet Fever, 2 of Diphtheria, and 1 of Enteric Fever.

15 -Nuisance from Rots---The Medical Officer of Health reported that the tenant of No. 5, St. George's Street, complained of a large number of rats gaining access to the basement of her house, and rat runs had been found going towards the sewer. Resolved, To instruct the Borough Surveyor to examine as to the condition of the sewer in this locality and report thereon at the next meeting of the Committee.

16-- Cleansing and Limewashing at Nos. 1, 3, 6, 6, 13 and 15, Nailsworth Terrace, and No. 7 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.

17—Nuisance from Drains, &c., at Nos. 1 and 2, Burton Street and Carlton House, Bath Road—The Inspector of Nuisances 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. A letter was read from Mr. F. Palmer, of Carlton House, stating that when the main sewer under the Colosseum was made by the Commissioners the drains of the houses which then drained into the Chelt (including Carlton House) were connected with the sewer at the expense of the town as agreed with the owners, and sinner then the drain under the Chelt had been repaired by the town, and as he did not claim ownership he contended he could not be called upon to repair the drain from his house. 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; and to inform Mr Palmer that as regards so much of the drain as passes through his property he is unquestionably liable to repair it as owner.

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18—Extension of Common Lodging House— Resolved, To accede to a request received by the Medical Officer of Health from Mr. Thomas Flynn for permission to add two rooms to his common lodging house, known as Cumberland House, by making communication with an adjoining house.

19—Collar Dwelling--The Medical Officer of Health reported that at No. 6, Bennington Street, the occupier of the room on the level with the street as a Barber's Shop was occupying the cellars as dwellings, and that they had not the area space and other requirements necessary to enable them to be occupied as dwellings, and were decidedly insanitary. Resolved, That Notice under Sec. 73 of the Public Health Act, 1875, be served on the occupier of the premises to forthwith cease to occupy the cellars as dwellings.

20—Overcrowding at No. 8, St. Mark's 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.

21—Rouses 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.

22—Insanitary Property—The Medical Officer of Health reported that at Nos. 6, 8, 13 & 15, Nailsworth Terrace, No. 171, Hereford Place, Nos. 3, 7 & 8, Whitecross Square, and No. 7, York Street, the premises were in such a state owing to leaky roofs, defective walls, floors, ceilings, &c., &c., as to be nuisances or injurious to health. Resolved, That the Council being satisfied of the existence of nuisances at the premises above-mentioned from the aforesaid defects, Notices under Sec. 94 of the Public Health Act, 1875, be served on the respective owners requiring them to abate the nuisances, and for that purpose to carry out the works specified therein.

23—Notices Served but not Complied with—Resolved, To instruct the Town Clerk to take proceedings to compel compliance with Notices, a list of which the Medical Officer of Health laid before the Committee, to carry out sanitary requirements, which had been served but which had not been complied with.

24 — Office Accommodation for the Health Department --Resolved, To further adjourn consideration of this matter until the next meeting of the Committee.

25—Extension of the Abattoir—The Borough Surveyor reported that he estimated the cost of carrying out the extensions of the Abattoir decided upon at the last meeting at £500. Resolved, To instruct the Town Clerk to apply to the Local Government Board to sanction a loan to provide for the expenditure.

26-Taylor v. Corporation —The Town Clerk reported that the Arbitrator had fixed the amount of the compensation to be paid by the Corporation to Mr. Taylor for the loss of business sustained by him and damage to his stock-in-trade, occasioned by the falling of part of the structure of No. 287, High Street which he occupied, in consequence of the carrying out of the Sewerage Works in Elmstone Street, at 437, each party to pay their own costs, and to pay an equal share of the cost of the award, viz.: £3 3s. each.

27—Building Plans—Resolved, as regards drainage and other sanitary matters to approve the following plans of proposed new buildings, viz. :-

No. of Plan	Name	Description
1550	Mrs. Holborow	Additions to the Gloucestershire Dairy.
1551	T. D. Boulton	Two Semi-detached Villas, Montpellier Drive.
1552	William Cresswell	Two Semi-detached Villas, Libertus Road, St. Mark's.

E. H. PARSONAGE,

Chairman.

FARMS AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, the 15th day of August, 1902; Present—Councillors M. Davis, King Harman, and Lawrence (Councillor M. Davis in the chair)—

1-Farms Management- The Committee having inspected the farms, Resolved, That Mr. Castle be employed to sell the fruit on the farms by auction as last year.

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That some of the elms on the Heydon Knoll Farm be cut down to thin them, and that the timber be used to protect the boundary fences.

2--Farm Books—These were examined and found correct.

3—Report of file Farm Manager—The Farm Manager reported that the stock on the farms on the 11th ultimo consisted of 6 horses, 1 cob, and 199 cattle belonging to the Corporation, and that the stock sold had been as follows, viz.:-

July 14,	10 cattle realised	£176 15 0
" 28,	6. " "	£112 12 0
Aug. 5,	6 " "	£99 12 0
" 11	6 " "	<u>£95 2 0</u>
	Total	£484 1 0

He recommended that thirty heifers or bullocks be purchased when suitable ones can be met with, also about fifty sheep, as the farms are full of grass. The number of livestock on the farms that day was 171 cattle, 6 horses, and 1 cob.

He also recommended that either a smooth wire or wood fence be purchased and placed along all boundary fences where cattle are likely to break out. Resolved, That the recommendations of the Farm Manager be approved and adopted.

M. DAVIS,

Chairman.

STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 25th day of August, 1902-Present : The Mayor; Alderman Haddon ; Councillors Baker, Bendall, Hayward, and Parsonage (Councillor Baker in the chair)—

1—Slab Paving in Parabola Road---The Chairman reported that in consequence of the statements made at the last meeting of the Council as to the expensive method of laying paving by the Corporation employees, he had obtained, and then submitted, a return showing the actual expenditure on the work referred to, which showed that the cost amounted to 4s 0 ¼d per 100 square feet, a sum considerably less than that paid to contractors for such work.

2—Postal Pillar Box in Naunton Crescent—Resolved, To accede to an application received from the Postmaster for permission to erect a Postal Pillar Box in Naunton Crescent.

3—Roads in the Park—In reply to a letter received from Mr. J. L. Anley, complaining of the condition of the roads in the Park, Resolved, 'Fe inform Mr. Anley the roads are being improved by raising the surface at the sides, and the filling up which is what he refers to is part of the work, but when the improvement is completed throughout the roads will in due course be coated with blue stone.

4-Lane at back of Carrick House, Suffolk Lawn—In reply to a letter received from the Rev. J. Lochhead, complaining of the condition in which this lane has been left, Resolved, To inform Mr. Lochhead that having regard to the amount of traffic and the degree of benefit this street is to the public, the Committee consider they are not justified in expending any further money upon it at present, and that its condition is sufficiently good.

5--Street at back of Portland Place—A letter was read from Mr. H. Winning, 4, Portland Place. Mr. Alfred Taylor, Camden Cottage, and Mr. Joseph Watkins, 1, Portland Place, owners of property abutting on this street, objecting to its being declared a highway. The Town clerk stated that no proof had been furnished to him that the above-named owners were the proprietors or a majority of the proprietors of the street within the meaning of Sec. 152 of the Public Health Act, 1875, but he was in communication with Mr. Winning's solicitor on the subject, and would report further thereon at the next meeting of the Committee. Resolved, That consideration of the matter be adjourned accordingly.

6—Winstonian Road--A letter from Colonel Thoyts was read, urging that the repair of this road should he proceeded with from All Saints' Road up to Victoria Place. Resolved, To adjourn consideration of the matter for the Committee to view, and to inform Colonel Thoyts that his letter shall receive due consideration.

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7—Wood Moulds for Slab Manufacture—In reply to a letter received from Mr. S. S. Robertson, Manager of the Gloucester Joinery Company, Limited, offering to quote prices for wood moulds for use at the Slab Factory, Resolved, To inform him that the Council do not require any wood moulds for the purpose, as they are not suitable for slab manufacture with hydraulic machinery.

8—Shrubs overgrowing Footpath at Berkeley Lodge, Hewlett Street—In reply to a letter from Major Cunningham, complaining of these shrubs being allowed to overgrow the footpath, Resolved, To inform him that the Borough Surveyor has been instructed to attend to the matter.

9—Seats near "Coimbatore "—A letter was read from Surg.-Lieut.-Col. Fitzpatrick, requesting removal of the two seats situated at either end of Christ Church Road, adjoining Lansdown Road, as he found them objectionable so near his house Resolved, That the Council cannot accede to the application, as they are unable to find a less objectionable position for the seats where they will be equally serviceable.

10--Street at hack of Royal Well Terrace—Resolved, To instruct the Borough Surveyor to bring up for approval a specification and estimate of the cost of the works necessary to be done in this street.

11—Footpaths in the College Road—A letter having been read from Mr F. Steel, of Gainsborough Villa, College Road, calling attention to the bad state of repair of this road and suggesting that the footpaths should be repaired and a crossing made over the road from Bath Parade, Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to bring up for approval plan and specification of the works necessary to be done by the abutting owners to pave, edge, and channel the footpaths in the College Road.

12- -Crossing over the College Road from North-east Corner of Bath Parade--Resolved. To instruct the Borough Surveyor to have a crossing of .McDougall's bricks laid as above mentioned in a diagonal direction towards the South.

13— Report of the Borough Surveyor re Highways— The Borough Surveyor reported that the work done by the Highways Department from July 25th to August 21st, inclusive, had been as follows:—

Repaired with Clee Hill Stone—Millbrook Street, 3,467 square yards ; Bath Road (by College), 1,400 square yards ; Charlton Lane, 740 square yards ; Sandfield Road, 1,365 square yards ; Tewkesbury Road, 310 square yards ; Albion Street, 256 square yards; Gloucester Road, 468 square yards.

Patching—High Street, Ambrose Street. Repaired with Wickwar Stow—Lower Park Street, 1,619 square yards ; Gloucester Place, 1,096 square yards; Clarence Road, 640 square yards; Wellington Street, 1,626 square yards ; College Road, proceeding.

The Private Improvement Works in Commercial Street were proceeding.

Kerbing, Crossing, Paving, and Channelling—York Passage, Lansdown Road, Christ Church Road, Queen's Retreat, Benning-ton Street, Albion Street, Clarence Street, Tivoli Place, Townsend Street, Columbia Place, Montpellier Street, College Road, Bath Road, Hale's Road, Market Street, Sandford Road, St. George's Place, Pittville Street, Upper Bath Street, Gratton Terrace, Malvern Place, County Court Road, Portland Street, Promenade, and St. James' Square.

The path on the west side of Crescent Place had been relaid with concrete slabs, and the relaying of the path in Parabola Road was being proceeded with.

The Private Improvement Works in Lansdown Parade were in hand.

The path on the east side of Shelburne Road had been gravelled with local gravel (1,163 super yards).

Ashes Collection--851 tons had been collected; 775 tons consumed, weighing 723 tons 9 cwt 2 qrs.

At the Slab Factory, 1,321 slabs, each 2ft. square, had been made, at a cost of £58 18s. 1d.

14- Great Western Railway Terminal Charges—With reference to a letter received by the Borough Surveyor from Mr. J. Hennell, the Assistant Goods Manager of the Great Western Railway, suggesting an interview on this subject. Resolved, That the Chairman and Councillor Parsonage be appointed a Sub-Committee to accompany the Borough Surveyor to have an interview with Mr. Hennell.

15- Ewlyn Road Private Improvement Works—With reference to the notice by Mr. S. B. Dix, disputing the amount of the apportionment of the expenses of these works payable by him as an abutting owner, Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to proceed with a view to settling same by Arbitration as prescribed by Sec. 150 of the Public Health Act, 1875, and that, if Mr. Dix will agree, Mr. O. J. Williams be requested to act as sole Arbitrator between sloe parties or as Arbitrator for the Corporation if Mr. Dix should not agree to the appointment of a single Arbitrator.

16—Street Projection outside Theatre—Resolved, To accede to an application received from the Directors of the Theatre Company for permission to erect Awnings over the footpath outside the entrance doors to the pit and gallery as shown on a plan laid before the Committee, provided the same are removed when the Theatre is closed to the public.

17—Roadway and Footpath in White Cross Square—Apportionment—The Borough Surveyor reported that the cost of carrying out the Private Improvement Works in White Cross Square amounted to £72 14s. 7d., which sum was due from the respective owners according to their several frontages. Resolved, That the same be approved and that notices of such apportionment and of demand be served on the owners affected.

18— Building Plans—The following plans of proposed new buildings were laid before the Committee, viz.:—

No. of Plan.	Name.	Description.
1543	Mrs. P. Gilmore	Additions to Marlborough House.
1549	R. C. Monk Bay	Windows to Dyffryn Cottage Shurdington Road.
1550	Mrs. Holborow	Additions to the Gloucestershire Dairy, Promenade.
1551	T. D. Boulton	Two Semi-detached Villas, Montpellier Drive.
1552	William Creswell	Two Semi-detached Villas, Gloucester Road.

Resolved, That No. 1550 be not approved, and that the other plans above specified be approved as shown so far as regards position and structure.

WILLIAM A. BAKER,

Chairman.

TOWN IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 18th day of August, 1902—Present : The Mayor ; Councillors Bainbridge, Baker, Bette', Packer and Rickerby (Councillor Rickerby in the chair)—

1—Annual Moveable Committee of the Oddfellows—A deputation from Cheltenham Oddfellows consisting of Messrs. E. Bourne, W. Newman and C. T. Bastin was received to make the following requests, viz.:—(1) That the free use of the large room of the New Town Hall should be granted in which to hold the meetings of the Committee during the first week in next June, if it could possibly be made ready in time even if unfinished. (2) That the use of Pittville Park should be granted free on

Whit Monday for a Fete and Demonstration; and, (3) That the free use of the Winter Garden be granted for a week. Resolved, To refer request No. 1 to a joint meeting of the Town Improvement and General Purposes and Watch Committees. That request No. 2 be granted subject to the rights of the residents on the estate and to all arrangements for the entertainments being approved by this Committee, and that the gardens be closed accordingly and notice thereof duly published ; and, That request No. 3 be acceded to.

2-Leasing of Winter Garden—The letter from Mr. Cronheim asking for an option for 6 months for an agreement to take a Lease of the Winter Garden for a period of 50 years in connection with a scheme proposed by him for developing the Mineral Waters referred to this Committee by the Mineral Waters and Baths Committee was read. Resolved, That Mr. Cronheim be asked to make some more definite proposal or to confer with this Committee on the subject.

3- Contribution to Expenses of the Town Committee—Resolved, To adjourn for the Chairman to inquire into the matter consideration of a letter received from Mr. G. H. Williams, Secretary of the Cheltenham Town Committee, appealing for a contribution towards wiping out a deficit shown on their balance sheet of £33 15s. 1d., the last grant being £20 made in September, 1900.

4 -Athletic Sports—Resolved, To accede to an application from the Cheltenham Athletic Society for the use of Montpellier Gardens on Easter Monday next for their Annual Athletic Festival upon the same terms as heretofore, subject nevertheless to restriction against any display of fireworks.

5—Advertisement in " The King "—The Mayor reported that with his approval the Editors of "The King" had decided to publish an Article on Cheltenham in a forthcoming number of "The King" which would be illustrated with photographs. The Chairman of the Committee reported that the advertising Manager had been to see him to solicit an advertisement for the issue at £20 per page or £10 per half-page. Resolved, To authorise the insertion of a half-page advertisement as in Burrow's hand book of Weston-Super-Mare without the blocks.

6--Advertisement in " The hospital "—A letter was read from Mr. G. O. Ryan, stating that a Special Article on the Town would be published in " The Hospital " of the 30th inst., and soliciting an advertisement of the town concurrently therewith at 55s for a half-page or 30s for a quarter-page. Resolved, To authorise the insertion of a half-page advertisement the same as on the back of Burrow's hand book of Cheltenham.

7-Meteorological Instruments—In reply to a request from Mr. P. O. Bell, Resolved, To instruct the Borough Surveyor to purchase instruments required by him for his use as Borough Meteorologist at an estimated cost of £5.

8—Distribution of hand Books of Cheltenham—In reply to a letter received from Mr. W. J. Keys, offering for a fee of 10s 6d to supply a list of places in India to which hand books might be advantageously sent, Resolved, To thank Mr. Keys for his offer which the Council do not need to accept.

T. E. RICKERBY,

Chairman.

LIGHTING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Wednesday, the 20th day of August, 1902—Present The Mayor Alderman Norman Councillors Bainbridge, Handley, Parsonage, and Stroud (Alderman Norman in the chair)—

1— Electrical Inspector's Report--The Electrical Inspector reported the result of his tests of the Electric supply during the past month, is follow,

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LOW PRESSURE CABLES.

Date Legal Standard. Test at Manchester Street.

1902

August 5th 200 Volts. 211 Volts

1—Gas Examiners Report—The Monthly Report of the Gas Examiner, as follows, was read :—

ILLUMINATING POWER.		PURITY.
1902 Aug 5th .., 16.23 candles	1902 August 5th-6th	11.15 Grains of Sulphur per 100 cubic ft.

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. viz.:—Ordinary Lamps with 4 $\frac{1}{4}$, cubic feet burners, 4.4386 cubic feet ; Guildhall Lamps, with No 4 Incandescent burners, 5.730 cubic feet ; and Ordinary Lamps with No. 3 Incandescent burners 3.949 cubic feet.

4—Lamp Book—This Book was produced and examined. Lamps extinguished, 3 incandescent, and 3 incandescent burning dimly.

5—Lighting of Naunton Lane, Whitecross Square, &c.—A letter from Mr. S. W. Birchley was read, asking that the Memorial praying for an improvement in the lighting of Naunton Park and the neighbouring thoroughfares, the consideration of which had been adjourned since last year, might be acceded to. Resolved, To consider the Memorial at a View Meeting to be held on Wednesday evening next, the 27th inst.

6—Lighting of Roman Road, near St. Mark's Boys' School, and St. George's Road between Montpellier Street and Bayshill Road--Resolved, To adjourn for view consideration of a letter received from Councillor Parsonage, suggesting that these localities should be better lighted.

7—Extension of Electric Lighting area—The letter from Mr. Tinson, Chairman of the Prestbury Parish Council, read at the last meeting of the Town Council, was read.

8—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, and that there were then 610 customers with the equivalent of 37,700 8-candle power lamps connected to the private supply mains.

An extension was required along the north side of Wellington Square to supply Mr. Winterbotham's house : he recommended that a length of 145 yards be laid at a cost of about £48, as that would enable a supply to be given to all the houses on that side of the Square.

Resolved, That tile extension along the north side of Wellington Square at the estimated cost of £48 be approved and carried out.

GEO. NORMAN, Chairman.

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WATER COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this committee, held on Thursday, the 21st day of August, 1902—Present: Tire Mayor ; Councillors Baker, Bendall, Davis, King-Harman, Lawrence, and H. Waghorne (Councillor H. Waghorne in the chair)—

1—Report of the Water Engineer—The Water Engineer reported that on the 19th instant the supply from Hewletts springs was 81 gallons, the average for the past three years being 73 gallons per minute, and the quantity of water in store at Hewletts and Leckhampton was 12,061,711 gallons.

On the 19th instant Dowdeswell Reservoir was 21ft 11in. in depth, and the contents 52,416,321 gallons, exclusive of the daily yield of the streams, which was then about 184,118 gallons, which gave a total storage of 64,478,032 gallons, or about 64 days' supply.

Considerable progress had been made with the extension at Ashchurch, three houses could be connected and others were being fitted. The work would be completed as soon as the next truck of pipes should arrive.

The filters shown on the detailed drawing laid before the Committee would provide for an additional filtering arrangement of 16,200 gallons per hour, and this added to the existing filters would deal with 35,600 gallons per hour, when one of the largest filters should be set down for cleaning.

The supply pipes were of sufficient size to provide an additional two filters, each having capacity for dealing with 8,100 gallons per hour, when only seven out of the eight filters were at work.

Complaints had been made by the Cheltenham Board of Guardians as to the variation in the register of the water meter. He had fixed a small meter on a bye pass which would record accurately the smaller flows. The large meter was fixed when the consumption was much larger than it was then, and consequently when only small quantities were being used the water escaped without moving the meter and therefore without registering.

The roof of the addition to the Lodge at Hewletts had been put on.

Resolved, That the detailed drawing of the proposed filter beds at Tewkesbury be approved and carried out, and that application be made to the Local Government Board to sanction a loan to provide for the expenditure.

2—Path along side of the Severn at Pumping Station at Tewkesbury—A letter was read from Mr. Badham, the Town Clerk of Tewkesbury, calling attention to the fact that the Cheltenham

Corporation when they made the excavation from the river to the boiler house cut through a pathway which runs along the Severn bank and under the Mythe Bridge and rendered the path impassable, and enquiring what steps the Cheltenham Corporation proposed to take to give the public as convenient a right of way as previously existed. Resolved, To instruct the Water Engineer to do what may be necessary to remedy the interference with the easement (If any) to which the public may be entitled.

3—appeals—The appeals entered in the Appeal Book were considered and the rates settled and adjusted.

H. WAGHORNE,

GENERAL PURPOSES AND WATCH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 19th day of August, 1902—Present The Mayor ; Alderman Norman Councillors Parsonage, Stroud and J. Waghorne (The Mayor in the chair)—

1 —Drivers' Licences—Resolved. To accede to applications received from the following persons for Hackney Carriage Drivers' Licences, viz :--Samuel John Cundy, 1, Elm View Cottage, Swindon Road; William Green, 10, Northfield Terrace, Arthur Taylor, 20, Bath Parade ; John White, Salisbury Villa, Copt Elm Road, Charlton Rings ; James Cook, 28, Hatherley Street ; G. E. Wasley, 4, Witcombe Place; William Wilks, 18, Columbia Street ; and H. Chandler, 31, Victoria Place.

2—Hackney Carriage Licence—Letters from A. Young, proprietor of a licensed landau, No. 56, and H. A. Summer, of Lansdown Crescent Mews were read, applying for the transfer of the licence to Summer he having purchased the landau from Young. The Street Inspector reported that Sommer had been plying for hire with the carriage and the application for the transfer had been sent in since he had warned him. Resolved, That Summer be given notice to attend at the next meeting of the Committee and that in the meantime he must not ply for hire with the carriage.

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The Street Inspector reported that William Phillip Jones, proprietor of hackney pony carriage No. 120 had informed him that he did not intend to renew the licence.

3-- -Bells on Carriages—A letter from Major-General Thorold was read, suggesting that the drivers of pony carriages with rubber tyres should be obliged to have bells on the harness. Resolved, To inform General Thorold that the Council have no power to compel performance of such a condition as he suggests.

4- Town Clerk—Resolved, To accede to an application received from the Town Clerk for six months leave of absence.

5- Pawnbroker's Certificate—A letter from Mr. H. Higgins having been read, complaining of having to pay another fee for the granting of a new certificate, renewable again in November on removal of his business from No. 326 to Nos. 314 and 315, High Street. Resolved, To inform Mr. Higgins that the new certificate having been granted to oblige him, the Council consider he has no cause for complaint and must pay the fee.

6—Petroleum Licence—Resolved, Not to accede to an application received from Mr. E. S. Holloway for a licence to store petroleum for sale at No. 3, St. Mark's Emporium as the Borough Surveyor reports that he has not provided suitable premises for the purpose.

7—Ventilation of Art Gallery—Alderman Norman reported that pursuant to the wishes of the Council he had ordered a fan and electric motor for improving the ventilation at the Art Gallery, which inclusive of the cost of fitting would cost about £50. Resolved, That the action of Alderman Norman be approved,

8— Mummy at Art Gallery--Resolved, To instruct the Borough Surveyor to have this mummy removed to Pittville Pump Room.

9-- Plans —Resolved, To instruct the Borough Surveyor to report as to the condition of the plans and drawings under his charge and the state of completion.

10—Parliamentary Bill—Resolved, To adjourn for consideration at the next meeting the clauses to be inserted in the proposed bill, and that the Town Clerk be instructed in the meantime to supply a synopsis of the proposed bill of 1900 to each member of the Council.

RICHARD ROGERS,

Chairman.

MINERAL WATERS AND BATHS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Friday, the 15th day of August, 1902—Present The Mayor ; Alderman Norman ; Councillors Baker, Handley, Parsonage and Stroud (Councillor Stroud in the chair)—

1-Lease of Mineral Water Rights—A letter was read from Mr. H. Cronheim, temporarily residing at the Queen's Hotel, stating, that being much impressed as to the value of the Cheltenham Mineral Waters, he had approached several wealthy friends with a view to forming a Syndicate for the purpose of developing the waters, and he would like to know whether the Corporation would be prepared to give his Bankers, Messrs. William Watson & Co., an option for six months to acquire for a period of 50 years the whole of the Cheltenham Mineral Waters which are now or might come into the possession of the Corporation, in consideration of an annual payment and upon terms to be agreed upon, Messrs. William Watson & Co. to pay the Corporation 50 guineas for this option. In order to more fully carry out this Scheme he asked if the Corporation would be prepared to let the Winter Garden upon a lease for the same period upon terms to be agreed upon. Resolved, That the portion of the letter having reference to the leasing of the Winter Garden be referred to the Town Improvement Committee, but as regards the leasing of the Mineral Water Rights, Mr. Cronheim be informed that the Council is willing to give an option for the acquisition of the Mineral Water Rights of the Corporation provisionally on satisfactory terms being arranged, and that with a view to arranging such terms he be asked to make some definite proposition, or to confer with the Committee by himself or his representatives on the subject.

2— Montpellier and Alstone Baths—Resolved, That Visitors' Books be provided at these Baths.

3—Electrical Ozone and Light Treatment—A letter was read from Mr. J. D. Marshall, the Managing Secretary of the above, stating that they had established at Harrogate, in partnership with the Corporation, a Branch for giving Electric Baths or other forms of Electric treatment, and suggesting that a similar arrangement might be come to with the Corporation for Cheltenham. Resolved, To apply to the Corporation of Harrogate for information as to the success of the establishment referred to and the amount of demand they find there is for treatment in it.

4—Mineral Water Well under Tower at Marlborough House, Montpellier—The Borough Surveyor laid before the Committee a Plan showing how Mrs. Gilmore had agreed to provide access for the Corporation to their Mineral Water Well under this Tower. Resolved, That the same be approved.

HERBERT STROUD,

Chairman.

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RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 18th day of August, 1902—Present : Alderman Holliday ; Councillors Baker, Bendall, King-Harman and Lamb (Councillor Lamb in the chair)—

1—East Ward Recreation Ground—The Borough Surveyor laid before the Committee a plan which he had prepared showing a scheme for planting this ground with Elm Trees, Limes and Poplars, for gravelling a portion of the ground at the west end, and for providing a set of six Swings and two Giant Strides, the whole cost of which be estimated at £260. Resolved, That the same be approved and that application be made to the Local Government Board to sanction a loan to provide for the expenditure.

ARTHUR LAMB,

Chairman.

BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Friday, the 22nd day of August, 1902—Present Aldermen Haddon and Holliday ; Councillors Baker, Davis and Stroud (Alderman Haddon in the chair)—

1—Grave Space of Mr. Geo. Dickson—A letter from Mr. Dickson was read making a request that his grave space should stand in the joint names of himself and his son-in-law, Mr. R. J. Webb, of Harborne, Cheltenham, in order that the latter should have equal rights of burial for his wife and family.

The Superintendent reported that the space was really a small vault made for the purpose of depositing cremated remains.

Resolved, To inform Mr. Dickson that there is no necessity for joint ownership, as he can permit the deposit of cremated remains of such persons in the space owned by him as he shall think fit upon

payment of half the original set of fees in the case of interment of the remains of persons not being of blood relationship with him.

2 - Designs—Resolved, To approve the following designs, viz, Headstone, to Jane and Benjamin Burke, Martha Daniel, Elizabeth Gastrell, John Rodman Mowatt.

JOHN HADDON, Chairman.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Friday, the 8th day of August, 1902—Present: Councillors Gurney, Hayward, King-Harman, Parsonage and J. Waghorne (Councillor Gurney in the chair)—

1---Rates collection—Resolved, That the forms of demand and receipt and also the form of the Collectors' Cash Book as now settled be approved.

2--Collectors' Bonds--Resolved, That the Borough Collector give security in the sum of £1,500 through a Guarantee Society, and the two Assistant Collectors in the sum of £500 each, and that the Borough Accountant be directed to obtain particulars as to the terms on which the leading Insurance Companies would issue the required bonds.

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3—Receipt of Monies due to the Corporation—The Borough Accountant's statement, showing what officers of the Council received monies due to the Corporation, was considered. Resolved, That the Committee think it desirable that all monies due to the Corporation should be paid into one department, and that the Borough Accountant be requested to report as to how far this can be carried out and what he considers would be the best way of effecting it.

4—Corporation Stock—The Borough Accountant and the Deputy Town Clerk presented Reports upon the subject of the proposed further issue of Corporation stock. Resolved, That the further consideration of the matter be adjourned.

5—Corporation Insurances - The Sub-Committee (Messrs. Parsonage, Handley and Hayward), appointed in January last, " to consider the question of the Corporation insurances with a view to revising them so as to obtain the most favourable terms on behalf of the Corporation," presented their Report, to which a schedule was appended showing the existing and suggested insurances on Corporation property. The Sub-Committee recommended that tenders be advertised for the risks on Corporation properties in the Examiner and Echo and in one or two insurance journals, tenders not to be received through officers of the Corporation acting as agents for companies. Resolved, That these recommendations be approved.

W. GERALD GURNEY, Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 26th day of August, 1902—Present : The Mayor; Councillors Gurney, Handley, King-Harman and Parsonage (Councillor Gurney in the chair)—

6—Collectors' Office—The Borough Surveyor laid before the Committee plans which he had prepared for alteration of the Collectors' Office in accordance with the wishes of Mr. Ricketts, the

cost of carrying out which he estimated at £40. Resolved, That the same be approved and carried out as soon as possible.

7--Stock Issue—The Chairman reported the result of an interview which he and the Borough Accountant had had in London with an Official of the Local Government Board with reference to the proposed further issue of Corporation stock and equating the periods for repayment of the existing loans, and that the Borough Accountant was then engaged upon the work, which he hoped to have ready in time for the next meeting of the Committee. Resolved, That consideration of the matter be adjourned accordingly.

8—Guarantee Insurance—The Borough Accountant submitted quotations he had obtained from the undermentioned Insurance Companies who had quoted terms for guaranteeing the Corporation against loss of money received by Officials on their behalf, viz :—The Ocean Accident and Guarantee Corporation, Ltd. ; The Commercial Union Insurance Co. ; Provident Clerks' and General Guarantee Association, Ltd. ; Norwich and London Accident Assurance Association ; London Guarantee and Accident Company, Ltd. ; The Guarantee Society ; The Railway Passengers' Assurance Company. Resolved, That the Policies as regards the Securities required in respect of the Collector and Assistant Collectors and the Farm Manager be effected in the London Guarantee and Accident Co. at the price quoted by that office.

9--Summons Fees paid by the late Collector—A letter was read from Mr. C. H. Loveridge, claiming that the sum of £76 5s. 1d. was due to the Estate of the late Mr. P. Loveridge for summons fees paid by him during the past six years which had not been recovered, also £2 4s. 0d. fees re bankruptcies, and 9s 5 ½d postal charges on undelivered letters. Resolved, That the Borough Accountant be requested to examine the evidence in support of the claim and report thereon to the Committee.

10 -Salaries of Staff of the Borough Accountant—Applications having been received from Mr. J. E. Wilshere and Mr. L. W. Hayward for increase of their salaries. Resolved, That consideration of the same be adjourned for a more fully attended meeting of the Committee.

11—Parliamentary Bill—Resolved, To readopt Section 49 of the Cheltenham Improvement Bill of 1900, as therein drafted to obtain power to use sinking fund moneys in lieu of borrowing fresh moneys, and to adopt similar clauses to those contained in the Eastbourne Corporation Bill which has recently received the Royal Assent to empower the Corporation to appoint Collectors of the poor rates in lieu of the Guardians, and to prescribe a form of rate and demand note to include the poor rate, borough rate, general district rate, or other rate leviable by the Corporation.

12- Repayment of £6,666 13s. 4d.—A notice from Messrs. Bubb and Co., Solicitors for Messrs. H. Jordan, R. Mansfield and Jas. Villar was read, requiring repayment on the 13th of February next of the sum above mentioned secured by mortgage upon the Hayden Farm.

13—Loans—Resolved, To accept the following offers of loans on debentures subject to repayment after the expiration of three months notice in writing given by either party, viz., £1000 at 3 ¼ per cent. from Mrs. C. Strickland and £1000 at 3 ¼ per cent. from Miss E. Standish.

14—General District Rate—The Report of the Borough Accountant of date the 26th inst. on the collection of the first instalment of this Rate was read. Amount collected £9,601 11s. 8d., leaving outstanding £10,803 18s. 3d.

15—Water Rate—The Report of the Borough Accountant of date the 26th inst. on the collection of this Rate was read. Amount received £6,121 14s. 6d., leaving outstanding £5,459 6s. 11d.

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16—Accounts—The Financial Statement of the Receipts and Expenditure since the last Meeting and the Bills and Account, to be paid were examined, and the latter, amounting to £15,115 6s 5d, ordered to be paid by the Borough Treasurer. The Treasurer's Accounts at the Bank were examined and the balances found to be correct. The following was the General Statement :—

Overdrawn on the 29th July	£109,707 14 1	
Paid since that date	<u>£ 10,707 10 11</u>	
	£120,415 5 0	
Received since that date	£ 14,468 1 0	
Overdrawn	£105,947 4 0	
Being Ordinary Rates Expenditure		£12,230 8 2
Electric Lighting, Water & other Capital Accounts		<u>£93,716 15 10</u>
		£105,947 4 0

W. GERALD GURNEY, Chairman.

PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 19th day of August, 1902—Present :
Alderman Holliday ; Councillors King-Harman and Stroud ; the Baron de Ferrieres ; Messrs. Bran Butler and T. Whittard (Councillor King-Harman in the chair)—

1—Chairman—In the absence of the Chairman. Councillor King-Harman was appointed Chairman at this Meeting.

2 —Librarian's Report -- The usual Monthly Report of the Librarian was read. Amount received £4 12s. 4d. He also reported that the following presentations had been made since the last monthly meeting, viz :—The Baron de Ferrieres 2 vols. pamphlet, the Rev. G. Gardner 1 vol., and Captain Welch, R.N. miscellaneous volumes and pamphlets.

3—Annual Meeting of Library Association—Resolved, To authorise the Librarian to attend this meeting, to be held at Birmingham from the 23rd to the 26th proximo.

4 —Staff at Library—Resolved, To grant a request of Mr. Colquhoun for permission to terminate his engagement as articled pupil, on the 1st proximo instead of on the 1st of October, and to authorise the Librarian to engage a Junior Assistant in his place, at a salary of 6s per week.

M. J. KING-HARMAN,

Chairman.

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Borough of Cheltenham

MINUTES of the Proceedings of Committees of the Town Council to be submitted for approval at a Monthly Meeting of the Council, to be held on Monday, the 6th. day of October, 1902.

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 8th day of September, 1902-Present The Mayor ; Aldermen Norman and Skillicorne ; Councillors M. Davis, King-Harman, and Parsonage (Councillor Parsonage in the chair)-

1-Zymotic Disease-The Medical Officer of Health reported that there had been notified since the last meeting of the Committee, 6 cases of Scarlet Fever, 2 of Enteric Fever, 1 of Chicken Pox, and 2 of Diphtheria ; that the 6 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 4 of Scarlet Fever and 2 of Diphtheria.

2-House without a proper Water Supply, viz :-The Plough Hotel Vaults (No. 2), Plough Hotel Yard-It appearing on the report of the Borough Surveyor, dated the 8th inst., that the above premises were without a proper supply of water, but that such supply could be furnished at a cost not exceeding the Water Rate authorised by the Cheltenham Corporation Water Acts, Resolved, That Notice be given under Sec. 62 of the Public Health Act, 1875, to the owners, requiring them to obtain such a supply and do all such things as may be necessary for that purpose.

3-Cleansing and Disinfecting at No. 3, Victoria Parade, Fairview, No. 1, Ebenezer Cottages, No. 8, Rotunda Terrace, No. 59, Burton Street, Nos. 2 and 3, Hatherley Cottages, No. 15, Jersey Place, and Nos. 9, 13, 20, 21, 23, 31, 43, and 51, Rutland Street-The Medical Officer of Health having certified under Sec. 46 of the Public Health Act, that the above-named dwelling houses were in such a filthy and unwholesome condition that the health of the inmates was affected or endangered thereby, Resolved, That Notice be given to the owners under the said Section requiring the houses to be cleansed and limewashed.

4-Nuisance from Drains, at The Old Pack Horse Inn, Atherstone, St. Mark's, 148a, 149, 150, and 156, High Street, Nos. 4, 6, 8, and 59, Burton Street, and Bordeaux House, Winchcomb 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.

5--Workshops Requiring Limewashing, Cleansing or Purifying at York House, Swindon Road, No. 8, Beaufort Buildings, Nos. 80 and 85, Winchcomb Street, No. 76, Naunton Crescent, No. 4, Hatherley Villas, No. 6, Hatherley Street, No. 21, Great Norwood Street, No. 2, Painswick Parade, and No. 1, Edward Place-The Inspector of Nuisances having certified under Sections 2 (3) of the Factory and Workshops Act, Igor, that the limewashing, cleansing, or purifying of the above-mentioned Workshops, or parts thereof, was necessary for the health of the persons employed therein, Resolved, That it appears to the Council on such Certificate that such limewashing, cleansing or

purifying is necessary as aforesaid, and that notices in writing be served on the owners or occupiers of the Workshops to limewash, cleanse or purify the same, or part thereof, as the case may require.

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6— Insanitary Property at Nos. 2 and 3, Hatherley Cottages, Nos. 149 and 168, High Street, No. 134, Fairview Road, and No. 95, Tewkesbury Road—The Medical Officer of Health reported that the premises above-mentioned were in such a state as to be injurious to the health of the inmates owing to defective roofs, walls, floors, yard 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.

7—Houses let in Lodgings—The Medical Officer of Health recommended that the landlords of the following houses let in lodgings, viz., No. 53, St. George's Place, and Nos. 3, 7, 9, 15, and 16, St. Paul's Street South, 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 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 lessees.

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 the necessary flushing apparatus, and to the Occupiers to lay on a proper supply of water thereto, and that in default of compliance with such Notices proceedings be taken for the penalties.

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

10—Dairies, Cowsheds and Milkshops Order---Resolved, To accede to applications received from Susan Richings and John Giles to be registered as purveyors of milk at No. 285, High Street and St. John's Coffee Tavern respectively.

11—Urinals at the Plough Hotel Vaults (No. 2), Plough Yard, and the Sudeley Arms, Winchcomb Street—The Medical Officer of Health having reported that these Urinals were in such a condition as to be nuisances or injurious to health owing to want of water supply for flushing and defects in structure, Resolved, That the Council being satisfied of the existence of nuisances from the state of the urinals, 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 continuous supplies of water so as to properly flush the urinals and execute such structural works of amendment as shall be specified.

12—Tivoli Sewers -The letter from General Babbage on this subject, read at the last meeting of the Council, was read. Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to draft a reply, and bring up the same for approval by the Committee.

13—Accommodation for Health Department—Letters were read from Mr. M. P. Hayward, offering to sell to the Corporation No. 18, Royal Crescent for £1,600,. and from Mr. S. B. Dix, offering to let the whole or part of his premises in North Street, upon terms to be arranged. Resolved, That the General Purposes and Watch Committee be requested to inform this Committee what prospect there is of new Municipal Offices being provided in the near future, and that consideration of the letters referred to be in the meantime adjourned.

14—Rent charge on No. 31, Lansdown Crescent--A letter was read from General Macdonald, with which he forwarded copy of correspondence he had had with Messrs. Bubb & Co., Solicitors, with reference to a demand made by them for payment of a sum of 35s for one year's rent charge on his house, from which it appeared that he demurred to making the payment on the ground that the sewer which received the drainage from his house had been reconstructed by the Corporation. Resolved, To inform General Macdonald that as the matter in dispute is entirely a private one as between the owners of the rent charges and the owners of the premises upon which the same are charged the Council have no ground for interference.

15—Building Plans—Resolved, as regards drainage and other sanitary matters to approve the under-mentioned plans of proposed new buildings, viz. :—

No. of Plan	Name	Description
1553	John Kesterton	Dwelling house next to Roath Cottage, Swindon Road
1554	Mr. Hewinson	Stable and Corn Store, Swindon Road
1556	C. Williams	Pair of Semi-detached Houses, Old Bath Road
1557	C. Barrett	Cottage in Old Bath Road

E. H. PARSONAGE,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 22nd day of September, 1902— Present : Alderman Skillicorne ; Councillors Davis, Davies, King-Harman, and Lawrence (Alderman Skillicorne in the chair)—

16-Chairman-- In the absence of the Chairman, Alderman Skillicorne was appointed Chairman at this Meeting.

17--Zymotic Disease—The Medical Officer of Health reported that since the last meeting of the Committee there had been notified 3 cases of Scarlet Fever, 2 of Diphtheria, 1 of Erysipelas, and 1 of Chicken Pox that 2 of the cases of Scarlet Fever and 2 of Diphtheria had been sent into the Delancey Hospital, and that the number of Corporation cases then in that Hospital was 5 of Scarlet Fever, and 3 of Diphtheria.

18—Dairies, Cowsheds and Milk Shops Order—Resolved, To accede to an application received from S. J. Maxfield to be registered as a Purveyor of Milk, at the College Dairy, Suffolk Road, but not to accede to applications to be registered as Purveyors of Milk received from Marion Fawdry and Annie Reeves, at Millbrook Street Stores and No. 10, Croft Street, respectively, the premises being unsuitable for Milkshops.

19—Destruction of Diseased Pork—The Medical Officer of Health reported that a slaughtered pig was found to be diseased and unfit for food of man, and was destroyed on September 16th, the owner consenting.

20—Houses Let in Lodgings—The Medical Officer of Health recommended that the landlords of the following houses let in lodgings, viz., Nos. 2, 6, 10, 11, 12, 13, 19 and 20, Royal Parade, 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 in Bye-law No. 7 of the Bye-laws with respect to houses let in lodgings, except as to the age and sex of the occupants and the names of lessees.

21—Cleansing and limewashing at Nos. 2, 31 and 33, Rose and Crown Passage—The Medical Officer of Health having certified under Sec. 46 of the Public Health Act that the above-named dwelling houses were in such a filthy and unwholesome condition that the health of the inmates was affected or endangered thereby, Resolved, That Notices be given to the owners under the said Section requiring the houses to be cleansed and limewashed.

22—Nuisance from Drains, &c., at Nos. 4 and 6, St. George's Street, 27, Jersey Street, Nos. 2, 3, 4 and 5, Grafton Passage, The Crown Hotel Yard and Stables, and Nos. 93, 101 and 102, High 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.

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 Section 28 of the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1889, be given to the Owners, requiring them to provide the necessary flushing apparatus, and to the occupiers to lay on a proper supply of water thereto, and that in default of compliance with such notices proceedings be taken for the penalties.

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

25—Urinal at The Bell Tap, Winchcomb Street—The Medical Officer of Health reported that this Urinal was in such a state in consequence of defects of construction and want of proper water

supply for flushing, 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 Owner or Owners of the premises requiring him or them to abate the nuisance, and for that purpose to carry out such structural works of amendment as shall be specified, and lay on a sufficient and continuous supply of water for flushing purposes.

26—Insanitary Property at Nos. 4 and 5, Kew Place, Bath Road, and No. 3, Hatherley Cottages, Hatherley Street—The Medical Officer of Health reported that the above-mentioned premises 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 therein.

27—Extension of Sewer in the Prestbury Road - A letter was read from the Clerk to the Cheltenham Rural District Council enquiring upon what terms, as to cost and otherwise, the Town Council would be willing to extend the Sewer in the Prestbury Road, as far as the houses known as The Cedars. Resolved, To adjourn consideration of the matter for the Borough Surveyor to report.

28—Disused Drain of Midland Railway Company—A letter was read from Mr. A. White, of Midland Cottage, St. Mark's, complaining that a nuisance was caused on his property by a flow from this drain of water which smelt strongly of sewage into a pool on his property, which water previously to the drain being stopped up by the Corporation was carried away by it, and that unless the Corporation took immediate steps to remove the nuisance, he would be compelled to take further proceedings. Resolved, To adjourn consideration of the matter for the Committee to view.

29 --Building plans—Resolved, As regards drainage and other sanitary matters, to approve. the undermentioned plans, viz :—

No. of Plan.	Name.	Description
1560	Moore & Sons	Thirteen Houses in the Old Bath Road.
1561	W. Butcher	Four Semi-detached Houses, Glencairn Park Road.
1562	Surgeon Gen. Newton	Gardener's Lodge south-side of Fullwood Park Drive.
1563	G. Moore	Pair of Semi-detached Villas, Glencairn Park Estate.

W. NASH SKILLICORNE, Chairman.

FARMS AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, the 3rd day of September, 1902; Present—Aldermen Norman and Skillicorne ; Councillors M. Davis, Parsonage and Lawrence (Councillor M. Davis in the chair)—

1—Repair to Hayden Knoll Farmhouse—The Borough Surveyor laid before the Committee the specification he had prepared of the repairs required to be done to the farmhouse at Hayden Knoll, and also the following tenders he had obtained for the carrying out of the work :—

C. Malvern & Son	£ 95 10 0
Collins & Godfrey	£105 10 0
Joseph Yeates	£127 to 0
E. Doogood & Co	£133 55 0

Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to forthwith arrange with Messrs. Malvern & Son for the carrying out at a cost proportionate to the amount of their tender for the whole work of so much of the work comprised in the specification as now indicated to him by the Committee, the cost of the works done not to exceed £65.

2-Inspection of Farms--Resolved, To visit the Farms on Wednesday morning next.

M. DAVIS,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Wednesday, the 10th day of September, 1902—Present : Alderman Skillicorne ; Councillors M. Davis and King Harman (Councillor M. Davis in the chair)--

3—Report of Sewage Farms' Manager—The Sewage Farms' Manager presented the following report :—" The stock on the Farms on the 54th August was as follows: 6 horses, 5 cob, 170 cattle, 58 sheep (all Corporation property).

BOUGHT.	£ s. d.	SOLD.	£ s. d.
Aug. 16th, 30 heifers and 2 steers ..	280 5 0	25th, 6 bullocks	102 9 6
Aug. 23rd, 58 sheep	110 4 0	Sept. 1st, 6 bullocks	100 5 6
Sept. 6th, 6 heifers	48 0 0	Sept. 8th, 6 heifers	95 4 6

I recommend that six yearlings or two year old cart colts be purchased, also about 20 more sheep. The number of livestock on the Farms to-day is 6 horses and 1 cob, 190 head of cattle, and 58 sheep.

Twenty loads of manure from Barn Farm has been sold to Mr. Uylatt, of Hardwicke, and four loads from Hayden to Mr. T. Mason, at 5s per load." Resolved, That the recommendations of the Sewage Farms' Manager be approved and adopted.

4—Inspection of Farms—The Committee visited the Barn, Hayden, and Hayden Knoll Farms, and found the effluents fairly satisfactory. Resolved, That a supply of Severn water be laid on to the field at the Barn Farm known as Long Hill for the supply of the cattle. That the Manager be authorised to arrange for the sawing of the timber required to be done at the Farms to save expense in hauling. On the recommendation of the Manager, Resolved, That he be authorised to construct filter beds, as an experiment, in some suitable fields on the farms to further purify the effluent just before it passes into the streams.

M. DAVIS, Chairman.

STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of: this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 9th day of September, 1902—Present : The Mayor ; Aldermen Haddon and Skillicorne ; Councillors Baker and Bendall (Councillor Baker in the chair)—

1---Langdon Road—A letter was read from the Rev. H. Walker Blott, calling attention to the fact that the works of private improvement ordered to be carried out in Langdon Road had not yet been commenced, and asking that they might be put in hand without further delay. Resolved, To inform Mr. Walker Blott that notices are about to be served on the abutting owners, and in case of default on their part, the works will be carried out in due course by the Corporation.

2— Crossing in St. James' Square, near G.W.R. Station—A letter was read from Councillor Colonel King Harman, asking that, for the convenience of persons going to and from the Station, a good broad crossing be laid down at the south end of the entrance to the G.W.R. Station. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to put down a crossing as requested.

3—Lane at back of Leamington Place—With reference to a letter from Councillor Colonel King Harman, asking that the lane at the back of Leamington Place be repaired, Resolved, To inform him that the Borough Surveyor will carry out the works of repair already ordered at the earliest opportunity.

4—Central Depot—The Committee paid a visit of inspection to the Central Depot.

5--Street Projection at the Carlton Bar, Bath Road---A letter was read from the Branch Manager of the Anglo Bavarian Brewery Company, Limited, applying for permission to erect a lamp above the doorway of the Carlton Bar, Bath Road, about 10 or 12 feet above the pavement and two feet from the outside wall. Resolved, That the application be acceded to, subject to compliance with the usual conditions.

6—Drinking Trough in Leckhampton Road, opposite Norwood Arms—Resolved, To call the attention of the Superintendent of Police to the misuse, particularly on Sundays. of the drinking troughs in the Leckhampton Road, opposite the Norwood Arms.

7—Cabmen's Shelter at Montpellier—Resolved, To request the Town Improvement Committee to allow the Cabmen's Shelter, at present in the road opposite the Montpellier Rotunda, to be placed in some convenient place in the Montpellier Gardens.

8—New Buildings—The Borough Surveyor laid before the Committee the following notices and plans received by him from persons intending to erect new buildings, viz. :—

No. of Plan.	Name.	Description.
1553	J Kesterton	Dwelling house, next to Roath Cottage, Swindon Road
1554	Mr. Hewinson	New Stable and Corn Store, Swindon Road
1555	Cheltenham Y.M.C.A.	Iron Corrugated Shed for use as gymnasium at rear of No. 31, Cambray
1556	C. Williams	Pair of Semi-detached houses, Old Bath Road
1557	C. Barrett	Cottage in Old Bath Road
1558	A. E. Edwin	Studio at back of No. 4, Dovedale Villas, St. Luke's

Resolved, That Nos. 1553 and 1555 be not approved, and that the other plans be approved as regards situation and construction.

WILLIAM A. BAKER,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 29th day of September, 1902—Present The Mayor ; Aldermen Haddon and Skillicorne ; Councillors Baker, Bendall, and Hayward (The Mayor in the chair)—

9—Street Projections—Resolved, To accede to applications received from Messrs J. J. Banks & Son and Messrs. Steel Bros. for permission to fix electric light brackets outside Gainsborough House, Promenade, and No. 351, High Street, subject to the projections not exceeding two feet from the buildings, and being not less than 8ft. clear from the pavements.

10—Alleged Damage to Trees from Leakage of Gas—With reference to the report of the Borough Surveyor that several trees had been killed from leakage of gas from the Gas Company's mains, a letter from the Clerks to the Gas Company was read, stating that careful investigation had been made by the Engineer of the Company of the condition of the ground at the 16 points where trees were reported to have died. Samples of the soil had been preserved in bottles for reference. No leakage of gas was found at any of the spots specified, and the soil around the sites of the trees in question was found to be free from gas.

11—Ewlyn Road Private Improvement Expenses--A letter from Mr. S. B. Dix was read, agreeing to the appointment of Mr. O. J. Williams as sole Arbitrator to settle the dispute as to the apportionment of the amount of these expenses charged against him as one of the abutting owners, but requesting that the claim made by him in respect of the removal of 900 loads of rubble should also be referred to the Arbitrator to save expense. Resolved, That this request be acceded to

12 —Apportionment of Expenses of Private Improvement Works in street at back of the Railway Inn, Croat Norwood Street—Resolved, To adjourn for view consideration of a letter received from Mr. C. Cambridge, complaining of the unfairness of the apportionment of these expenses having regard to the degree of benefit derived by the property owned by him.

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13—Widening of Naunton Lane—Resolved, To adjourn for new at the next meeting consideration of a letter received from Mr. F. Jenkins, of Larchville, Gloucester Road, offering to give up sufficient land, coextensive with the frontage to the above road of the Fairfield Estate, to widen the same to 40ft., provided the Corporation would make the path and road.

14—Seat opposite No. 1, Priory Parade—Resolved, To instruct the Borough Surveyor to have this seat removed to opposite the end of Keynsham Road.

15—Exmouth Street--A letter from Mr. H. J. Bradshaw was read, calling attention to the condition of this street. Resolved, To inform Mr. Bradshaw that the roadway will be repaired in due course as soon as other roads, which more urgently require repair, have been attended to.

16-Oakfield Street Private Improvement Expenses—In reply to a letter from Mr. H. Enoch, asking why the newly-laid paving was taken up in front of the houses in respect of which he is charged and used for paving the fronts of other owners' property in the street, and why he should have to pay £28 14s. 7d. out of £97 4s. 10d., when he owned only 130 feet out of about 200 yards. Resolved, To inform Mr. Enoch that the value of the paving was allowed for and the amount to be paid by the abutting owners reduced accordingly, and that the frontage in respect of which he was charged was 46 yards out of a total of 150 yards, and that the apportionment is therefore correct.

As regards the sum of £4 15s. 6d. of these expenses apportioned to be paid by Mr. J. F. Cornell, Resolved, In consideration of his having given up a piece of and to improve the street, that this sum be charged to and paid by the Corporation.

17- Private Road opposite Houses in Lansdown Crescent--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.

18—Winstonian Road—Resolved, That the Private Improvement Works in this street be proceeded with.

19—Alterations at The Tower, Montpellier— A letter was read from Mr. Thomas Malvern returning the deed, which had been sent for Mrs. Gilmore to execute, as he was not proceeding with the works as contemplated. Resolved, That the resolution of this Committee to Minute No. 18 of their proceedings of date the 25th ulto. approving plan No. 1543 be rescinded, and that the plan be disapproved.

20 —Private Improvement Works in Whaddon Lane and St. George's Road—Apportionments--The Borough Surveyor reported that the costs of carrying out these works amounted respectively to the sums of £12 18s. 2d. and £37 14s. 11d., which sums were respectively due from the several owners of Wilford Terrace, Whaddon Lane, and from Mr. John How, the owner of Avalon and Elvaston, St. George's Road, according to their respective frontages. Resolved, That the apportionments be approved, and that Notices thereof and of demand be served on the owners affected.

21- Report of the Borough Surveyor re Highways, The Borough Surveyor reported that the work done by the Highways Department from Aug. 22nd to Sept. 18th inclusive had been as follows :—

Repaired with Clee Hill Stone—Old Bath Road 768 square yards, Montpellier Street 144 square yards, Portland Street 576 square yards, The Park (proceeding).

Patching—The Park, Bath Terrace, St. George's Place, Leckhampton Road, Lypiatt Terrace, St. James's Square, Promenade, Stanhope Street, Montpellier Street, St. George's Street, Badgeworth Road, Back of Montpellier Terrace, Swindon Road, and Montpellier (Wide Opening.)

Repaired with Wickwar Stone—Back of Bayshill Terrace 517 square yards, Cemetery 720 square yards, Hatherley Road 3407 square yards, Commercial Street (proceeding), College Road (proceeding).

Patching—St. George's Road, Queen's Road, Carlton Street, Waterloo Street, Park Place, Sun Street, and Clarence Square.

Repaired with Tar Macadam--Rodney Road 401 square yards.

Private Improvement Works—Exmouth Court, Commercial Street, and Union Street had been finished.

Kerbing, Crossing, Channelling and Paving—Lansdown Parade, Montpellier Street, Fauconberg Road, St. George's Road, Royal Well Terrace, Bayshill Road, Queen's Parade, High Street, Hewlett Road, Vittoria Walk, Tivoli Road, Burton Street, North Street, Clarence Road, Queen's Road, Bath Road, Lansdown Road, Suffolk Road, Montpellier Retreat, Thirlestaine Road, Priors Terrace, Commercial Street, St. Paul's Road, Rodney Road, Fairview Road, Whaddon Lane, College Road, Bath Parade, Winchcombe Street.

The paving, edging, and channelling at both sides of the widened portion of Rodney Road had been laid, and the repairing of High Street opposite the new Bank was being proceeded with.

Gullies and Drains—One new earthenware gully had been fixed in Queen's Road, and one at the back of Lansdown Parade.

A McDougal patent brick crossing had been laid in College Road, at the Bath Parade end, and one in High Street at the end of Rodney Road.

The laying of the surface water drain in Leckhampton Road had been finished, 1,604 feet in length.

The footpath in the Bath Road, on the east side, near the College, had been relaid with concrete slabs. Trees Pruned in Fauconburg Road, Montpellier Street, Tewkesbury Road, Keynsham Road, Upper High Street, Hewlett Road, Pittville Circus, All Saints' Road, Vittoria Walk, Montpellier Drive, Imperial Square, 3 Montpellier Grove (opposite), Naunton Park Terrace, at Pittville Gardens, Hewlett Reservoir.

Private Trees Pruned—The Beeches, Suffolk Square, Bicknor, 25, Park Place, Fernihurst, Seagrave House, Heighthorne, The Park, Park Villa, Seagrave Lodge, Ardmore, The Lawn, 6, Rodney Place, 4, Rodney Place, Gainsborough House, Nazareth House, North Devon Lodge, Saltwood.

Ashes Collection-1,050 loads had been collected, 1,020 loads consumed, weighing 982 tons 17 cwt.

Slab Factory--975 slabs, each 3ft. by 2ft., and 28 slabs, each 4ft. by 2ft., had been made, at a cost of £78 11s. 5d.

Private Improvement Works in The College Road, Road back of Royal Well Terrace, and Footpath in Gloucester Road from Midland Railway Bridge to Sandfield Road—Specifications from the Surveyor of the Works required to be done in 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.

23—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
1553	John Kesterton	Dwelling house next to Roath Cottage, Swindon Road
1559	Mrs. Holborow	Additional tea rooms and offices to the Gloucestershire Dairy
1560	J. Moore & Sons	Thirteen houses in the Old Bath Road
1561	W. Burcher	Semi-detached houses, Glencairn Park Road
1562	Surg.-Gen. Newton	Lodge, south side of Fullwood Park Drive
1563	G. Moore	Pair of semi-detached villas, Kensington Avenue
1565	Thomas Wintle	Garden wall south side of house in Hayward's Road
1566	T. J. F. Haskoll	Alterations to cottage at Brandon House

Resolved, That No. 1560 be disapproved, but that as regards situation and construction the other plans above mentioned be approved.

WILLIAM A. BAKER,

Chairman.

TOWN IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 22nd day of September, 1902—Present Alderman Winterbotham ; Councillors Bainbridge, Baker, Bence, Lawrence, Packer and Rickerby (Councillor Rickerby in the chair)—

1—Entertainments Sub-Committee—This Sub-Committee reported that they had engaged the Blue Viennese Band for the fortnight commencing 13th proximo.

That the Band Concerts in the Marle Hill Annexe had been discontinued.

That they were arranging for the holding of Lectures during the Winter months in the Winter Garden; and

That they recommended the purchase from the Coronation Celebration Committee of about 5,000 Fairy Lamps, 1,400 yards of Chain and 300 Lampholders for £3. 7s. 9d. (half-cost).

Resolved, That the proceedings and recommendation of the Entertainments Sub-Committee be approved and adopted.

2--Advertising-Resolved, To adjourn consideration of a letter received from the Editor of the "Imperial Argus," stating that shortly a series of illustrated articles on British Health Resorts would be published, and that he was prepared to send a representative to Cheltenham to prepare the article and obtain the best views, and he would be glad to know if the Corporation would reciprocate in the way of advertisements.

A letter from Mr. E. J. Burrow, was read, stating that he had received the assurance that the Great Western Railway Company would be pleased to exhibit 250 posters relating to Cheltenham, at Paddington and other large stations, if sent through him, free of charge if the Great Western Railway is mentioned on them, and that he would be pleased to give particulars of the cost of a poster and his assistance in the matter. Resolved, To thank Mr. Burrow for his offer, and to request him to attend the next ordinary meeting of the Committee to discuss the subject.

T. E. RICKERBY, Chairman.

At a Meeting of Ibis Committee held on Monday, the 29th day of September, 1902—Present Councillors Bainbridge, Baker, Bence and Rickerby (Councillor Rickerby in the chair);

Entertainments Financial Statement—The Balance Sheet of Income and Expenditure in respect of the Corporation Entertainments during the past season, prepared by the Borough Accountant, was laid before the Committee, as follows:—

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ENTERTAINMENTS—SUMMER SEASON, 1902 (MAY TO SEPTEMBER).

EXPENDITURE.

Artistes, Bands, &c.	£899 11 6
Attendants' Wages ..	£123 17 8
Billposting and Advertising.,	£67 9 8
Printing and Stationery	£139 3 2
Candles and Lanterns £51 12 8	
Working Stock (Truck, &c.) <u>£17 09 11</u>	
£69 12 7	
Less Stock on hand <u>£15 17 0</u>	
	£53 15 7
Hire of Tents, &c.	£6 8 11
Piano Hire ..	£11 12 0
Rent of Winter Garden	£94 10 0
Electric Lighting (Montpellier Gardens) ..	£28 2 4
Miscellaneous ..	<u>£8 16 2</u>
Balance (Profit) ..	£77 19 10
Balance(Profit)	£1511 6 10

INCOME.

Admissions.		Chairs.	Total. £ s. d.
Montpellier Gardens ..	£677 6 3	£ 206 1 2	883 7 5
Winter Garden	£271 17 10	£33 6 6	305 4 4
Pittville Park	<u>£ 14 2 0</u>	<u>£ 7 6 6</u>	<u>21 8 6</u>
	£963 6 1	£246 14 2	£1210 0 3
Bicycles (care of) ..	.		£6 6 10
Programme Rights ..	..		£90 0 0
Advertisements in Pamphlet ..			£7 0 0
Sale of Candles and Coloured Fire .			£2 8 6
Share of Subscriptions			£195 11 3
			£1511 6 10

4—Vote of thanks to Mr. Baring—Unanimously Resolved, That the Committee desire to place on record their appreciation of the successful manner in which Mr. Baring has arranged and managed the Entertainments during the past season, and that the thanks of the Council be given to him for his services.

T. E. RICKERBY,

Chairman.

TOWN IMPROVEMENT AND GENERAL PURPOSES AND WATCH COMMITTEES.

At a joint Meeting of these Committees, held on Tuesday, the 23rd day of September, 1902—

Present : The Mayor; Aldermen Haddon, Norman, Skillicorne and Winterbotham ; Councillors Bainbridge, Baker, Davis, Hayward, Lamb, Rickerby, Stroud, and J. Waghorne (The Mayor in the chair)—

1—Town Hall—The Architect reported that the Engineer's Contracts for heating and ventilation amounted to £1,945 10s., this sum having been sanctioned previously. That the amount of the reduced tender for the Builder's Work for the Engineer was £1,616 5s. He submitted Mr. Hawtayne's specification for Electric Wiring and plain Fittings, the latter for the less important parts of the Building, the Fittings for the best parts of the Building not being included, and Mr. Hawtayne's estimates for the cost of Wiring, and for the cost of Fittings according to the class to be selected by the Committee. He drew attention to the fact that the estimate for the Engineering Works for heating, ventilation, Electric lighting, etc., and Builder's Work for the same had necessarily been put in at an assumed sum in the original estimates, as at that time there was no chance of obtaining definite particulars from experts, and that these Works were costing considerably more than was anticipated, but that the actual building as estimated for was working out so far closely to his

figures. He reported that at a conference with Mr. Hawtayne in Cheltenham; it was proposed to form a Chamber for his apparatus in the basement beneath the Gentlemen's Lavatory, access to be given from outside the Building through the Lobby to the Men-servants' Closet, and he suggested that this Chamber and all cutting away, making holes, etc., be done by the general Contractors (Messrs. Collins & Godfrey), as it would be almost impossible to obtain tenders for work such as this, on the Contractors' schedule of prices, the account being checked each week by the Clerk of Works. He suggested that he should prepare a scheme for just so much gas lighting as would be necessary to prevent the Building being in darkness if the other light failed, and for the supply of gas for cooking, and that tenders be obtained for this from local tradesmen by advertisement in local papers.

He asked for instructions on the following points (1) whether lead or zinc flats should be used on the roofs beneath gallery windows (the latter material would save £60 and compensate for extra expenditure incurred in widening the flats), (2) whether a change might be made in the arrangements of the skylights over the main Hall with a view to improve the effect, (3) whether anything further than the circular window and carving shown on the drawings should be put in the Pediment in the Main Gable, and (4) if the external doors were to all open outwards.

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He reported that from 450 to 500 persons could be accommodated to witness the laying of the Memorial Stone. That the inscription had been cut to the revised wording, and that a certain amount of delay and extra cost would be caused by the proceedings themselves, and the preparations on the two occasions. He asked for permission to communicate with a decorative artist, and to ask his terms for furnishing a rough scheme of colour treatment for the best rooms for consideration, the object of this being to have a guide for the selection of the marbles as their colour must largely influence the after colouring of the rooms, and he suggested that Mr. Lewis Day be consulted. He reported that it was proposed to groin the Gallery ceilings instead of putting them flat, as it was thought the effect would be better from the Hall, and no extra would be incurred. He reported that the first floor room in the corner of the Winter Garden lately occupied by machinery was being adapted for the use of Performers, and the opening from the Winter Garden therefrom was being blocked up.

Resolved, To instruct the Architect to request Mr. Hawtayne to at once obtain tenders for the wiring, exclusive of any fittings, by advertisement to be inserted in the Electrician and the local papers, a deposit of £5 to be made by all Competitors, to be returned on receipt of a bona-fide tender.

To approve the suggestions of the Architect as to the carrying out of the Builder's Work for the Electric Light Engineer, and for the Gas Lighting and Cooking.

To instruct the Architect to obtain tenders for the Carving from Messrs. Martyn & Co., Boulton, Fry, and Wall. That the substitution of zinc for lead flats be not approved.

That the change of arrangement of skylights over the Main Hall be left to the discretion of the Architect.

That the Pediment in the Main Gable be left as shown on the drawings. That the external doors be made to open outwards.

That the Architect be authorised to ascertain Mr. Lewis Day's terms for advising as to the decorative treatment. That the proposal to groin the Gallery ceilings be approved; and

To approve the alteration being made to the first floor room in the corner of the Winter Garden to adapt it for the use of Performers.

2—Opening Concert—In reply to a letter received from Mr. C. E. Rainger, on behalf of the Cheltenham Philharmonic Society, asking for the first engagement of the Town Hall for an opening Concert, Resolved, That Mr. Rainger be informed that the Committee are not yet able to consider any applications for hiring the Hall the building operations being so far from completion.

3—Annual Moveable Committee of the Oddfellows—With reference to the request made on behalf of the Cheltenham Oddfellows for the free use of the large room of the Town Hall in which to hold the Meetings of the above-named Committee during the first week in next June, Resolved, That until the building operations are more advanced, the Committee are unable to make any definite promise, but if they find they can accede to the request without seriously interfering with the Contractors, they will do so.

RICHARD ROGERS, Chairman.

LIGHTING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 8th day of September, 1902—Present : The Mayor ; Alderman Norman ; Councillors Baker, Handley, and Hayward (Alderman Norman in the chair)—

1—Lansdown Place Sub-Station—The following tenders were received for building the Sub-Station in Lansdown Place, viz. :—

	£ s. d.
Messrs. C. H. Chanson & Son.	119 10 0
Mr. J. Riley	129 7 0
Mr. Richard Pearce	142 15 0
Messrs. A. C. & S. Billings	151 8 0
Messrs. C. Malvern & Son	169 10 0

Resolved, That the tender of Messrs. Channon & Son be accepted.

2—View meeting-The thorough Surveyor reported that at the View Meeting on the 27th ultimo there were present Alderman Norman, councillors Bainbridge, Baker, Handley, Hayward, Parsonage and Stroud, and that it was resolved, That one additional lamp be fixed in Overton Road between Wyastone and Queen's Villas.

That four incandescent burners be substituted for the ordinary burners in Sydenham Villas Road.

That one incandescent electric lamp be fixed upon the north-west corner of Mr. Gastrell's premises, Montpellier Exchange.

That one new lamp be fixed in the lane at the back of the Railway Inn, Great Norwood Street.

That the Committee are not prepared to recommend any improvement of the lighting of Collum End Road unless the Rural District Council will share the cost, and

That the Committee do not consider there is any necessity for improving the lighting of Regent Street, Rodney Road, Naunton Lane, Whitecross Square, and Naunton Park Terrace.

3—Lighting of Roman Road—Resolved, That a plan of the Borough Surveyor now laid before the Committee for re-arrangement of the lamps in this road and providing two additional ones be approved and carried out.

4—Shadowless Lanterns—Resolved, That it is desirable that the district between and including the St. George's Road on the North, the Bayshill Road on the East, the Gloucester Road on the West, and the Queen's Road on the South, not already lighted by electricity, be lighted by the Shadowless incandescent lights, as per the letter from the Clerks to the Gas Company of the 25th March last, on the understanding that if the Council find it necessary to move these lamps within five years they shall be allowed to do so if the lamps are removed to other districts in groups of not less than thirty, or such other number as may be agreed upon from time to time between the Council and the Company, and

That a statement of the additional cost of the substitution be reported upon at the next meeting of the Committee.

GEO. NORMAN, Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, the 24th day of September, 1902. Present—Alderman Norman ; Councillors Bainbridge, Baker and J. Waghorne (Alderman Norman in the chair).

5—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.

1902

Sept. 16th 200 Volts. 210 Volts

" 19th " 208 "

Average.. 209 "

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

ILLUMINATING POWER.

PURITY.

1902	1902		Grains of Sulphur per 100 cubic ft.
Sept. 16th..	16.43 candles	September	
" 19th..	15.77 "	15th-16th	11.33
" 23rd..	<u>17.19 "</u>	19th—20th	<u>10.67</u>
	16.46 "	Average..	11.00

7--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 with 4.25 cubic feet burners, 4.185 cubic feet ; Guildhall Lamps, with No 4 Incandescent burners, 4.845 cubic feet ; and Ordinary Lamps with No. 3 Incandescent burners 3.544 cubic feet.

8 - Lamp Book - This Book was produced and examined. Lamps extinguished, 3 metered, 13 unmetered ; and 5 incandescent.

9 - Lamp opposite Cate of St. Mark's Boys' School—A Letter from Mr. H. Powell, was read, requesting that the Committee would reconsider their intention to remove this lamp in rearranging tire lighting of the street. Resolved, To inform Mr. Powell that the removal of the lamp must be effected as part of the scheme for improving the general lighting of the street, and if a light is required at the entrance gate to the school, the Committee suggest that this should be provided by means of a private lamp.

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10-Shadowless Lanterns for the Bayshill and Lansdown Districts—The Borough Surveyor laid before the Committee a plan of the suggested lighting of this district by incandescent gas lamps in Shadowless lanterns, and reported that the number of lamps shewn on the plan was 96, distributed as follows :—Eldorado Road 8, Well Place 1, Douro Road 6, Lansdown Parade 6, Lansdown Crescent 2, Lansdown Crescent (back) 7, Lansdown Terrace 4, Malvern Place 2, Malvern Road 14, Western Road 5, St. George's Road 19, Parabola Road 13.

The ordinary lamps cost about £2 16s. each per annum if fitted with Incandescent burners, in Shadowless Lanterns, the cost would be £3 13s. 6d., or an increase of 17s. 6d. per lamp per annum, and a nett increase of £84 per annum for the group. Resolved, To adjourn consideration of the matter for the Electrical Engineer to report as to the estimated cost of lighting the district referred to with Nernst Incandescent Electric Lamps.

11—Extension of Electric Lighting Area to Bishop's Cleeve, Southam, Brockhampton, Woodmancote, Leckhampton, Swindon and Prestbury—In consequence of the failure of the Cheltenham Rural District Council to signify their consent, as requested, to the extension of the Electric Lighting Area so as to include (inter aim) the Parish of Prestbury, Resolved, That the intention to apply to the Board of Trade for a Provisional Order to include the above-mentioned Parishes and Hamlets in the Cheltenham Electric Lighting Area be abandoned.

12—Lighting of Kensington Avenue, Road leading from Ewlyn Road into Laudon Road, and of Shurdington Road between Edward Street and Greville Terrace— Resolved. To adjourn, for view, consideration of Letters and Memorials received from G. Davie and E. Haidon, W. Humphris, and from T. Gardner and others advocating improvement of the lighting of the above-named localities.

13- Extension of the Electric Lighting Main along the London Road—A Letter was read from Colonel G. V. Hamilton, stating that his house "Taragh," in the London Road, Charlton Kings, had been wired last year for the electric light, but as yet the cable had not been extended so as to give him a supply of current. Resolved, To inform Colonel Hamilton that the cost of the extension would be about

£500, and that sufficient applications for the light had not as yet been received to justify this expenditure.

14 —Lighting of Whaddon Lane—Resolved, To instruct the Borough Surveyor to prepare a plan for re-arrangement of the lamps and improvement of the lighting in this road.

15—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, that 622 customers with the equivalent of 38,300 eight-candle power lamps were connected to the private supply mains, and that he had fixed the arc lamp by the Ladies' College and the incandescence lamp by the Montpellier Rotunda as ordered by the Committee.

That a Synchronizer and a Boiler Testing Pump were required at the Works, and that he recommended the purchase of these at costs not exceeding £15 and £20 respectively.

That he recommended purchase of two transformers at a cost not exceeding £80.

That he had obtained quotations for wiring the last completed extensions at the Works, as follows :—

R. E. & C. Marshall	£42 12 6
A. G. Sanders	£45 0 0

and recommended acceptance of the former.

That the lane leading to the Works was in a very bad condition, and that he recommended that a raised footpath be made along its west side, the old sleepers lying at the Works being used for the curb.

That he recommended that Tenders be invited for the scrap cable, &c. at the Works.

Resolved, That the recommendations of the Electrical Engineer above mentioned be approved and adopted, and that application be made to the Local Government Board to sanction a Loan of £160 to provide for the expenditure above mentioned.

GEO. NORMAN, Chairman.

WATER COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Thursday, the 23th day of September, 1902—Present :
The Mayor Councillors Baker, Bendall, M. Davis, King-Harman, and Packer (Councillor Baker in the chair)—

1- Chairmen—In the absence of the Chairman, Councillor Baker was appointed Chairman at this Meeting.

2 -- Report of the Water Engineer The Water Engineer reported that on the 24th instant the supply from Hewletts springs was 71 gallons, the average: for the past three years being 63 gallons per minute, and the quantity of water in store at Hewletts and Leckhampton was 12,399,858 gallons.

On the 24th instant Dowdeswell Reservoir was 20ft 4in in and the contents 46,027065 gallons exclusive of the daily yield of the streams, which was then about 134,784 which made a total storage of 58,426,923 gallons, or about 50 days' supply.

He reported that he had had correspondence with Mr. P. Bendall, who claimed compensation for damage done by the bursting of a water pipe at Alconbury after the water had been turned on to the house by the Corporation Inspector. as he alleged that he. had only asked for an inspection of the fittings and had not authorised the turning on of the water from the main. The Water Engineer reported that Mr. Bendall had signed an application for a supply of water at Alconbury, pursuant to which the water had been turned on and the fittings tested, but that after the Inspector had left the premises, which were unoccupied, a pipe which was between the ceiling and floor of two rooms and consequently out of sight, and of which the Inspector had no knowledge, burst from the pressure. Resolved. To inform Mr. Bendall that the Inspector's duty is simply to test the fittings on behalf of the Corporation to prevent waste, and the Corporation are not responsible for any risks occasioned by the neglect of owners of premises to see that their fittings are sufficient for the purpose for which they are required, and it is quite clear that the water was turned on at the request of Mr. Bendall, as shown by the application signed by him, and though the Committee very much regret the occurrence, they are unable to admit any liability.

The Water Engineer also reported that he had had a letter from Mr. P. Bendall. complaining that the water had not been turned on to Mayville, pursuant to a request made by him some weeks ago, though he admitted that he had received notice to make a proper wiped joint which he had promised to do about two years ago, and which he alleged had been done. This, however, the Water Engineer stated was not correct. Resolved, To inform Mr. Bendall that he must comply with the Regulations before the water is turned on.

The Water Engineer also reported that Mr. F. W. Strange removed a Building Water Meter without notice, and in doing so broke the connection. Resolved, To give notice to Mr. Strange to attend the next meeting of the Committee to show cause why proceedings should not be taken against him.

He also reported that the Loans sanctioned and applied for and payments made out of Revenue amounted to £541 9s. 10d. more than the £30,000 for which Parliamentary powers to borrow had been obtained. Resolved, That consideration of this matter be adjourned.

3—Tewkesbury Water Leakage—Resolved, To adjourn consideration of a letter received from the Town Clerk of Tewkesbury., stating that his Committee would not consent to the alterations made in the amendments made by him to the Statement of Facts prepared by the Town Clerk for the purpose of Arbitration.

4—Connection of Service Pipe at No. 1, Imperial Circus with Main— Letters were read from Mr. H. T. Carrington complaining that he had been put to an expense of in opening the road in various places to find connection of his service pipe with the main, and that he ought not to have been put to expense in locating it, as it should have been known to the Corporation officials where it was. Resolved, To inform Mr. Carrington that the Committee 'very much regret that he should have been put to so much expense, but they are unable to agree with him as to their responsibility.

5—Chelt Compensation Water—In reply to a letter from Messrs. Ride & Co. alleging that the amount of compensation water required by the Corporation Water Act had not been passed into the Chelt daily as it should have been, and that they intended to make a claim for loss of power at their mill. Resolved, To inform Messrs. Ride & Co. that the provisions of the Act with regard to the Chelt compensation water have been strictly complied with, and the Council are able to prove the accuracy of this statement.

6—Land at Sandford--Letters were read from Mr. Mansell, requesting to be allowed to give up one chain of the land of which he was tenant, and from Mr. W. Watson. offering to take it at once. Resolved, That consideration of these letters be adjourned, and that applications for tenancy of the land in parcels of one chain each, for one year, from the 25th of December next, at a rental of £1 each be invited by advertisement, and that the Borough Surveyor be instructed to pre-prepare a plan of the holdings.

WILLIAM A. BAKER,

Chairman.

GENERAL PURPOSES AND WATCH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 23rd day of September, 1902—Present The Mayor; Aldermen Haddon, Norman, Skillicorne and Winterbotham ; Councillors Baker, Davis, Hayward, Lamb, Rickerby and Stroud. (The Mayor in the chair)—

1—Fire Brigade- -Resolved, To increase the wages of Mr. J. James, Resident Fireman, from £10 to £15 per annum.

2—Drivers' Licenses—Resolved, To accede to an application received from William Hammond, of No. 64, Fairview Road, for a Driver's Licence, but not to accede to a similar application received from William Phillip Jones, of Clapham Common, near London.

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3—Hackney Carriage Licences—With reference to the application received at the last meeting for transfer of the Licence No. 56 for a Landau from A. Young to H. A. Sumner, Mr. Sumner having attended the meeting as requested, Resolved, That the application be acceded to. Letters having been read from John Ball, proprietor of a licensed Hackney Carriage No. 68, and William Hammond, of No. 64, Fairview Road, applying for the transfer of the Licence to Hammond, he having purchased the carriage from Ball. Resolved, That the application be acceded to.

4—Wheel Chair Licence—Resolved, To accede to an application received from Daniel Lerner, of Robin Hood Inn, St. James's Street, for a Wheel Chair Licence.

5.—Petroleum Licences—Resolved, To accede to applications received from the following persons for Licences to store petroleum for sale at the undermentioned premises, viz:-T. W. Harvey, 180 and 181, High Street. Executors of the late J. Fisher, back of No. 34, Winchcomb Street. Maurice Bellamy, back of No. 251, High Street. Albert Lusty, Nos. 7, 8, and 9, Larput Place, and back of No. 196, High Street. George Tillott, back of No. 1, Queen Street. Lilian Baughan, back of No. 2, Exchange Buildings. Douglas H. Morgan, back of No. 22, Clarence Street. David Davis, back of No. 149, High Street. H. J.

Norton & Co., back of No 416, High Street. Edward A. Stretton, Buildings at back of the Million Cycle and Motor Works, Bath Road.

6—Consumption Hospital—A Letter was read from Mr. W. H. Gates, Secretary of the Gloucestershire, Somerset and Wilts Branch of the National Association for the Prevention of Consumption and other forms of Tuberculosis, enquiring on behalf of the Executive Committee of the Association as to whether the Council would receive a deputation from the Branch, as they were desirous of obtaining the support and help of all the Municipal Bodies in the three Counties by contributing to the building fund and maintaining beds in the Hospital. Resolved, To inform Mr. Gates that the Committee will receive the Deputation as suggested at their ordinary meeting next month.

7—Decorations Sub-Committee--The Chairman of this Sub-Committee reported that of the sum of £250 allowed, the sum of £204 5s. 7d. had been expended leaving a balance of £45 14s. 5d. which would be handed over to the Coronation Celebration Committee of the Town, and that the value of the materials which had been taken down and stored was estimated at about £50. Resolved, That having regard to the value of the material sent to the Stores, a further sum of £14 5s. 7d. in addition to the sum of £45 14s. 5d. be handed over to the Town Celebration Committee.

8 —Market Tolls— Mr. W. Symonds having offered the sum of £25 for the sole right to receive the Market Tolls at Mops and Fairs for the ensuing year, Resolved, To inform him that the Council are not prepared to lease the Tolls this year for a less sum than £40.

RICHARD ROGERS,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, the 29th day of September, 1902—Present : The Mayor; Alderman Norman and Skillicorne ; Councillors Baker, Davis, Lamb, Rickerby, Stroud and J. Waghorne (The Mayor in the chair)—

9—Appointment of Surveyor—Resolved, To insert the following advertisement in the Local papers, The Local Government Journal, The Contract Journal, The Surveyor, The Engineer, and The Municipal Journal, viz :—

BOROUGH OF CHELTENHAM.

The Corporation of the Borough of Cheltenham require the services of a competent person to fill the offices of Borough Surveyor and Engineer of the Water Works Department.

He will have to discharge the duties of Surveyor under the Municipal Corporations Act, 1882, the Public Health Acts, the Cheltenham Improvement Acts, 1852 and 1889, the Corporation Water Acts, 1878 and 1881, and all other Acts in force within the Borough, and the general work of the Corporation arising out of or incidental to the said Acts, including the general supervision of the Disposal of Sewage by irrigation, and he will be required to devote his whole time to the discharge of the duties of his office.

His salary will be £600 per annum, with the use of a horse and trap.

Applications, stating age, present employment and qualifications, with copies of not more than six testimonials, to be sent into me, the undersigned, endorsed outside "Surveyor's Appointment," on or before the 15th day of November next.

Canvassing will disqualify.

Municipal Offices, Cheltenham, 7th October, 1902.

E. T. BRYDGES, Town Clerk.

RICHARD ROGERS, Chairman.

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MINERAL WATERS AND BATHS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this committee, held on Friday, the 26th day of September, 1902—Present The Mayor ; Alderman Norman, Councillors Hayward and Stroud (Councillor Stroud in the chair)—

1—Electrical Ozone and Light Treatment—A Letter having been read from the Town Clerk of Harrogate, Resolved, To inform the Manager of the above that the whole subject of Medical Baths and Treatment is under consideration, and the subject matter of his letter will be considered at the same time.

2—Leasing of Mineral Water Rights—A Letter from Mr. Cronheim on this subject, was read. Resolved, That consideration of it be adjourned.

3—Cheltenham and Honeybourne Railway—The Borough Surveyor laid before the Committee plans for converting the open-air Swimming Bath at Alstone into a covered one. Resolved, To request the Railway Company to carry this out as the consideration for allowing them to carry their proposed Railway over the bath.

5—Alstone Baths—The Borough Accountant reported that the amount received had been £260 7s. 9d., and the amount paid exclusive of interest and sinking fund had been £207 9s. 9d. Resolved, That these Baths be closed from the rash proximo to the end of March, except as follows, viz--The Cleansing Baths to be open on Fridays from noon, on Saturdays for the whole day, and on Sundays from 7 a.m. to 9 a.m., and that the Caretaker be employed, except when the Baths are open as aforesaid, in cleansing and painting where necessary, and in cleaning out the boilers.

5—Montpellier Baths—The Borough Accountant reported that £344 as. 6d. had been received, and £395 17s. 7d. had been paid exclusive of repayment of loan and interest.

HERBERT STROUD, Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, the 29th day of September, 1902—Present The Mayor ; Alderman Norman ; Councillors Baker, Davies, Hayward and Stroud (Councillors Stroud in the chair)—

5—Montpellier Baths—Resolved, That the Swimming Bath at Montpellier be closed after the 31st October for the winter.

6—Leasing of Mineral Water Rights—The letter from Mr. Cronheim on the subject of the Leasing of the Mineral Water Rights, read at the last meeting, was further considered.

Mr. Cronheim in his letter stated that he had decided to abandon the idea of leasing the Winter Garden, and with regard to the Mineral Waters he was prepared to pay 25 guineas for an option for six months to acquire all the rights possessed by the Corporation in the Mineral Waters in Cheltenham, upon the following terms:—

1—An absolute lease for 50 years.

2—The rental to be £50 per annum, payable half-yearly.

3—He or his nominees to have the exclusive use of selling or using or otherwise dealing with all the mineral waters now or during the period of the said lease belonging to or costing into the possession of the Corporation.

4—To have the sole and exclusive right to use all trademarks, trade signs and names, and all other marks, signs and names, designs, labels, bottles and advertisements in any way appertaining to the Cheltenham Mineral Waters, Cheltenham Waters, Cheltenham Salts, or otherwise now or hereafter belonging to the Corporation.

5—To have the exclusive use of the Borough Arms and Motto in connection with the Waters.

6—To be at liberty at any time during the term of the lease to carry the Mineral Waters to any central depot or depots, or any other station, by means of aqueducts or underground pipes, the Corporation undertaking to grant permission for that purpose, the cost to be borne by Mr. Cronheim or his nominees, the work to be done to the satisfaction of the Borough Surveyor.

In reply to a letter from the Chairman to Mr. Cronheim, written at the request of the Committee at their last meeting, a telegram was read from Mr. Cronheim agreeing to the rental being £100 per annum, payable half-yearly, instead of £50.

Resolved, That the offer of Mr. Cronheim for a six months' option for 25 guineas be accepted, subject to the satisfactory arrangement of the terms of an agreement with him, and that he be invited to confer with this Committee, or to meet a deputation from this Committee, upon such details.

HERBERT STROUD, Chairman.

RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 22nd day of September, 1902—Present :
Alderman Holliday ; Councillors Bainbridge, Baker, Bendall, Handley, King-Harman and Lamb
(Councillor Lamb in the chair)—

1—Whaddon Lane Recreation Ground—Resolved, That the trees for planting round the ground be ordered at once and planted as soon as possible.

2-Naunton Park Recreation Ground— Screen Wall to Conveniences and additional Shelter— Resolved, To approve a plan and scheme as now laid before the Committee for the erection of a wall, to screen the conveniences and to extend the shelter, and that tenders for carrying it out be advertised for, and to inform the Memorialists who asked for the removal of the Shelter to another position that the Council are unable to accede to this request, but that they consider the scheme above mentioned will meet the wishes of the Memorialists.

3—Football—Resolved, To accede to a request of the Bethesda Wesleyan Bible Class Football Club for permission to erect Association goal posts in the Naunton Park Recreation Ground at their own risk, but without implying any right to the exclusive use by the Club of the ground between the posts for playing football.

4—Agg-Gardner Recreation Ground—Football--In reply to a letter received from the Cheltenham Saracens Rugby Football Club, requesting that they might have a portion of the ground for football this season, Resolved, To inform the Club that they may use the parts of the ground between the goal posts at present erected for playing football upon, but without implying any exclusive use by the Club of the ground for the purpose referred to.

Trees—Resolved, To have the row of three perry pear trees removed.

ARTHUR LAMB,

Chairman.

BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Friday, the 26th day of September, 1902—Present The Mayor ; Aldermen Haddon and Holliday ; Councillors Baker, and Bence (Alderman Haddon in the chair)—

1-Designs—Resolved, To approve the following designs, viz: Headstones to Elsie Saunders, Surgeon-General Auchinleck, Joseph Wiggall and Walter Wiggall, Sarah Allaway, General John C. Hay, Martha Newbold, Nera Winifred Gillham. Kerbing to graves of Emma Hand, No. 16,064 I. Tombstone and Kerbing to grave of Edward John Smith, and to Vault Space containing remains of Muriel Mary Dickinson.

JOHN HADDON,

Chairman.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 30th day of September, 1902—Present Alderman Skillicorne ; Councillors Bence, Hayward and Parsonage (Councillor Parsonage in the chair)—

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

2— Water Rate Twice paid—A letter from Mrs. Nicholson, the owner of No. 2, Derby Cottages, was read, stating that 6s, water rate from 29th September, 1901, to 25th March, 1902, had been demanded from and paid by herself and by her tenant, Mr. Lott, and requesting that the amount paid by her should be refunded. Resolved, That this request be acceded to.

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3—Appointment of Collectors as Assistant Overseers—Letters from the Local Government Board were read, in which it was stated that the Board were not prepared to assent to any arrangement by which persons not duly appointed should be employed to receive Poor Rates and sign receipts. They considered that all persons so employed should be formally appointed as Assistant Overseers, and that each officer engaged in the collection of the Poor Rates should act for a defined area, and be responsible for the due collection of the Rates within the area assigned to him. Resolved, Pursuant to the requirements of the Local Government Board, that Mr. Harris be appointed Assistant Overseer, to act for the North, Central, and East Wards, and that Mr. E. D. Ricketts be appointed Assistant Overseer, to act for the West, Middle, and South Wards.

4—Recovery of General District and Water Rates—Resolved, To authorise Mr. M. B. Ricketts to issue summonses and take such actions and proceedings as may be necessary to recover the General District and Water Rates in arrear from time to time.

5—Stamps and Stationery of Data Collectors—Mr. M. B. Ricketts reported that the Overseers were willing to accept £30 as the contribution of the Corporation towards the stamp account for one year, subject to revision at the end of the year.

They proposed that the expense of the joint Rate Book should be equally divided between the Corporation and the Overseer, and that they should contribute one third of the cost of demand notes, receipts, notices, and other stationery used in collection of rates, anything belonging exclusively to Poor Rate, Valuation List, and other expenses of the Overseers, to be paid by them. Resolved, That these terms be agreed to.

6—Salaries of Staff in Borough Accountant's Department—Resolved, In response to applications received to increase the salaries of the undermentioned clerks as follows, viz. : Wilshere from £70 to £80 per annum, and Mr. Hayward from £31 4s. to £40 per annum.

7—Guarantee Securities—The Borough Accountant reported that he had obtained the following guarantee from the London Guarantee and Accident Company, Limited, viz.:—£1,500 in respect of Mr. M. B. Ricketts, £500 in respect of Mr. F. H. G. M. Harris, £500 in respect of Mr. E. D. Ricketts, and £300 in respect of Mr. Otter, at a premium on the total amount of £2,800 of £7 9s. per annum.

8—General District Rate—The Report of the Borough Accountant of date the 30th inst. on the collection of the first instalment of this Rate was read. Amount collected £19,503 12s. 3d., leaving outstanding £1,901 17s. 8d.

9—Water Rate—The Report of the Borough Accountant of date the 30th inst. on the collection of this Rate was read. Amount received £10,108 1s. 7d., leaving outstanding £1,472 19s. 10d..

10—Accounts—The Financial Statement of the Receipts and Expenditure since the last Meeting and the Bills and Accounts to be paid were examined, and the latter, amounting to £14,531 5s 9d, ordered to be paid by the Borough Treasurer.

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

The following was the General Statement :—

Overdrawn on the 26th August	£105,947 4 0
Paid since that date	<u>£ 15,645 12 3</u>
	£121,592 16 3
Received since that date, including £2,000 Loans on Debenture at 3 ¼ per cent.	<u>£20,521 1 3</u>
Overdrawn	£101,071 15 0
Being Ordinary Rates Expenditure	£ 4,798 8 7
Electric Lighting, Water & other Capital Accounts	<u>£96,273 6 5</u>
	£101,071 15 0

E. H. PARSONAGE, Chairman.

PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 22nd day of September, 1902—Present: Aldermen Holliday and Skillicorne; Councillors Bainbridge, Hayward, and King-Harman ; the Baron de Ferrieres ; the Revs. J. Evans and J. A. Owen ; Mr. W. Cresswell (Councillor Hayward in the chair)—

1--Librarian's Report—The usual monthly Report of the Librarian was read. Amount received £7 7s. Presentations to the Library since the last meeting :—Baron de Ferrieres, 1 pamphlet ; Sir Brook Kay, Bart., 1 vol. ; St. Clair Baddeley, 1 vol. Rev. G. Gardner, 1 vol. ; F. J. Daniel, 1 pamphlet ; Dean of Guy's Hospital, 1 vol.; T. Beckingsale, 1 vol ; Board of Trade, 2 Vols. ; E. T. Brydges (Town Clerk), 2 Vols.

2—Sub-Committee's Report—The Sub-Committee recommended as follows:—That H. Snow be appointed as Junior Assistant at 6s per week.

That the list of new books now submitted be purchased at a cost of about £8.

That the lists of worn out books submitted be approved, and the books replaced at a cost of about £20.

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

C. HAYWARD, Chairman.

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 30th day of September, 1902—Present : Aldermen Haddon, Holliday and Skillicorne (Alderman Skillicorne 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 863 names of absentee children had been extracted, all of whom had been visited. They also reported that the parents of 91 children had been summoned to attend before the Local Committees, who had held 6 meetings ; that 15 parents had been prosecuted, and that 12 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.: Charles Purser, Harry Derrick, Thomas Clapton, George Pontin, Annie Savage, Leslie Eden, Jennie Lippett, Charles Miles, Stanley Smith, William Hooper, and Ethel Gardner.

3—Blind Child—W. Robinson—With reference to Minute No. 5 of this Committee's proceedings at its last Meeting, the Town Clerk reported that the Managers of the West of England Institution for the Blind, Exeter, would waive the question of age and would admit the boy, William Robinson, on the terms set out in the Minute above-mentioned, and that the necessary certificates as to the fitness of the child for admission and as to age had been obtained by the Rev. G. W. L. Cass. Resolved, That with the approval of the Board of Education, the boy be sent to the Institution in question by the Committee, the sum of 2s being paid to qualify as Governors, and £21 per annum, payable quarterly in advance, to cover the education, clothing, and boarding of the boy while there, and that the Town Clerk be authorised to sign the formal agreement to this effect subject to the sanction mentioned. Also Resolved, That the parents of the boy named be required to sign an Agreement to contribute 1s per week as promised

4—Dumb Child—With reference to Minute No. 4 of this Committee's proceedings at its last Meeting, the Town Clerk having reported the result of his enquiries, Resolved, To inform Mr. C. E. F. Nash that the Committee have been unable to make suitable provision for the dumb child to which he called attention under the Elementary Education (Defective and Epileptic Children) Act, 1899, but that if he can give any information to the Committee as to a suitable institution, they will further consider the matter.

W. NASH SKILLICORNE, Chairman.

Borough of Cheltenham

MINUTES of the Proceedings of Committees of the Town Council to be submitted for approval at the Statutory Quarterly Meeting of the Council, to be held on Monday, the 10th. day of November, 1902.

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 13th day of October, 1902—Present: The Mayor ; Aldermen Norman and Skillicorne ; Councillors Davis, King-Harman, and Parsonage (Councillor Parsonage 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, 1 of Enteric Fever, 1 of Erysipelas, 2 of

Chicken Pox, and 8 of Diphtheria ; that 7 cases of Scarlet Fever and 5 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 10 of Scarlet Fever and 6 of Diphtheria.

2— Insanitary Property at No. 40, Duke Street, No. 191, High Street, No. 37, Bath Cottages, Bath Road, and Nos. 15, 23, 27, 29, 35, 37, 43, and 53, Union Street—The Medical Officer of Health reported that the above-mentioned premises 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 therein.

3-- Urinals at the Crown Hotel, High Street, and Crown Inn, Albion Street—The Medical Officer of Health having reported that these Urinals were in such a condition as to be nuisances or injurious to health owing to want of water supply for flushing and defects in structure, Resolved, That the Council being satisfied of the existence of nuisances from the state of the urinals, 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 continuous supplies of water so as to properly flush the urinals and execute such structural works of amendment as shall be specified.

4—House without a proper Water Supply, viz. :—Glenlee, Bayshill—It appearing on the report of the Borough Surveyor, dated the 13th inst., that the above premises were without a proper supply of water, but that such supply could be furnished at a cost not exceeding the Water Rate authorised by the Cheltenham Corporation Water Acts, Resolved, That Notice be given under Sec. 62 of the Public Health Act, 1875, to the owners. requiring them to obtain such a supply and do all such things as may be necessary for that purpose.

5--Cleansing and Disinfecting at No. 40, Duke Street—The Medical Officer of Health having certified that the cleansing, dis-infecting and purifying of these houses or parts thereof would tend to prevent or check infectious disease. Resolved, That the Council being of this opinion, Notice be served on the owner and occupier to cleanse and disinfect the house within the time specified in such Notice.

6—Overcrowding at No. 15 ½, Sidney 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.

7-Houses let in Lodgings—The Medical Officer of Health recommended that the landlords of the following houses let in lodgings, viz., No. 16, Great Western Road, Loughton Villa, Great Western Road, and No. 3, Grange Crescent, Gloucester Road, 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 in Bye-late

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 lessees.

8--Cleansing and Limewashing at No. 40, Duke Street, Nos. 20, 30, 38, 44, and 57, Union Street, No 36, York Street, Nos. 1 & 2, Bubb 's Cottages, No. 18, Columbia Street, and No. 37, Francis 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.

9—Nuisances from Drains, &c, at Nos. 1, 2, and 4, York Street, No. 141, Fairview Road, Nos. 30 and 67, Union Street, No. 53, Regent Street, Arran Lodge, Essex Place, No. 25, Hungerford Street, No. 141, High Street, and No 31, Whitehart 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-ranted houses were in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to health, Resolved, That authority be given to the Inspector of Nuisances to open the ground, examine the drains, and, if necessary, give the notices and act as provided by the said Section.

10— Nuisances at No. 31, White Bart Street and No. 23, Manchester Street—The Medical Officer of Health having reported that nuisances existed at No. 31, White Hart Street from the w.c. being blocked and the filthy condition of the house, and at No. 23, Manchester Street from a defective and insufficient flushing cistern, Resolved, That the Council being satisfied of the existence of nuisances as above mentioned, Notices under Sec. 94 of the Public Health Act, 1875, be served on the owner of No. 31, White Hart Street to abate the nuisance from the drain by unstopping and making it good, and on the occupier to abate the nuisance from the filthy condition of the house by thoroughly cleaning it, and on the owner of No. 23, Manchester Street to abate the nuisance from the flushing cistern, and carry out such works as shall be specified as necessary for that purpose, and to instruct the Town Clerk to take proceedings to compel compliance with the said Notices if necessary.

11—Dairies, Cowsheds, and Milkshops Order—Resolved, To accede to an application received from Mr. E. H. Cook to be registered as a dairyman at No. 6, Winchcomb Place.

12—Sewering of Tivoli—The draft of a letter to the Local Government Board, in reply to their letter of date the 26th of August last, with which they forwarded a copy of a letter addressed to them on this subject from General Babbage, of date the 16th of July last., was laid before the Committee. Resolved, That the same as now settled be approved.

13—Small Pox —A letter from the Local Government Board was read with reference to precautions against Small Pox and as to Re-Vaccination, &c. Resolved. To refer the same to the Medical Officer of Health.

14—Disused Drain near Midland Railway Station—With reference to the complaint of Mr. White. of Midland Cottage, that the stopping up of this drain had caused a nuisance on his property, owing to a discharge from the two ends where it had been broken through of impure water, the Chairman reported that Alderman Skillicorne, Councillors King Harman, and M. Davis, and himself, had inspected the premises, and found that a piece had been removed from the old drain adjacent to the

pond on Mr. White's property, and they had instructed the Borough Surveyor to stop up both ends of the gap in the drain. Resolved, To approve and confirm this action.

15—Private Sewer Charges—A further letter from General Macdonald on this question was read, in which he alleged that the question was a public one, and that the Corporation had allowed private individuals to levy money on a Public Work constructed with the Ratepayers' money. That he intended to prepare a Memorial on the subject to the Local Government Board to demand an enquiry on the administration of the sums collected on the Private Sewers and Roads in Lansdown, but if assured within a week from the date of this letter (the 8th inst.) that the matter would be seriously treated he would stay his hand. Resolved, That the Council regret to have to inform General Macdonald that they are unable to add anything further to the resolution of this Committee to Minute No. 14 of their proceedings of date the 8th ultimo. .

16- Extension of the Sewer in the Prestbury Road—With reference to the letter received from the Clerk to the Cheltenham Rural District Council, enquiring upon what terms the Town Council would be willing to extend the sewer in the Prestbury Road, as far as the houses known as The Cedars, the Borough Surveyor reported that the length of the Prestbury Road between the end of the sewer and The Cedars was 462 yards, the length of the sewer between the last manhole and its termination was 66 yards, and between the Borough Boundary and the last manhole was 386 yards.

The existing sewer was formed of 10-in- pipes with clay joints, which permitted a large quantity of water to enter. A gauging taken at midnight showed a flow into the sewer at the rate of 500 gallons per hour from the 66 yards length, and a flow of 1,765 gallons per hour in the manhole at the Borough Boundary.

He estimated the cost of laying a new 12-in. dia. stoneware pipe sewer from the end of the present sewer to The Cedars at £30, including the relaying and jointing, so as to make watertight the existing sewer between the last manhole and the end of the existing sewer, at £6.

Having regard to the leaking condition of the sewer now laid, he recommended that no extension should be authorised until the portion in the parish of Prestbury had been made watertight.

Resolved, That consideration of the matter be further adjourned.

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17-Building Plans-The Borough Surveyor laid before the Committee the following plans of proposed new buildings, viz. :-

No. of Plan	Name	Description
1566	T. J. F. Haskoll	Additions to Cottage in Brandon Place
1568	Albert Dix	Alteration of part of Warehouse in Upper Bath Street into a Cottage
1569	Moore & Sons	Additions to Shop in Bath Road
1570	Chas. Williams	Shop and Residence opposite Wheatsheaf Inn, Old Bath Road

Resolved, To approve No. 1568 conditional upon the old drains, as marked on the plan, being reconstructed, and that Nos. 1566, 1569, and 1570 be approved as shown.

E. H. PARSONAGE,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 21st day of October, 1902--Present:
Aldermen Norman and Skillicorne ; Councillors Davies, King-Harman, and Parsonage (Councillor Parsonage in the chair)-

18-Zyniotic Disease-The Medical Officer of Health reported that since the last meeting of the Committee there had been notified 3 cases of Scarlet Fever, 1 of Puerperal Fever, 4 of Chicken Pox, and 1 of Diphtheria ; that 2 cases of Scarlet Fever had been sent into the Delancey Hospital, and that the number of cases then in the Delancey Hospital sent in by the Corporation was 9 of Scarlet Fever, and 5 of Diphtheria.

19-Insanitary Property at No. 37, Francis Street, Eldon Lodge, Hewlett Road, Nos. 6, 8, 10, 13, and 14, Brunswick Terrace, and Nos. 7, 8, 10, 10a, 11 and 13, Providence Square-The Medical Officer of Health reported that the above-mentioned premises 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 therein.

20-Urinal at The Bath Hotel, Albion Street-The Medical Officer of Health reported that this Urinal was in such a condition as to be a nuisance or injurious to health owing to want of water supply for flushing and defects in structure Resolved, That the Council being satisfied of the existence of a nuisance from the state of this urinal, Notice under Section 94 of the Public Health Act, 1875, be served on the Owner of the premises requiring him or them to abate the nuisance, and for that purpose to lay on a sufficient and continuous supply of water so as to properly flush the urinal and execute such structural works of amendment as shall be specified.

21-Houses Let in Lodgings-The Medical Officer of Health recommended that the landlords of the following houses let in lodgings, viz., Vizerville, Grosvenor Terrace, No. 2, Alfred Cottages, St. James' Square, No. 5, Hawarden Parade, and No. 14, St. Paul's Parade, 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 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 lessees.

22-Cleansing and Limewashing at No. 37, Francis Street, and Nos. 7, 8, and 11, Providence Square-The Medical Officer of Health having certified under Sec. 46 of the Public Health Act, 1875, that the above-named dwelling houses were in such a filthy and unwholesome condition that the health of the inmates was affected or endangered thereby, Resolved, That Notice be given to the owners under the said Section, requiring the houses to be cleansed and limewashed.

23-Nuisances from Drains, &c., at No. 3, Lansdown Parade, Somerset Inn, Swindon Road, Steam Laundry, St. George's Street, and No. 15, Victoria Street, St. Paul's-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.

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-Cleartsing and Disinfecting at No. 2, Alfred Cottages, St. James' Square-The Medical Officer of Health having certified that the cleansing, disinfecting and purifying of this house or part thereof would tend to prevent or check infectious disease, Resolved, That the Council being of this opinion, Notice be served on the owner and occupier to cleanse and disinfect the house Within the time specified in such Notice.

26-Houses Unfit for Human Habitation, viz., Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 7, 8, 9, 10 and 71, Brunswick Terrace-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 of the Housing of the Working Classes Act 1890, be taken to obtain orders for them to be closed.

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27—Dairies, Cowsheds, and Milkshops Order—Resolved, Provided that he keeps the cowsheds limewashed and observes the regulations as to air space, &c., to accede to an application received from Mr. T. E. Whitaker to be registered as cowkeeper at White Lodge, Gloucester Road.

28—Notices not Complied with—Resolved, To instruct the Town Clerk, if necessary, to take proceedings to compel compliance with Notices to carry out sanitary requirements which had been served but not complied with, a list of which the Medical Officer of Health laid before the Committee at this meeting.

29—Bicycle for Inspector of Nuisances—Resolved, To authorise the Inspector of Nuisances to purchase, at the expense of the Corporation, a new bicycle from Messrs. Hughes & Co., at a cost not exceeding £14, and that his present machine be renovated and overhauled for the use of the chief Assistant Inspector of Nuisances.

30—Nuisance from Cat Keeping at No. 12, Selkirk Parade—The Medical Officer of Health reported that this house was again found to be in an indescribably filthy condition owing to the keeping of a number of cats in it without proper care, and was a nuisance to the neighbours and injurious to health. The occupier had already been prosecuted three times and fined each time, and an Order by the Magistrates to keep the house clean had been made. Resolved, To instruct the Town Clerk to take proceedings for breach of the Order.

31—Cost of Treatment in Delancey Hospital—Resolved, That the Council do not consider sufficient reason has been shown to justify them in acceding to a request made by Mr. T. Kateley, of the Great Western Railway Station, Radstock, for remission of a charge of £2 made to the Principal of Pengwern College in respect of the treatment in the Delancey Hospital of Mr. Kateley's daughter, a pupil at the aforesaid school.

32—Building Plans—The Borough Surveyor laid before the Committee the undermentioned plans of proposed new buildings, viz :—

No. of Plan.	Name.	Description.
1573	Josiah Barrett	Eight Cottages in the Old Bath Road
1574	Andrew Page	Pair of Semi-detached Villas, Glencairn Park Estate

Resolved, As regards drainage and other sanitary matters, to disapprove No. 1573 and to approve No. 1574

E. H. PARSONAGE,

Chairman.

FARMS AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held ore Saturday, the 25th day of October, 1902—Present The Mayo, Alderman Norman ; Councillors Davis, King-Harman and Parsonage (Councillor Davis in the chair)—

1—Sewage Disposal—In reply to a communication received from the Sanitary Committee of the Gloucestershire County Council, of date the 15th inst., requesting the Cheltenham Corporation to inform the County Council what further steps had been taken to improve the existing state of things as regards the Cheltenham sewage disposal since the 19th at August last, Resolved, That this Committee—which has had no opportunity in the meantime of referring the matter to its Council—begs to point out that under the new management of the Farms a great improvement has been made in their condition and the application of the sewage, but that the works in connection with the outfall and general treatment of the sewage which are in contemplation have been delayed by the pending change in the Borough Surveyorship and the difficulties which have arisen in consequence. The Committee would also refer the Sanitary Committee of the County Council to the letter of the Town Clerk of the 28th of October last, and to the fact that the Royal Commission has not yet reported upon the best means of supplementing the present treatment by irrigation.

2—Sewage Farms—The Manager of the Sewage Farms reported that the stock on the Farms on the 10th ultimo belonging to the Corporation was as follows, viz.: 6 horses, 1 cob, 191 cattle, and 58 sheep. That the following purchases and sales had been made, viz.

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BOUGHT.

Sept. 26,	2 Colts	£40 0 0
27,	Cart Mare	£ 37 0 0
" 27,	19 Cattle	<u>£241 0 0.</u>
		£318 0 0

SOLD.

Sept. 15,	6 Cattle	£106 19 6
" 22,	6 "	£110 7 0
" 29,	6 "	£111 17 0
Oct. 6,	6 "	£109 19 6
" 13,	6 "	£105 9 6
" 13,	18 Sheep	<u>£ 40 15 0</u>
		£585 7 6

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He recommended that a young Shorthorn Bull should be purchased, also seven quarters of wheat for seed. The number of livestock then on the Farms was 10 horses and 1 cob, 179 head of cattle, and 40 sheep. Since the last meeting at the Farms one heifer had died.

Threshing-36 quarters of oats had been threshed, also 15 quarters of wheat, and 5 quarters of beans.

Hay-3 tons 6 cwt. 2 qrs. of hay had been delivered to the Corporation Depot.

Wool-5 tods 12 lb. of wool had been sold and delivered to Mr. Taylor at 14s per tod.

Two farm carts had been purchased from Messrs. Meats & Co. for £28.

Resolved, That the recommendations of the Manager as above mentioned be approved and adopted.

A letter from the Rev. G. B. Roberts was read, alleging that a public right of way over a field at the Barn Farm had been obstructed. The Borough Surveyor reported that the matter had been attended to.

M. DAVIS,
Chairman.

STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 14th day of October, 1902—Present :
Aldermen Haddon and Skillicorne ; Councillors Baker and Bendall (Councillor Baker in the chair)—

1—Widening of Naunton Lane—With reference to Minute No. 13 of this Committee's proceedings at its last meeting, and the letter from Mr. F. Jenkins referred to therein, the Committee having paid a visit to the site of the proposed improvement, Resolved, That the offer made by Mr. Jenkins to give up the necessary land, part of the Fairfield Estate, to enable Naunton Lane to be widened to 40 feet, be accepted, the Corporation to make the road and pave, edge, and channel the footpath ; that the Borough Surveyor be instructed to prepare a plan and specification accordingly, and that application be made to the Local Government Board for sanction to a loan of £1,030 for the carrying out of the improvement.

2-Chandler—A letter was read from the Secretary of the Ladies' College stating that a man, James Chandler, who had been occasionally employed by the College, was desirous of obtaining regular employment under the Corporation, and hoping that his application would be favourably considered by the Committee, his father (now dead) having been in Corporation employ for many years. Resolved, That the Committee regret that the Borough Surveyor has no vacancy suitable for the applicant mentioned.

3— Stoneville Street Private Improvement Works—With reference to the resolution to Minute No. 7 of this Committee's proceedings at their meeting of date the 15th July last, a further letter was read from Mr. Joseph James again urging that the specification of the works required to be done by the abutting owners should be modified, and asking that an allowance should be made to him by the Corporation if the works specified were carried out, as the street was essentially a private street. Resolved, That the Committee are unable to recommend the Council to make any departure from the specification, but that upon completion of the work and the repayment of the cost by the abutting owners the Council will declare the road to be a highway repairable by the inhabitants at large.

4-Building Inspection—The usual Monthly Report of the Building Inspector was read.

5— New Buildings—The Borough Surveyor laid before the Committee the following notices and plans received from persons intending to erect new buildings, viz.:—

No. of Plan.	Name.		Description.
1568	Albert Dix	..	Alteration of portion of Warehouse into Cottage, Upper Bails Street
1569	J. Moore & Sons		Additions to Shop, Bath Parade
1570	C. Williams	..	Shop and Residence opposite Wheatsheaf Inn, Old Bath Road

Resolved, Than Plan No. 1568 be disapproved, and that the other plans be approved as regards construction.

WILLIAM A. BAKER, Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 26th day of October, 1902—Present Aldermen Haddon and Skillicorne ; Councillors Baker, Bendall, Lawrence, Parsonage and Packer (Councillor Baker in the chair)—

6—Street Projections—Resolved, That notice be given to Mr. Stanford, of the Bell Hotel, to take down and remove an advertising clock and board which had been fixed up against the front of the house without permission having been obtained. Resolved, To accede to an application received from Messrs. Caudle Brothers for permission to fix up an electric lamp over each window outside No. 74, High Street.

7—Langdon Road Private Improvement Works—Resolved, To adjourn for view consideration of a letter received from Mr. S. B. Dix, suggesting the expediency of deferring the making up of the

roadway and footpaths in this street opposite vacant lands, as when houses are built the road and footpaths will be cut up again by trenches for drains, water and gas pipes.

8—Private Improvement Works in Street at back of the Railway Inn, Great Norwood Street- Resolved, To adjourn consideration of a letter received from Mr. C. Cambridge, complaining of the unfairness of the amount which had been apportioned, having regard to the degree of benefit to be derived from the several premises abutting on the street, to be paid by him in respect of No. 6, Providence Terrace, owned and occupied by him, which had a side frontage only.

9—Path from Thirlestaine Road to the Recreation Ground- A letter from Mr. Birchley was read, complaining of the bad condition of this footpath, and requesting that it might be repaired, as on Saturday afternoons after football the players and their admirers carry the clay into the houses, and he suggested that a 6ft. scraper should be fixed outside the rails of the ground.

10 —Flooding of Carriage Drive to Alstone Lawn—A letter from Mrs. La Terriere was read, complaining that road dirt had been washed over the carriage drive to her house from the flow of surface water from the road. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to carry out works to prevent a recurrence of the cause of complaint which had been suggested to him at the view meeting.

11—Report of the Borough Surveyor re Highways, &c.— The Borough Surveyor reported that the work done by the Highways Department from September 19th to October 23rd inclusive had been as follows :—

Repaired with Clee Hill Stone—Suffolk Square 1,080 square yards, The Park 5,323 square yards, Glenfall Street 400 square yards, Gloucester Road proceeding.

Patching—Back Park Place, Grosvenor Street, Rodney Road, Queen's Road, Portland Street, High Street, Albion Street.

Repaired with Wickwar Stone—Park Place 834 square yards, Christ Church Road 1,596 square yards, College Road 7,177 square yards, Commercial Street 1,257 square yards, Union Street 640 square yards, Portland Square 1,300 square yards, Swindon Road 1,600 square yards, Selkirk Street 1,400 square yards, Glenfall Street 308 square yards, Fairview Road 1,733 square yards.

Patching—Hatherley Road, Suffolk Square, Sherborne Road, Bath Road and Parade, Regent Street, Hewlett Road and Street, Berkeley Street, St. James' Place.

Private Improvements—Lansdown Parade, finished ; Winstonian Terrace and Stoneville Street, proceeding.

Kerbing, Crossing, Channelling and Paring—St. George's Road and Place, Montpellier Street, Hewlett Road and Street, St. Paul's Road, Albert Street (St. Paul's), Bath Parade and Road, Victoria Street (St. Paul's), Andover Road, St. Luke's Place, Painswick Lawn and Road, Larput Place, Regent Street, Montpellier Street, Manchester Street, Hanover Street, Townsend Street, Glenfall Street, Montpellier Terrace, St. Stephen's Road, Park Place.

McDougall Brick Crossing: One in High Street, top of Rodney Road; one in St. James' Square, opposite Great Western Railway.

New Gullies—One in Queen's Road, one in back of Lansdown Place, one in Sandford Terrace.

The channelling in Imperial Square, on the east side, was being relaid with concrete channel.

Ashes Collection-956 loads collected; 913 loads, weighing 919 cwt. 1 qr., consumed at the Destructor.

Slab Factory--7,812 super feet of slabs were made at a cost of £78 3s. 7d. 320 slabs have been made with a proportion of fine granite, and this adds ½ d. per square foot.

12—Trees in Park and Channelling opposite Foreland---A letter from Captain Shakespear was read, complaining of the density of the trees in his neighbourhood, and that nothing had been done to make the gutterway in front of his house efficient in carrying off surface water. Resolved, To instruct the Borough Surveyor to have the trees lopped, and to inform Captain Shakespear that the work of relaying the channelling in the road is in hand, and that the general repairs to the roads in the Park to improve the surface water drainage are also in hand and will be carried out.

13—Corner of Land belonging to Osborne House—A letter from Mr. H. W. Chatters was read suggesting, on behalf of the Directors of the Cheltenham and Gloucestershire Building Society, that the Corporation should acquire about 66 feet in depth of the land belonging to Osborne House forming a corner at the junction of the Lansdown and Queen's Roads, as shown on a plan sent therewith, with a view to the same being added to the road. Resolved, To request Mr. Chatters to ascertain and inform the Committee upon what terms the Building Society would give up the land to a depth shown by a line now drawn on the plan in continuation of the west side of the road to Hatherley, being a depth of about 81 feet from the corner.

14--Private Improvement Works In Street West side of Otago Terrace—Resolved, To adjourn for view consideration of a letter received from Mr. H. E. Millard, owner of workshop, yard, &c., in this street, complaining of the unfairness of the apportionment of £10 which had been demanded from him in respect of the aforesaid premises, which had been made having regard to the benefit to be derived from the respective abutting premises.

15— Roadway opposite Terhill, Pittville Circus—In reply to a letter received from Mr. R. L. Townsend, complaining of the state of the road adjoining the kerb of the paving outside the entrance to Isis house, where the road had worn away, causing a deep drop between the paving and the road, Resolved, To inform Mr. Townsend that the work of repairing the roadway is in progress.

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16--Great Western Railway Terminal Charges—The Chairman reported that he and Councillor Parsonage, with the Borough Surveyor, had had a satisfactory interview in London with Mr. J. Hennell, the Assistant Goods Manager, and they confidently expected the result would be favourable to the Corporation.

17-County Contribution to the Maintenance of Main and Contribution Roads—Councillor Parsonage reported that the County High-way Committee had appointed a Sub-Committee, of which he was a member, to consider the allowance hitherto made to Urban Authorities in respect of " slopping," and that the Committee had adopted the following recommendations, viz. :— That a portion only of

the cost of scraping, sweeping, horse brush, dust and slop cart be allowed. That the amount to be allowed for the above-mentioned items of expenditure be one third the total cost. That mud cart expenditure, and all labour connected therewith, be paid for in full by the County Council, That all water used for steam rolling purposes be paid for. That no water or water cart used otherwise than as above, or any labour connected therewith, be paid for.

18—Private Improvement Works in Street opposite Lansdown Crescent—A specification with plan from the Borough Surveyor of the works required to be done to the above street was read and approved. And it was Resolved, That the necessary sections and estimates be prepared, and that a notice under Sec. 46 of the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1852, be put up for seven consecutive days at both ends of the street and advertised twice consecutively in some newspaper published and circulated in the borough specifying the works required and containing an estimate of the expense of executing the same, and requiring the proprietor or proprietors (by name or description) of the said street to execute the same within 28 days, and providing that in case such proprietor or proprietors refuse or neglect to execute such works, then the owners of the premises adjoining to or abutting upon the parts of the said street requiring to be severed, levelled, paved, metalled, flagged, or made good as the case may be, shall do the same within a further time of 28 days, that a like notice be given to the owners and occupiers of such premises according to Sec. 150 of the Public Health Act, 1875, 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 Public Health Act, 1875, and the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1889.

19—New Building in Montpellier Walk for the National Provincial Bank—A letter was read from the Manager of this Bank in Cheltenham, with which was forwarded a plan showing a site now known as the Montpellier Coal Exchange, on which it was proposed to build a new Branch Bank, and requesting permission to bring forward the building to the dotted line on the plan, marked " building line," on each of the three sides of the property. Resolved, To accede to this request as regards the West side only, but in no other direction.

20-- Building Plans—The Borough Surveyor laid before the Committee the undermentioned plans of proposed new buildings, viz.

No. of Plan.	Name.	Description
1568	Albert Dix	Alteration of portion of Warehouse in Upper Bath Street into a Cottage
1572	Mr. Witcher, Gloucester Joinery Company, Ltd. ..	Greenhouse next to Holgate Cottage, Beaufort Place, London Road
1573	Josiah Barrett	Eight cottages in the Old Bath Road
1574	Andrew Page	Pair of Semi-detached Villas, Glencairn Park Estate
1575	Dr. R. Davies	Additions to Pulteney Villa
1576	A. Matthews	Semi-detached Villas, Albert Road
1577	J. Dicks	Additions to No. 1, Great Western Terrace
1578	S. Adams	Additions at rear of the Winnatts, Christ Church Road

Resolved, That No 1576 be disapproved, and that as regards the construction of the buildings the other plans above specified be approved.

WILLIAM A. BAKER,

Chairman.

TOWN IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Saturday, the 4th day of October, 1902—Present: The Mayor ; Councillors Baker, Bence, and Rickerby (Councillor Rickerby in the chair)—

1-Meteorological Instruments—The Committee met at the Winter Garden. Resolved, That the Chairman, the Borough Surveyor, and the Borough Meteorologist be requested to inspect and report as to what other suitable sites are available as positions for the Meteorological Instruments needed by Mr. F. O. Bell, and that in the meantime the fixing and fencing in of the Instruments on the lawn outside the Winter Garden be not proceeded with.

T. E. RICKERBY,

Chairman.

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At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Wednesday, the 22nd day of October, 1902—Present : Alderman Norman ; Councillors Bainbridge, Baker, Lawrence, Parker and Rickerby (Councillor Rickerby in the chair)—

2 -Advertising by Railway Posters—Mr. E. J. Burrow attended this meeting, by invitation, and explained that he had arranged with the Great Western Railway and Midland Railway Companies each to exhibit 250 posters advertising the town at some of the chief Stations on their lines, provided the name of the Company appeared and a space was reserved on them for the Companies to make use of for inserting matter relating to the service of trains, &c., and that he would undertake to design a poster of the town and provide 500 copies for £12, or 1,000 for £16. Resolved, To accept Mr. Burrows' offer for 1,000, and that he be requested to prepare a design and submit same to the Committee for approval.

3—Second Edition of Large Illustrated Guide Mr. Burrow stated that he was compiling an entirely new issue of " Cheltenham, the Garden Town," which would contain pictures by a new double-colour process and 25 to 30 new illustrations. That he would publish 10,000, and hoped the Council would again take the back outside cover for an advertisement for £20 for the two years circulation, for which he would present the Committee with 500 copies for distribution outside the town, or the charge for one page inside, including the 500 copies. would be £10 10s. Resolved, To take the outside cover as suggested upon the terms above-mentioned.

4—Damage to Roller at Pittville — With reference to a report of P.C. Preston that two boys of the name of F. Fitzhugh and R. Staite had damaged a roller at Pittville, the Deputy Town Clerk reported that, as instructed, he had written to the parents of the boys to request them to attend this meeting to show cause why they should not be prosecuted, and that he had received a letter from Mr.

Fitzhugh, asking the Committee to excuse the attendance of his son, as he was then living with him at Worcester, but offering apologies on his behalf, and that R. Staite was in attendance. Resolved, That Mr. Fitzhugh be informed that the Committee are surprised that he should not have caused his son to attend this meeting as requested, and they must ask him to pay 10s towards the cost of repairing the damage done, and that R. Staite be seen and informed that he will not be again admitted to the Gardens.

5—Steam Launch for Pittville—A letter was read from Mr. G. H. Palmer, advocating the purchase of a Steam Launch for Pittville, at an estimated cost of about £150, and that a Town Committee should be formed to discuss and suggest to this Committee any matters of improvement which they thought would benefit the town. Resolved, That the Council are unable to approve the suggested expenditure on a Steam Launch at present, but to inform Mr. Palmer that his suggestion will be borne in mind, and that a Town Committee is in existence at the present time

6—Town Committee—The Chairman reported that he had made careful enquiry as to the work being carried out by this Committee, which he found was very considerable and of a very useful character, and he strongly recommended that the application which had been made to this Committee for a grant towards paying a deficit which the Town Committee had incurred in consequence of failure of their Collector and loss of subscriptions, should be acceded to. Resolved, To grant to the Town Committee a donation of £15.

7—Albani Concert at Winter Garden — Resolved, Not to accede to a request received from Messrs. Dale, Forty & Co., for permission to hang advertising streamers of this Concert on the railings of the Winter Garden.

In response to a letter received from Messrs. Dale, Forty & Co., Resolved, To instruct the Borough Surveyor to provide by Saturday next two additional boards for advertising engagements at the Winter Garden, to be placed one on each side of the West entrance gate, and to permit Messrs. Dale, Forty & Co. to use them for publishing announcements of this Concert:

8—Cabmen's Shelter at Montpellier—With reference to the request of the Street and Highway Committee that this Committee should have this Shelter moved into Montpellier Gardens, Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to move it to the Depot pending arrangements for a site for it.

9—Heating and Ventilating of the Winter Garden—The Borough Surveyor reported that he estimated the cost of providing for the heating and ventilating of the building (of which it had been deprived by the Town Hall building operations) by means of radiators fixed at the East side and a suction fan at the South end would be about £105, or of the radiators alone about £40. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have the heating by means of the radiators provided as soon as possible, and if found necessary afterwards to have the fan provided as well, and that the cost be charged against the Town Hall Capital Account.

10—Article on Cheltenham in the "Imperial Argus"—Resolved, To adjourn consideration of a letter received from the Imperial Argus, stating that they only desired to have their expenses of preparing the proposed Article covered by the order which the Council would place with them, and that an order for 1,000 copies at 6d., less 10 per cent., would about cover them.

11—Advertising—Letters were read soliciting orders for advertisements in The Seaside, Farmhouse, Country Lodgings, and Hotel Guides, published by Mr. Walter Hill, a journal called Treatment and The World. Resolved, That consideration of the same be adjourned.

T. E. RICKERBY,
Chairman.

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LIGHTING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Wednesday, the 22nd day of October, 1902—Present : Alderman Norman ; Councillors Bainbridge, Baker, Handley, Parsonage, Stroud, and J. Waghorne (Alderman Norman in the chair)—

1-Gas Inspector's Report—The Gas Inspector reported that the hourly average consumption of gas during the past month had been as follows viz.:—Lamps with 4.25 cubic feet burners, 4.3873 cubic feet ; Guildhall Lamps, with No. 4 Incan-descent burners, 4.925 cubic feet ; Lamps with No. 3 Incandescent burners 3.5775 cubic feet. That 4 metered, 8 unmetered, and 3 incandescent lamps had been out, and 1 incandescent lamp burning dimly.

2-- Gas Examiner's Report—The Gas Examiner reported that he had tested the gas during the past month with the following results, viz.

ILLUMINATING POWER.		PURITY.	
1902		1902	Grains of Sulphur per 100 cubic ft.
Sept. 30th	15.42 candles	Sept. 30th—Oct.1 st .	9.18
Oct. 15th..	15.57	Oct. 13th-14 th	10.81
Average..	15.50		Average.. 9.99

3—Electric Inspector's Report—The Electric Inspector reported that he had tested the Electric supply to the town during the past month with the following results, viz. Low Pressure Cables :—Sept. 30th, 212 volts. October 15th, 210. Average 211 volts, the legal standard being 200 volts.

4--Arc Light opposite Entrance to Roderic House—A letter from Miss Draper was read, complaining that this lamp was not lighted early enough and was switched off at 10.30, and she would be glad if it could be arranged to have it switched on earlier and left to burn the same time as the gas did. Resolved, That consideration of the matter be adjourned for the Committee to view.

5—Electric Disturbance of Telephone Wires—The letter from the National Telephone Company, which had been laid before the General Purposes and Watch Committee, the contents of which are specified in the Minutes of the last meeting of that Committee, was read. Resolved, That so far as this Committee is concerned, the suggested terms for settling this matter be approved.

6—Extension of Main to Libertus Road—A letter was read from Mr. James Holder, of Glynthorpe, St. Mark's, expressing a hope that the cable to give hint electric supply would be laid without further delay. Resolved, That the Committee regret they must refer Mr. Holder to previous correspondence on this subject.

7—Lighting at back of Rotunda Terrace—Resolved. To approve the action of the Chairman in ordering another gas lamp to be fixed in this locality.

8--Lighting of Kensington Avenue—Resolved. To instruct the Electrical Engineer, as an experiment, to light this street by means of Nernst electric lamps.

9— Extension of Electric Lighting Main in Charlton Kings along the London Road—A letter was received, accompanied by a copy of a resolution of the Charlton Kings Urban District Council, calling the attention of this Council to the fact that under their Extension Order of 1900 the Cheltenham Town Council, as the Electric Light Undertakers, are obliged to lay the cable along the London Road as far as the Copt Elm Road within two years from the 30th of June, 1900, and requesting that this obligation, so far as the same is now possible, should be performed without further delay. Resolved, To inform the Charlton Kings Urban district Council that this Council admits the obligation, and that the Electrical Engineer be instructed to include in his Report for the next monthly meeting of the Committee a scheme for carrying it out with an estimate of the cost.

10—Report of the Borough Electrical Engineer --The Electrical Engineer reported that there were 628 customers, with the equivalent of 39,100 eight-candlepower lamps connected to the mains for private supply. That it was necessary to lay a short length of low pressure cable from Lansdown Place Sub-Station to the south end of Montpellier Street in order to connect up to Queen's Circus Sub-Station, and that this extension would cost about £45. That the following was the Statement required by the Council's resolution of October 6th, viz.:—

1. Capital Expenditure to March 31st, 1902	£141,544 15 1
2. Revenue Account—	
(a) Profit before provision of Interest and Sinking Fund	£5,075 7 5
(b) Deficit after provision of Interest and Sinking Fund	£2,790 12 7
3. Accumulated Deficit to March 31st, 1902	£13,422 12 5

Resolved, That the extension above mentioned be approved.

GEO. NORMAN, Chairman.

WATER COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Thursday, the 23rd day of October, 1902—Present: Councillors Baker, Bendall, M. Davis, King-Harman, and H. Waghorne (Councillor H. Waghorne in the chair)—

1—Report of the Water Engineer—The Water Engineer reported that on the 21st instant the supply from Hewletts springs was 61 gallons, the average for the past three years being 54 gallons per minute, and the quantity of water in store at Hewletts and Leckhampton was 11,724,523 gallons.

On the 21st instant Dowdeswell Reservoir was 16ft 4in. in depth, and the contents 38,428,054 gallons, exclusive of the daily yield of the streams, which was then about 275,616 gallons, which gave a total storage of 50,152,577 gallons, or about 51 days' supply.

The notices of intention to lay the new main from Tewkesbury would expire on the 25th inst.

The following main extensions had been completed during the past month :—Ashchurch Station to Northway, and supplying 14 houses—1,470 yards. At Tewkesbury, for the Tewkesbury Corporation—180 yards. In Sandford Mill Road—130 yards. From Regent Street to the Plough Yard, to supply the Plough Tap and several small premises near—45 yards.

The main in Rodney Road near the Improvement Works had been renewed with 4in. pipes, the old pipes being small and weak.

The extension of a 8in. main along the Old Bath Road, to supply Leckhampton from the pumping main, had been completed to Naunton Park Terrace—330 yards, leaving only the length between Naunton Park Terrace and the railway bridge.

A new main was being laid in the extension of the new street at Alstone Grange, and 30 yards of 3in. main had been laid to supply new houses in Gloucester Road near the Borough Boundary.

The work at the Hewletts Reservoir Cottage had been completed, and the Reservoir keeper was occupying the new rooms. An application had been received from Mr C. C. Trees for a supply of water to Wager's Court, East End Lane, Charlton Kings. The extension required would cost £50. Mr. Trees had signed the ordinary form of application for five years, and he should pay £5 per annum for that period, or until other consumers shall be connected to the main to provide that sum.

Resolved, To instruct the Town Clerk to apply to Mr. Trees to sign the Special Form of Agreement prescribed by Sec. 35 of the Water Works Clauses Act, 1847.

2—Disconnecting Water Meter without Notice—As requested, Mr. Strange attended the meeting, and having explained that the main had been broken off from the meter by a carpenter who was not aware that it was connected to the meter, Resolved, That as the disconnection appears to have been accidental, no further action be taken.

3—Borrowing Powers—Resolved, To instruct the Borough Accountant to report at the next meeting up to what amount the borrowing powers in respect of the water undertaking still remain available.

4—Loans of £17,000 and £6,816—A letter from the Local Government Board was read, stating that a Local Enquiry would be held as soon as the other engagements of the Inspectors would permit with reference to the application made to them for sanction to borrow the sums of £17,000 and £6,816.

5—Tewkesbury Water Main—The Deputy Town Clerk reported that he had received objections from Messrs. Bubb & Co., Solicitors for the Trustees of the will of the late Mr. W. N. Skillicorne, owners of land within the Borough, and from Captain Mansell, owner of land without the Borough, through which the proposed route of the main would pass, objecting to the work pursuant to Section 33 of the Public Health Act, 1875, which, however, only related to works without the Borough.

The Deputy Town Clerk reported that the Contractors desired to add the following words at the end of the first paragraph of Clause 29 of the Conditions of their Contract, with a view to making it clear that their liability to pay compensation did not include compensation for prospective damage, such as might be sustained in consequence of inability to use any part of the land through which the main

passed for building purposes, viz. :—" So far only as regards the Contract entered into by the Contractor and not for any other purpose."

Resolved, That this variation be acceded to.

6—Sandford Allotments—Resolved, To approve a plan prepared by the Borough Surveyor of allotments of the land near the Sand-ford Pumping Station, and that applications be invited by advertisement for tenancy of the same at the rate of 20s per chain per annum. The tenancies to be for one year from the 25th of December next, renewable at the option of the Council at the expiration of each year and subject to restriction against the keeping thereon of any pigs or other animals.

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

H. WAGHORNE, Chairman.

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GENERAL PURPOSES AND WATCH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Friday, the 3rd day of October, 1902—Present: The Mayor ; Aldermen Norman, and Skillicorne; Councillors Baker, M. Davis, Gurney, Parsonage, Stroud and J. Waghorne (The Mayor is the chair)—

1— Bill in Parliament—The headings of suggested clauses for insertion in the Bill proposed to be promoted in Parliament in the next Session were considered. Resolved, That the Mayor be requested to convene a Special Meeting of the Council under the Borough Funds Act, 1872, for the 20th instant, to consider the expediency of promoting a Bill in the next Session of Parliament to provide for the acquisition of the Private Sewers in the Borough, and other matters.

2—Swine Fever—A letter was read from Mr. Gardom, Clerk to the County Council, stating, that acting upon the suggestion of the Board of Agriculture, the Executive Committee of the County Council had issued an Order (copy enclosed) regulating the movement of Swine into the County with a view to preventing the re-introduction and spread of Swine Fever therein. The Order would come into force on the 13th instant, and would not apply to the Borough of Cheltenham so long as there was in force in such Borough a similar Order, and the Executive Committee hoped such an Order would be made by this Committee. Resolved, That the suggestion be acted upon and an Order made and published accordingly.

RICHARD ROGERS,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, the 21st day of October, 1902 Present: Aldermen Norman and Skillicorne ; Councillors Baker, Davis, Parsonage, Stroud and J. Waghorne (Councillor J. Waghorne in the chair)—

3—Chairman— In the absence of the Chairman, Councillor J. Waghorne was appointed Chairman at this meeting.

4—Swine Fever--Superintendent Hopkins reported that the premises of Mr. Herbert Dyer in Alma Road were still in quarantine, and that there had been no fresh outbreak of any disease under the Diseases of Animals Act.

5—Fire Brigade—The Superintendent of the Fire Brigade reported that on the 4th instant the Brigade was called to extinguish a fire at the premises of the Cheltine Food Company, Limited, Chester Walk. That the expenses amounted to £2 17s. Od., the particulars of which had been handed to the Borough Accountant.

6—Drivers' Licences— Resolved, To refuse to accede to an application received from Josiah Jones, of Clapham Common, London, for a driver's licence.

7—Hackney Carriage Licences—Resolved, To refuse to accede to an application received from Messrs. Ley Wood and Rickerby, Solicitors, on behalf of Mr. Albert Werrett, of Lypiatt Street, for the grant to him of a hackney carriage licence, but to accede to an application received from Mr. H. A. Sumner, of Lansdown Crescent, for the transfer to him of Hansom Cab Licence No. 1, held by Mr. Alfred Young, as he had purchased his business.

8—Parliamentary Bill-- The headings of the Clauses to be comprised in the Bill were finally settled. Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to have the Bill drafted and printed as soon as possible, with a view to the same being submitted to the Council for approval at an early date.

9- -Numbering of Houses—A letter from Mr. A. Cockshott was read, advocating the numbering of all houses in the Borough.

10—Site for Municipal Offices—A letter from Dr. Mason was read, offering Livorno Lodge as a site for new Municipal Offices at £3,000.

11—Consumption Sanatorium—A letter was read from Mr. W. H. Gates, Secretary to the Somerset and Wilts Branch of the National Association for the Prevention of Consumption, &c., stating that the Chairman was unable to attend at this meeting, and asking for another appointment next month. Resolved, In the absence of the Mayor, that consideration of the matter be adjourned.

12-Telephone Underground Wayleaves—A letter from the General Manager of the National Telephone Company was read with reference to the disturbance caused to the Company's telephonic system from the Electric Light Works of the Corporation, stating that the matter could not be allowed to remain in state quo, and the Company would be compelled to embark on litigation ; but if the Company were granted facilities for putting wires underground they would themselves thereby over-come the difficulty without any expense to the Corporation, and he suggested the following heads of an agreement that the Company would be willing to enter into with the Corporation, viz.:—

(1) The Corporation to give consent to the Company putting its wires underground within the Borough in pursuance of Section 5 of the Telegraph Act, 1892, and on this consent being given the Company to withdraw all claim for interference by the Corporation's electrical supply.

(2) Any works involving interference with any street to be executed by the Corporation at the expense of the Company or by the Company under the supervision of the Corporation, at the option of the Corporation.

(3) The Company in its discretion to place its main routes of wires within the Borough underground, and to re-construct its system in Cheltenham on the twin wire principle.

(4) The Company not to carry any open or uninsulated wires across any of the routes traversed by electric trams.

(5) The Company to pay the Corporation by way of wayleave the maximum amount they pay in other large towns such as Manchester, Liverpool, &c., 5s per annum per subscriber, 10s per large manhole and 5s per small

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manhole, with a minimum of not less than £100 per annum. If these arrangements are carried out the following results will be accomplished:—

(1) The Telephone system will be brought up-to-date and rendered effective and efficient.

(2) The existing interference with the Telephone service from the Electric Lighting Works of the Corporation will be put an end to.

(3) All danger to the public from wires falling on the trolleys will be obviated.

Resolved, That the Committee recommend the Council to come to an agreement with the Company upon the basis of the terms above stated.

13-Art Gallery—The Art Gallery Sub-Committee reported that at a meeting held on the 20th instant there were present Alderman Haddon (in the chair), Councillor Hayward, and the Baron de Ferrieres.

That they had Resolved (1), To grant permission to the Public Library Committee to hold an Exhibition of Books on Decorative Art in the Gallery from the 24th to the 29th proximo, half the cost of advertising, &c., to be paid out of the Art Gallery funds

(2) To call the attention of the General Purposes and Watch Committee to the advisability of some provision being made to enable the ventilating fan to be turned on and off without the present necessity for getting on the roof of the Gallery.

(3) To decline an application by Mr. S. Lawson Booth to hold an exhibition of pictures in the Art Gallery, a charge of sixpence to be made for admission.

That the Curator reported as follows:—

" There have been 419 visits made to the Gallery since the last meeting. In accordance with the instructions of the Art-Gallery Sub-Committee, Councillor Hayward and the Curator visited South Kensington Museum on October 3rd, to confer with the Officers of the Board as to the purchase of objects which would qualify the Committee to receive the aid grant, and they were strongly recommended to suggest to the Committee that they should purchase each year some complete or

representative collection of a particular period. For this year they strongly advised the purchase of the Hildesheim Treasure, consisting of reproductions of silver ware of elegant design and workmanship of the Roman Period, a photograph of which is now submitted. The cost of the reproduction is £85, but the aid grant of 50 per cent. would reduce it to £42 10s.

As a result of the deputation to South Kensington we secured the loan of the interesting collection of the Water-colour Drawings of Pompeii for four months. They have been insured for £1,100, and the pictures are expected in a day or two.

The South Kensington Authorities have forwarded a cheque for £22 1s., being the £50 per cent aid grant on the purchase of Plaster Casts and Ivories for the sum of £44 2s.

The Collection of Embroideries which were on loan for four months were returned to South Kensington on September 5th. The exhibition was visited by a large number of persons.

There has been arranged on the large screen in the Gallery an interesting collection of old engravings representing Cheltenham Spa.

Some of the Casts recently purchased have been placed on the walls in the Gallery, and the representations of Ivories are being framed."

And they had Resolved, That the purchase recommended be made.

Resolved, In the absence of the Chairman or any member of the Sub-Committee, that consideration of this Report and of the resolutions therein contained be adjourned.

14—Staff in Town Clerk's Department—The Deputy Town Clerk reported that Mr. Poulston, one of the clerks in this Department, was seriously ill, and it was not likely that he would be able to return to work for some time. Resolved, That the Deputy Town Clerk be authorised to make arrangements until the next monthly meeting of the Committee for engaging such temporary assistance as may be necessary having regard to the absence of Mr. Poulston.

J. WAGHORNE, Chairman.

MINERAL WATERS AND BATHS COMMITTEE.

At a meeting of this Committee, held on Thursday, the 9th day of October, 1902—Present :
Alderman Norman ; Councillors Davies, Handley, Hayward, Parsonage and Stroud (Councillor Stroud in the chair:—

1— Development of the Mineral Waters—Having regard to the amendment of the Council to the Resolution to Minute No 6 of the proceedings of this Committee of date the 29th ultimo, Resolved, To appoint the Chairman, Alderman Norman, and

Councillor Parsonage as a deputation from this Committee, accompanied by the Medical Officer of Health and the Deputy Town Clerk, to have an interview With Mr. Cronheim in London with a view to settling with him the terms upon which the option suggested by him shall be granted.

HERBERT STROUD,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, the 17th day of October, 1902-Present Alderman Norman ; Councillors Baker, Davies, Hayward and Stroud (Councillors Stroud in the chair)- -

2-Montpellier Baths-The Borough Accountant reported that the amount received was £378 8s. ad., and the amount paid £446 1s. 0d. Resolved, To instruct the Borough Surveyor to have an available space enclosed and fitted up to form a chamber for heating bath wraps.

3-Alstone Baths- -The Borough Accountant reported that the amount received was £270 0s. 1d. and the amount paid £240 15s. 5d. Resolved, To accede to a request received from the Caretaker for a week's holiday for himself and his wife from the 20th to the 27th instant.

4-Development of the Mineral Waters-The Chairman reported that :Alderman Norman, Councillor Parsonage and himself, with the Medical Officer of Health and the Deputy Town Clerk, had, as requested by the Committee, had an interview with Mr. Cronheim, in London, and that Mr. Cronheim had consented to the insertion in the draft option of an undertaking that he or his nominees would expend a sum of not less than £10,000 within three years from the granting of the Lease upon the development of the Mineral Waters, exclusive of advertising, and that the Lease should be determinable if he should fail to perform this undertaking, and with that addition he approved the other terms contained in the draft as stated in Minute No. 6 of the proceedings of this Committee of date the 29th ultimo, numbered 3, 4, 5 and 6, but subject to agreed clauses for determination of the Lease if he shall fail to maintain, the wells and appliances of the Lessors in good condition, or shall make default in payment of rent. Resolved, That these terms be approved and that the option be granted to Mr. Cronheim accordingly.

HERBERT STROUD,

Chairman.

RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 21st day of October, 1902-Present Alderman Holliday ; Councillors Bainbridge, Baker, Bendall, Handley, and King-Harman (Councillor Bainbridge in the chair)-

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

2- East Ward Recreation Ground-A letter was read from the Local Government Board, stating that before deciding upon the application for sanction to borrow £260, the Board would direct a Local Inquiry to be held on the subject as soon as the other engagements of the Inspectors would permit.

3-Association Football at Agg-Gardner Recreation Ground -A letter was read from Mr. R. F. Minett, Hon. Sec. of St. Paul's United Association Football Club, applying for permission for the Club to erect goal posts on the Made Hill Road portion of the Agg-Gardner Recreation Ground, as used by the Club in 1899-1900 for the purpose of playing matches only on Saturday afternoons. Resolved, To leave

the matter to be dealt with by Councillors Bainbridge, Baker and King. Harman, with a view to the request being acceded to if the portion of the ground recently re-laid would not be thereby encroached upon for the purposes of the game.

F. T. BAINBRIDGE,

Chairman.

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BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Friday, the 24th day of October, 1902—Present Aldermen Haddon and Holliday ; Councillors Baker, Bence, M. Davis, Packer and Stroud (Alderman Haddon in the chair)—

1---Burial Act, 1900—Councillor Hayward having attended this meeting by invitation of the Chairman, and the provisions of the Act having been discussed, Resolved, That having regard to the Agreement entered into with the Rector under Sections 37 and in of the Burial Acts of 1852 and 1854 respectively, which was to continue during his incumbency, and to the fact that no provision is made in the Act of 1900 for cesser or modification of any such Agreement and to the doubtful construction of several of the provisions of the Act of 1900, the Committee consider it is expedient to leave the Secretary of State to act under the provisions of Section 3 (a) of the Act of 1900 if he shall think fit.

2-Designs—Resolved, To approve the following designs, viz: Headstones to Lewis Rice, Thomas Bellamy, Sarah Piff, James Cookley, Minnie Roscrea Cole, Caroline Meaking, Frederick Edward Conacher, Ellen Tipton, Catherine E. Hawkshaw, John Moorby, Hiram Hayden, Elizabeth Rathborne. Monument to John Frederick Shirer.

JOHN HADDON, Chairman.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 28th day of October, 1902—Present: Alderman Skillicorne; Councillors Bence, Gurney, Handley, Hayward, Parsonage, King Harman and J. Waghorne (Councillor Gurney in the chair)—

1- Account with the Executors of the late Mr. Loveridge— An account of amounts due to and from the estate of the late Mr. Loveridge was laid before the Committee, and the same having been examined by the Committee, Resolved, That a balance of £31 1s. 3d., appearing to be due to the estate of the deceased from the Corporation, be paid to the executors.

2—Fittings in the Borough Accountant's Office—Resolved, To approve a plan now laid before the Committee, prepared by the Borough Surveyor, of a desk with cupboards and shelving to be fixed in the office of and for the use of the Borough Accountant, that the same be carried out and that tenders therefor be advertised for.

3-Telephone Extension to Borough Accountant's Department--Resolved, To authorise the installation in the Borough Accountant's Department of a telephone connection with the line to the Exchange from the Water Office in the Borough Surveyor's Department.

4—Printing of Monthly Statement of Accounts—Resolved, That in view of the desire expressed by certain Members of the Council to be furnished with further details of the Monthly Bills presented for payment, the Committee recommend that the experiment be tried for six months of printing with the Minutes of the Finance Committee a copy of that portion of the Monthly Financial Statement relating to the bills to be paid and a summary of the remaining portion of the Statement dealing with Salaries, Sinking Fund, and Interest Accounts, and transfers between Departments.

5-Bank Account—A letter was read from the Manager of the local Branch of Lloyds Bank, stating that the Directors had agreed to renew the loan as desired and to extend the limit to £110,000 on the understanding that the Council would undertake to lodge a mortgage of the rates and furnish evidence of the advance being sanctioned by the Local Government Board. Resolved, That this condition be acceded to.

6—Private Improvement Expenses of works in Whitecross Square—Resolved, To accede to an application received from Mr. E. Holland for permission to pay the sum of £3 2s. 3d., due from him in respect of his ownership of No. 3, by instalments of 10s per month, plus interest on the amount remaining from time to time unpaid at the rate of £5 per cent. per annum.

7—Loans for Unsanctioned Capital Expenditure The Borough Surveyor reported that the particulars and plans required by the Local Government Board of the various works which had been carried out in anticipation of sanction to loans for payment of the expenditure incurred would be ready to send to the Board in a day or two.

8— Stock Issue — Resolved, That application be made to the Local Government Board for an Order consenting to the exercise by the Corporation of their statutory borrowing powers by the creation of Stock under the provisions of Part V. of the Public Health Acts Amendment Act, 1890, and that a scheme for equating and consolidation for the purpose of repayment of the existing loans prepared by the Boroughs Accountant be submitted under the Regulations of the Local Government Board for approval by the Board of the period or periods within which the loans so equated or consolidated shall be discharged.

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9--General District Rate--The Report of the Borough Accountant of date the 28th inst. on the collection of the first instalment of this Rate was read. Amount collected £618 7s. 2d., leaving outstanding £21,129 1s. 3d.

10—Accounts—The Financial Statement of the Receipts and Expenditure since the last Meeting and the Bills and Accounts to be paid were examined, and the latter, amounting to £12,144 18s. 1d., ordered to be paid by the Borough Treasurer. The Treasurer's Accounts at the Bank were examined and the balances found to be correct. The following was the General Statement :—

Overdrawn on the 30th September last	£105,075 15 0
Paid since that date	£ <u>14,624 9 4</u>
	£115,696 4 4
Received since that date	£ <u>5,164 1 10</u>
Overdrawn	£110,532 2 6
Being Ordinary Rates Expenditure	£11,072 15 8
Electric Lighting, Water & other Capital Accounts	£ <u>99,459 6 10</u>
	£110,532 2 6

W. GERALD GURNEY,

Chairman.

PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 20th day of October, 1902—Present : Alderman Holliday ; Councillors Bainbridge, Hayward, and King-Harman ; the Revs. J. Evans and J. A. Owen ; the Baron de Ferrier. ; Messrs. Butler, Cresswell, and Paltrier (Councillor Hayward in the chair)—

1—Librarian's Report—The Librarian reported that £8 17s. Od. had been received during the past month, and that the following presentations had been made to the Library, viz :—Rev. G. Gardner, 1 vol. of the Encyclopaedia Britannica ; Messrs J. and J. Paton, 1 vol. ; Rev. A. N. Hore, 1 vol.; and Mrs. Frida Mond, 2 vols. He also read a report he had prepared with reference to his visit to Birmingham to attend the Annual Meeting of the Library Association from the 22nd to the 25th instant. Resolved, That the thanks of the Committee be given to Mr. Jones for his able and interesting report.

2--- Sub-Committee's Report—The Sub-Committee reported that they recommended that the list of New Books submitted be purchased at a cost of about £7. That the list of Worn-Out Books submitted be replaced at a cost of about £10. That an Exhibition of Books on Decorative Art together with examples of local workmanship be held from the 24th to 29th November, and that application be made to the Art Gallery Sub-Committee for the use of the large Gallery; also to ask the Art Gallery Sub-Committee to pay half the cost of the Exhibition, as was done last year. Resolved, To approve and adopt these recommendations.

C. HAYWARD,

Chairman.

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Wednesday, the 29th day of October, 1902 Present : Aldermen, Holliday and Skillicorne ; Councillors Lawrence and Parsonage (Alderman Skillicorne 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 43 schools, from which 838

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 9 meetings ; that 12 parents had been prosecuted, and to 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, —Harry Bowstead, Kate Clarke, Arthur Fletcher, Frederick Wallington, Reuben Wallington, Sarah Bellion, William Gapper, Mary Court, William Hopkins, Hilda Hill, Caroline Collier, Albert Pittaway, Frederick Williams, Olive Moulsey, Herbert Partridge, George Portlock, Gertrude Page, Lizzie Hickman, and Wallace Cambridge.

3-Blind and Deaf Children's Act—A letter was read from the Hoard of Education, consenting under Sec. 2 (I) Of the Elementary Education (Blind and Deaf Children) Act, 1893, to the contribution by the Council towards the maintenance of the West of England Institution for the Blind of an annual sum not exceeding £21 together with £2 2s. subscription in respect of each child sent to that Institution by the Council.

4—Costs of Proceedings—Resolved, That the Borough Accountant be instructed to lay before the Committee at the end of the financial year a return showing the financial result of proceedings taken against the parents of children and employers during the past year under the Elementary Education Acts and the Bye Laws relating to School Attendance.

W. NASH SKILLICORNE,

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 1st day of December, 1902.

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Wednesday, the 12th day of November, 1902—Present : Aldermen Norman and Skillicorne ; Councillors Bence, M. Davis, Lawrence and Parsonage (Councillor Parsonage in the chair)—

1—Chairman—Resolved, That Councillor Parsonage be appointed Chairman of this Committee for the year ending 31st October next.

2—Zymotic Disease—The Medical Officer of Health reported that there had been notified since the last meeting of the Committee, 12 cases of Scarlet Fever, 2 of Erysipelas, 3 of Enteric Fever, 14 of Chicken Pox, and 6 of Diphtheria ; that 12 cases of Scarlet Fever had been sent into Hospitals, 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 15 of Scarlet Fever and 2 of Diphtheria and 1 Quarantine.

3—Insanitary Property at Nos. 2 and 9, St. George's Street, No. 3, Upper Norwood Street, Nos. 6 and 14, Henrietta Street, Nos. 1, 16, 20, and 30, York Street—The Medical Officer of Health reported that the above-mentioned premises 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 therein.

4— Urinals at The Globe Inn, North Street, and The Sun Inn, High Street,—The Medical Officer of Health having reported that these Urinals were in such a condition as to be nuisances or injurious to health owing to want of water supply for flushing and defects in structure, Resolved, That the Council being satisfied of the existence of nuisances from the state of the urinals, 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 continuous supplies of water so as to properly flush the urinals and execute such structural works of amendment as shall be specified.

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.

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6-Houses let in Lodgings-The Medical Officer of Health recommended that the landlords of the following houses let in lodgings, viz., Ambro House, Ambrose Street, No. 5, St. James' Parade, No. 22, Great Norwood Street, and No. 6, Brandon Terrace, 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 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 lessees.

7-Cleansing and Limewashing at Nos. 1 and 4, Beaufort Cottages, No. 24, Sun Street, No. 13, Clare Place, No. 19, Hanover Street, and No. 19, Columbia Street--The Medical Officer of Health having certified under Sec. 46 of the Public Health Act that the above-named dwelling houses were in such a filthy and unwholesome condition that the health of the inmates was affected or endangered thereby, Resolved, That Notices be given to the owners under the said Section requiring the houses to be cleansed and limewashed.

8-Nuisances from Drains, &c, at Nos. 17 and 18, Chapel Street, and Rosemead, Hewlett Road-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.

9-Dairies, Cowsheds, and Milkshops Order-Resolved, To accede to an application received from Mr. A. P. Tuffley to be registered as a cowkeeper and dairyman at Priors Farm.

10-Destruction of Diseased Pig--The Medical Officer of Health reported that a pig slaughtered at the Abattoir was found to be in a diseased condition, and was seized and destroyed with the owner's consent.

11-Treatment of Patients in Delancey Hospital- Letters were read from Miss Florence Landon and Mrs. M. Kerr, sister and parent respectively of pupils at Pengwern College, asking for relief in respect of charges made against Mrs. Pearson, the Principal of the School, for treatment of the pupils in the Delancey Hospital. Resolved, To inform Miss Landon and Mrs. Kerr that the Council regret they are unable to make any exception in these cases, and that Mrs. Pearson be informed that she is primarily liable to the Corporation for payment of the expenses of the treatment of her pupils in the Hospital.

12-Extension of Sewer in Prestbury Road-The Borough Surveyor reported that in making an investigation into the cost of treatment of sewage, he had taken the expenditure upon working the Farms last year, showing the net loss to be £251 11s. 5d.

The cost of interest on loans and stock, together with sinking funds, amounted to £1,386 18s. per annum, and, in addition, the capital sum of £18,000 had been paid off. Taking this at 4 per cent., the further amount of £720 should be charged.

The Sewage Tanks cost £290 14s. 4d., and there was a credit of £132 12s. 6d. from sale of sewage manure, leaving a net loss of £158 1s. 10d. chargeable to the cost of sewage disposal.

In consequence of the position of the out parishes of Charlton Kings, Leckhampton, and Prestbury, their sewage must pass through the Borough to join the outfall sewers, and the main sewers must therefore be larger than would otherwise be necessary.

This extra cost he estimated at £4,300, or £88 per annum.

The total cost was therefore as under, viz.:-

Loss on Farming	£ 251 11 5
Interest &c.	£1386 18 0
“	£ 720 0 0
Loss on working Tanks	£ 158 1 10
Cost of Outfall Sewers	<u>£ 188 0 0</u>
	£2704 11 3

Leaving a total cost of 2.09d. in the £, to which Charlton Kings, under the existing agreement, contributes less than 1d. in the £, and Prestbury and Leckhampton nearly the correct amounts, and in all cases the out parishes, by reason of defective sewers, deliver a larger quantity of sex-age than their population warrants.

Resolved, That the Clerk to the Cheltenham Rural District Council be informed that the Town Council will be willing to extend their veneer in the Prestbury Road as far as The Cedars upon the following conditions, viz. :-

(1) The Agreement of the 27th May, 1875, to be determined, and a fresh Agreement entered into upon such terms and conditions both as to the area to be drained by the extension and the area drained under the terms of the Agreement of 1875 as may be settled by the Local Government Board pursuant to the provisions of Section 28 of the Public Health Act, 1875.

(2) That the existing sewer be relaid and jointed to the satisfaction of the Borough Surveyor so as to make it watertight. and

(3) That any extensions of sewers or drains in the parish of Prestbury connecting with or intended to be connected with the sewers in the Borough of Cheltenham shall be constructed to the satisfaction of the Borough Surveyor.

13--Loan of £500 for Extension of the Abattoir--A letter from the Local Government Board was read, stating that before deciding on the application for sanction to this loan the Board would direct a local Enquiry to be held by one of their Inspectors, which would take place as soon as the other engagements of the Inspectors would permit.

14 -Sewerage of Sandford Mill Road--The Borough Surveyor reported that he had received notices and plans from the owners of the property on the West side of this road of proposed new buildings, and that it would be necessary to extend the sewer in the road from the Old Bath Road to the Mill as far as the junction with the private road to the London Road to connect the veneer to be laid by the abutting owners in the private road, the cost of which he estimated at £30. Resolved, That consideration of the matter be adjourned for view.

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15---Building Plans---The Borough Surveyor laid before the Committee the following plans of proposed new buildings, viz. :—

No. of Plan	Name	Description
1577	J. Dicks	Additions to No. 1, Great Western Terrace
1579	Mr. Prude	Pair of Semi-detached Villas, Sandfield Road
1580	H. Sheppard & Son	Bathroom at No. 27, Montpellier Terrace
1582	F. W. Strange	Pair of Semi-detached Villas, Sandford Mill Road

Resolved, That Nos. 1577, 1580, and 1582 be approved, but that No. 1579 be disapproved.

E. H. PARSONAGE,

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 17th day of November, 1902-- Present The Mayor; Aldermen Norman and Skillicorne ; Councillors Bence, King-Harman, Lawrence and Parsonage (Councillor Parsonage in the chair)—

16—Zymotic Disease—The Medical Officer of Health reported that since the last meeting of the Committee there had been notified 4 cases of Scarlet Fever, 1 of Chicken Pox, and 1 of Diphtheria ; that 4 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 16 of Scarlet Fever, 5 of Diphtheria, and 1 in quarantine.

17—Insanitary Property, viz. :—No. 5, Providence Cottages—The Medical Officer of Health reported that the above-mentioned premises were in such a state as to be injurious to the health of the inmates owing to its filthy condition. Resolved, That the Council being satisfied that the said premises are in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to health, Notices under Sec. 94 of the Public Health Act, 1875, be served upon the occupier requiring her to put the same into a healthy condition, and for that purpose to thoroughly cleanse it, and that in default of compliance with the notice the Town Clerk be instructed, if necessary, to take proceedings to enforce compliance with it.

18—Urinal at The Central Inn, Bennington Street—The Medical Officer of Health reported that this Urinal was in such a condition as to be a nuisance or injurious to health owing to want of water supply for flushing and defects in structure Resolved, That the Council being satisfied of the existence of a nuisance from the state of this urinal, Notice under Section 94 of the Public Health Act, 1875, be served on the Owners of the premises requiring them to abate the nuisance, and for that purpose to lay on a sufficient and continuous supply of water so as to properly flush the urinal and execute such structural works of amendment as shall be specified.

19—Water Closets without Flushing Apparatus—The Medical Officer of Health handed in a list of houses having water closets without Flushing Apparatus. Resolved, That Notices under Sec. 28 of the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1889, be given to the Owners requiring then-) 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 Let in Lodgings—The Medical Officer of Health recommended that the landlords of the following houses let in lodgings, viz., No. 6, Jersey Place, No. 1, Portland Place, and No. 32, North Place, 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 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 lessees.

21 —Cleansing and Limewashing at Nos. 21, 25, and 31, Sherborne Street, No. 21, Malvern Street, and No. 5, Providence Cottages, of Great Norwood Street—The Medical Officer of Health having certified under Sec. 46 of the Public Health Act, 1875, 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-Nuisances from Drains, &c., at No. 1, Denmark Terrace, Gloucester 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.

23--Douses 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, patterns, and construction as may be approved by the Borough Surveyor on behalf of the Corporation.

24—Houses without a proper Water Supply, viz. :—No. 3, King Street and No. 13, Swindon Street --It appearing on the report of the Borough Surveyor, dated the 15th inst., that the above premises were without a proper supply of water, but that such supply could be furnished at a cost not exceeding the Water Rate authorised by the Cheltenham Corporation Water Acts, Resolved, That Notice be given under Sec. 62 of the Public Health Act, 1875, to the owners, requiring them to obtain such a supply and do all such things as may be necessary for that purpose, and that the Water Committee be requested to have the water turned on to the houses and to instruct the Collector to take proceedings for recovery of the Water Rate from the occupiers if necessary.

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25—Houses Unfit for Human Habitation, viz., No. 51, Rutland Street, and three tenements behind—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.

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

27 —Demolition of Cottages in Sun Street—A letter was read from Mr. H. Cousins, of No, 48, Sun Street, calling attention to the untidy condition of the site of two cottages adjoining his house, which had been demolished under an Order of the Council, and offering to rent or purchase it. Resolved. To inform Mr. Cousins that the property belongs to the Norwich Union Life Office, with whom he should communicate.

28—Sanitary Requirements at Houses in Sherborne Street—Resolved, To refer to the Medical Officer of Health a letter received from Mr. J. Gale with reference to sanitary requirements at houses in Sherborne Street.

29—Building Plans—The Borough Surveyor laid before the Committee the following plans of proposed new buildings, viz :--

No. of Plan.	Name.	Description.
1578	S. Adams	Additions to The Winnatts, Christ Church Road
1583	Mrs. P. Gilmore	Additional Show Room, Work Rooms, &c., at Marlborough House
1584	Mrs. Macknight Crawford ..	Additions to the Library at Fullwood, The Park
1585	Cheltenham Original Brewery Company, Limited ..	Alterations and additions at the Malvern Inn
1587	C. E. Addison	House in Leckhampton Road at corner of Naunton Lane.

Resolved, That No. 1583 be not approved, and that as regards drainage and other sanitary requirements No. 1585 be approved, subject to the provision of an efficient flushing apparatus to the urinal at the Malvern Inn, and Nos. 1587, 1578 and 1584 be approved as shown.

E. H. PARSONAGE,

Chairman.

FARMS AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Friday, the 14th day of November, 1902—Present : The Mayor ; Aldermen Norman and Skillicorne ; Councillors Bainbridge, Bence, M. Davis, King-Harman, Lawrence and Parsonage (Councillor M. Davis in the chair)—

1—Chairman—Resolved, To appoint Councillor M. Davis Chairman of this Committee for the year ending 31st October next.

2 --Pollution of Chelt—Letters were read from Mr. J. S. Gibbons, of Boddington Manor, Mr. E. W. Cook, of Slate Mill, Coombe Hill, Mr. A. H. Sindrey, of Brooklyn Gardens, Arle, and Mr. J. T. Smith, of The Moors, Tewkesbury Road, complaining of the polluted condition of the Chelt. Resolved, To inform Mr. Gibbons, Mr. Cook, Mr. Sindrey, and Mr. Smith that the full amount of compensation water required by Statute is duly turned into the Chelt at Dowdeswell each day, and that the Council are considering what should be done to abate as much as possible the cause of complaint.

3-- Sewage Irrigation on the Villa Farm, Elmstone Hardwick—Resolved, To adjourn for view consideration of a letter received from Mr. C. Corbett, asking for a supply of sewage for irrigation of part of the above-mentioned farm, which by laying pipes down his first meadow would not cause any nuisance.

4—Posts in Sand Common Field, Barn Farm—Resolved, To pay the claim of £2, made by Mr. J. N. Corbett, for putting up the posts for the fence in the Sand Common Field at the Barn Farm, and that the resolution to Minute No. 15 of the proceedings of the Public Health Committee of date the 9th June last, approved by the Council, be rescinded accordingly.

5—Report of the Sewage Farms Manager—The Farm Manager reported that on the Lith ultimo there were to horses, 1 cob, 179 cattle, and 40 sheep on the Farms.

That on the 31st ultimo two cart geldings (two years old) had been purchased for £82. That on the 27th ultimo and 10th instant to head of cattle were sold at Gloucester for £159 19s. 6d.

That on this date the livestock on the Farms was 12 horses, 1 cob, 169 head of cattle, and 40 sheep, all doing fairly well.

That he required six loin cloths, six nose bags, and a waggon cloth.

That a small heap of manure had been sold for £4.

That seven quarters of seed wheat had been purchased at 30s 8d per quarter, and

That 2 tons 16 cwt. 1 qr. of hay and clover had been delivered to the Corporation Depot. Resolved,

That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to purchase the six loin cloths and nose bags and the waggon cloth and send them to the Farm Manager, and that the report be approved.

M. DAVIS,

Chairman.

STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Wednesday, the 12th day of November, 1902—Present, The Mayor ; Aldermen Haddon and Skillicorne ; Councillors Baker, Bendall, Handley, Packer and Parsonage (Councillor Baker in the chair)—

1—Chairman—Resolved, That Councillor Baker be appointed Chairman of this Committee for the year ending 31st October next.

2—Street Projections—Resolved, To accede to the following applications received for permission to fix projections over public streets, subject to compliance with the usual conditions as to height and projection, viz.:—From Messrs. James and Newton for fittings for four electric lights outside No. 2. Clarence Street, and from J. Cheshire to refix a clock outside the Bell Hotel, High Street. From Messrs. J. J. Banks & Son and Mr. A. G. Sanders for an electric light bracket outside the Imperial Library, Promenade.

3—Oakfield Street Private Improvement Works—With reference to the resolution to Minute No. 16 of the proceedings of this Committee of date the 29th of September last, another letter from Mr. Enoch was read, stating that he did not admit the correctness of the apportionment, and that he would be pleased to meet the Committee. Resolved, That the matter be adjourned for consideration at the next view meeting, when Mr. Enoch be invited to meet the Committee on the spot,

4—Telegraph Pole near Holmesdale Lawn—Resolved, On the application of the Secretary to the General Post Office, to consent to the erection of a pole on the green waste opposite the red brick wall near The Ingle, about 12 yards from the gateway leading to the entrance of Holmesdale Lawn, subject to the approval of the Borough Surveyor, and that the Deputy Town Clerk be instructed to sign the form of consent on behalf of the Council.

5—Veterinary Surgeon—In reply to a letter received from Mr. T. A. Huband, Resolved, To inform him that the Council do not propose to make any change with regard to the appointment of a veterinary surgeon for the Corporation for next year or as to the shoeing of the Corporation horses.

6—Whaddon Lane Private Improvement Works—With reference to a letter received from Mr. G. Cooper, of No. 1, Wilford Terrace, Whaddon Lane, complaining that he had been charged in respect of the frontage of a piece of land adjoining his house, although the works in the part of the street coextensive with it had been carried out by the abutting owner and not by the Corporation, Resolved, That the amount apportioned in respect of the frontage of the piece of land referred to be charged to the Corporation, and that the amount demanded from Mr. Cooper be reduced accordingly.

7—Paving of Footpath adjacent to Montpellier Rotunda—Resolved, To instruct the Town Clerk to write to the Montpellier Rotunda Company to call their attention to the bad state of the paving of this footpath, and to request them to have it repaired.

8-- Building Plans—The Borough Surveyor laid before the Committee the following plans of proposed new buildings, viz. :—

No. of Plan.	Name.	Description
1579	H. Sheppard & Son	Bath Room at No. 27, Montpellier Terrace
1582	F. W. Strange	Pair of Semi-detached Villas, Sandford Mill Road

Resolved, That as regards construction of the buildings No. 1579 be disapproved, and that Nos. 1580 and 1582 be approved. The Building Inspector's report was read.

WILLIAM A. BAKER,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 24th day of November, 1902—Present : Aldermen Haddon and Skillicorne ; Councillors Baker, Bendall, Handley, Hayward, Packer, and Parsonage (Councillor Baker in the chair)—

9 —Street Projections--The Street Inspector reported that an advertisement sign had been put up outside No. 2, Winchcomb Place and a gas rail outside No. 216, High Street.

A letter was read from Mr. W. Algar asking permission for the gas rail to remain as it had been up in ignorance that consent was required.

The Street Inspector also reported that a Bill Posting Station in the Gloucester Road, near Malvern Road, erected by the Bill Posting Co., No. 15, Regent Street, projected about two inches over the footpath; and

That at Messrs. Gough & Edwards, Nos. 404 and 405, High Street, a show case had been erected about 7ft. high, 2ft. long, and 4 inches deep. He had ascertained that a stone base was formerly

there with a wooden structure built above to hide a recess, and that this case was fixed in the same line as before and did not project any more over the path.

Resolved, That Notices be served on the occupier of No. 2, Winchcomb Place to remove the projection there. Also on the Bill Posting Co. to remove the Bill Posting Station in the Gloucester Road. That the request of Mr. Algar be acceded to subject to the rail being altered so as to comply with the regulations ; and that consideration of the matter relating to the show case at Nos. 404 and 405, High Street be adjourned for the Committee to view.

Resolved, Also to accede to an application from Messrs. Steel Brothers for permission to fix three small electric light brackets from the fascia of No. 322, High Street subject to compliance with the usual conditions.

10 —Naunton Lane Improvement—A letter from Mr. F. Jenkins was read as follows :—

Larchville, Cheltenham, November 18th, 1902.

To the Chairman and Members of the Street and Highway Committee.

Re Widening Naunton Lane.

GENTLEMEN,

I understand the Committee to have decided to drop the recommendation for widening Naunton Lane. To make matters clear, I have to intimate to you that the offer is now withdrawn.

Yours truly, F. JENKINS.

11—White Cross Square—In reply to a letter received from Mr. E. C. Rogers and four other owners of property in White Cross Square asking the Council to declare the Street a highway, Resolved, To inform Mr. Rogers that as soon as the Private Improvement Expenses have all been paid the matter shall receive consideration.

12-Report of Borough Surveyor re Highways—The Borough Surveyor reported that the work done by the Highways Department from October 24th to November 13th inclusive had been as follows :—

Repaired with Clee Hill Stone —North Place 480 square yards, Hales Road 780 square yards, Gloucester Road 7457 square yards.

Patching—Knapp Road, Lower High Street, Naunton Lane, Prestbury Road, Clarence Street, Queen's Road, Bath Road.

Repaired with Wickwar Stone—All Saints' Road 960 square yards, Priory Street 650 square yards, Moorend Street 1334 square yards, Croft Street '112 square yards.

Patching—New Street, Ormond Place, Gas Lane, Bath Road, Portland Square, Townsend Street, Bayshill Road, St. James's Street, Priory Street, Keynsham Road, Sandford Road, Back Lansdown Place.

Repaired with Asphalte Regent Street 712 square yards, back Segrave Place 700 square yards.

Private Improvements—Stoneville Street, Winstonian Road, Russell Place (proceeding).

Kerbing, Crossing, Channelling and Paving—Glenfall Street, St. Stephen's Road, Park Place, Montpellier Terrace, Townsend Street, Imperial Square, St. George's Road, High Street, Pittville Circus, Portland Street, Winchcomb Street, Christ Church Road, Roman Road, Swindon Road, Brunswick Street, Albert Street (St. Peter's), Rodney Road, Montpellier Parade, St. George's Place, Gloucester Road, Queen's Retreat, Hanover Street, Lower High Street, Westall, Exmouth Street, Baker Street, Bath Road, Prestbury Road, Hewlett Road, Leamington Place, Duke Street, Grosvenor Place, Fairview Road, Portland Square, London Road.

Four New Gullies have been fixed in Sandford Terrace.

Roadway on the East side of St. George's Place from St James's Parade to Royal Well Place, laid with MacDougall brick.

Trees Pruned—Wellington Square, Selkirk Street, The Park.

Trees Cut Down—Three Pear Trees at Agg-Gardner's Recreation Ground.

Ashes Collection-1014 loads collected, 907 loads weighing 934 tons 11 cwt. consumed at the Destructor.

Slab Factory-9386 super feet of paving made at a cost of £92 15s. 0d. for cement, labour, &c., 5806 super feet had a pro-portion of granite sand added at a cost of £7 10s. 2d., which adds $\frac{1}{3}$ rd. of one penny per square foot, making the cost of all clinker slabs 2 $\frac{1}{3}$ d., and that with granite 2 $\frac{3}{4}$ d. per super foot.

13-- Footpath opposite Crofton House, Great Norwood Street—In reply to a letter from Mr. Skemp complaining of the state of the pavement opposite his house and garden in Gratton Street. Resolved, To inform Mr. Skemp that he is himself partly responsible for the present condition of the paving, but that the Corporation will have it repaired subject to his putting in the footpath to the satisfaction and according to the specification of the Borough Surveyor, a crossing for vehicular traffic opposite the entrance to his yard, constructed of best quality Wooliscroft bricks, the same as now laid in New Street, and that notice be given to Mr. Skemp under Section 41 of the Cheltenham Improvement Act of 1889 accordingly.

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14 - Road and Footpath back of Lansdown Place—In reply to a letter from Councillor Davis, Resolved, To inform him that the work of improving this road and footpath is in hand.

15—Hayward's Road Private Improvement Works—In reply to a communication from the Charlton Kings Urban District Council, Resolved, To inform them that this Council is now in a position to proceed with the carrying out of the Works of Private Improvement, and that Councillors Baker, Bendall and Parsonage be appointed to represent this Committee to arrange for joint action with the Charlton Kings Authority to obtain and accept tenders to execute the work.

16—Footpath South Side of London Road— A communication having been received from the Charlton Kings Urban District Council reminding this Council that the promise which they had made

to repair this footpath from Raymond Terrace to the Borough Boundary had not yet been performed. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have it laid with slab paving and the edges re-gravelled, and that the Resolution to Minute No. 18 of the proceedings of this Committee of the 25th February, 1901, that the asphalt should be repaired and edged with blue brick be varied accordingly.

17—Oakfield Street Private Improvement Expenses—In reply to the further letter from Mr. Enoch complaining that he had been unfairly treated as regards the apportionment of these expenses to be paid by him, having regard to the use made of the paving laid by him in front of his houses. Resolved, That after careful consideration, the Committee see no reason to vary their resolution to Minute No. 16 of their proceedings of the 29th of September last, as they consider Mr. Enoch has no just claim, as he with other owners of the road opposite whose premises there was paving existing at the time the works were carried out which has been used in other parts of the street, have been charged proportionately less than the owners of other premises.

18—Langdon Road Private Improvement Works—Resolved, To accede to the suggestion of Mr S. B Dix that these Works should not be carried out at present in front of land not built upon, and that tenders be obtained for executing the Works in the street as far as and inclusive of the frontage of Ednaville.

19—Private Improvement Works in Street West Side of Otago Terrace With regard to the complaint of 'Mr. Millard that he had been unfairly, treated as regards the amount of these expenses apportioned to be paid by him, Resolved, That the amount apportioned to be paid by him in respect of the benefit to be derived by his premises be reduced from £10 to £6, and that the balance of £4 be charged to the Corporation.

20—New Building in Montpellier Walk for the National Provincial Bank—A letter was read from Mr. Pearson, Manager of the Local Branch of this Bank, stating that the consent to bring forward on the west side only, as expressed in the resolution to Minute No. 19 of the proceedings of this Committee of date the 26th ulto., was not satisfactory to the Directors, and unless the Council would sanction the whole of the proposed building line on the three sides, the site would be useless for their purpose, and asking the Council to reconsider their decision. A letter was read from Mr. E. E. Bick urging the Council to consent to the proposal of the Directors. Resolved, That permission be given to bring forward the frontage of the proposed building about 9 inches on the east side to a line level with the frontage of the building lately used as a post office, and that the resolution above referred to be varied accordingly.

21—Stores Sub-Committee—Resolved, To appoint Alderman Haddon, Councillors Baker, Bendall and Parsonage as the Stores Sub-Committee.

22—Buildings in the Old Bath Road—The Borough Surveyor laid before the Committee a plan he had prepared showing the positions of the buildings in the Old Bath Road, south of the Railway Bridge, and of the frontage lines fixed thereby. Resolved, That the same be approved, and that in approving any plans for future buildings in this part of the road the frontage lines shown on the aforesaid plan be adhered to.

A letter was read from Mr. J. G. Crisp stating that Mr. Enoch had recently purchased from Messrs. Moore & Sons some land in the Old Bath Road, upon which they had proposed to erect buildings, plans of which had been approved by the Council, but Mr. Enoch wished to know on what grounds he should be deprived of so many feet of his land for the purpose of improving the road, as the land was purchased from Messrs. Moore & Sons with the plans approved as aforesaid allowing the original line of frontage to remain. Resolved, To inform Mr. Crisp that the plans referred to were not approved by the Council, and that the block plan showing the position of the adjacent houses has been found to be inaccurate. That the houses Messrs. Moore & Sons proposed to build must be set back to a level with the front main walls of the existing houses, and to inform Mr. Crisp that the land referred to is required for the purpose of providing a footpath.

23-- Building Plans—The Borough Surveyor laid before the Committee the following plans of proposed new buildings, viz. :—

No. of Plan	Name.	Description. ..
1573	Josiah Barrett Eight	Cottages in the Old Bath Road
1583	Mrs. P. Gilmore	Additional Show Rooms, Work Rooms, &c., at Marlborough House
1584	Mrs Macknight Crawford	Additions to the Library at Fullwood, The Park.
1585	The Cheltenham Original Brewery Company	Alterations and additions to the Malvern Inn, Leckhampton Road
1586	Rev. Dr. Flecker	Extension of the Kitchen at Dean Close School
1587	C. E. Addison	House in Leckhampton Road at the corner of Naunton Lane
1588	H. Sharpe	Detached house next to Hawksworth, Eldorado Road
1589	J. A. Thomas	Additions to Arundel House, Bath Road
1590	E. W. Fear	Extension of plate-glass Front facing Montpellier Walk
1591	Mr. Ayers	Two Bedrooms and Attic at No. 6, Bennington Street
1592	G.W.R. Co.	43 Dwellings for the labouring class at Alstone Grange Estate

Resolved, As regards construction, not to approve No. 1573, and to approve the other plans above specified as shown.

WILLIAM A. BAKER,

Chairman.

TRAMWAYS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Friday, the 14th day of November, 1902—Present : The Mayor ; Councillors Davies, M. Davis, Packer, Parsonage, and Stroud.

1—Chairman—Resolved, That Councillor J. Waghorne be appointed Chairman of this Committee for the year ending October, 1903.

E. T. BRYDGES, Town Clerk.

TOWN IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Friday, the 14th day of October, 1902—Present The Mayor ; Alderman Norman ; Councillors Bainbridge, Baker, Bence, Handley, Packer, and Rickerby (Councillor Rickerby in the chair)—

1—Chairman—Resolved, That Councillor Rickerby be appointed Chairman of this Committee for the year ending 31st October, 1903

T. E. RICKERBY, Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 17th day of November, 1902—Present: The Mayor ; Alderman Norman ; Councillors Bainbridge, Baker, Bence, Handley and Rickerby (Councillor Rickerby in the chair)—

2 —Entertainments Sub-Committee—Resolved, That Councillors Bainbridge, Baker, Packer and Rickerby do join this Sub-Committee for the ensuing year.

3—Entertainments—A letter from Mr. E. Baring was read, expressing his thanks to the Council for their resolution of appreciation of his services.

4—Damage to Roller at Pittville—A letter from Mr. Fitzhugh was read protesting against having to pay the claim of sop [?] made against him pursuant to the resolution to Minute No. 4 of the proceedings of this Committee of date the 22nd ult. Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed, if necessary, to take proceedings against Mr. Fitzhugh to recover the amount claimed.

5—Article on Cheltenham in the " Imperial Argus "—Resolved, Not to entertain an offer from the Editor of the ' Imperial Argus " to insert in that publication an illustrated article on Cheltenham if the Corporation would arrange that the expense would be put to in regard to the preparation of the article, the photographs, half-tone blocks, and travelling expenses are covered by the order they would place for copies, viz., 1,000, at 6d. per copy, less 10 per cent. discount.

6—Advertising—Resolved, Not to entertain an offer from Messrs. Ward, Lock & Co., Limited, to insert a quarter-page advertisement in their 92 shilling Tourist Guide Books for 1903-1904 for £8 8s.

7—Fountain late at Montpellier Gardens—Resolved, To instruct Messrs. Boulton to complete their contract for the renovation of this fountain with the addition of providing two gun metal rings, one inside and one outside the basin, to strengthen it at a cost of £8, and that the Town Clerk be instructed to ascertain from the Architect if a site can be found for it in the Town Hall if the General Purposes and Watch Committee approve of its being placed there.

8—Meteorological Instruments--Resolved, To ascertain if Miss Beale will permit these instruments to be placed in the grounds of the Ladies' College if a suitable site can be found for them there.

9—Building Plans---Resolved, To disapprove Plan No. 1576 for a pair of Semidetached Villas in the Albert Road, Pitt, Mr. A. Matthews, as the buildings would in several particulars contravene the restrictive building covenants affecting lot 21 of the Pittville Building Estate.

T. E. RICKERBY, Chairman.

LIGHTING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Friday, the 14th day of November, 1902—Present; The Mayor ; Alderman Norman ; Councillors Bainbridge, Baker, Handley, Parsonage, Stroud, and J. Waghorne (Alderman Norman in the chair).

1—Chairman—Resolved, That Alderman Norman be appointed Chairman of this Committee for the year ending 31st October, 1903.

GEO. NORMAN, Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Wednesday, the 19th day of November, 1902—Present The Mayor ; Alderman Norman ; Councillors Bainbridge, Baker, Handley, Hayward, Parsonage and J. Waghorne (Alderman Norman in the chair)—

2—Gas Examiner's Report—The Gas Examiner reported that he had tested the gas during the past month with the following results, viz.

ILLUMINATING POWER.			PURITY.
1902		1902	Grains of Sulphur
Oct. 22nd..	15.51 Candles		per 100 cubic ft.
" 25th ..	15.61 "	Nov. 10th—11th	10.67
" 29th	15.57 "		
Nov. 5th ..	16.15 "		
" 12th	<u>15.08</u> "		
Average..	15.58 "		

He pointed out that on the 12th instant the gas was practically at the lowest point permitted by the Act.

3—Gas Inspector's Report—The Gas Inspector reported that the hourly average consumption of the street gas lamps during the past month had been as follows. viz.:—Lamps with 4.25 cubic feet burners, 4.1643 cubic feet ; Guildhall Lamps, with No. 4 Incandescent burners, 4.551 cubic feet ; and Lamps with No. 3 Incandescent burners 3.4015 cubic feet. He also reported that during the past month, **z** [?] metered, 6 unmetered, and 2 incandescent lamps had been extinguished.

4-Lighting of Harp Hill —With reference to an application made by Mrs. Ashby Haws and three other residents on Harp Hill to the Charlton Kings Urban District Council, calling attention to the scarcity of lamps on Harp Hill, and requesting that Authority to consider the advisability of lighting the upper portion of the road between Oakley Road and Stanley Road where there are no lamps, they forwarded a copy of resolution of the Charlton Kings Council, that as the road is in the Borough of Cheltenham that Council has no power to have lamps placed in it, and suggesting that they should apply to the Cheltenham Town Council, and expressed a hope that the last mentioned Authority would find it possible to accede to their application, Resolved, That as the property which would chiefly benefit is situated in Charlton Kings and contributes to the rates levied in that district, this Council consider there is no reason why they should accede to the application.

5--Lighting of Hayward's Road from Battledown Approach to Ewen's House, Brighton Road, Upper Bath Street, Andover Terrace, Passage back of Boyne House to St. Luke's, Painswick Road, Passage back of Mr. Gastrell's at Montpellier, junction of Winchcomb and Albion Streets— Resolved, To adjourn, for view, consideration of letters received from Mr. F. Bond and Councillor Lamb, Councillor Bence, The Rev, P. A. Nash and others, Mrs. A. G. Hill and others, and Mrs. Gunning Campbell, with reference to the lighting of Hayward's Road, Brighton Road, Upper Bath Street, Andover Terrace, and Painswick Road ; and also to consider at the View Meeting the lighting of the other localities above mentioned.

6— Lighting of Warwick Buildings, Winchcomb Street—Resolved, That in compliance with a petition received from James Wells and other occupiers of Nos. 1 to 13, Warwick Buildings, to alter the existing lamp by substituting an incandescent burner for the existing one.

7—Lighting of Whaddon Lane—The Borough Surveyor laid before the Committee a plan showing the position of the existing lamps and where additional ones might be put. Resolved, To adjourn consideration of the matter for view.

8- -Report of the Borough Electrical Engineer—The Electrical Engineer reported that on November 16th there were 642 customers, with the equivalent of 39540 eight-candlepower lamps connected to the mains for private supply. That the costs of the private and public lighting extensions between Hale's Road and Hayward's Road would be, if simultaneously carried out, £535 and £505 respectively ; that the cost of a private lighting extension along London Road from Hayward's Road to the private road leading to Charlton Court would be £140; that the sanction of the Local Government Board had been £95 (on account of part of the last-mentioned extension). That the Condensing received with respect to all except Chamber and Cable Subway at the Works were still unsatisfactory as regards water leakages. That he had been accustomed to allocate his salary monthly between Capital and Revenue according to the times spent by him on new and existing Works respectively, and that the Borough Accountant now desired the instructions of the Committee in respect to accepting, or otherwise, these monthly allocations. That Messrs. Webb Bros., Limited, had written protesting against for electric energy supplied to motors, and also asking upon what terms a main to supply their the new mode of charging Brick Works at Battledown would be laid. As regards the first matter he could not recommend any further concession than that of allowing the old rate to continue in force till the end of the current financial year ; and, as regards the second, he estimated the cost of the necessary. Works, exclusive of the transformer, at between £80 and £100, and recommended

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that the condition of supply should be that Messrs. Webb Bros., Limited, should guarantee that the annual revenue derived from supply to their Brick Works should not be less than 20 per cent. upon the actual capital outlay for a period of five years, and should further contribute one-half of the aforesaid actual capital outlay.

Resolved, That the Report and recommendations of the Borough Electrical Engineer be approved and adopted ; that the Charlton Kings extensions be carried out ; that application be made to the Local Government Board for sanction to borrow the further sum of £95 on account of these extensions ; and that the Borough Accountant be directed to act upon the monthly allocations of salary of the Electrical Engineer.

9— Electric Inspector's Report—The Electric Inspector reported that he had tested the Electric supply to the town during the past month with the following results, viz. :— Low Pressure Cables :— Oct. 25th, 208 volts. Nov, 5th, 220 volts. Nov. 15th, 212 volts. Average 213.3 volts, the legal standard being 200 volts.

GEO. NORMAN, Chairman.

WATER COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Friday, the 14th day of November, 1902—Present The Mayor ; Alderman Norman ; Councillors Baker, M. Davis, King-Harman, Lawrence trod Packer.

1—Chairman —Resolved, That Councillor H. Waghorne be appointed Chairman of this Committee for the year ending 31st October, 1903.

E. T. BRYDGES, Town Clerk.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Thursday, the 20th day of November, 1902— Present : The Mayor ; Alderman Norman ; Councillors Baker, Bendall, M. Davis, King-Harman, Packer and H. Waghorne (Councillor H. Waghorne in the chair)—

2—Report of the Water Engineer—The Water Engineer reported that on the 18th instant the supply from Hewletts springs was 62 gallons, the average for the past three years being 51 gallons per minute, and the quantity of water in store at Hewletts and Leckhampton was 11,883,391 gallons.

On the 18th instant Dowdeswell Reservoir was 16ft lin. in depth, and the contents 30,631,769 gallons, exclusive of the daily yield of the streams, which was then about 276,480 gallons, giving a total storage of 42,515,160 gallons, or about 44 days' supply.

He reported that he had received a letter from Mr. E. T. Smith, the tenant of the Stall Farm, The Mythe, Tewkesbury, reminding him that his notice to quit expires at Christmas, but he was willing to continue the tenancy if the Council would make an allowance for all land taken off or to be taken off. In accordance with Mr. Smith's tenancy, an abatement will be made proportionate to the quantity of land taken from him when his rent becomes due at Christmas.

The following main extensions had been carried out during the past month :—A further length of 430 yards of the 5-inch main along the Old Bath Road had been laid, the pipes for the remaining length had been delivered and were being laid. A length of 150 yards of 3-inch main in Regent Street had been taken out and replaced by a 6-inch main to improve the fire protections near the Theatre, County Court, etc.

Arrangements had been made with Messrs. J. Tylor & Sons to supply a battery of Walker's Sand Washers, but so arranged as to avoid the necessity for rubber hose connections as used at Tewkesbury. They would be delivered in about a fortnight's time. Should they prove as efficient as he anticipated, a second set would be required for economical working, but it would be well to get the one set in use, so as to have an opportunity of making such improvements in the second set as are shewn to be desirable.

With reference to requirements which had been made for alteration of pipes and fittings at Langton House, Bath Road, in accordance with the regulations the requirements were to lower the service pipe and replace when underweight, to remove plug cocks, repair screw and down cocks, and if when tested found to be defective, remove flushing box in ground floor w.c. The conditions of the house then were as follows: —The service pipe was within 13 inches from the surface, was $\frac{3}{4}$ inch diameter, and weighed about 8 to 9lbs per yard, the standard being 11lbs. per yard There were several plug cocks on the service connected directly with the main. The flushing box was not regulation, but would do, although not what was desired.

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The number of baths in private houses in the Borough was 1,453, and the revenue £726 10s. 0d. In the other Parishes there were 137 producing a revenue of £68 10s. 0d. per annum. Resolved, That Mr. Smith be informed that the condition upon which he offers to continue his tenancy of the Stall Farm will be observed as heretofore. That compliance with the Regulations as regards the service pipes and fittings at Langton House be insisted upon ; and That consideration of any alteration in the charge made in respect of fixed baths be adjourned for the Borough Surveyor to ascertain, and report how many houses rated under £20 per annum have fixed baths.

3— Water Main from Tewkesbury— The letter from Messrs. Bubb & Co., Solicitors, was again read, with which they enclosed Notice of Objection on behalf of Mrs. M. A Skillicorne, W. N. Skillicorne, and W. N. Bubb, Trustees of the Will of the late W. N. Skillicorne, to the construction of the main through or under the lands belonging to them, numbered 4, 7,8 & 9, and 1, 2 & 3 on the plan of the intended Works.

Alderman Skillicorne attended the meeting and explained that the Trustees would not press the objection at the Inquiry, if the Corporations would enter into an agreement that the Trustees should not be prejudiced by delay in making a claim for compensations not covered by the Contractor with a view to such compensation being assessed in the future when the land should be laid out for building, the Corporation then to have the choice of altering the route of the main in preference to the payment of compensation, and also would agree to pay their Solicitor's charges relating to the preparation and completion of the Agreement. Resolved, That these terms be accepted.

4—Water Supply to No. 3, King Street and No. 13, Swindon Street-- Resolved, To comply with the request of the Public Health Committee that the water be turned on to these houses, and that the Collector be instructed to take proceedings (if necessary), to recover the water rates from the occupiers.

5—Cutting Off Water Supply to Glenlee—A letter was read from Messrs. Ticehursts, Mcllquham and Wyatt, stating that the water supply to Glenlee seas cut off by the corporation Employees without any instructions, and suggesting the possibility of the owner claiming damage done to his property by the unauthorised proceeding. Resolved, To inform Messrs. Ticehursts, Mcllquham and Wyatt that the water was cut off pursuant to three months' previous notice received from the tenants, as required by the regulations.

6 —Cutting Off Water Supply to No. 8, St. James's Parade--A letter was read from Mr. Fitzroy Fowles, asking by what authority the water had been cut off from these premises, and stating that the

Corporation would be held liable for damages. Resolved, To inform Mr. Fowles that the water supply was not cut off by the Corporation Employees, or with the know-ledge of the Corporation or their officials, and consequently they must repudiate any responsibility in the matter.

7—Loans of £6,816 and £17,000--A letter from the Local Government Board, was read, stating that a Local Inquiry would be held on the 27th instant, with reference to the application for these loans, and with reference to the proposed Main from Tewkesbury, requesting that a copy of a resolution asking the Board to appoint an Inspector to make the Inquiry and Report contemplated by Sec. 34 of the Public Health Act, 1875, should be furnished. Resolved, To apply to the Local Government Board to appoint an Inspector to make enquiry on the spot into the propriety of the intended work and into the objections thereto, and to report to the Local Government Board on the matters with respect to which such Inquiry is directed and to make an Order disallowing or allowing with such modification (if any) as they may deem necessary the intended work.

8—Sandford Allotments—The applications for these Allotments, received in response to the advertisement, were opened. Resolved, To adjourn consideration of the same fur a Special Meeting of the Committee.

9—Borrowing Powers—The Borough Accountant laid before the Committee a Statement showing the amount of the Borrowing Powers for the Water Undertaking and the amount thereof which had been exercised, from which it appeared that the amount of the borrowing power remaining available after raising the estimated cost of the Main from Tewkesbury and the overdraft at the Bank would be about £2,480.

10—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, bald on Tuesday, the 18th day of November, 1902—Present : The Mayor; Aldermen Haddon' Norman, Skillicorne and Winterbotham ; Councillors Baker, Davis, Davies, Hayward, Lamb, Parsonage, Rickerby and J. Waghorne (The Mayor in the chair)—

1—Chairman -- That the Mayor be appointed Chairman of this Committee for the year ending 31st October next Resolved,

2-Diseases of Animals Act- Superintendent Hopkins reported that the premises of Mr. Herbert Dyer in Alma Road were still in quarantine, and that there had been no fresh outbreak of any disease under the Act.

3—Fire Brigade Sub Committee—Resolved, That Alderman Norman, Councillors Baker, Parsonage, and H. Waghorne be elected to form this Sub-Committee for the ensuing year.

4--Applications for the Appointment of Borough Surveyor—Resolved, That the Deputy Town Clerk be instructed to open the applications received for this appointment, to make a tabulated epitome thereof, and have same printed for consideration at a Special Meeting of the Committee.

5—Drivers' Licences—Resolved, To accede to an application received from William Humphris for a drivers' licence.

The Street Inspector reported that Charles Webb and Arthur John Mansell had been twice and four times respectively convicted of offences in relation to Hackney Carriages within twelve months. Resolved, That A. J. Mansell be given notice to attend at the next meeting of the Committee to show cause why his licence should not be revoked.

6-Hackney Carriage Licences—Resolved, To accede to applications received from Albert Smith, of the Nag's Head Stables, and W. H. Humphris. of No. 2, The Croft, Leckhampton, for the transfer of Licence No. 15 from Smith as the vendor to Humphris as the purchaser of the horse and carriage belonging to the former.

In reply to a letter from Messrs. Ley Wood and Rickerby, Solicitors for Mr. Werrett, enquiring why the Committee had refused to grant the application of Mr. Werrett for a Pony Carriage Licence, Resolved, To inform them that the Committee are not prepared to increase the number of the existing Hackney Carriage Licences now in operation.

7 —Wiring of Town Hall for Electric Light—A letter was read from Mr. W. C. C. Hawtayne, Electrical Engineer, asking that the tenders for this work should be sent on to him to report upon, as he understood from the Architect that the matter should be dealt with as quickly as possible. The tenders, five in number, which had been received having been opened, Resolved, That the same be sent on to Mr. Hawtayne to report upon.

8—Report of the Art Cutlery Sub-Committee—The report of this Sub-Committee as set out in the Minutes of the proceedings of this Committee of date the 21st ultimo having been considered, Resolved, That the same be approved and confirmed, except as regards the recommendation to purchase the Hildesheim Treasure, the consideration of which be further adjourned.

Resolved, That Aldermen Haddon, Norman, and Winterbotham, and Councillor Hayward be re-appointed to form the Art Gallery Sub-Committee for the ensuing year, and that the Baron de Ferrieres and Dr E. T. Wilson be nominated as consulting members of it as hitherto.

9— Leckhampton Hill Rights—Resolved, That the Mayor, Alderman Norman, and Councillors Baker and J. Waghorne be re-appointed as the Sub-Committee to act with reference to the protection of the rights of the public on Leckhampton Hill.

10—Parliamentary Bill--The draft of this Bill, as settled by Counsel, was laid before the Committee, and the same having been slightly amended, Resolved, That further consideration of the Clauses be adjourned for a Special Meeting of the Council to be held on the 5th proximo.

11—Telephone Underground Wayleaves--A letter was read from Mr. R. J. Webb, suggesting as an addition to the terms of the pro-posed agreement with the National Telephone Company, that the existing rates charged to subscribers should not be increased.

12—Conference of the Institute of Journalists—A letter from Mr. H. E. Branch was read, stating that the Annual Conference of this Institute was to be held in Bristol in August, 1903, and that an excursion would probably be made to Cheltenham, when he suggested they should be suitably entertained.

13—Folly Lane Allotments—A petition was received from 35 holders of these allotments, praying for a reduction of the rent, and pointing out that on one part, known as Crab Tree Piece, the rent is 17s 6d per chain, while on the next part the rent is 15s

Also asking that water should be laid on by bringing the main down Gardner's Lane, and say some dozen stand pipes erected. Resolved, That consideration of the petition as regards the rental be adjourned for enquiry and further particulars as to the facts, and that as regards the water supply, the same be referred to the Water Committee.

Also Resolved, That in future all applications for holdings of Allotments be sent direct to the Council through the Town Clerk.

14—Sanatorium for Cure of Consumption—A deputation, consisting of the undermentioned members of the Gloucestershire, Somerset and Wilts Branch of the National Association for Prevention of Consumption, was received and heard with reference to the proposal to establish a Sanatorium at Winsley, near Bath, for the treatment of patients suffering from Consumption, to the cost of establishing which it was suggested the Corporation should contribute, and also pay an annual sum towards the cost of maintenance, in return for which the Council would have the right to nominate patients for beds, viz. Mr. W. F. Hicks Beach, J.P., the Rev. Canon Roxby, the Rev. W. Harvey Jellie, the Rev. A. C. Turberville, Dr. Ferguson, Dr. E. T. Wilson, Mr. E. Bourne, Dr. L. Weatherly (Chairman of the three Counties' Committee), Dr. Braine Hartnell, Colonel Griffith, J.P., and Dr. S. T. Pruen, Hon. Secretary for the County of Gloucester. Resolved, That consideration of the matter be adjourned.

15—Census Statistics—Resolved, To refer to the TON. Clerk and the Medical Officer of Health a letter received from the Secretary of the Census Department stating that the Registrar General was prepared to deal with the requirements of any Local Authorities who may request special statistical particulars concerning their districts, which can be derived from the Census returns., but is not supplied by the Census report, and which, in his opinion they may reasonably require, and that he would be glad to receive any application for such information not later than the 1st of January next.

16—Clerk in Town Clerk's Department—The Deputy Town Clerk reported that Mr. Poulston had been recommended by his doctor to go to a Convalescent Home at Bournemouth for six weeks to assist his complete recovery to health. Resolved, That the Deputy Town Clerk be authorised to continue the engagement of a temporary clerk in Mr. Poulston's place until his returns at a salary of 15s per week.

RICHARD ROGERS,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 25th day of November, 1902—Present The Mayor ; Aldermen Haddon, Norman and Skillicorne ; Councillors Baker, Davies, M. Davis, Gurney, Hayward, Lamb, Parsonage, Rickerby, J. Waghorne and H. Waghorne (The Mayor in the Chair)—

17-Committee Fixtures for 1903—Resolved, That the Meetings of the Committees of the Council for 1903 be fixed as follows

(subject in the case of any that may fall upon a Bank or other public holiday to the Town Clerk arranging for any such meeting to be held on such other day and at such time as he may in his discretion deem most convenient), viz. :—

THREE WEEKS PREVIOUS TO COUNCIL MEETING.		
1st Week.		
Friday Mineral Waters and Baths	4 p.m.	
2nd Week.		
Monday Public Health (Second Meeting)	11 a.m.	
Recreation Grounds	3 p.m.	
Town Improvement	4 p.m.	
Tuesday Public Library	12 noon.	
General Purposes and Watch	4 p.m.	
Wednesday . Lighting	3 p.m.	
Thursday .. Water	3.30 p.m.	
Friday Burial Board	11.30 a.m.	
Street and Highway (View)	2.30 p.m.	
3rd Week.		
Monday Street and Highway (Second Meeting)	3 p.m.	
Tuesday . Finance	3 p.m.	
Wednesday . School Attendance	4.30 p.m.	
COUNCIL MEETING WEEK.		
Friday Farms and Sewage Disposal	4 p.m.	
WEEK FOLLOWING COUNCIL MEETING WEEK.		
Monday .. Public Health	3 p.m.	
Tuesday .. Street and Highway	3 p.m.	

Tramways and Technical Education Committees to meet when necessary.

18-Appointment of Borough Surveyor and Water Engineer—The Town Clerk laid before the Committee a tabulated statement of the applications, 101 in number, received for the appointment of Borough Surveyor and Water Engineer, and the same having been gone through by the Committee, the number of suitable applications remaining for further and more careful consideration was 45. Resolved, That the Mayor, Aldermen Norman and Skillicorne, Councillors Baker, Parsonage and J. Waghorne be appointed a Sub-Committee to consider these last mentioned applications and to bring up a selection to the Committee for their consideration.

RICHARD ROOTERS, Chairman.

MINERAL WATERS AND BATHS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Friday, the 14th day of November, 1902—Present The Mayor ; Alderman Norman ; Councillors Baker, Bendall, Davies, Hayward, Parsonage and Stroud (Councillor Davies in the chair)-

1-Chairman—Resolved, That Councillor Davies be appointed Chairman of this Committee for the year ending 31st of October next.

2—Membership—Councillor Stroud having intimated his desire to resign his membership on this Committee, Resolved, That so far as regards his appointment on this Committee, the resolution of the Council of date the 10th instant be varied by substituting Councillor Lamb for Councillor Stroud, and that Councillor Stroud's resignation be accepted.

3- Montpellier Baths—The Borough Accountant reported that the receipts up to the end of October amounted to £397 1. 9d., and the payments (exclusive of repayment of loan and interest) to £520 18s. 1d., and that £2 16s. 4d. had been received there for the sale of mineral waters.

4—Alstone Baths--The Borough Accountant reported that the receipts up to the end of October amounted to £271 9s. 3d., and the payments (exclusive of repayment of loan and interest) to £312 2s. 11d.

RICHARD DAVIES,

Chairman.

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RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday the 24th day of November, 1902—Present ; The Mayor, Councillors Bainbridge, Baker, Davies, King-Harman and Lawrence.

1—Chairman—Resolved, To appoint the Chairman at the ordinary meeting of the Committee on Monday next.

E. T. BRYDGES,

Town Clerk.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 17th day of November, 1902—Present The Mayor, Alderman Holliday ; Councillors Bainbridge, Baker, Bence, Bendall, Davies, King-Harman Lawrence and Lamb, (Councillor Lamb in the chair)—

2—Chairman—Resolved, That Councillor Lamb be appointed Chairman of this Committee for the year ending 31st October next.

3—Wall and additions to Shelter at Naunton Park—The following Tenders for carrying out this work according to the plans and specification of the Borough Surveyor, were received, viz. —

Charles Thomas Clark	£76 5 0
Richard Pearce	£96 0 0
J. Riley	£98 10 0
C. Malvern & Son	£125 0 0
William Drew	£139 17 6

Resolved, That the tender of Mr. C. T. Clark be accepted.

A letter was read from Mr. A. W. J. Littley, stating that the scheme for screening the Urinals at the Naunton Park Recreation Ground, did not in any way meet the matter nor would it in the opinion of the Memorialists abate the nuisance complained of as they consider the present Shelter would answer all requirements but that it is in the wrong place.

4—Visitors--Resolved, That until a change shall be decided upon to appoint Visitors as follows, viz. — Councillors Bainbridge, Baker and King-Harman for the Agg-Gardner and Grove Street Recreation Grounds ; Councillors Davies and Lamb, for the East Ward Recreation Ground ; Alderman Holiday and Councillors Bendall and Lawrence for the Naunton Park and Barretts Mill Recreation Grounds.

ARTHUR LAMB,

Chairman.

BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held On Friday, the 14th day of November, 1902—Present The Mayor ; Alderman Haddon : Councillors Baker, Bence, M. Davis, Packer, Rickerby and Stroud (Alderman Haddon in the chair).

1—Chairman -Resolved, That Alderman Haddon be appointed Chairman of this Committee for the year ending 31st October. 1903.

JOHN HADDON, Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Friday, the 21st day of November, 1902—Present : The Mayor Aldermen Haddon and Holliday ; Councillors Baker, Bence, M. Davis, Packer and Stroud (Alderman Haddon in the chair)—

2—Grave Space 17172, O.—A letter was read from Mr. H. C. Smith, 2, Paragon Parade, on behalf of Miss E. Pipe, who purchased in 1894, this grave space which adjoined her brother's grave, 17171, O., enquiring whether it was still unoccupied.

The Superintendent reported that in April, 1899, an interment was made in the grave space of the body of William Fletcher. in consequence of the space in the Register of Graves reserved for the name of the Owner being left blank, which caused him to assume that it had not been sold.

Resolved, To inform Mr. Smith that the Council very much regret the unfortunate mistake, and to offer Miss Pipe the ownership of the vacant adjacent grave space, No. 17173, O. in lieu of the one numbered 17172, O. sold to her as aforesaid.

3 - Designs—Resolved, To approve the following designs, viz: Headstones to Mary Ann Johnson and John Farmer, Charlotte Gray, Jane Robinson and Eliza Wilson, Charles Boyce, Charlotte Spencer, Edwin James, Hannah, Norah and Nellie Hayward. Memorial Crosses to Sabrina Hilton and Kathleen Beatrice Clarke.

JOHN HADDON, Chairman

PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Friday, the 14th day of November, 1902—Present The Mayor ; Alderman Haddon ; Councillors Bainbridge, King-Harman, and Lawrence.

1—Chairman—Resolved, That Councillor Hayward be appointed Chairman of this Committee for the year ending 31st October, 1903.

E. T. BRYDGES, Town Clerk.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 18th day of November, 1902—Present Alderman Holliday ; Councillors Hayward, King-Harman, Lawrence, and J. Waghorne ; the Revs. Beynon Phillips, F. Evans and G. Gardner ; the Baron de Ferrieres ; and Messrs. Beckingsale, Cresswell, and Palmer (Councillor Hayward in the chair)—

2 —Librarian's Report— The usual monthly report of the Librarian was read. Amount received £6 0s. 5d.

He stated that 170 volumes were issued from the Central Library for the Branch Delivery Station, Leckhampton ; and that the following presentations had been made to the Library since the last meeting, viz, :-The Baron de Ferrieres 1 vol. and Col. M. J. King-Harman two maps of South Africa.

3—Sub-Committee's Report--The Sub-Committee reported that that they recommended the purchase of new books which had been sent on approval as per list laid before the Committee ; that worn out books as per list be replaced at a cost of about £15 ; and that books specified in the proposal book be purchased. Resolved, That these recommendations be approved and adopted.

C. HAYWARD,

Chairman.

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Friday, the 14th day of November, 1902— Present The Mayor ; Aldermen Haddon, Norman, and ; Councillors Handley, Lawrence, Parsonage, and Rickerby (Alderman Skillicorne in the chair)—

1—Chairman— Resolved, That Alderman Skillicorne be appointed Chairman of this Committee for the year ending 31st October, 1903.

W. NASH SKILLICORNE,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Wednesday, the 26th day of November, 1902—Present : The Mayor; Aldermen Haddon, Holliday, Norman and Skillicorne ; Councillors Handley, Lawrence and Parsonage (Alderman Skillicorne the chair)—

2—Attendance Officers' Report--The Monthly Report of the Attendance Officers was read. from which it appeared that duplicate registers had been received from 43 schools, from which 836 names of absentee children had been extracted, all of whom had been visited. They also reported that the parents of 64 children had been summoned to attend before the Local Committees, who had held 8 meetings ; that 15 parents had been prosecuted, and 14 were fined.

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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.:—George Jeans, Annie White, Thomas Rivers, Annie Poytress, Harry Lippett, Lily Morris, Annie Stevens, Jane Smith, and Elsie Huphnill. .

5—Accommodation for Parents attending Meetings of Local Committees—The North and West Wards Local Committee called the attention of this Committee to the want of suitable accommodation for parents summoned to attend their meetings. They were compelled to stand in the passage leading to the Committee Room without protection from cold or draught, and the Ward Committee were of opinion that this accommodation should be improved for the health as well as the convenience of the parents. Resolved, To again draw the attention of the General Purposes Committee to this matter.

W. NASH SKILLICORNE, Chairman.

TECHNICAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Friday, the 14th day of November, 1902—Present The Mayor ; Alderman Norman Councillors M. Davis and Gurney.

1—Chairman—Resolved, That Alderman Winterbotham be appointed Chairman of this Committee for the year ending 31st October, 1903.

E. T. BRYDGES,
Town Clerk.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Friday, the 14th day of November, 1902—Present The Mayor : Alderman Skillicorne ; Councillors Bence, Gurney, Handley, King-Harman, Parsonage, and Stroud (Councillor Gurney in the chair)—

1—Chairman—Resolved, That Councillor Gurney be appointed Chairman of this Committee for the year ending 31st October, 1903.

W. GERALD GURNEY, Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 25th day of November, 1902—Present The Mayor; Alderman Skillicorne ; Councillors Bence, Gurney, Handley, King Harman, Parsonage, Stroud, and J. Waghorne (Councillor Gurney in the chair)—

2--Abstract of Borough Accounts—A letter was read horn Mr. B. Combe, protesting against paying more than 1s for a copy of the Abstract of the Borough Accounts, the charge made being 3s 6d per copy. Resolved, That the charge to Burgesses for a copy of future abstracts be 1s, and that the Resolution to Minute No. 1 of this Committee's proceedings of date the 26th of October, 1894 (that the charge be the exact cost thereof to the Corporation, and upon which resolution the present price is based), be rescinded accordingly.

3---Fittings for Borough Accountant's Office—The Tenders received in response to the advertisement were opened and found to be as follows

Walter Betteridge, 55, Winchcomb Street	£42 0 0
Cavendish House Company	£48 10 6
H. J. Brown, 4, St. Luke's Road	£68 15 0

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

4—Insurances Sub-Committee—Resolved, That Councillors Handley, Parsonage and Stroud be appointed the Insurances Sub-Committee.

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5—General District Rate on Devonshire House—A letter was read from Mr. A. J. Luckham, now of Hazelwell, stating that he had paid his General District Rate on Devonshire House for the half-ye. ending 29th September last, but as he left the house on August 1st and his furniture was removed immediately after the Bank Holiday, he applied for the return of half-a- quarter's rate. Resolved, That the request be acceded to.

6 — Unsanctioned Capital Expenditure—The Town Clerk reported that the Local Government Board's Inquiry with respect to the Capital Expenditure made in anticipation of sanction, would be held on the 27th instant, at 10 a.m.

7—General District Rate—The Report of the Borough Accountant of date the 25th instant, on the collection of the 2nd instalment of this Rate was read. Amount collected £723 13s. 11d., leaving outstanding £21,023 4s. 6d.

8—Water Rate—The Report of the Borough Accountant of date the 25th instant, on collection of this Rate, was read. Amount received £726 3s. 4d.

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 £10,480 17s. 0d., ordered to be paid by the Borough Treasurer. (See Schedule of Accounts below). 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	£110,532 2 6	
Paid since that date	<u>£ 11,767 16 7</u>	
	£122,299 19 1	
Received since last month	<u>£ 6222 6 6</u>	
Overdrawn	£116,077 12 7	
Being Ordinary Rates Expenditure		£14,504 12 10
Electric Lighting, Water & other Capital Accounts	<u>£101,272 19 9</u>	
		£116,077 12 7

W. GERALD GURNEY,

Chairman.

Schedule of Accounts Passed for Payment, November 25th, 1902.

Public Library Committee-		£ s d
Cossens and Knight	Books, etc.	14 5 7
Electric Works Department	Electric Energy to September 29th 1902	12 0 0
Gas Company	Coke	2 18 0
Glaisher, Willian	Books	2 15 10
Gwinnell, H. A. & Co.	Coal	2 4 0
Norman, Sawyer & Co.	Printing and Stationery	18 9
Palmer, Agnes .	Indexes to "Times" Newspaper .	15 0
Sawyer, W. & Co.	Coal (Leckhampton)	10 0
Jones, William, (Librarian) ..	On account of Petty Cash	<u>5 0 0</u>
		41 7 2

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Art Gallery Committee—

Electric Works Department	Electric Energy to September 29th, 1902	£1 8 9
Library Committee	Half-Year's Rent of Land to Sept. 19th	£20 0 0
	Two Tenth's cost re Heating	<u>£ 1 15 4</u>
		<u>£21 15 4</u>
		£23 4 1

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Waterworks Committee- -		
Adams & Co.	Patent Valve	17s 6d
Bastin & Sons, T. S.	Inspector's Uniforms (Trousers)..	2s 0d
Butterworth W. C. & Son	Cylinder Oil	£6 10 0
Collins & Godfrey	Works at Tewkesbury Pumping Station	£676 16 4
Collins & Godfrey	Ditto at Salts Farm (alterations etc.)	£512 10 3
Duncan & Marshall	Additions to Lodge at Hewlett's Reservoir (balance)	£331 6 2
Edgwick, E. W. F.	Slack Coal	£ 8 17 8
Edwards, Horace	Disbursement Book ..	2s 6d
Gas Company	Coke ..	£1 9 0
Godwin, W.	Fittings for Sandwashers	£4 5 6
Harvey, T. W. & Sons	Sheet Zinc	4s 4f
Hickman, George	Timber ..	£3 12 0
Jackson, John & Son	Valve, Leathers and Tubes	£4 3 0
Leckhampton Poor Rate	on Reservoir and Main	£10 0 0
Lusty, T. & Son	Lamp Chimneys ..	£1 4 3
Marshall, R. E. & C.	Ironmongery	£2 12 0
Morris, S. C.	Transferring Old to New Services	£2 18 8
Newth, W. J.	Hire of Sleeping Tents, Blankets, Mattresses, &c.	£28 6 9
Parry, F. B.	Ash Poles ..	6s 6d
Pearce, B. W. & Co., Limited	Turned Plugs	6s 6d
Poth, Hille & Company	Greased Packing	£2 14 3
Prestbury Poor Rate	on Mains, &c.	£6 12 0
Prestbury Gas Lighting Rate	Do	14s 8d
Reddaway, F. & Co., Limited	Armoured Hose	£2 17 11
The Stanton Iron Works Co., Limited ..	Bends ..	£15 4 0
Stores Account	Materials .	£7 2 4
Packer, H.	Hauling .	£7 17 3
Walker, Thomas	Coal ..	£3 0 11
Williams, John & Co.	Coke and Hauling	<u>£3 19 6</u>
		£1352 3 3

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Electric Lighting-		
Nott, A. H.	Coal	£268 15 0
Callender's Cable & Construction Co..Ltd.	Cable, Castings and Bitumen	£196 6 8
Johnson & Phillips	Carbons • .	£103 2 6
Marshall, R. E. & C.	Ironmongery	£54 1 9
Reason Manufacturing Co., Limited	Dividing Boxes and Demand Indicators	£27 83
Witting Brothers	Motor .•	£21 10 0
Hickman, George	Timber, Casing, &c.	£17 10 6
Billings, A. C. & S.	New Transformer Chamber in Oakley Road ..	£11 5 0
Belliss & Morcom, Limited	Engine Oil, &c.	£10 16 9
Glenfield & Kennedy, Limited	Cast Iron Bracket	£6 18 6
Harvey, T. W. & Sons, Limited	Ironmongery	£6 15 9
Such, John & Sons	Repairs, Materials, &c.	£6 11 4
Piggott. Thos. & Co., Limited	Lapwelded Steel Bend	£5 2 6
Macfarlane, Valter & Co.	Lamp Pillars .•	£6 0 0
Westley & Co.	Notepaper and Envelopes	£4 18 9
Midland Railway Co.	Carriage of Goods	£4 17 10
Reynolds, J. A. & Co., Limited	Ferro Gallic Paper	£4 16 0
Edwards, Horace	Stationery, &c.	£415 3
Cook, F. D.	Hire of Truck	£4 2 6
The Electrical Co. Limited	Meter	£3 14 0
The General Electric Co. (r000) Ltd.	Carbons .	£3 2 6
The Endolithic Manufacturing Co. Ltd.	Ivory Labels	£1 17 11
Wynn, C. H. & Sons	Making Copper Contacts	£1 16 0
	Carried forward	£776 5 3

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		Brought forward £776 5 3	
The Gandy Belt Manufacturing Co. (1901) Limited	Wipers .	£1 15 0	
Dewrance & Co.	Ingot . Wheel Brand " Metal	£1 14 8	
Gas Company	Coke ..	£1 9 0	
Willcox, W. H. & Co., Limited	Hemp Packing	£1 6 10	
Moore, J. & Sons	Repairing Mains, &c.	£1 2 10	
Nalder Bros. & Thompson, Limited	Porcelain Fuse Handles	£1 0 6	
Maule, M.	Black Grease and Tallow	£1 0 0	
Cheltenham Newspaper Co.	Advertising	£1 0 0	
Phillips, J. W. & C. J.	Recording Pressure Gauge Charts	15s 8d	
Stubley, Fredk. A. & Co.	New Bags ..	15s 1d	

The International Electric Co.	Universal Dusters	15s 4d	
(Mix & Genest, Limited.)			
Great Western Railway Co.	Carriage of Goods	15s 5d	
Kelvin & James White, Ltd.	Voltmeter Charts	9s 5d	
Kilgour, Hamilton	Disbursements	£4 9 3	
Public Lighting—			
Gas Company	Street Lighting Account (November)	£326 11 4	
Electric Works Department	Lamp in Montpellier Arcade	£0 16 3	
	Ditto in Churchyard ..	<u>15s</u>	
		<u>0d</u>	
		<u>£1 11 3</u>	
		£328 2 7	
Sewage Farms—			
Corporation Waterworks	.. Water to September 29th 1902 (Barn Farm) ..	16s 6d	
Foster Bros.	.. Cotton and Feeding Cakes	£18 5 0	
Harvey, T. W. & Sons, Ltd.	.. Ironmongery	6s 9d	
Hickman, George	.. Timber, etc	£5 19 10	
Otter, R.	.. Disbursements	£2 18 4	
Roberts, L.	.. Two Bey Geldings	£82 0 0	
Sheldon Bush & P.S. Co.	.. Lead Pipe ..	£21 10 7	
Williams, John &	.. Steam Coal	<u>£1 16 9</u>	
		£133 13 9	
Public Health—			
Delancey Hospital	.. Care of Patients	£37 18 0	
Edwards, Horace	.. Drawing Instruments ..	£1 2 6	
Electric Works Department	.. Energy, St. George's Place Urinal	12s 6d	
Garrett, Dr. J. H.	.. Railway, Fares, Telegrams, etc. ..	£1 5 1	
Great Western Railway Company	Carriage of Goods ..	3s 3f	
Harvey, T. W. & Sons, Ltd.	.. Ironmongery	2s 0d	
Moore, Jas. & Sons	.. Fittings ..	£1 8 0	
Sheffield Tool Stores	.. Ironmongery	3s 0d	
Thornton & Co.	.. Sewer Boots	£4 0 0	
Voile, Thomas, & Co.	.. Coal . •	£1 1 0	
The Formalin Hygienic Co., Limited ..	Copper Alformants	<u>18s 0d</u>	
		£48 13 4	

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Baths and Mineral Waters Committee		
Electric Works Department	Energy (Montpellier Baths)	£6 12 4
Channon, C. H. and Son ..	Ventilator over Brine Bath	£5 16 0
Harland, M. & Son ..	Roll Tickets	3s 4d
Expenses of Chairman, Alderman Norman, and Medical Officer to London, to interview Mr Cronheim		£1 11 6
Nott, A. H. ..	Coal (Alstone) ..	£6 17 10
Nott, A. H. ..	„ (Montpellier) ..	<u>£12 13 6</u>
		£19 11 4
Hickman, George	Timber	6s 5d
Williams. John & Co.	Coal (Montpellier) .	£1 3 0
Sharpe, W.	Leather	4s 1d
Thornton & Co.	Armoured Hose	<u>£1 13 4</u>
		£37 1 4

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Town Improvement Committee—

Bailey, C. & Son	.. Pots	1 13 0
Bathurst, C.	.. Boat Nails, Brads, &c.	12 10
British Mutoscope Co., Limited	.. Torch and Batteries	11 11
Cavendish House Co., Limited	.. Scrim	3 4 2
Corporation Waterworks	.. Water, Winter Gardens	5 12 9
Electric Lighting Department	.. Energy (Winter Gardens)	39 1 5
" "	.. " (Motor)	4 9 11
Gas Company		43 11 4
Harvey, T. W. & Sons, Limited	.. Coke (Winter Gardens)	5 1 6
Hickman, George	.. Ironmongery	14 8 10
Mulhearn, J. T.	.. Timber and Materials	5 2 4
Pearce, B. W. & Co., Limited	.. Repairing Boiler (Pittville)	1 1 6
Prestbury Poor Rate	.. Fire Clay	1 6
Prestbury Gas Lighting Rate	.. Pittville Park	17 14 9
Sheffield Tool Stores	.. Do.	1 19 5
Snowsell, E.	.. Ironmongery	4 10
Town Committee	.. Maize and Sharps	15 5
Voile, Thos. & Co.	.. Grant per resolution of Town Improvement Committee	15 0 0
Ware, Thomas S., Limited	.. Coal	2 3 0
Yates & Sons	.. Flower Bulbs, &c.	8 9 9
	.. Silver Sand	13 6
		<u>128 2 4</u>

Concerts—

Baring Bros. Messrs.	.. Share of Takings re Blue Viennese Band Concerts ..	145 11 0
"	.. Ditto re Animated Pictures	65 3 8
"	.. Printed Posters	13 19 10
		<u>224 14 6</u>

Recreation Grounds Committee—

Davies, D.	.. Leather Gloves	1 2
Harvey T. W. & Sons, Ltd.	.. Ironmongery	1 4
Hickman, George	.. Timber	7 6
Wright, F. J.	.. Ironmongery	1 9
Yates & Sons	.. Tulip Bulbs	1 12 0
		<u>2 3 9</u>

Burial Board Committee—

Hickman, George	.. Timber	2 16 11
Prestbury Poor Rate	.. On Cemetery	8 0 4
Prestbury Gas Lighting Rate	.. Ditto	17 3
		<u>11 14 6</u>

General Purposes Committee—

Constable B.	.. Commission on Allotments, Rents collected, Coal, etc. ..	3 9 2
Electric Works Department	.. Energy to Sept. 29th,-- Municipal Offices .. 1 16 7	
"	.. Do Town Clock and maintenance, etc. 5 10 0	
"	.. Colonnade Illuminations, (August) .. 16 10 0	
		23 16 7
Hopkins, A. W. Supt.	.. Visits to Owners of Diseased Animals, and to Sept. 30, 1902	1 9 6
Engall, Cox, Gregory and Purnell	.. One Year's Charge due to the Rector on Allotments	
	.. Land, less Tax	21 12 3
Lance, John & Co. Limited	.. Furniture and Fittings.. ..	144 11 6
Chelt. "Looker On" (Wm. J. Crawford)..	.. Printing, etc.	1 16 6
Marshall, R. E. & C.	.. Fixing Wirework on Pittville Gates	3 0 0
The Mayor	.. Expenses of Journey to London to attend Meeting of Municipal Corporations Association	2 18 3
	.. Stationery, etc.	3 19 9
Cossens & Knight	.. Ferro Prussiate Paper	9 0
Drake, Driver & Leaver	.. Materials	10 5 2
Hickman, Geo.	.. Clock for Rate Office	1 10 0
Howlett, Edward	.. Clock for Rate Office	19 0
Sanders, A. G.	.. Electric Fittings in Rate Office	2 13 11
Willett, E. M. & F.	.. Stone and Cement	222 10 7
		<u>222 10 7</u>

New Town Hall—

Collins & Godfrey	.. Contractor o/a Works (per Architects' Certificate) ..	1500 0 0
Wiggall, Wm.	.. Four weeks' Salary as Clerk of Works to Nov. 19th, 1902, and Disbursements ..	17 10 1
Rowland, F.	.. Band of 1st Gloucester Royal Engineer Volunteers at Foundation Stone Laying ..	5 10 0
		<u>1523 0 1</u>

Street and Highway Committee—

Bellamy, J. N.	.. Oil	4 11 1
Corporation Waterworks	.. Water to Destructor	4 19 6
Christy & Norris	.. Beaters and Top Door Linings	16 2 0
Dicks & Sons, Limited	.. Muslin	14 8
Electric Works Department	.. Energy (Central Depôt)	10
Fisher, John	.. Footpath Gutter and Nozzles	4 14 0
Gloucester Railway Carriage and Wagon Co., Limited	.. Quarter's Repairs of 10 Wagons to October 31st, 1902 ..	11 5 0
Great Western Railway Co.	.. Carriage of Goods	2 6 1
Greening, N. & Sons, Limited	.. Perforated Zinc Sheets	2 5 0
Gwinnell, H. A. & Co.	.. Cement and Sacks	64 7 6
Hare, John & Co.	.. Paint and Varnish	12 18 2
Harvey, T. W. & Sons, Limited	.. Ironmongery	9 2 8
Helbrow, D.	.. Lime and Carriage of ditto	4 8 0
Hickman, George	.. Materials	12 16 0
Lindley, C. & Co., Limited	.. Nicking Bolt Heads (Slab Factory)	1 19 0
McDougalls	.. Combination Paving Setts	46 0 0
Nott, A. H.	.. Coal	2 14 8
Organ, R.	.. Ironmongery	12 9
Pearce, B. W. & Co., Limited	.. Lime and Lime Blue	3 6
Poole, G. F.	.. Printing Building Notice Forms	16 6
Sanders, A. G.	.. Electric Fittings at Depot	1 7 3
Silk & Son	.. Tallow and Candles	16 10
Snowsell, E.	.. Oats, Bran and Linseed	31 8 0
The Stockton Heath Forge (Caldwell's Limited)	.. Shafts for Socket Shovels	2 12 0
Voile, Thomas & Co.	.. Coal	2 4 0
Wilkins, F. W.	.. Glass Paper	5 0
Skey, William	.. Paving, Kerbing and Channelling in Commercial Street, Private Improvement Works (Balance) ..	4 7 11
Do.	.. Do. (Union Street)	10 8 0
Do.	.. Do. (Winstonian Road)	20 0 0
		<u>34 15 11</u>
Williams, Mark & Co.	.. Paving, Kerbing and Channelling in Stoneville Street (Private Improvement Works)	10 0 0
		<u>286 5 11</u>
Stores Account	.. Materials supplied to various Departments	891 6 9
Borough Surveyor—Labour to November 13th, 1902:—	.. Municipal and Urban Authority	1695 15 3
Waterworks—	.. Labour to Nov. 14th, 1902	179 2 5
Borough Surveyor	.. Disbursements	4 5 11
Do.		<u>183 8 4</u>
Electric Lighting—	.. Wages to Nov. 20th, 1902—Capital	68 9 9
Kilgour, Hamilton	.. Do. Revenue	241 15 10
Do.		<u>310 5 7</u>
Part of Electric Lighting £16,600 Loan—	.. Repayment of Debenture	1000 0 0
Lawrence, Mrs. Fanny Elizabeth;	.. Interest, Less Tax	14 4 1
Lawrence, Miss Margaret; and		<u>1014 4 1</u>
Norman, George, Esq.		
	Carried forward	<u>4095 0 0</u>

Consolidated Loans Fund—

Brought forward 4095 0 0

3 per cent. STOCK REDEMPTION, STREET IMPROVEMENT, £2187 10s. STOCK—
Amount to set aside for Redemption of 3 per cent. Stock

19 7 10

Sinking Funds—

WINTER GARDEN £12,500 LOAN—

Amount to set aside December 24th, 1902 Do. 161 12 5

RECREATION GROUND (EAST WARD) £2,000 LOAN—

Amount to set aside December 20th, 1902 Do. 18 5 3

WATERWORKS £10,000 LOAN (2)—

Amount to set aside December 2nd, 1902 Do. 46 1 5

SHELburne ROAD SEWER £2,452 LOAN—

Amount to set aside December 5th, 1902 Do. 84 19 9

HATHERLEY BROOK SEWER £3,603 LOAN—

Amount to set aside December 5th, 1902 Do. 54 18 4

BARN FARM £880 LOAN—

Amount to set aside December 3rd, 1902 Do. 19 7 0

SLAB FACTORY £3,000 Loan—

Amount to set aside Dec. 20th, 1902 Do. 140 14 7

COLONNADE WOOD PAVING £605 LOAN—

Amount to set aside December 5th, 1902 Do. 54 7 2

LECKHAMPTON PATHS £2,000 LOAN—

Amount to set aside December 3rd, 1902 Do. 82 5 6

662 11 5

Finance—

Association of Municipal Corporations .. One Year's Subscription for 1902 5 5 0

Bastin, William .. Printing 3 9 6

Brasher, W. H. .. Do. (Bank Paying in Books) 4 16 0

“Cheltenham Examiner” .. Advertising 3 5 3

“Cheltenham Free Press” .. Do. 1 1 0

Crawford, William J. .. Printing 0 5 0

Cheltenham Newspaper Company .. Advertising 2 17 6

Cossens & Knight .. Stationery 2 6 7

“Daily Telegraph,” the Proprietors .. Advertising in Illustrated Guide (October) 1 17 6

Edwards, Horace .. Stationery (Town Clerk) 1 17 6

Do. .. Ledgers, Letter Book, &c. (Boro' Accountant) 7 1 0

8 18 6

The “Electrician” Printing & Publishing Company .. Advertising *re* Wiring New Town Hall 1 12 0

Harvey & Healing .. Printing, &c. 12 0

Mackay, Charles .. Conveying Ballot Boxes (Municipal Elections) 4 6

Martyn, H. F. & Co. .. Mimeograph Silk 1 6

Sawyer, W. & Co. .. Coal 4 13 1

Shenton, Shakspeare .. Billposting 7 12 0

Waghorne, J. (Justices' Clerk) .. Costs of Proceedings to obtain payment of Rates 41 12 0

Do. .. Fees for Distress Warrants (Education Acts) 12 0

42 4 0

Waterlow Bros. & Layton, Limited .. One Copy Legal Diary, 1903 3 6

Stamps .. Postages and Receipt 10 0 0

Hall, Joseph .. Disbursements (General) 11 8 4

£4889 12 0

SUMMARY.			
			£ s. d.
Public Library Committee			41 7 2
Art Gallery Committee			23 4 1
Waterworks Committee			1352 3 3
Electric Lighting			794 14 3
Public Lighting ..			328 2 7
Sewage Farms ..			133 13 9
Public Health ..			48 13 4
Baths and Mineral Waters Committee			37 1 4
Town Improvement Committee			128 2 4
Concerts			224 14 6
Recreation Grounds Committee			2 3 9
Burial Board Committee			11 14 6
General Purposes Committee			22210 7
New Town Hall			1523 0 1
Street and Highway Committee			286 5 11
Finance Committee :—			
Transfers (various Departments to Stores)	£891	6s 9d	
Labour ..	£2189	9 2	
Sinking Funds	£681	19 3	
Interest and Repayment	£1014	4 1	
General Payments	<u>£112</u>	<u>12 9</u>	
		..	£4089 12 0
Salaries			<u>£ 433 13 7</u>
			£10480 17 0