

## 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 5th day of January, 1903.**

### **PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.**

**At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 8th day of December, 1902—Present :**  
Aldermen Norman and Skillicorne ; Councillors Bence, M. Davis, King-Harman, 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, 13 cases of Scarlet Fever, 2 of Enteric Fever, 8 of Chicken Pox, 5 of Diphtheria, and 2 of Erysipelas; that it cases of Scarlet Fever, 2 of Diphtheria, and 1 of Enteric Fever had been sent into Hospital, and that the number of cases then in the Delancey Hospital sent in by the Corporation was 18 of Scarlet Fever, 3 of Diphtheria, and 1 of Enteric Fever.

2 --Insanitary Property at 120, Fairview Road, 1, Glenfall Street, 6 and 8, Northfield Terrace, 19, Stanhope Street, 7, Albert Street, St. Peters, and No. 2, Woodbine 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 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—Overcrowding at No. 1, Eaton Cottages, Bath Road—The Medical Officer of Health reported that the above house was so overcrowded as to be dangerous or injurious to the health of the inmates. Resolved, That the Committee being satisfied of the existence of a nuisance at the said house, Notices under Sec. 94 of the Public Health Act be served on the owner and occupier thereof requiring them to abate the same.

4---Houses let in Lodgings—The Medical Officer of Health recommended that the landlords of the following houses let in lodgings, viz., 4, Belle Vue Place, 16, Albert Place, 2, Berkeley Street, and 2 and 6, Gratton 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.

5—Cleansing and Limewashing at 120, Fairview Road, 15, Portland Terrace, 7, Beaufort Buildings, 56, Brighton Road, and 1, Eaton Cottages, Bath Road—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 Notices be given to the owners under the said Section requiring the houses to be cleansed and limewashed.

6-Nuisances from Drains, &c, at 2, St. George's Street, 10,11 and 12, Portland Terrace, 1, 2, 3 and 4, Jersey Cottages, back of Leighton 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.

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7—Water Closets without Flushing Apparatus--The Medical Officer of Health handed in a list of houses having water closets without Pushing 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 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—Diseased Pork—The Medical Officer of Health reported that on the 28th ultimo a pig slaughtered at the Abattoir was found to be diseased, and was destroyed with the consent of the owner.

10—Sewerage of Sandford Mill Road—With reference to Minute No. 14 of this Committee's proceedings of date the 12th ultimo, the Committee paid a visit of inspection to Sandford Mill Road. Resolved, To adjourn consideration of the matter for the Town Clerk to ascertain whether the sewer recently laid, or to be laid, by the owners of the land on the West side of the road is made or to be made, for profit or whether such sewer will vest in the Corporation.

11f—Demolition of Cottages in Sun Street—A letter was read from Mr. J. H. Mills, the owner of 45, Queen Street, which house has a back entrance from Sun Street neat to some houses there demolished under an Order of the Town Council, complaining of the nuisance caused to his tenants by the use made of the land formerly occupied by the houses by children owing to its being unfenced. Resolved, To instruct the Town Clerk to write to the owners of the land, calling their attention to the inconvenience and annoyance caused owing to the land being unfenced, and to the powers of the Corporation under their Provisional Order of 1896 in this respect.

12—Slaughterhouse Licences--Applications were read from Messrs. B. Combe, E. C. Davis, and J. Hastings for renewal of the licences for their slaughterhouses in Whaddon Lane, Gloucester Road, and Folly Lane, respectively. Resolved, That the licences be renewed for one year from the 1st proximo.

13— Drain near Midland Railway Station— With reference to Minute No. 14 of this Committee's proceedings of date the 13th October last, a letter was read from Mr. A. White, of Midland Cottage, stating that since the drain near the Midland Railway Station had been last stopped up by the Corporation it had burst in a different place, which seemed to him to prove that other drains ran

into it. Resolved, To instruct the Assistant Borough Surveyor to enquire into and report upon the matter at the next meeting.

14—Plant for Sewerage Works—A letter was read from Mr. J. Riley, Contractor, asking whether the Council would be disposed to sell any of the plant purchased for the carrying out of the sewerage works recently completed, as he would be willing to take certain specified articles at the price they had been valued at for stock purposes, and for the moveable office would give Resolved, That Mr. Riley be informed that the Council are not desirous of disposing of any of the plant in question.

15—Sanitary Requirements at Clarence Mews, North Place— A letter was read from Mr. Josiah Jones, stating that he should feel greatly obliged if the Council would allow the execution of certain sanitary works required at Clarence Mews, North Place, to stand over until the spring. Resolved, That a further period of three months be allowed for the execution of the required works.

16—New Streets and Buildings—The Assistant Borough Surveyor laid before the Committee the following notices and plans received by him for new streets and buildings, viz. :—

No. of Plan	Name	Description
1588	H. Sharpe	Detached House in Eldorado Road
1589	J. A. Thomas	Additions to Arundell House, Bath Road
1592	G.W.R. Co.	Proposed Houses for the Labouring Class on Alstone Grange Estate
1595	Mr. Prude	Two Villas in Sandfield Road
1596	C. Williams	Proposed Road off Old Bath Road
1597	T. W. Smith	Two Houses in Hayward's Road
1598	Mrs. P. Gilmore	Additions to Marlborough House, Montpellier

Resolved, That all the Plans be disapproved as regards drainage or other sanitary matters.

E. H. PARSONAGE,

Chairman.

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

7—Sewer In Lypiatt Street, Tivoli—The Chairman having reported that dwelling-houses in Lypiatt Street had recently been flooded with sewage, and that it had been ascertained that at the junction of the Server in Lypiatt Street with the Sewer in Tivoli Road there was an obstruction, which had caused a back flow in the Server in Lypiatt Street and flooding.

That Messrs. Winterbothams and Gurney, on behalf of the owners of the Sewer, had, without admitting any liability, authorised the Corporation to do what was necessary to release the sewage which had silted up, and that the Assistant Borough Surveyor had acted upon this authority and had

temporarily made good the connection of the Sewer in Lypiatt Street with the Sewer in the Tivoli Road.

A photo and sketch plan, showing the faulty connection and obstruction, was laid before the Committee, which furnished further evidence of the necessity for reconstruction of the Private Sewers in this district. Resolved, That the Committee regret that the cumbersome methods provided by Sections 26 and 40 of the Cheltenham Improvement Act of 1852 do not afford adequate means for dealing satisfactorily with the matter, and that the action taken by the Health Department and the Assistant Borough Surveyor to promptly abate the nuisance be approved and confirmed

E. H. PARSONAGE,

Chairman.

**At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 22nd day of December, 1902**—Present : The Mayor ; Aldermen Norman and Skillicorne ; Councillors Bence, M. Davis, King-Harman, Lawrence and Parsonage (Councillor Parsonage in the chair),—

18—Zymotic Disease—The Medical Officer of Health reported that there had been notified since the last meeting of the Committee 6 cases of Scarlet Fever, 3 of Enteric Fever. 9 of Chicken Pox, and 1 of Puerperal Fever ; that 5 cases of Scarlet Fever and 2 of Enteric Fever had been sent into the Delancey Hospital, and that the number of cases then in the Delancey Hospital sent in by the Corporation was 16 of Scarlet Fever, 1 of Diphtheria, 1 of Enteric Fever, and 1 in quarantine.

19—Insanitary Property, viz. :—No. 61, Burton Street, No. 27, Sun Street, Hope Cottage, Lower Park Street, No. 4, Hungerford Street, and No. 6, Grosvenor Terrace—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—Flushing Apparatus without Water Supply—The Medical Officer of Health reported that at Nos. 1 and 2, Eaton Cottages, Bath Road, No. 17, Beaufort Buildings, and Nos. 15 and 16, White Hart Street, the flushing apparatus to the water closets were without any water supply. Resolved, That Notices under Sec. 28 of the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1889, be given to the occupiers of the respective premises to lay on a proper supply of water to the flushing apparatus and that in default of compliance with such notices proceedings be taken for the penalties.

21—Overcrowding at a house occupied by N. Slender at Steel's Cottages, 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, 1875, be served on the owners and occupiers thereof requiring them to abate the same.

22—Cleansing and Limewashing at No. 2, Eaton Cottages, Bath Road, No. 27, Sun Street, Nos. 1 and 4, Kingsditch Lane, No. 17, Grosvenor Terrace, Nos. 2, 3, 5 and 9, Cakebridge Terrace, No. 15, Whitehart Street, and No. 6, Providence 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 Notices be given to the owners under the said Section, requiring the houses to be cleansed and limewashed.

23—Nuisances from Drains, &c., at No. 1, Lypiatt Street, Lypiatt Cottage, No. 63, Brighton Road, and Hope Cottage, Lower 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.

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

25—Notices not complied with—The Medical Officer of Health handed in a list of Notices which had been served for the carrying out of sanitary requirements, but which had not been complied with. Resolved, To instruct the Town Clerk, if necessary, to take proceedings to compel compliance with the notices.

26--Closing of Nos. 1 to 10, Elmstone Street, and Nos. 30 & 31, New Street—As requested, the Medical Officer of Health submitted for approval the specification with plans of requirements which he deemed necessary to be carried out before giving evidence that these houses had been made fit for habitation, He considered that even if the specification should be carried out in all details the result would not be the provision of good dwelling houses, and that it would be better to arrange, if possible, for the houses to be pulled down. Resolved, That the specification and plans referred to be approved.

27-Tivoli Sewers-A Memorial as read from the Rev. J. Lochhead and others, calling attention to the state of the private sewers in the Tivoli district, and requesting the Council to institute proceedings against the owners of the private sewers under Sections 24 & 40 of the Cheltenham Improvement Act of 1852, or to take any other course which would speedily terminate the insanitary condition of the district through which the condemned sewers run. Resolved, That proceedings be instituted under Sections 26 & 40 of the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1852, against the Private Sewer Owners for the repair and reconstruction of the private sewers in Tivoli Place and Lypiatt Street, and in such other streets and roads on the Tivoli Estate as the Borough Surveyor may think necessary.

28-Sewer in Sandford Mill Road—A letter from Messrs. Winterbothams & Gurney, Solicitors, having been read, stating that they believed It was not the intention of the vendor of the land on the west side of the road to make any profit out of the sewer then being laid by way of rent charge. Resolved,

nevertheless, That the Council are not prepared to extend the sewer in the road leading from the Old Bath Road to the Mill as requested.

29-- Disused Drain from Midland Railway Station—With reference to the Letter from Mr. White, occupier of Midland Cottage, read at the meeting on the 8th inst., The Assistant Borough Surveyor reported that with the approval of the Chairman of the Committee the head wall in the drain had been removed and the drain connected up again with rain pipes. At the various trial holes the silt had been cleared out, and 12in. pipes put in to join up. An overdose for the pond had been formed in brickwork and fitted with a grating so that should the water rise above the top water line of the pool it would overflow into the drain. The outlet, that is, the end of the brick drain which joined the open watercourse, had been repaired as it was found all fallen in, and the bottom of the ditch cleaned out to assist the water in getting away more quickly. There was an overdose in the pit (already mentioned, in Rowanfield Road) connected to the main sewer, and he and the Chairman did not think it was necessary, and therefore decided to build it up. Resolved, That the action of the Chairman and the Assistant Borough Surveyor be approved.

30—Plan of Great Western Railway Company of New Mortuary and for Chambers for Urinals in Bridge Abutments in Market and High Streets —The Assistant Borough Surveyor laid before the Committee a plan received from the Great Western Railway Company of the new Mortuary and of Chambers for Urinals in Bridge Abutments in Market and High Streets, and reported that he had examined the Agreement between the Railway Company and the Corporation with respect to certain conditions relative thereto, and was satisfied that the Company's plan fulfilled the terms of the said agreement. Resolved, That the plan be approved.

31—New Street and Building Plans--The Assistant Borough Surveyor laid before the Committee the following plans which he had received of proposed new streets and buildings, viz :—

No. of Plan.	Name.	Description.
1588	H. Sharpe	Detached House in Eldorado Road
1589	J. A. Thomas	Additions to Arundel House, Bath Road
1595	Mr. Prude	Two Villas on Sandfield Road
1596	Charles Williams	Proposed Road off Old Bath Road
1597	T. W. Smith	Two Houses in Hayward's Road
1598	Mrs. Potter Gilmore	Additions to Marlborough House, Montpellier
1600	A. Matthews	Semi-detached Villas, Albert Road, Pittville
1601	H. J. and A. Bradshaw	Semi-detached Villas, Naunton Park Road
1602	E. Browning	Additions to " The Engineer's Arms," St. Paul's Road
1603	W. Earengy	Alterations to front of No. 7, Hewlett Place
1604	W. Cresswell	Villa Residence corner of Libertus and Rowanfield Roads
1605	Mr. Powell	House corner of Brighton Road and Hewlett Road
1606	F. Jenkins	New Streets Fairfield Building Estate

Resolved, That Nos. 1603 and 1606 be not approved. That No. 1604 be approved subject to a Buchan's trap being fixed in the line of the rainwater drain, and that the other plans above specified be approved as shown so far as drainage and other sanitary matters are concerned.

E. H. PARSONAGE, Chairman.

## **FARMS AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL COMMITTEE.**

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

1— Report of Sewage Farms Manager— The Sewage Farms Manager reported that the stock on the Farms on the 14th November was as follows:-12 horses and 1 cob, 169 cattle, and 40 sheep.

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That on the 29th ultimo one bull had been purchased for Lo is., and the following sales had been made:—November 22nd, 1 heifer, £12 19s. ; 20 sheep for £46 4s. 6d.; and 11 bullocks for £238 14s.

That the number of livestock on the Farms on the 18th inst. was 12 horses and 1 cob, 158 head of cattle, and 20 sheep, the whole of them being healthy and doing fairly well.

A very useful waggon had been purchased for £9, and he suggested that six new field gates and three oak posts be purchased. Resolved, That the recommendation of the Manager be approved, and that he be authorised to purchase accordingly.

2—The Moat, Uckington—A letter was read from Messrs. Winterbothams and Gurney, stating that the tenant of the Moat, Uckington, complained of an overflow from the sewage irrigation, and that the sewage had got into the Moat, and asking that the matter should be looked into. Resolved, That the Chairman be requested to inquire into the matter, and report to the next meeting.

3--Sewage Disposal—A letter was read from the Clerk to the County Council, enquiring whether anything further had been done in regard to their sewage disposal works by the Corporation since the resolution of this Committee of date the 25th October last, to which the Town Clerk had replied in the negative, that the Borough Surveyor had not yet been appointed, and the Sub-Committee appointed to consider the applications received for the position were paying especial regard to candidates' experience and capabilities as regards methods of sewage disposal. Resolved, That the reply of the Town Clerk be approved.

4-Inspection of Farms—The Chairman reported that at a meeting of the Committee, held on the 12th instant, there were present Councillors Bence and King-Harman and himself. The Committee visited the Farms, and found everything satisfactory. They had also inspected the ground for which Mr. C. Corbett had applied for sewage water. Resolved, That the application of Mr. Corbett be adjourned for further enquiries and inspection to be made.

M. DAVIS, Chairman.

## **STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE.**

**At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 9th day of December, 1902**—Present Alderman Skillicorne ; Councillors Baker, Hayward, Handley, Packer and Parsonage (Councillor Baker in the chair)— -

1—Central Depot—The Committee visited the Central Depot and Resolved To instruct the Assistant Borough Surveyor to have the seats stored in the yard placed under cover forthwith, to have an additional electric lamp put in the Clerk's Office, and that the attention of the makers of the motor in use at the Depot for sawing timber be called to the unsatisfactory working of the same.

2—Alleged Damage by Steam Roller—A letter was read from Mrs. Morland, of Fern Cottage, Croft Street, complaining of damage to a bedroom ceiling at her house, alleged to be caused by the vibration from the Corporation steam roller, which had been at work in Croft Street, and asking that the damage should receive attention. Resolved, That the Council are unable to admit any liability in the matter.

3—Land at corner of Lansdown and Queen's Roads belonging to Osborne House—A letter was read from Mr. H. W. Chatters, in reply to the resolution of this Committee of date the 26th October last, stating that the Committee of the Cheltenham and Gloucestershire Building Society will recommend the Directors to relinquish the piece of land (about 428 square yards) at the corner of Lansdown and Queen's Roads, belonging to Osborne House property, on the following terms :—

(1) The Corporation to pay £100, and relieve the Society of any liability in regard to paving, channelling, &c., upon the Queen's Road side and at the suggested new end.

(2) The Corporation to alter and reinstate the fence round the new end in similar manner to that upon the Lansdown Road side, with wicket gate as nose existing, all unused fence to remain upon the property.

The Assistant Borough Surveyor having reported that the cost of the carrying out of the works to be done by the Corporation be estimated at £250, Resolved, That the Committee cannot recommend the Council to acquire the land on the terms mentioned.

4—Road opposite Elm Lodge, Lansdown Road—A letter was read from Madame de Falbe calling attention to the bad state of repair of the road opposite the entrance gate to her house, Elm Lodge. Resolved, To instruct the Assistant Borough Surveyor to do what is necessary to the road.

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5-Montpellier Street —A letter was read from the Secretary to the Ladies' College as to the bad condition of the footpath in Montpellier between Rotunda Terrace and St. Andrew's Church, and asking that steps should now be taken to put it into proper repair, the matter having been before the Town Council several times previously. Resolved, That the works ordered to be done to the footpath in question be put in hand at once, and that Messrs. Chanson & Son and Messrs. Holliday & Page be called upon to pay the difference in cost over the ordinary pathway of the McDougall brick crossings necessary opposite their yards.

6-Kensington Avenue--A letter was read from Mr. A. R. Pigott, of No. 1, Kensington Avenue, requesting, on behalf of himself and others, that something should be done to the road and footpath in Kensington Avenue, there being 20 houses, all occupied there. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be directed to prepare a plan and specification of the works required to be done by the abutting owners.



7-Oakfield Street Private Improvement Expenses---The resolution of this Committee passed at their last meeting with reference to Mr. Enoch's complaint that he was not fairly treated by the apportionment which had been made by the Borough Surveyor, referred back to the Committee by the Council, was carefully reconsidered.

A letter was read from the Building Inspector, denying a statement made by Mr. Enoch that the paving work done by the latter in Oakfield Street had been done under the former's supervision and to his satisfaction.

Resolved, That the Committee see no reason to depart from their previous resolution, which they now reaffirm and submit for the approval of the Council, viz.: --" 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, has been charged, proportionately, less than the owners of other premises."

8—Footpath in Gratton Street opposite Gratton House —With reference to the resolution of this Committee at its last meeting on this subject, a further letter was read from Mr. R. R. Skemp, expressing his opinion that such resolution was very unfair and unreasonable, and not in keeping with the way in which wealthy owners had been treated, the Council having spent nothing for years past on the footpath he had called attention to.

9—Report of Building Inspector—The Monthly Report of the Building Inspector was read. Resolved, To call his attention to the conditions upon which plans sent in by the Rev. A. Armitage for houses at the top of Rosehill Street were approved by the Council, which conditions are endorsed on the plan and signed by Mr. Armitage as assenting thereto.

10 - Private Improvement Works in Lane at back of Railway Inn, Great Norwood Street—With reference to the letter from Mr. C. Cambridge. complaining of the unfairness of the amount (£19 0s. 3d.) apportioned to be paid by him as owner of No. 6, Providence Terrace. which house had a side frontage only, in respect of private improvement expenses executed in the lane at the back of the Railway Inn, Great Norwood Street, the Committee having viewed, Resolved, That the amount to be paid by Mr. Cambridge be reduced to £12 13s 6d., and that the resolution to Minute No. 20 of this Committee's proceedings of date the 28th July last, apportioning the amounts to be paid by the respective owners, be varied accordingly.

11—Turf Cutting in Hall Road—The Assistant Borough Surveyor having reported that a Mr. Williams had been cutting turf from the highway in Hall Road. Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to write to Mr. Williams requesting him to show cause why proceedings should not be taken against him for his reported action.

12-New Streets and Buildings—The Assistant Borough Surveyor laid before the Committee the following notices and plans received by him from persons intending to erect new buildings or to lay out new streets, viz.:—

No. of Plan.	Name.	Description
1594	Haward & Sons	Proposed Hayward's Light at No. 103, Albion Street
1595	Mr. Prude	Two Villas on Sandfield Road
1596	C. Williams	Proposed Road off Old Bath Road
1597	T. W. Smith	Two Houses in Hayward's Road
1599	G. Ballinger	Shelter at back of Brooklyn, Great Western Road.

Resolved, That Plans numbered 1594 and 1599 be approved, and that Plans numbered 1595, 1596, and 1597 be disapproved.

WILLIAM A. BAKER,

Chairman.

**At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 29th day of December, 1902**—Present : The Mayor ; Aldermen Haddon and Skillicorne ; Councillors Baker, Bendall, Handley, and Hayward (Councillor Baker in the chair)—

13— View Meeting—The following Members attended the View Meeting held this morning:— The Chairman ; Councillors Bendall, Handley, and Hayward.

14.-----Surveyor's Monthly Report re Highways--The Assistant Borough Surveyor reported that the work done by the Highways Department from November 14th to December 11th inclusive had been as follows:-

Repaired with Clee Hill Stone —Evesham Road 2044 square yards, Alstone Lane proceeding, Gloucester Road 758 square yards, Lansdown Road 800 square yards, Albion Street 960 square yards.

Repaired with Brown Stone—Lane back Pittville Crescent 2960 yards, Lane back Pittville Lawn 2320 yards.

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Patching-Winchcombe Street, High Street, Gloucester Road, Lansdown Road, Prestbury Road, The Park, St. James' Square, Hall Road, Leckhampton, Lower High Street, Ambrose Street.

Repaired with Wickwar Stone—Cleeve Path Drive 2333 square yards, Pittville Lawn 1945 square yards, Ormond Place 316 square yards.

Patching-Wellesley Road, St. Anne's Terrace. Townsend Street, St. George's Street, Thirlestaine Road, Corpus Street, Pittville Lawn. St. Paul's Street North, Princes Street, Union Street, Evesham Road, Duke Street, Sydenham Road, Granville Street, Milsom Street, Albert Road, 'Wellington Road, Wellington Square, Moorend Road.

Private Improvements--Stoneville Street (finished), Winstonian Road, Russell Place (proceeding).

Kerbing, Crossing, Channelling and Paving—Bath Road, Oriel Road, Grovefield Road, North Street, Bath Street, St. Luke's Road, North Place, Bayshill Road, St. George's Road, Clarence Street, Glenfall

Street, Fairview Street, Winchcombe Street, Russell Place. Townsend Street, London Road, Lansdown Place, Imperial Square, Brunswick Street, Regent Street, Pantile Row, Henrietta Street. Montpellier Wide Opening, Chapel Lane, Lower High Street, Ormond Place, Albion Street, Tivoli Road, Lypiatt Street. Burton Street, Montpellier Street, Lansdown Parade, Rose and Crown Passage, High Street, Promenade, Priory Street, St. George's Place.

The channelling in Winchcombe Street was being relaid with concrete channel blocks.

Both sides of London Road had been relaid with new concrete paving from Raymond Terrace to Holy Apostles' Church.

McDougall Patent Brick Crossings--One at the High Street end of Regent Street, and one in the Bath Road, at the end of Montpellier Drive.

Trees Pruned—Bayshill Road and Parabola Road. One new earthenware gully had been fixed in Priory Street. The Contract for Forage supply had expired.

Ashes Collection-- 1294 loads collected 998 loads, weighing 1093 tons 11 cwt., consumed at the Destructor.

Slab Factory-1546 super feet of slabs, made at a cost of £87 1s. 6d. These slabs have been made with the addition of granite dust, 9 tons 16 cwt. 6 qrs., at 9s 6d per ton, making 710 slabs, at a cost of 1 5/8 d per slab extra. Resolved, That Tenders for a 12 months supply of forage be advertised for, the hay, clover hay, and oats to be English.

15—Street Projections —With reference to the show case at Messrs. Gough and Edwards, Nos. 404 and 405, High Street, the erection of which was reported by the Street Inspector at this Committee's meeting on the 24th ult., Resolved, That notice be served requiring the removal of the case.

The Street Inspector having reported that the projecting advertising station in the Gloucester Road had not been removed in accordance with the notice given. Resolved, That the Town Clerk do again call the attention of the Billposting Co. to the matter with a view to immediate compliance with the notice.

A Letter was read from Dr. McDonnell. of the Cedars, Prestbury, asking for permission to put up a lamp over the door of No. 7, Henrietta Street, which house he had taken as a branch surgery, and he found it necessary to have more light at the entrance. Resolved, That the application be acceded to on the usual conditions.

16--Turf Cutting in Hall Road—With reference to the Resolution to Minute No. 9 of this Committee's proceedings at its last meeting, a Letter was read from Mr. Williams expressing his regret that he had thoughtlessly offended by taking turf Gore the Hall Road, and that he should be pleased to pay the amount of the damage.

A Letter was also read from Mr. T. A. Bryant, of Hall Road, stating that he holed the Committee would overlook (as regards legal proceedings) the offence committed by Mr. Williams, which he felt sure had been committed inadvertently.

Resolved, That Mr. Williams be required to pay the sum of 5s. in respect of the damage done by him.

17—Scavenging of Glencairn Park Road—A Letter was read from Mr. A. E. Hill, of St. Denys, Queen's Road, expressing the hope that although the Glencairn Park Road was a private road the same would be swept and kept clear of mud. Resolved, That Mr. Hill be informed that the road will be scavenged as requested.

18—Winstonian Road—A Letter was read from Councillor Lamb, enclosing a communication from Col. Thoyts, calling attention to the fact that the edging of the channelling in Winstonian Road, where it joined All Saint's Road, required rounding off, and that part of the paving near Victoria Place had been left unfinished. Resolved, That the edging be put right and that the abutting owners affected be required to have the unpaved portion of the footpath in Winstonian Road done.

19—Hayward's Road—With reference to the Resolution to No. 15 of this Committee's proceedings of date the 24th ult., a Letter was read from the Clerk to the Charlton Kings Urban District Council, enclosing a resolution of that body appointing three of its members to meet the three members appointed by this Committee with similar powers as regards the carrying out of the private improvement works in Hayward 's Road.

20—Supply of Pipes—A Letter from Messrs. H. A. Gwinnell & Co., was read suggesting that as pipe quotations were very low at the present time tenders might be asked for, as in their opinion the Council would reap great advantage if they obtained supplies by tender instead of as at present. Resolved, That the Letter be referred to the Stores Sub-Committee for consideration and report.

21—Footpath in front of Hollym, Bayshill Lawn -A Letter was read from Miss Lacy, of Hollym, Bayshill Lawn, calling attention to the had condition of the footpath in front of her house and of the lane at the side. Resolved, To instruct the Assistant Borough Surveyor to have what is necessary done to the footpath and crossings at once.

22—Langdon Road Private Improvement Works—With reference to the Resolution to Minute No. 18 of this Committee's proceedings of date the 24th November last, a memorial from Mr. J. E. Bendall and 13 other owners and occupiers of property in Langdon Road, was read, protesting against the decision of the Committee, approved by the Council, not to carry out at present private improvement works in front of land not built upon, as owing to the use made of such land by hauliers the part of the road done would soon be as bad as the part not done, and the Memorialists hoped that either the whole of the

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road would be done or no part of it. Resolved, That the Committee regret they cannot see their way to recommend to rescind the Resolution approved at the last Council Meeting. Tenders for carrying out the works received in response to the advertisement were opened and found to be as follows :—

Charles Young .. ..	£273 11 0
Mark Williams & Co. ..	£331 2 0

Resolved, That the tender of Mr. Charles Young be accepted subject to the provision of satisfactory sureties.

23--Read to Destructor and Electric Works- The Assistant Borough Surveyor having called attention to the bad condition of this road, Resolved, That his suggestion for the purchase of about 400 railway sleepers for the improvement of the road be approved and the work carried out, and that the Lighting Committee be asked to pay half the cost of the work.

24—Houses at Top of Rosehill Street—With reference to the Resolution of this Committee at their last meeting, a report from the Building Inspector was read which stated that the conditions agreed to by the Rex. A. Armitage on the approval of the plans for houses at the top of Rosehill Street, as to the preparation of the site, had been fully complied with.

25—New Streets and Buildings—The Assistant Borough Surveyor laid before the Committee notices and plans received by him for new streets and buildings, viz. :—

No. of Plan.	Name.	Description.
1595	Mr. Prude	Two Villas in Sandfield Road
1596	C. Williams	Proposed Road off Old Bath Road
1597	T. W. Smith	Two Houses in Hayward's Road
1598	Mrs. Potter Gilmore	Additions to Marlborough House, Montpellier
1600	A. Matthews	Semi-detached Villas, Albert Road
1601	H. J. Bradshaw	Semi-detached Villas in Naunton Park Road
1602	Original Brewery Co.	Additions to " The Engineer's Arms, St. Paul's Road
1603	W. Earengy	Alterations to No. 7, Hewlett Place
1604	W. Cresswell	Villa at corner of Libertus and Rowanfield Roads
1605	Mr. Powell	House at corner of Brighton and Hewlett Roads
1606	F. Jenkins	Plans of Fairfield Building Estate
1607	H. Sheppard and Sons	Proposed Bath Room at No. 30, Montpellier Terrace

Resolved, That Nos. 1598, 1601, 1603, 1604 1606 and 1607 be disapproved, that No. 1600 be not approved, the same to be laid before the Town Improvement Committee at their next Meeting, and that the other plans be approved as shewn.

Also Resolved, That Mr. R. R. Skemp be required to put down and maintain a 3ft. gangway with handrail for foot passengers until the hoarding erected by him at Marlborough House, Montpellier, is removed, such gangway, &c., to be to the satisfaction of the Assistant Borough Surveyor; and that Messrs. H. Sheppard & Sons be written to for an explanation as to their not having carried out Plan No. 1580 for Proposed Bath Room at No. 30, Montpellier Terrace, as approved by the Council.

WILLIAM A. BAKER,

Chairman.

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

**At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 22nd day of December, 1902—Present :** The Mayor ; Alderman Norman ; Councillors Bainbridge, Baker, Bence, Handley, and Rickerby (Councillor Rickerby in the chair)—

1—Report of Entertainments Sub-Committee—This Sub-Committee reported :—

That Councillor Rickerby had been re-appointed Chairman.

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

Week commencing 15th December, the Scarlet Mr. E's.

26th, 27th, 29th and 30th December, the English Light Opera Singers, with Exhibition of Animated Photographs.

Easter week (or failing that, the week commencing 26th January), the Royal Strolling Players.

9th February, Mrs. Brown Potter and party.

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That they had arranged for the use of the Rink at the Winter Garden for skating, at 6d. each person, including the use of the skates.

That they had under consideration the question of the proper heating and ventilation of the Winter Garden building.

Resolved, That the Report be approved and adopted.

2-Report of the Assistant Borough Surveyor—The Assistant Borough Surveyor reported that the contract for the Entrance Lodge at Pats ills as practically completed and the Lodge could be shortly used. He suggested that the Committee should view for the purpose of deciding what should be done with the present Lodge and as to one or two other matters.

The old boiler for the Pittville Conservatories had been removed and a new boiler and boiler house erected near.

The old boiler house was originally used for a potting shed. This had been converted into a propagating house, and to make this complete it was desirable to remove the present iron roof and make a glass roof. There was in consequence no potting shed. and he suggested that one be built either in part brick and glazed or wood framing and corrugated iron ; the size required would be about 30ft. by 15ft. A section of this he proposed should be boarded off for a seed store.

He proposed to sell the old boiler for what he could get, as he did not think it was any use keeping it. He had examined the Flood Gates at the end of Marle Hill Lake and considered them unsafe ; the framework had rotted, as had also the gates, and for some time past they had been shored up in a rough and ready way, and he considered this to be a matter which should have immediate attention.

Several defects had been found in the lead generally on the roof of the Pump Room. This had been going on for some time, as the timbers were saturated and decayed. and a portion of the ceiling to one of the large rooms over the Hall had fallen down.

In his Report to the Entertainment Sub-Committee on the subject of the ventilation of the Winter Garden, he suggested taking out some of the glass in the vertical part of the lantern light of the Dome and fitting in some louvre ventilation. To do this work he found there was a difficulty in getting up to it as special ladders were necessary owing to the peculiar shape of the roof. He therefore suggested another system which, in his opinion, would answer quite as well. He did not

guarantee perfect ventilation, but at the same time he was of opinion that it was the best thing to do under the present circumstances, and which was as follows, viz. :--

In the lower Lantern light on two sides of the Dome to form an air trunk about two feet wide across the lantern communicating with the outside, take out the glass in either side and fit in fixed louvres. To form an opening in the side of the air trunk facing the Dome and fit moveable louvres, which could be worked at pleasure.

The object of the air trunk was that a constant flow of air would pass through whichever way the wind was blowing and create a suction.

In his opinion it would answer better than his first proposal, as it would extract the vitiated air before it came in contact with the great area of glass in the Dome.

He had obtained an estimate from Messrs. Collins and Godfrey of £12 for carrying out the suggestion.

Resolved, That the Assistant Borough Surveyor be instructed to bring up a specification of what was necessary to renew the flood-gates and make them efficient.

That the suggestion for improving the ventilation at the Winter Garden be approved. That Messrs. Collins & Godfrey be given the order to carry it out at a cost not exceeding £12, and that this be deemed to be in lieu of the expenditure of about £65 authorised by the Council to provide a fan for suction by the resolution to Minute No. 9 of the proceedings of this Committee of the 22nd October last.

3- -Advertising in " The Health Resort "--Resolved, Not to entertain an offer from the Manager of The Health Resort for the insertion of an advertisement of the town in that publication.

4—Site for Meteorological Instruments—A letter was read from Miss Beale, saying that she would be pleased to allow the use of a site on the Ladies' College property for these instruments, and with which she enclosed a letter from Miss M. A. Reid, stating that there was no position on the Ladies' College property fulfilling all the requirements of the Royal Meteorological Society except the playground near Christ Church or the teachers' tennis ground, the use of which might be only temporary.

A letter from Mr. Bell was read, stating that the playground above mentioned was much too far away, and the tennis ground referred to be understood might be sold. Resolved, That the thanks of the Council be expressed to Miss Beale for her kind offer of a site, but to inform her that before accepting it the Committee desire to make a further effort to find a suitable permanent and more central site than either of those referred to by Miss Reid.

5. Bowling Club—In compliance with a request received from Mr. Horsley, Resolved, To let the Bowling Green at the Winter Garden to the Cheltenham Bowling Club upon the same terms as last year.

6-- Hire of Chairs by the 1st G.R.E. (V.)-- Resolved, To accede to a request received from Sergt. H. Harris that no charge should be made for the hire of chairs supplied for the use of the 1st Gloucestershire Royal Engineers (Volunteers) on the occasion of the distribution at Headquarters of

the prizes in connection with the Annual Shooting Competition by members of C and D Companies of that Corps.

T. E. RICKERBY,

Chairman.

**LIGHTING COMMITTEE.**

**At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Wednesday, the 24th day of December, 1902—Present :** The Mayor ; Alderman Norman, Councillors Bainbridge, Baker, Handley, Hayward, Parsonage 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 –

LOW PRESSURE CABLES.				
Date	Legal Standard.		Test at Manchester Street.	
1902 Nov. 26th Dec.10th " 22nd		200 Volts.		210 Volts 210 " 212 " Average. 210.6 "
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 100 cubic ft.
Nov. 26th..	16.2	candles		
Dec. 10th ..	15.69	"	Nov. 26th-27th ....	10.48
" 20th ..	15.92	"	Dec. 10th— 11th	10.29
" 22nd ..	16.51	"	" 20th-21st	12.34
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Average..	16.08	"	Average ..	11.03

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 cubic feet burners, 4,973 cubic feet ; Guildhall Lamps, with No 4 Incandescent burners, 2.1555 cubic feet ; and Lamps with No. 3 Incandescent burners 3.4295 cubic feet.

4—Lamp Book—This Book was produced and examined. Lamps extinguished, 10 metered, 33 unmetered, and 28 incandescent ; burning dimly, 8 unmetered, and 9 incandescent.



5—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.

On the 21st instant, there were 660 customers, with the equivalent of 40,812 eight-candlepower lamps, connected to the private supply mains.

He submitted a plan of the Sub-Station required for Hayward's Road, and recommended that tenders be advertised for in the usual way.

In accordance with instructions, he brought up for further consideration the case of Mrs. Edwards, to whom the Committee had up to then paid a total of £59 since her husband's death, and to whom the Committee were then paying 5s per week.

He recommended that this allowance be continued until the end of the current financial year.

Old Mr. Edwards had applied for a little help, and, as his son did help him to some extent, and doubtless in particular at Christmas, he recommended that a grant of 10s be made to him.

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

6—Lighting of Pittville Circus Road near Deanwood House, College Road and Well Lane —Resolved, To adjourn for view consideration of letters received from Colonel Griffith re lighting of Pittville Circus Road, and from Mr. F. Steel re lighting of College Road, also consideration of improving the lighting of Royal Well Lane.

GEO. NORMAN, Chairman.

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#### **WATER COMMITTEE.**

**At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Thursday, the 4th day of December, 1902** Present The Mayor ; Alderman Norman ; Councillors Baker, Bendall, Davis, King-Harman, and H. Waghorne (Councillor H. Waghorne in the chair).—

1—Land at Sandford—The Town Clerk laid before the Committee the applications received in response to the advertisement with reference to the land to be let at Sandford, and the same were considered. Resolved, That the applications be granted for the lots as now settled by the Committee. A letter from Messrs. Heath and Son was read, offering to take at Li per chain as much of the land at Sandford as was not let to other applicants.

2 -Water Supply to Wager Court, Chariton Kings—The Town Clerk reported that Mr. Trees had himself guaranteed the return of 10 per cent. for three years on the outlay necessary to extend the main in East End Lane to supply his house, and that he hoped the extension would be looked upon as an urgent one. Resolved, That the request be acceded to, and the work put in hand at once.

3—Late Caretaker, Dowdeswell Reservoir—With reference to a letter from Mr. A. W. King, the late caretaker at Dowdeswell, applying for a testimonial for use at any time by him in making application for situations, Resolved, To inform Mr. King that he may refer those to whom any application by him is made to the Council for particulars as to his work while in the latter's employ.

H. WAGHORNE,

Chairman.

**At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Thursday, the 18th day of December, 1902**—Present: The Mayor; Alderman Norman; Councillors Baker, M. Davis, King-Harman, Lawrence and H. Waghorne (Councillor H. Waghorne in the chair)—

4—Report of Assistant Borough Engineer—The Monthly Report of the Assistant Borough Engineer as follows was read :—

On the 17th instant the supply from Hewletts springs was 110 gallons, the average for the past three years being 69 gallons per minute, and the quantity of water in store at Hewletts and Leckhampton was 11,981,785 gallons.

On the 16th instant Dowdeswell Reservoir was 19ft 7in. in depth, and the contents were 43,107,184 gallons, exclusive of the daily yield of the streams, which is now about 1,192,032 gallons, giving a total storage of 55,088,969 gallons, or about 155 days' supply.

In accordance with the resolution passed at the last Council meeting, I beg to report that there are 87 fixed baths in houses rented at £20 gross and under.

A further length of 450 yards of the 5in. main along the Old Bath Road to the Railway Bridge has been laid down, and connection made to the Leckhampton service main, so that the Leckhampton Reservoir can be filled or the Leckhampton district supplied direct from the pumping main.

On receiving notice of a nuisance at Salts Farm from the Urban District Council of Charlton Kings, I visited the place referred to and found that sewage from the pig styes had been running down the banks of the river Chelt—it was a hard frost the morning I called, and the manure was frozen, at the same time there were distinct traces where the sewage had been. I have prepared a sketch of a brick gully and liquid pit combined, properly trapped and ventilated and fitted with a pump for emptying.

The gully will act as a sludge pit, and can be emptied with a gully scoop when necessary.

The inside dimensions of the gully are 2ft. by 1ft. 9in. by 3ft. 6in. high corbelled over to receive in stock gully grating, and will contain approximately  $\frac{1}{2}$  cubic yard of sludge.

The size of the liquid tank is a 3ft. 3in. by 3ft. 3in. by 4ft. 9in. high, and will contain approximately 320 gallons, which can be pumped out.

I estimate the cost of this work at £18 to £20.

On and after December 3rd I arranged to use about 200,000 gallons of water daily from Hewletts No. 3 Reservoir, and for this purpose I shut down the valves at Pittville Circus Road and Hales Road, so that the water would mix with the Severn water before any could be drawn off. I have frequent samples, and no complaints have reached me.

I commenced the extension of the main along East End Lane, Charlton Kings, on the 16th inst. Mr. J. E. Whittaker, owner of The Grange at the Reddings, is willing to sign the necessary agreement for a return of 10 per cent. for three years on the outlay necessary to extend the water main from the end of the existing main opposite The Brake, Hatherley, to the Reddings, a distance of about 1,530 yards. I estimate the cost to be £270.

I have been in communication with the Stanton Iron Works Company, Limited, near Nottingham, who are making the iron pipes for the new main at their works, and I think you should decide on an Inspector being appointed at once for testing the pipes at their works before any great quantity is made.

In accordance with the resolution passed at the last Council meeting, I had the water laid on to 3, King Street on December 1st, 1902 ; 13, Swindon Street, December 3rd, 1902.

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Resolved, That the recommendations as to abating the nuisance at Salts Farm and the testing of the pipes be approved, and that the Assistant Borough Engineer be requested to ascertain terms from one or two gentlemen competent to carry out the required tests, and report to the next meeting ; that the extension to the Reddings be made as soon as the statutory return of 10 per cent. on the outlay for three years had been guaranteed by owners or occupiers or by Mr. Whitaker himself, and that the cost of this extension and of the East End Lane extension be charged to capital.

5—Loss of Cow—A letter was read from Mr. H. Cooper, of 5, Burton Terrace, stating that on the 2nd instant he was driving a young cow from Andoversford to Cheltenham, and when passing the Dowdeswell Reservoir the cow fell into a hole (in which was a water pipe) on the side of the road and broke its neck, and asking what could be done in the case. Resolved, To adjourn consideration of the matter for the Town Clerk to ascertain and report as to the facts.

6—New Water Main—A letter was read from Messrs. Newmarch and Roberts, Land Agents, of Lincoln's Inn Fields, claiming the sum of £573, in respect of the Rights to be acquired by the Corporation for their new main, &c., through the Stoke Orchard Estate, and for consequential damage. They intimated that they were also instructed by the tenant of the Manor Farm, Stoke Orchard, to act for him, and would forward his claim in a few days. The Town Clerk reported that in acknowledging receipt of the letter he had applied for particulars showing how the sum claimed was arrived at. Resolved, That consideration of the matter be adjourned.

7--Supply of Water to Combe Hill and The Leigh—A letter was read from Messrs. Moore and Sons, Surveyors, &c., Tewkesbury, stating that they had been approached, on behalf of owners of property in the Coombe Hill District, as to asking the Town Council of Cheltenham for terms on which they would supply Severn water for a distance along the road from Coombe Hill to Gloucester, as the writers thought there was a chance of a profitable extension if a main were carried along the road, possibly as far as Leigh Vicarage, as there was reason to think that the neighbourhood would develop if water facilities were obtained. Resolved, That Messrs. Moore and Sons be informed that, as the district mentioned is within the Council's water area, the extension suggested will be made on the Council being guaranteed a return of 10 per cent. for three years on the amount necessary to carry out the extension in accordance with the provisions of the Water Works Clauses Act, 1847.

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

9---Land at Sandford—Three applications were received for a chain each of the land at Sandford in accordance with the terms of the recent advertisement. Resolved, That the applications be acceded to.

H. WAGHORNE, Chairman.

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

**At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 2nd day of December, 1902**—Present : The Mayor ; Aldermen Haddon, Norman, and Skillicorne ; Councillors Baker, Davis, Davies, Hayward, Parsonage, Rickerby and J. Waghorne (The Mayor in the chair)—

1—Appointment of Borough Surveyor and Water Engineer —The Sub-Committee reported that they had held a meeting on the 28th ultimo, at which were present the Mayor, Aldermen Norman and Skillicorne, Councillors Baker, Parsonage, and J. Waghorne. That they had carefully considered the applications of the 45 candidates referred to them, and had selected the seven now mentioned to the Committee as being most suitable, and they had resolved to request authority from the Committee to see the seven candidates mentioned, and generally to make such further enquiries as they may deem expedient with a view to reducing the number to three or four. Resolved, That the Sub-Committee's Report be approved and that authority be given them as requested.

2- -Tablets for Names of Volunteers, &c., at Art Gallery—With reference to the resolution to Minute No. 8 of this Committee's proceedings of date the 20th February, Iwo, on this subject, Resolved, That the Town Clerk do ascertain as soon as possible the names of all those from the Borough of Cheltenham who lost their lives in South Africa while in the service of their country in the late war, and also the names of those from Cheltenham who volunteered and went on active service to South Africa.

RICHARD ROGERS,

Chairman.

**At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 23rd day of December, 1902**-Present : The Mayor ; Aldermen Norman, Skillicorne and Winterbotham: Councillors Baker, Davis, Hayward, Lamb, Parsonage, Rickerby, and J. Waghorne (The Mayor in the chair):-

3--- Swine Fever—Superintendent Hopkins reported that the premises of Mr. H. Dyer in Alma Road were still in quarantine, but here had been no fresh outbreak of any disease under the Diseases of Animals Act.

4— Fire Brigade—The Superintendent of the Fire Brigade reported that on the 20th ultimo the Brigade was called to an alarm of fire at Broughton Villa. St. Luke's. The building and contents were insured. Particulars of the expenses, amounting to £1 17s. 6d.. had been handed to the Borough Accountant.

5-Drivers' Licences—Resolved, To adjourn consideration of an application received from Frederick Hailing for a driver's licence.

The Street Inspector reported that Arthur John Mansell had been eight times convicted of offences against the Bye-Laws and Statute relating to Hackney Carriages within 12 months.

Mr. Mansell having appeared to show cause, was cautioned as to the consequences if he were again reported.

6-- Hackney Carriage Licences-- Letters were read from W. P. Jones and J. Tilley, applying for the issue to the latter of the licence for a hackney carriage, numbered Ito, lately held by the former. Resolved, To inform both Messrs. Jones and Tilley that the Committee have decided not to re-issue the licence to anyone.

Resolved, To accede to an application received from F. J. Paynter, of No. 4, Albion Parade, Market Street, for the issue to him of Hansom Cab Licence No. 11.

7-Parliamentary Bill--The Deputy Town Clerk having reported that at the Meeting of Owners and Ratepayers, held on the previous day, a Poll had been demanded to determine whether or not the promotion of the Bill should be proceeded with. Resolved, That the Town Clerk be authorised to incur such expense in the employment of Assistants and Collectors for preparing for and taking the Poll as the Mayor shall in his discretion deem necessary.

A letter from Mr. F. C. Taylor, Hon. Sec. of the Cheltenham Butchers' Association, was read, stating that the Association intended to oppose the Bill.

8-Telephone Underground Wayleaves—The Deputy Town Clerk laid before the Committee the draft of the Agreement with the National Telephone Company, which had been drawn up on behalf of the Company, and the same having been read, Resolved, That the draft be amended upon the lines of the Liverpool Agreement, and be brought up for further consideration as so amended at the next ordinary meeting of the Committee.

9- —Wiring of Town Hall -Messrs. D. Firth and Son having written to say that they had made a mistake in their tender, which should have been £484 instead of £434. and withdrawing it, Resolved, That the tender of Messrs. Handley and Shanks at £512, being the next lowest, be accepted.

10— All Saints' Terrace—In compliance with a request received from Councillor Bence, Resolved, That a name-plate be put up at the end of this terrace.

11—Bill for Acquisition of Rifle Ranges—At the suggestion of Colonel Griffith, Resolved, That the following resolution be passed by the Cheltenham Town Council, and that a copy of it be forwarded to Mr J. T. Agg-Gardner, M.P. for the Borough, and the Right Hon. Sir John Dorington, M.P. for the Tewkesbury Division of the County, with an expression of hope from this Council that they will use their best endeavours to support the passage of the Bill through Parliament, viz.:—" The Council beg to strongly recommend the Rifle Ranges Bill, 1901, introduced by Mr. C. P. Allen, Mr. Russell Rea, Sir John Dorington, Lord Edmond Fitzmaurice, and Sir John Brunner, and urge the Government to adopt it as a Government Measure with a view to its speedily becoming law."

12—Pawnbroker's Licence—Resolved, To accede to an application received from H. Higgins for renewal of his Certificate to carry on a Pawnbroker's business at Nos. 314 and 315, High Street.

13—Staff in the Borough Surveyor's Department—Resolved, To appoint Mr. T. Halliwell, jun., as Junior Assistant in the Borough Surveyor's Department from the 28th ultimo at a salary of 10s per week.

14—Report of the Art Gallery Sub-Committee—This Sub-Committee reported that at a meeting held on Tuesday, the 23rd day of December, 1902, there were present—Aldermen Norman and Winterbotham, Councillor Hayward, and the Baron de Ferrieres (Alderman Winterbotham in the chair).

The following Report from the Curator was read :—

"There have been 3,503 visits made to the Gallery since the last meeting.

The Collection of Water Colour Drawings of Pompeii, consisting of 79 frames, on loan from the Victoria and Albert Museum, were received on October 25th. They have to be returned to South Kensington by 28th February.

These beautiful and interesting pictures have been much appreciated by a large number of people.

The last of the plaster Casts, representing the Madonna and Child, by Michael Angelo, purchased by the Committee, was received on December 15th.

The Art objects contained in the four cases on loan from the Victoria and Albert Museum, were exchanged on 15th December for examples of Pottery, Metal Work, Embroideries, Bookbinding, and Leather Work.

The Rev. A. A. Isaacs, of Bath, wishes to have his pictures, now on loan to the Gallery, returned early in January."

Resolved, That the best thanks of the Council be conveyed to the Officials at South Kensington for their courtesy in connection with the loans from the Department, and to the Rev. A. A. Isaacs for the pictures kindly loaned by him.

With regard to the Hildesheim Collection proposed to be purchased, Resolved, To again recommend that the purchase be made, and that consideration of the question of the particular mode of exhibiting the collection when received be adjourned until the next meeting of the Sub-Committee.

The picture kindly presented to the Council by Miss Chesshyre was inspected by the Sub-Committee. Resolved, That the picture be re-varnished and the frame cleaned. Resolved, That the Report and resolutions of the Art Gallery Sub-Committee be approved and adopted.

15—Resignation of the Deputy Town Clerk —A letter from the Deputy Town Clerk, dated the 29th ultimo, was read, in which he stated that he had been appointed Town Clerk of Ealing, and had to discontinue his duties there on the 1st of January, that consequently it was necessary for him to place his resignation as Deputy Town Clerk of Cheltenham in the hands of the Council with his

grateful thanks to them for their courtesy to hint during the time he had occupied that position. Resolved, That the Council, whilst congratulating Mr. Geo. E. Brydges on his appointment to the Town Clerkship of Ealing, wishes also to record its sense of the faithful and efficient service he has rendered as Deputy Town Clerk of Cheltenham during the past five years, and that a copy of this resolution under the seal of the Corporation be forwarded to him.

RICHARD ROGERS,

Chairman.

#### **TECHNICAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE.**

**At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Friday, the 19th day of December, 1902**—Present : The Mayor Aldermen Norman and Winterbotham ; Councillors M. Davis, Gurney, Handley, Lamb and J. Waghorne (Alderman Winterbotham in the chair)

1—Education Act, 1902—As directed by the Council the Committee considered the provisions of this Act and agreed to make the following Report to the Council thereon :—

The Resolution of the Council at their meeting of date the 1st inst. has referred it to the Technical Education Committee " to obtain such information as will enable the Council to have full knowledge of their powers, responsibilities and liabilities in carrying out the provisions of the Act."

The terms of the reference seem to involve a general summary of the Act, a particular statement of the duties it will throw upon the Town Council, and an indication of the first steps the Council will have to take.

#### COMMENCEMENT OF THE ACT.

The Act does not anywhere come into operation earlier than the 26th of March, 1903. This "appointed day" may be postponed for any district or area not exceeding 18 months (sec. 27 (2)) by the Board of Education.

#### THE LOCAL EDUCATION AUTHORITY.

There is a power given to the Town Council (by sec. 2 (b)) to hand over their Educational Jurisdiction altogether to the County Council, but unless the Town Council desire to avail themselves of this power, they are (without any Resolution or action of their own) constituted (by sec. 1) the Local Education Authority for the entire area of their Municipality for the purposes of Part III which relates only to Elementary Education.

#### POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL.

On thus becoming the Local Education Authority there will at once devolve upon the Town Council special powers and duties relating to public elementary education which are set out in various sections in the Act.

Section 5 gives to the Town Council the powers and duties of a School Board. Under this Section, if (either by schools being closed for inadequacy or otherwise) any deficiency of school accommodation is found to exist it has to be supplied by the Town Council.

Any existing school has the option by a resolution of its managers at once to hand over the school to the Authority, upon which such school becomes a "provided" school, and is thenceforth wholly maintained as to fabric and instruction by the Town Council.

Section 7 provides that the Town Council shall maintain and keep efficient all public elementary schools within their area which are "necessary." Towards meeting the expenses which the Town Council will thereby incur they will receive all Parliamentary Grants and a portion of the School Fees from those schools in which fees are charged. The balance of income required to meet the expenditure is to be paid out of the Borough Rate.

Section 7 (1) (d) enacts that the school buildings of schools not handed over to the Town Council must be provided free of any charge (except for the Teacher's dwelling-house if any) and kept in good repair (fair wear and tear excepted) out of funds provided by their managers, who shall also at their own expense "make such alterations and improvements in the buildings as may be reasonably required" by the Town Council.

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For any school "provided" by the Town Council they may appoint such number of Managers as they may determine.

For all schools not "provided" the Managers are to be a body consisting of not more than 4 foundation Managers and not more than 2 to be appointed by the Town Council. Several schools may (under certain restrictions) be grouped under one body of Managers and the Town Council may in such case increase the total number of Managers provided the above proportions be maintained.

The Town Council have the control of all secular instruction in all schools whether "provided" or not. The Managers of non-provided " schools must carry out the directions of the Town Council as to secular instruction, including their directions as to the number and qualifications of teachers, and with certain reservations the consent of the Town Council is required to the appointment and dismissal of teachers.

The religious instruction in "provided" schools must be undenominational; in "non-provided" schools it is under the control of the Managers, subject to the proviso in section 7 (6).

The Town Council have power to inspect a school and their existing powers as a School Attendance Committee are continued.

Such, in brief, are the powers and responsibilities of the Town Council with reference to public elementary day schools within its area, but the Town Council have to exercise and discharge all their powers and responsibilities (except only rating and borrowing) through the instrumentality of a compound body to be called " The Education Committee," which it is the Council's first business to create.

#### THE EDUCATION COMMITTEE.

The first actual step to be taken by the Council is therefore to establish an Education Committee to whom all matters relating to the exercise of their powers under the Act " shall stand referred " ; and unless in their opinion the matter is urgent the Town Council must receive and consider the report



of the Education Committee before exercising any of their powers. To this Committee the Town Council may delegate (sec. 17 (2)), with or without any restrictions or conditions, any of their powers under the Act except the power of raising a rate or borrowing money.

To establish this Education Committee the Council must first frame a Scheme for its constitution and submit such Scheme to the Board of Education for approval. The Board of Education have to publish the proposals of the Scheme and may hold a Public Inquiry respecting it if desired. If a satisfactory Scheme is not made and approved within 12 months from the passing of the Act the Board of Education may make a Provisional Order for the purposes for which a Scheme might have been made.

The lines of such a Scheme must provide

- (a) For at least a majority of the Education Committee being members of the Town Council.
- (b) For representation on the Committee of local public educational bodies (either by allowing such bodies to nominate members of the Committee or otherwise) and for the appointment of individuals acquainted with the educational position and requirements of the town.
- (c) For the appointment of women on the Committee. (There are certain personal disqualifications which will have to be borne in mind when individual names are suggested.)

The Board of Education have intimated that they are willing to consider Schemes at once, and it is thought improbable that the Board will issue any model Scheme. By way, therefore, of suggestion or illustration, the following further remarks as to details of a Scheme may be made :—

1. As to number of members. It seems almost impossible that the Committee should be otherwise than a large one, inasmuch as when it gets to work the public will probably expect the Town Council to avail themselves of the full power of representation allowed by the Act (sec. 6 (2)) of appointing one third of the Managers of each " non-provided " School, and that these should be selected from the Committee's own numbers. It might be well to ascertain how many members of the Town Council would be willing really actively to serve on the Education Committee. It is a question for consideration whether the majority of the Town Council should be a high one, such as two thirds, or a bare majority.

The local bodies to be represented by nomination or otherwise might probably be taken from such as the following :—The College. The Ladies' College. The Grammar School. The School Attendance Ward Committees. And the like.

It hardly seems to be within the province of this Committee to suggest names or qualifications of individual experts to be added to the Committee.

Having formulated and presented the Scheme and obtained its approval by the Board of Education and made the appointments in accordance with it the duties of the Town Council as such are practically at an end until questions of rating or borrowing arise.

All expenditure, other than that incurred by the Managers of non-provided schools for the maintenance or improvement of the fabric, is placed under the control of the Town Council, who

must (sec. 18 (3)) keep separate Accounts of all Receipts and Expenditure under the Act, and the accounts are to be audited by a Government auditor.

#### HIGHER EDUCATION (PART II. OF THE ACT).

For the purposes of Higher Education the Local Education Authority for Cheltenham is the Gloucestershire County Council, who must spend upon Higher Education the whole of the residue under sec. 1 of the Local Taxation (Customs and Excise) Act, 1890, and may for the same purpose levy a rate not exceeding (without the sanction of the Local Government Board) two pence in the pound. But the Town Council may (sec. 3) also spend any sum not exceeding the produce of a penny rate "for the purpose of supplying or aiding the supply of education other than elementary."

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Under this Part (II) the Town Council may provide Evening Schools or Classes, and for that purpose may have the use of any 'whether provided by them or not, for not more than three evenings in the week, and in the case of a non-provided School free of charge except for fair wear and tear.

#### COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATIONS: -

The Committee think it best to defer any detail respecting the present school accommodation or any forecast of the expenditure which may be incurred when the Act comes into operation.

The Committee therefore recommend that they be empowered :—

- (1) To prepare and bring up a draft Scheme as to the constitution of the Education Committee for the consideration of the Council at the February meeting ; and
- (2) To obtain in the meantime statistics and information as regards all the existing schools and otherwise to be presented for the consideration of the Council together with a Report and an estimate of probable Receipts and Expenditure.

JAS. B. WINTERBOTHAM,

Chairman.

#### MINERAL WATERS AND BATHS COMMITTEE.

**At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Friday, the 19th day of December, 1902—**Present : The Mayor ; Alderman Norman ; Councillors Baker, Davies, Lamb and Parsonage (Councillor Davies in the chair)—

1—Montpellier Baths—The Borough Accountant reported that the amount received was £407 17s. 5d., that, in addition, £3 2s. 7d. has been received for mineral waters sold at these Baths, and the payments (exclusive of repayment of loan and interest) £572 19s. 9d.

Brine Bath—Resolved, That a reduction of 5s. be made if a book of 12 tickets for this bath be purchased, the price of a single bath being 2s. 6d.

2—Alstone Baths—The Borough Accountant reported that the amount received was £277 15s. 6d., and the payments (exclusive of interest and repayment of loan) £344. 5s. 2d.

Resolved, That the Assistant Borough Surveyor do bring up an estimate of the cost of replacing the present wooden railing round the promenade by iron piping.

3—Visitors—Resolved, That until this Committee otherwise resolve, the following be appointed visitors for the Baths:—

Montpellier—Councillors Hayward, Lamb and Parsonage. Alstone—The Chairman, Alderman Norman, and Councillor Baker.

4— Mineral Waters Development—Agreement with Mr. Cronheim—The Town Clerk submitted the draft Agreement with Mr. Cronheim with the alterations and additions made by Mr. Cronheim's solicitor. Resolved, That the same as now modified and settled be agreed to.

RICHARD DAVIES,

Chairman.

#### **RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE.**

**At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 22nd day of December, 1902**—Present The Mayor ; Councillors Bain-bridge, Baker, Davies, King-Harman, Lamb, and Lawrence (Councillor Lamb in the chair)—

1--- Visitors— Resolved, That Councillor Davies be appointed as a Visitor for the Agg-Gardner and Grove Street Recreation Grounds.

ARTHUR LAMB,

Chairman.

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

**At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 29th day of December, 1902**—Present : Aldermen Haddon and Holliday ; Baker, Bence, and Rickerby (Alderman Haddon in the chair)—

1—Superintendent's Report—The Report of the Superintendent dated the 29th instant, was read, and instructions given to the Superintendent on several points of a routine nature. He reported that Miss Hildebrand had requested permission to place wreaths on the turf at the side of the vault space purchased by tier. Resolved, That the permission asked for be given

Resolved, That a Report Book be obtained for the Superintendent to enter his reports in, the same to be initialled by the Chairman after consideration by the Committee.

Resolved, To pay a visit of inspection to the Cemetery on the 7th proximo.

2- Grave Space No. 17172 Sec. 0—With reference to Minute No. 2 of this Committee's proceedings at its last meeting, a letter was read from Mr. H. C. Smith, stating that Miss Pipe accepted the Committee's offer to have a fresh space in any part of the Cemetery in lieu of the one purchased by her.

3--Inscription Fees— Letters were read from Messrs. Ticehursts, Mcllquham and Wyatt, stating that the sum of £6 3s., had recently been paid for permission to erect a very small cross over the grave purchased by Mrs. Browne Clayton, and that for an additional inscription to be put on a stone to the memory of the same person as the small cross about to be erected, a further fee of £1 was demanded, but that it was wished to have the lettering on the stone instead of on the cross. Under the circumstances, they thought that the £1 fee might be waived. Resolved, That the Committee regret they cannot see their way, to comply with the request, the fees demanded being in accordance with those appended to the Cemetery Rules.

4—Telephone Connection to Cemetery— A letter was read from Messrs. Boulton & Sons, calling attention to the great convenience it would be to the Municipal Officers, Undertakers, Monumentalists and others if the Superintendent's lodge were connected to the Telephone Exchange. Resolved, To inform the writers that the Committee have already considered their suggestion. and are unable to accede to the same.

5-Designs—Resolved, To approve the following designs, viz: Headstones to George and Julia Mary Butler, and Eliza Turner.

JOHN HADDON,

Chairman.

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

**At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 23rd day of December, 1902**—Present Councillor Hayward ; the Baron de Ferrieres; the Revs. J. Owen, A. Beynon Phillips, and A. C. Turberville ; and Messrs. Carr and Pulitzer (Councillor Hayward in the chair)—

1---Death of Mr. Evan Butler—Resolved, To instruct the Town Clerk, on behalf of this Committee, to express their sympathy with the widow and family of the late Mr. Evan Butler in the bereavement sustained by his death.

2—Librarian's Report- —The Librarian reported that during the past month the average attendance of readers at the Leckhampton Branch, from 2 to 5 p.m., had been 6 ½ per day.

That 216 Volumes had been issued from the Central Library for the Branch Delivery Station, Leckhampton.

That £7 2s. 9d. had been received, and that the following presentations had been made to the Library, viz. :—The Trustees of the British Museum, 1 vol. ; the Baron de Ferrieres, 3 vols. ; Mr. W. Reay, 1 pamphlet ; Rev. G. Gardner, Encyclopaedia Britannica, vols. 30 and 31 ; the Secretary of State for India, 1 vol. ; London University Correspondence College, 1 vol. ; and Mr. H. Stroud, 24 vols.

3—Report of the Sub-Committee—The Sub-Committee reported that they had had four meetings since the last meeting of this Committee, viz., on the 2nd, 12th, 15th and 18th inst., when there were present on each occasion Councillors Hayward and King-Harman and the Rev. J. Evans, the Rev. J. A. Owen being present at the meetings held on the 2nd, 15th, and 18th only.

That the Librarian having reported that the Chief Assistant (Mr. F. W. Cooper), had resigned on account of his having received the appointment of Sub-Librarian in the Port Elizabeth, South Africa, Public library, they had instructed the Librarian to advertise in the Athenaeum for a Chief Assistant, at a commencing salary of £80 per annum.

That 39 applications were received. and were reduced to nine by the Librarian, and he finally reduced them to three, viz., E. W. Green (Great Yarmouth), J. McAdam (Bootle), J. Norrie (Walthamstow), and the Librarian was instructed to invite these three to an interview with the Sub-Committee.

That they had interviewed the three candidates, and decided to recommend the appointment of Mr. J. McAdam, of the Bootle Public Libraries, at a commencing salary of £80 per annum, with a yearly increase of £5 up to £100, the increase to be subject to satisfaction being given to the Librarian and the Committee.

That they recommended the wages of F. W. Turner be increased from 10s to 146 per week.

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

4—Supply of Technical Books—In reply to a letter received from Mr. R. B. Joyner, complaining that the Library was deficient as regards its value in technical education, and suggesting the necessity of adding every year works containing the latest advances made in scientific matters, Resolved, To inform him that the Committee already do what they can in this direction, having regard to the funds at their disposal

5—Ventilation of Lecture Room No. 2 at the School of Science.—A letter was read from the Clerk to the Governors of the Grammar School, calling attention to the want of ventilation in this room. Resolved, To request the Chairman to ascertain what was required to be done to improve the ventilation, and, if necessary, bring the matter before the General Purposes and Watch Committee.

C. HAYWARD,

Chairman.

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

**At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Wednesday, the 31st day of December, 1902—Present :** The Mayor; Aldermen Haddon, Holliday, Norman and Skillicorne ; Councillors Handley, 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 45 schools, from which 797 names of absentee children had been extracted, and the cases visited and enquired into. They also reported that the parents of 80 children had been summoned to attend before the Local Committees, who had held 6 meetings ; that to parents had been prosecuted, and 9 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. :—Ethel Compton, James Bishop, Frank and Cecilia Vacara, Arthur Scott, Florence Stedman, Winifred Gunnell, and Edward and Ernest Boss-stead.

3—Special Examination for Proficiency Certificates—The Town Clerk reported that the following were the results at the Special Examination for proficiency certificates held by H.M. Inspector on the 29th ult., all the children being examined in the 6th Standard :—

BOYS—Total Number Examined ..	46		
“    Passed ..	15		
“    Failed	<u>31</u>		
	46		
Number Failed in Reading	1		
“    Writing	19		
“    Arithmetic	29		
GIRLS —Total Number Examined	34		
“    Passed	13		
“    Failed ..	21		
Number Failed in Reading	0		
“    Writing	3		
“    Arithmetic	21		
BOYS and GIRLS—Total Number Failed in	1 subject	32	
“    “	2 subjects	19	
“    “	3 subjects	1	

W. NASH SKILLICORNE,

Chairman.

#### FINANCE COMMITTEE.

**At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 30th day of December, 1902**—Present The Mayor Alderman : Councillors Bence, Gurney, Handley, Parsonage. and Stroud, (Councillor Gurney in the chair)—

1- Receipt of Monies due to Corporation—In pursuance of the instructions of the Committee, the Borough Accountant presented a Report on the subject of the receipt of monies, other than those at present received by the Rate Collectors, due to the Corporation, which Report included his recommendations to the Committee as to the alterations it is desirable to make in the present practice. Resolved, That a copy of such Report be sent to each member of the Committee, and the further consideration thereof adjourned to the next monthly meeting.

2--- Parliamentary Registration—The Town Clerk laid before the Committee an account of his expenses in carrying into effect the provisions of the Acts for the Registration of Voters for the year

1902-3, amounting to £99 17s. 3d. Resolved, That the said amount be certified to be due to him, and be apportioned between the parishes of Cheltenham and Charlton Kings as follows, viz.:—  
Cheltenham £87 7s. 6d., Charlton Kings £12 9s. 9d.

3—Issue of Stock —A letter was read from the Local Government Board, dated the 27th ulto, requesting that the Board be furnished with a statement as to the loans proposed to be raised by or converted into stock in the form enclosed with the letter. The Town Clerk reported that the information required had been prepared by the Borough Accountant and sent to the Board on the 24th inst.

4—Capital Expenditure—A letter was read from the Local Government Board, stating that as the Board learned from the Report made to them by Colonel Durnford after the Local Inquiry recently held by him that a sum of £128 had been expended in connection with the Whaddon Lane Recreation Ground in excess of the amount already sanctioned, the Board requested to be furnished with a copy of a resolution of the Council directing application for sanction to borrow the sum mentioned. Resolved, That application be made to the Board for sanction to a loan of £128 to provide for the excess expenditure on the Whaddon Lane Recreation Ground accordingly, and that application be also made to the Board for sanction to a loan of £67 in respect of excess expenditure on the Hatherley Brook Sewer, such sum being the difference between the amount of excess expenditure. sanction to which has already been applied for, and the amount actually expended to the date of the Inge:. [?inquiry]

5—Alleged Illegal Expenditure—A letter was read from Major-General Babbage, calling attention to the fact that the sum of £5 5s. had been paid last year as a subscription to the Association of Municipal Corporations, and £8 6s. to the Mayor in respect of his expenses in attending meetings of the Association as representing the Cheltenham Corporation, that a similar subscription had been disallowed by the Government Auditor in the case of a Metropolitan Borough, and such disallowance had, on appeal, been upheld by the Local Government Board, and requesting that such subscription and expenses might not be incurred again, they being illegal and unnecessary. Resolved, To inform General Babbage that the payments referred to are authorised by Section 59 of the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1888.

6—Corporation Insurances—The Insurances Sub-Committee (Councillors Handley, Parsonage and Stroud) presented the following

#### Report

"Your Sub-Committee beg to report that they have held a number of meetings at which the whole of the existing Fire Insurance Policies were carefully examined. They found that a great deal of property was not insured and the existing amounts were frequently below the values which should be attached, having regard to increased cost of building operations generally. They therefore prepared an entirely new list and upon authorisation by your Committee advertised for Tenders with the result that 28 Tenders were received from various Companies through their local agents. These were analysed and tabulated in the Borough Accountant's Department and are submitted herewith.

It will be observed that with one exception all the Offices place restrictions upon the Winter Garden so far as scenic representations are concerned, also upon the dynamos at the Electric Light Works

and the machinery and equipment of Manchester Street Sub- Station as regards loss from self-ignition. The Borough Electrical Engineer, who has been consulted upon this latter point, sees no objection to the warranty required by the Companies exempting them from payment for loss in the event of self-ignition, being given.

Three Offices—Alliance £164 5s, County £164 4s 9d, and Royal £164 5s offer to make any person nominated by the Council their agent for the purpose of the Corporation Insurances and to allow a commission of 15 per cent., the County further offering to continue the Septennial allowances of 25 per cent., 10 per cent. and 5 per cent, respectively until the conclusion of Septennial periods on certain existing Policies.

We submit the tenders of the three offices mentioned with confidence to the Committee, and having regard to the fact that the Corporation have had for years past a very considerable amount of property insured with the County Office and have had the benefit of their Septennial allowances hitherto, the Sub-Committee recommend the acceptance of the tender of the County Fire Office, the Council to nominate some person as their agent for the purpose of the insurances."

Resolved, That the recommendations of the Sub-Committee be approved and the insurances offered to the County Fire Office upon the terms mentioned in the Report and that the Borough Accountant be suggested for appointment as the agent of the Company for the receipt and payment of the premiums. That the attention of the Town Improvement Committee be called to the fact that they must arrange for the special insurance of the Winter Garden on the occasion of any scenic representation or dramatic performance involving the use of scenery. And

That the attention of the lighting Committee be called to the fact that the dynamos at the Electric Light Works and the machinery, &c., at the Manchester Street Sub-station are not insured against loss caused by self-ignition.

7—Rates on No. 11, North Place—A Letter was read from Mr. W. Rodway asking to be allowed to pay less than full rates for No. North Place, as he was unable, for reasons mentioned in his letter, to let it unless at a very low rental. He at present used the house for storing purposes in connection with his business. Resolved, That Mr. Rodway be informed that he should apply to the Assessment Committee to reduce the assessment of his premises.

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General District Rate—The Report of the Borough Accountant of date the 30th instant, on the collection of the and instalment of this Rate was read. Amount collected £6,511 16s. 4d., leaving outstanding £15,235 12s.

9—Water Rate—The Report of the Borough Accountant of date the 30th instant, on collection of this Rate, was read. Amount received £4,089 14s. 2d., leaving outstanding £7,061 17s. 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 £16,561 14s. 8d., 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 on the 25th Nov. last	£116,077 12 7
Paid since that date	<u>£ 9,793 5 8</u>
	£125,870 18 3
Received since do.	<u>£14,033 7 6</u>
Overdrawn	£111,837 10 9
Being Ordinary Rates Expenditure	£ 11,762 15
Electric Lighting, Water & other Capital Accounts	<u>£100,074 15 2</u>
	£111,837 10 9

W. GERALD GURNEY,

Chairman.

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(NOTE has been found impossible to get out and print the Schedule of Accounts in time for it to be sent with the Minutes. The Schedule will reach the Members to-morrow).

### **Borough of Cheltenham**

**MINUTES of the Proceedings of Committees of the Town Council to be submitted for approval at a Quarterly Meeting of the Council, to be held on Monday, the 2nd day of February, 1903.**

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

**At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 12th day of January, 1903—Present :** Aldermen Norman and Skillicorne ; Councillors Bence, M. Davis, King-Harman, and Lawrence (Councillor Bence in the chair)—

1-Chairman—In the absence of the Chairman, Resolved, That Councillor Bence be appointed Chairman at this meeting.

2-Zymotic Disease—The Medical Officer of Health reported that there had been notified since the last meeting of the Committee, 5 cases of Scarlet Fever, 5 of Diphtheria, 2 of Erysipelas, and 8 of Chicken Pox ; that 4 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 14 of Scarlet Fever, 2 of Diphtheria, and 2 of Enteric Fever.

3—Houses without a proper Water Supply, viz. :--Nos. 1 and 2, Soho Place, Gas Lane—It appearing on the report of the Assistant Borough Surveyor, dated the 12th 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.

4----Cleansing and Disinfecting at No. 2, Denmark Villas—The Medical Officer of Health having certified that the cleansing, dis-infecting 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.

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-Houses let in Lodgings--The Medical Officer of Health recommended that the landlords of the following houses let in lodgings, viz., Emlyn Lodge, Albion Street, and No. 1, Bath Place, Bath 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.

7—Cleansing and Limewashing at Nos. 5 and 6, Portland Cottages, No. 12, Gloucester Place, No. 7, Lypiatt Street, No. 1, Young's Court, No. 20, Upper Park Street, and No. 20, Commercial Street—The Medical Officer of Health having certified under Section 46 of the Public Health Act, that the above-named dwelling houses are in such a filthy and unwholesome condition that the health of the inmates was affected or endangered thereby, Resolved, That 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. 2 and 3, Glenfall Street, and Nos. 19, 21, 23, and 25, Brunswick 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.

9—Insanitary Property at Nos. 3 and 5, Portland Cottages, Terrett's Cottage, St. George's Place, No. 2, Jersey Cottages, and Nos. 1, 3, and 6, Derrett's Cottages, Alstone---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. 9.1 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.

10—Dairies, Cowsheds, and Milkshops Order—An application was read from Mr. William Langsbury, of No. to, Sherborne Street, to be registered as a purveyor of milk. Resolved, That the application be acceded to.

11—Common Lodging House- A letter was read from Mrs. Stroud, of Cumberland House, Grove Street, applying to be registered as the keeper of such house as a Common Lodging House, her

husband, whose name appears on the register, basing recently died. Resolved, That the applicant be registered.

12-Additions to the Abattoir- A letter was read from the Local Government Board, stating that they had had under consideration the Report made by their Inspector after the Inquiry recently held with reference to the application for sanction to a loan of £500 for additions to the Abattoir, and that they were advised that the scheme submitted was not altogether satisfactory. In particular it was pointed out that the scheme involved blocking up the ends of the passages, and would if carried out preclude the carrying out of further extensions which might be necessary hereafter in a symmetrical and uniform manner, and the Board requested reconsideration of the scheme in the light of these objections. Resolved, That the Assistant Borough Surveyor be requested to bring up a plan showing suggested re-arrangement of the proposed additions to the Abattoir in order to meet the objections of the Local Government Board, and that consideration of the matter be in the meantime adjourned.

13—New Streets and Buildings—Tire Assistant Borough Surveyor laid before the Committee the following plans which he had received of proposed new streets and buildings, viz. :—

No. of Plan	Name	Description
1571	Mr. Waive	Scullery to house corner of Sandfield Road
1608	E. W. Moore	Cottage in Jersey Street
1609	H. J. & A Bradshaw	Pair of Villas, Naunton Park Road
1610	F. Jenkins	New Streets, Fairfield Building Estate
1611	F. W. Strange	Two Houses in Portland Street
1612	Pearce & Co., Limited	New Streets on Alstone Grange Estate

Resolved, That all the Plans be approved as shown so far as drainage and other sanitary matters are concerned. .

1.--Sewer in Leckhampton Road—Resolved, To instruct the Assistant Borough Surveyor to bring up a plan and estimate for an extension of the sewer in Leckhampton Road, to be connected with the sewers to be constructed on the Fairfield Estate and to take the drainage of the houses on the Estate having a frontage to Leckhampton Road.

GEORGE BENICE,

Chairman.

**At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 19th day of January, 1903**—Present: The Mayor; Aldermen Norman and Skillicorne; Councillors Bence, M. Davis, King-Harman, and H. Waghorne (Councillor Bence in the chair)—

15—Chairman—In the absence of the Chairman, Resolved, That Councillor Bence be appointed Chairman at this meeting.

16--Zymotic Disease—The Medical Officer of Health reported that there had been notified since the last meeting of the Committee case of Scarlet Fever, which case had been sent into the Delancey

Hospital, and that the number of cases then in the Delancey hospital sent in by the Corporation was  
fa of Scarlet Fever, 2 of Enteric Fever, and 2 of Diphtheria,

17-Insanitary Property, viz:, No. 3, Trent Cottages, No. 7, Lypiatt Street, No. 20, Utter Park Street, No, 4, Lamb Retreat, and Commercial 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.

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18-Urinal at The Devonshire Brewery, High 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 to 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 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 seater 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—Notices not complied with—The Medical Officer of Health handed in a list of Notices which had been served for the carrying out of sanitary requirements, but which had not been complied with. Resolved, To instruct the Town Clerk, if necessary, to take proceedings to compel compliance with the notices.

22--Overcrowding at No. 4, Cakebridge Terrace—The Medical Officer of Health reported that the above house was so overcrowded as to be dangerous or injurious to the health of the inmates. Resolved, That the Committee being satisfied of the existence of a nuisance at the said house, Notices under Sec. 94 of the Public Health Act be served on the owner and occupier thereof requiring them to abate the same.

23—Cleansing and Limewashing at Nos. 43, 44, and 45, Upper Norwood Street, and No. 1, Maryville Cottages, St. George's Road—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 Notices be given to the owners under the said Section, requiring the houses to be cleansed and limewashed.

24--Nuisances from Drains, &c., at Nos. 1 and 2, Maryville Cottages, St. George's Road, and Nos. 10 and 11, Selkirk Parade—The Inspector of Nuisances having made written application under Sec. 40 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.

25— Alleged Damage by Surface Water from Old Bath Road—A letter was read from Messrs. Bubb & Co., claiming the sum of as compensation on behalf of Miss Best, the occupier of Minden, Charlton Lane, under the following circumstances :—On the 5th inst., a flood of water ran off the Old Bath Road owing, the writers alleged, to the insufficient surface water drainage for the Old Bath Road, on to the garden at the back of Minden, covering it to the depth of a foot in some places and some inches in depth against the house wall. The water subsided during the next three following days, but had destroyed the garden and done other damage. The Assistant Borough Surveyor having reported upon the matter, Resolved, That the Council cannot admit any liability.

26--Additions to Abattoir—With reference to the letter from the Local Government Board, read at the last meeting, the Assistant Borough Surveyor laid before the Committee a plan showing the re-arrangement he suggested for the proposed extensions to the Abattoir to meet the objections of the Board. Resolved, That the same be approved and forwarded to the Board.

27- Sewer wider No. 24 Bath Parade- The Assistant Borough Surveyor reported that the Inspector of Nuisances having given notice to hint of a defective brick sewer running under No. 24, Bath Parade, as the matter was urgent, he had, with the sanction of Councillor Parsonage, the Chairman of this Committee, taken out the portion running under the house, blocked the end of the sewer in front of the house, and continued the sewer running at the backs of the other houses in Bath Parade, joining the main sewer in Bath Road, this plan giving better access to the sewer if required at any future time. Resolved, That the action of the Assistant Borough Surveyor be approved.

28— Extension of Sewer in Leckhampton Road—The Assistant Borough Surveyor reported that it would be necessary to extend the sewer in the Leckhampton Road for about 540 yards in order to take the advantage of the Fairfield Estate. The cost he estimated at about £135. The owner of the Fairfield Estate would have to provide a manhole at the end of the two new streets to be laid out on the Estate. Resolved, That the extension be made, and that application be made to the Local Government Board for sanction to a loan for the amount of the estimate.

29--New Streets and Buildings--The Assistant Borough Surveyor laid before the Committee notices and plans received by him from persons intending to erect new buildings or to lay out new streets, viz :—

No. of Plan.	Name.	Description.
1613	G. H. Roberts	Five houses in Winstonian Road
1614	E. W. Moore	Cottage in Malthouse Lane
1615	J. D. Bendall	Four houses on Fairfield Estate, Leckhampton Road

Resolved, That the plans be approved so far as drainage and other sanitary matters are concerned.

GEORGE BENCE, Chairman.

### FARMS AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL COMMITTEE.

**At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Friday, the 9th day of January, 1903**—Present The Mayor; Aldermen Norman; Councillors M. Davis, Bence, King-Harman, and Lawrence (Councillor **M. Davis in the chair**)—

1—Report of Sewage Farms Manager—The Sewage Farms Manager reported that the stock on the Farms on the 18th ultimo was as follows:—12 horses and 1 cob, 158 cattle, and 20 sheep. That no purchases had been made since the last meeting, and that the following sales had been made .-29th December, 20 sheep, £48 9s. 6d. ; 2nd January, heifer and calf, £15 19s. ; and on the 5th January, 4 bullocks for £75 3s. One of the yearling cart colts had died through eating yew tree foliage. The number of livestock on the Farms on the 9th inst. was 11 horses and 1 cob and 153 head of cattle. 22 quarters of beans had been threshed, and he recommended that the oats at the Barn Farm be threshed out, about 20 quarters, and the straw sold. He had delivered to the Central Depot 2 tons 4 cwt. of hay and clover. Resolved, That the recommendations of the Manager be approved and adopted.

2-The Moat, Uckington-- With reference to the letter from Messrs. Winterbotham and Gurney, read at the last meeting, the Chairman reported that, accompanied by the Sewage Farms Manager, he had inspected the land in the vicinity of the Moat, and that it was practically impossible for any pollution to have occurred to the water therein for which the Corporation were in any way responsible. Resolved, That Messrs. Winterbotham and Gurney be informed that the Committee are unable to admit that any cause for complaint rests with the Council.

3—Repairs, &c., at Hayden Knoll Farmhouse--The account from Messrs. C. Malvern & Son for £25 11s. 2d., the balance due to them for works of repair and renovation at Hayden Knoll Farmhouse, referred to this Committee by the Council, was considered, and the Assistant Borough Surveyor having reported in detail upon the items of the account, Resolved, That the account be paid.

M. DAVIS, Chairman.

### STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE.

**At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 13th day of January, 1903**—Present Alderman Haddon and Skillicorne; Councillors Baker, Bendall, Hayward and Packer (Councillor Baker in the chair)— -

1—Central Depot—At the inspection of the Depot, there were present Alderman Haddon and Councillor Bendall.

2-Gloucester Road Private Improvement Works—A Memorial was read from A. A. Halliwell and other owners of property on the west side of the Gloucester Road from the Midland Inn to St. James' Villas, who had recently been served with notice to execute works of private improvement to the footpaths in front of their properties, protesting against being charged for such works when executed, on the ground that the Gloucester Road was not a street within the meaning of the Improvement Act of 1852, that as a turnpike road it was repairable and maintainable by the town generally; that, being a main road, the cost of all necessary works should be or are provided for in the grant from the County Council for such roads, the Memorialists expressing the hope that the Council would decide to have the works carried out at the cost of the inhabitants at large.

A Memorial was also read from Mr. E. Attree and other owners of houses in Grange Crescent, Gloucester Road, supporting the first-mentioned Memorial, and submitting that Section 44 of the Improvement Act of 1852 had been superseded by the Local Government Act, 1868, as regards turnpike roads, and that Section 44 only referred to streets prior to their becoming highways. Resolved, To adjourn consideration of the Memorials to the next meeting.

3 -Footpath in front of Greville House—A letter was read from Miss Hamilton, calling attention to the dilapidated state of the path-way and guttering in front of the entrance to her house. Resolved, That the Assistant Borough Surveyor be directed to do what is necessary in the matter.

4-G.W.R. Charges---With reference to Minute No. 16 of this Committee's proceedings of date the 26th October last, a letter was read from the Assistant Goods Manager of the Great Western Railway Company, stating that he was instructed to inform the Council that the application for siding allowance was not one that could be entertained having regard to all the circumstances, that while the siding had effected a substantial saving to the Corporation by avoiding cartage, the Company had borne the whole cost of the work upon their oxen line, and had performed the special working to the siding and considerable shunting, clerkage, labelling, signalling, &c., for which no charge had been made by them. Resolved, That further consideration of the matter be adjourned.

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5—Eldorado Road--A letter was read from Mr. G. S. Watson, of St. Kenelm, Eldorado Road, asking that the private improvement works proposed to be carried out in Eldorado Road should include the east end of the road, as that most needed repair. Resolved, To adjourn consideration of the matter for the Committee to view.

6 —Lansdown Place Footpath—A letter was read from Miss H. Jessop, of No. 26, Lansdown Crescent, calling attention to the bad state of the paving in front of Lansdown Place. Resolved, That the writer be informed that her complaint shall receive attention, and that the Assistant Borough Surveyor be instructed to have the paving referred to repaired and relaid where necessary.

7—Footway near Marlborough House, Montpellier—With reference to the last resolution to Minute No. 25 of this Committee's proceedings at its last meeting, a letter was read from Mr. R. R. Skemp, asking that the requirement as to the provision of a gangway during the carrying out of the alterations at Marlborough House should be withdrawn, as he thought it had been made under a

misapprehension. There would be two feet of pathway all round outside his hoarding, and the traffic was very small Resolved, That consideration of the matter be adjourned for view, and that Mr. Skemp be invited to meet the Committee.

8—Street Projections—A letter was read from Messrs. W. and T. Avery, Limited, Weighing Machinists, asking permission to put up a sign at their Repairing Depot at No. 8, Henrietta Street, as per sketch enclosed with their letter. Resolved, That permission be not granted.

With reference to the first resolution to Minute No. 15 of this Committee's proceedings of date the 29th ultimo, a letter was read from Messrs. Gough & Edwards, regretting that they had in any way infringed the Bye-Laws, and explaining the circumstances as to the erection of the show case at Nos. 404 and 405, High Street, which they had been notified to remove. They hoped that the Council would reconsider the matter and allow the case to remain. Resolved, That under the circumstances permission be given for the show case to remain, subject to the right of the Council to require its removal at any time if they think fit to do so.

9—Report of Building inspector—The usual Monthly Report of the Building Inspector was read. New Buildings in progress 45, completed since 9th ultimo 7.

10—New Streets and Buildings—The Assistant Borough Surveyor laid before the Committee the following notices and plans received by him from persons intending to erect new buildings or to lay out new streets, viz.:—

No. of Plan.	Name.	Description
1571	Mr. Waine	Scullery to house corner of Sandfield Road
1604	W. Cresswell	Villa at corner of Libertus and Rowanfield Roads
1608	E. W. Moore	Cottage in Jersey Street
1609	H. J. & A. Bradshaw	Pair of Villas in Naunton Park Road
1610	F. Jenkins	Laying out of Fairfield Building Estate
1611	F. W. Strange	Two houses in Portland Street.

Resolved, That all the Plans be approved as shown.

WILLIAM A. BAKER,

Chairman.

**At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 26th day of January, 1903**—Present : Aldermen Haddon and Skillicorne ; Councillors Bendall, Hayward and Packer (Alderman Haddon in the chair)—

11—Chairman—In the absence of the Chairman, Resolved, That Alderman Haddon be appointed Chairman at this meeting.

12-View Meeting—The following Members were present on Friday last, viz.: Alderman Haddon and Councillor Bendall, and no view was held.



13—Monthly Report re Highways—The Assistant Borough Surveyor reported that the work done by the Highways Department from December 12th, 1902, to January 15th, 1903, inclusive had been as follows —

Repaired with Clee Hill Stone--Alstone Lane (whole) 996 square yards, Gloucester Road (St. George's Road to Castle) 360 square yards, Winchcomb Street (Pittville Gates to Albion Street) 192 square yards

Patching—Sandfield Road, Monson Avenue, High Street, Lansdown Road, Trafalgar Street, North Place, St. George's Road, Queen's Road, Montpellier Wide Opening, St. James's Square, Evesham Road, Bath Road, Tewkesbury Road.

Repaired with Wickwar Stone--Gratton Road (whole) 2,616 square yards, Back Lansdown Place (whole) 864 square yards.

Patching—Burton Street, Hatherley Lane, Back Lansdown Crescent, All Saints' Road, Priory Street, Sherborne Street, Hewlett Road, Upper Norwood Street, Cemetery Road.

Private Improvements- -Lansdown Road, Eldorado Road, Winstonian Road (proceeding), Russell Place (Corporation portion finished).

The Kerbing and Channelling in Montpellier Street by Messrs. Channon & Son had been relaid with concrete kerb and channel blocks.

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The roadway, St. George's Place, by the side of the tram lines, was being relaid (St. George's Road to Royal Well Place) with McDougall bricks.

One new Earthenware Gully had been fixed in Alstone Lane and one in Sandfield Road.

Kerbing, Crossing, Channelling and Paving—New Street, London Road, Winchcomb Street, Back Lansdown Place, Lansdown Place, Parabola Road, Bath Parade, St. George's Place, Promenade, Bath Road, High Street, Fairview Road, Rose and Crown Passage. Portland Street, All Saints' Road, Lower High Street, Rowanfield Road, Regent Street, Montpellier Terrace, Rodney Road, Prestbury Road, Gratton Road, Clarence Street, Painswick Road, Albion Street, North Place, St. Margaret's Road, Holy Trinity Lane, Exmouth Street, Lypiatt Terrace.

Trees Pruned—Promenade, Christ Church Road, Parabola Road, Bayshill Road, Pittville Circus, Pittville Circus Road, Hewlett Road, Cemetery Road, St. George's Road, Back Evesham Road, Wellington Square, Pittville Estate.

Trees Cut Down—Four at Agg-Gardner's Recreation Ground.

Ash Collection —1,092 loads collected ; 526 loads, weighing 890 tons 10 cwt., consumed at the Destructor.

Slab Factory- 616, 3-ft. by 2-ft., 113, 2-ft. 6-in. by 2-ft., slabs made. 516, 3-ft. by 2-ft., 113, 2-ft. 6-in. by 2-ft., were made with the addition of granite dust, at the extra cost of, 3-ft. by 2-ft., 2d. per slab; 2-ft. 6-in. by 2ft., tad. per slab to the above total price.

14—Lane at back of Railway Inn, Great Norwood Street —A letter was read from Mr. James Slatter, alleging that the Private Improvement Works in the lane at the back of the Railway Inn, Great Norwood Street, had been carried out in an extravagant manner, and asking for an abatement in the amount apportioned to be paid by him (£10 18s. 8d.) Resolved, That the Council cannot now make any abatement.

15—Footpath in St. George's Road between Cambridge House and the Railway Bridge—A letter was read from Alderman Norman, calling attention to the unsatisfactory state of this footpath, particularly in wet weather, and suggesting that the present paving might be replaced by clinker slabs. Resolved, That consideration of the matter be adjourned for the Committee to view.

16 — Footpath between Cambray and Rodney Road, by Cambray House—A letter from Alderman Norman, calling attention to the had condition of this footpath. was read. Resolved, To direct the Assistant Borough Surveyor to have the same relaid with asphalte.

17—Accommodation for Foot Passengers near Marlborough House, Montpellier—With reference to the letter from Mr. R. R. Skemp, read at the last meeting of this Committee, in view of the fact that sufficient accommodation had been left by Mr. Skemp for foot traffic, Resolved, To withdraw the notice served upon him to provide a 2-ft. 6-in. gangway during the alterations at Marlborough House, 'Montpellier, and to vary the resolution to Minute No. 25 of this Committee's proceedings of date the 29th ultimo accordingly.

18—Gloucester Road Footpaths—With reference to the Memorials read at the last meeting of this Committee as to the Private Improvement Works ordered to be carried out in Gloucester Road, the matter having been considered, Resolved, That the Memorialists be informed that the Council cannot see their way to rescind their previous resolution, and that the 'works ordered must be carried out by or at the expense of the abutting owners.

19—Old Bath Road--A letter was read from Mr. George Harris, of Mertonville, Old Bath Road, asking the immediate attention of the Committee to the bad condition of the Old Bath Road, as the road required remetalling and making good forthwith. Resolved, That the Assistant Borough Surveyor be directed to do what is necessary for the present in the way of repairing the road, and to again bring up a plan and estimate for the widening of the Old Bath Road.

20—Crossing from West Side of Montpellier Parade to Montpellier Terrace—A letter from Councillor Hayward was read, asking that the crossing formerly joining the West side of Montpellier Parade with Montpellier Terrace should be replaced, as the number of persons crossing at the point mentioned was very great, and they were much inconvenienced in muddy weather by the absence of a crossing. Resolved, To adjourn consideration of the matter for the Committee to view.

21-Tenders for Forage—The following tenders received in response to the advertisement for a 12 months' supply of forage, from the 1st proximo, were considered

	Best Clover Hay.			Best Meadow Hay.
	per ton.			per ton.
Corporation Sewage Farms	£3	5s	0d	£3 5 0
J. L. Brookes, Uckington	£3	17s	6d	£3 17 6
W. Ride & Co., Winchcombe Street	£4	5s	0d	£4 0 0

	Bright Black Oats	Bright White Oats	Good English Beans	Good Wheat Bran	Good Linseed	Wheat Straw
	per quarter	per quarter	per bushel	per cwt	per bushel	per ton
J L Brookes Uckington	£1 1 6	---	4s 6d	---	---	---
W Ride & Co., Winchcombe Street	£1 0 6	£1 3 6	4s 6d	£5 2 6	8s 6d	£3 2 6

Resolved, That the tender of the Corporation Sewage Farms for Best Meadow Hay, the tender of Mr. J. L. Brookes for Best Clover Hay, Black Oats and Straw, and the tender of Messrs. Ride & Co. for White Oats, Beans, and Bran he accepted.

22---Breaking of stone required for Highways—Resolved, That in order to compare the wear of a road made with hand-broken stone with that of a road made up with machine-broken stone, as is at present used within the Borough, the Assistant Borough Surveyor be instructed to order three trucks of Clee Hill Stone and six trucks of Tytherington stone, and have the same broken at the Leckhampton Yard and at the Central Depot, for use under the direction of this Committee upon some piece of highway in the Borough as an experiment.

23--Leckhampton Road—Resolved, That the ditch in the Leckhampton Road in front of the Fairfield Estate be piped smith a 6-in. pipe, the path to be widened to include the former ditch.

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24--New Buildings—The Assistant Borough Surveyor laid before the Committee the following notices and plans of new buildings received by him, viz.

No. Plan.	Name.	Description.
1613	G. H. Roberts	Five houses in Winstonian Road
1614	E. W. Moore	Cottage in Malthouse Lane
1615	John D. Bendall	Four houses in Leckhampton Road
1617	W. G. Earengy	Alterations and additions to Nos. 6 and 7, Hewlett Place
1618	G.W.R. Co.	42 Dwellings for Artisans in Road off Alstone Lane
1619	P. H. Kenworthy	Additions to Quince Lawn, St. Stephen's Road

Resolved, That all the plans be approved as shown.

JOHN HADDON,

Chairman.

## TRAMWAYS COMMITTEE.

**At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Thursday, the 8th day of January, 1903**—Present The Mayor ; Councillors Baker, M. Davis, Davies, Hayward, Packer, and J. Waghorne (Councillor J. Waghorne in the Chair).

1--Stroud District and Cheltenham Tramways Bill—Letters were read from Messrs. Winterbotham & Sons, Solicitors, Stroud, stating that they were acting for a Syndicate which is promoting a Bill for the construction of Tramway's in the Stroud District and thence through Painswick to Cheltenham in manner similar to that proposed by the late Mr. Nevins, and asking for the support of the Town Council to the present scheme. A further letter was read stating that whilst it was necessary in order to comply with Standing Orders that proper consents should be obtained from the various Local Authorities, the writers quite recognised that some of the Authorities may desire Clauses to be inserted in the Bill, and that it was unreasonable to expect an unconditional consent at the present time, and they enclosed a form of conditional consent and suggested the same for adoption by the Council. The deposited plans and prints of the draft Bill having been laid before the Committee, Resolved, That the Council consent to the construction of the Tramways proposed to be authorised by the Stroud District and Cheltenham Tramways Bill, but this consent shall not prejudice the right of the Council to appear before the Committee on the Bill in support of such clauses and provisions for their protection as they may deem necessary.

J. WAGHORNE,

Chairman.

## TOWN IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE.

**At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Friday, the 9th day of January, 1903**—Present Alderman Winterbotham ; Councillors Bainbridge, Baker, Bence, and Rickerby (Councillor Rickerby in the chair)—

1-Pittville Gardens--The Committee met at Pittville and gave the Assistant Boroughs Surveyor instructions on a number of points connected with repairs and the management of the Estate. Resolved, To instruct the Assistant Borough Surveyor to bring up a plan and estimate for the provision of seating inside and outside the new Lodge, and to provide the necessary fittings and fixtures for the lavatory, offices, &c., there.

That he do advertise for traders for the pulling down of Essex Lodge, as already authorised by the Council.

With reference to a letter from Messrs. Engall & Co., now read, applying on behalf of General Dawson, the occupier of Lorraine House, that the trees near the Pump Room overhanging his garden should be cut, Resolved, To direct the Assistant Borough Surveyor to comply with the request.

T. E. RICKERBY,

Chairman.

**At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 19th day of January, 1903**—Present The Mayor ; Aldermen Norman ; Councillors Bainbridge, Bence, Packer and Rickerby (Councillor Rickerby in the chair)—

2—Site for Meteorological Instruments— The Assistant Borough Surveyor reported that the Borough Meteorologist considered the Montpellier Gardens the best position for the Meteorological Instruments under the circumstances, having regard to convenience of inspection outside, and the former now laid before the Committee a plan showing the position proposed to be occupied by the instruments, with the exception of the Barometer which would be fixed in the Pump Room at the Lodge and the Anemometer which would be fixed on the top of the Band Stand. The Assistant Borough Surveyor re-commended surrounding the instruments with wrought iron unclimbable fencing 5 feet high, and provided with a small gate. Mr. Bell would of course have to be provided with a key to admit him to the Gardens at any time. Resolved, That the suggested site and the other proposals of the Assistant Borough Surveyor be approved and adopted.

3—Pulling down Essex Lodge—The Assistant Borough Surveyor reported that as instructed he had advertised for tenders for the pulling down of Essex Lodge, and recommended for acceptance the tender of Mr. C. W. Spackman, who was willing to do the work and pay the Corporation the sum of £9. Resolved, That the tender of Mr. Spackman be accepted accordingly.

4—Erection of Iron Fencing along Pittville Gardens Boundary, from the Bridge to St. Aryans, Evesham Road—With reference to the Resolution of this Committee approved by the Council in March, 1902, directing the erection of an iron fence along the boundary of Pittville from the Bridge to St. Aryans, Evesham Road. The Assistant Borough Surveyor reported, pursuant to instructions from the Committee, that the cost of erecting a new wrought iron fence along this Boundary would be between £95 and £100, but that the Corporation had in stock at the Depot some fencing more than enough for the purpose and quite suitable, and he suggested that this should be used for the purpose. Resolved, That the fencing now at the Depot be erected as suggested.

5 —New Entrance Lodge—With reference to the Resolution of this Committee at its last Meeting, the Assistant Borough Surveyor submitted a plan for the provision of seating accommodation inside and outside the New Lodge at Pittville, the cost of which he estimated at £12. Resolved, That the plan be approved and the work carried out.

6—Re-issue of Small Guide to Cheltenham—Resolved, To appoint Councillors Bainbridge and Packer to be a Sub-Committee to report on the desirability of arranging with Mr. Burrow for the re-issue of the Small Guide to Cheltenham issued last year, and to suggest to what extent the same should be revised.

7—Advertising in A.M.C. Guide to Cheltenham—A letter was read from Mr. G. F. Poole asking whether the Corporation would take a page advertisement in the Official Guide to Cheltenham, to be issued by the local Oddfellows in connection with the Annual Moveable Committee of this Friendly Society., to be held here in June next. The cost of a page advertisement would be £1 1 0. Resolved, To take a page on the terms mentioned, the Chairman to settle the letterpress for the advertisement.

T. E. RICKERBY, Chairman.

## LIGHTING COMMITTEE.

**At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Wednesday, the 21st day of January, 1903**—Present The Mayor ; Alderman Norman ; Councillors Bainbridge and Stroud (Alderman Norman in the chair)—

I—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 1903,	Legal Standard.	Test at Manchester Street.
Jan. 3rd	200 Volts.	210 Volts
10th	200 Volts.	210 "
		Average.. 210"

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

ILLUMINATING POWER.		PURITY.	
1903		1903	Grains of Sulphur per 100 cubic ft.
Jan. 3rd ..	15.13 candles	Jan. 3rd 4 <sup>th</sup>	10.91
" 10th..:	16.54 "		
Average..	15.83		

3--Gas Inspector's Report—The Gas Inspector reported that the hourly average consumption of gas per ordinary lamp during the previous month had been 4.0893 cubic feet. Ordinary Lamps with No. 3 Incandescent burners, 3.4865 cubic feet ; Guildhall Lamps, with No 4 Incandescent burners, 4.757 cubic feet.

4—Lamp Book—This Book was produced and examined. Lamps extinguished, 14 metered, 73 unmetered, and 26 incandescent ; burning dimly, 13 incandescent.

5—Public Lighting—Resolved, To adjourn, for the Committee to view, consideration of a letter received from Mr. Thomas Lewis, calling attention to the want of light in the lane at the back of Royal Well Terrace, from which lane the lamp formerly there had been removed.

A letter was read from Mr. T. Mills, of Lowmandale, Leckhampton Road, alleging extravagance in the electric lighting of the Leckhampton Road.

6—Loan of £17,200 borrowed from Public Works Loan Commissioners—A letter was read from the Local Government Board stating that a return of the expenditure out of the above loan had not yet been received by the Board, and asking to be furnished with the same at an early date, to which the Town Clerk had replied that the Borough Electrical Engineer would complete the same as soon as possible, and it should be forwarded to the Board.

7—Insurance of Dynamos, &c.—The Resolution of the Finance Committee of the Council calling attention to the warranty required by the County Fire Office, with whom the Council had decided to insure all their property, as to the Company not being liable for damage caused to the dynamos at

the Electric Light Works or to the machinery and plant at the Manchester Street Sub-Station by self-ignition seas read and considered. Resolved, To adjourn further consideration of the matter to the next meeting for a Report from the Borough Electrical Engineer.

8—View Meetings of Committee—The Chairman reported that at a meeting held at 3 p.m. on the and inst. there were present Alderman Norman, Councillors Bainbridge, Baker, Stroud, Hayward, Handley, and J. Waghorne.

The Committee paid a visit to the Electric Works, and there met Mr. Williams, representing Messrs. Collins & Godfrey, the Contractors for the Condenser Chamber.

At 5 p.m. there were present:--Alderman Norman, Councillors Baker, Handley and Hayward.

The Committee visited the following streets in reference to complaints as to the insufficiency of the Public Lighting, and resolved to make the following recommendations:—

Whaddon Lane—The Committee saw no reason to add to the public lamps in this road.

Prestbury Road—Resolved, To request the Borough Electrical Engineer to bring up a plan for the extension of the arc lighting from Pittville Circus Road to the Borough Boundary.

Brighton Road—Resolved, To recommend that another lamp be added in this street, and the two existing lamps be re-arranged.

Junction of Winchcomb and Albion Streets—Resolved, To recommend that an arc lamp be suspended across the roadway there, and the present incandescent electric lamp taken down.

Hayward's Road—Resolved, That the Charlton Kings Urban District Council be asked if they are willing to co-operate in improving the public lighting in this road.

With reference to a complaint by Colonel J. C. Griffith as to the position of the arc lamps in Pittville Circus Road, near his house, Resolved, To agree to the removal of the arc lamp in front of Pengwern College to the opposite side of the road if this will meet the objections of Colonel Griffith to its present position and subject to his undertaking to pay the whole of the cost of the removal and re-erection of the standard.

Resolved, That the resolutions as set out be now confirmed, and that a further View Meeting re Public Lighting be held on the 5th proximo, at 6 p.m.

9—Report of the Borough Electrical Engineer-- The Electrical Engineer reported that, except for a temporary interruption of supply from Montpellier Terrace Sub-Station and two or three faults in the arc lighting circuits, due to the heavy and prolonged rains, all work had progressed satisfactorily during the past month.

That the steam roller had caused the east wall of Grafton Road Sub-Station to bulge inwards and to leak badly, and that it would be necessary to make this damage good without delay. That several globes had been broken on the incandescence lamp pillars in Overton Park early in the month, and that the matter had been reported to the Police.

That a small extension on the east side of the Bath Road, from St Luke's Terrace for 50 yards northwards, was required, to give electric supply to an intending customer, and that he recommended that this extension, which would cost £20, should be carried out without delay.

Resolved, That the Report and recommendations of the Electrical Engineer be approved and adopted, and application made to the Local Government Board for sanction to a loan of £20, and that the Electrical Engineer be instructed to have the eastern wall of Grafton Road Sub-Station made good.

GEO. NORMAN,

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#### **WATER COMMITTEE.**

**At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Thursday, the 22nd day of January, 1903**—Present: The Mayor ; Alderman Norman ; Councillors Bendall, M. Davis, King-Harman, Lawrence, Packer and H. Waghorne, (Councillor H. Waghorne in the chair)

Report of Assistant Borough Engineer—The Monthly Report of the Assistant Borough Engineer as follows was read:—

On the 20th instant the supply from Hewletts springs was 267 gallons, the average for the past three years being 221 gallons per minute, and the quantity of water in store at Hewletts and Leckhampton was 18,355,608 gallons.

On the 20th instant Dowdeswell Reservoir was 31ft. in depth, and the contents were 94,765,149 gallons, exclusive of the daily yield of the streams, which is now about 794,016 gallons, giving a total storage of 113,120,757 gallons, or about 113 days' supply.

The extension of the water main to supply " Wager Court " has been completed and the water laid on.

The extension of the water main to supply " The Grange " at the Reddings will be completed in the course of the next two or three days.

On Sunday morning, the 18th instant, the 3in. main burst opposite 344, High Street, and was temporarily repaired during the day, and effectually repaired on Tuesday the 20th instant.

On Sunday morning, the 18th instant, the 3in. main burst in Commercial Street and the service had to be shut down all night, and on Monday the main was repaired.

He also reported as to the terms (1s per ton) on which the engineer who was testing pipes for the Newport (Mon.) Corporation at the Stanton Iron Works would undertake the testing there of the rain. pipes to be supplied for the new main from Tewkesbury. At the present time about one half of the pipes had been already made after testing by the makers.

Resolved, That the Assistant Borough Engineer be authorised to arrange for an occasional visit to the Stanton Iron Works and test of the pipes by himself or another competent member of the Staff.



2—Proposed New Main from Tewkesbury to Cheltenham--A letter was read from the Local Government Board stating that they had had under consideration the Report of their Inspector with reference to the application of the Council for sanction to a loan of £17,000 for the proposed new main from Tewkesbury Pumping Station to Hewletts Reservoir, that the Board were advised that the powers of the Public Health Act, 1875, would not be available to the Town Council for the construction of their main. and that the Board were inclined to concur in the view that the provisions of the Local Acts did not give the necessary powers. They were therefore not in a position to sanction the borrowing of the required sum. The Town Clerk read a letter he had sent to the Board in reply to their communication pointing out that by Section 54 of the Public Health Act, a local authority supplying water within their district had the same powers for carrying water mains both within and without their district as they had under Sections 16 and 32 of the Act to carry sewers within and without their district, and that the sections last named authorised the carrying of sewers through any lands subject to the giving of certain notices and the consent of the Board if notices of objection were lodged, which notices had been given and the necessary application to the Board for a decision on the objections made. The Town Clerk also expressed his surprise that the Board had not before this expressed a doubt as to the powers of the Council to carry out the intended works seeing that on the 16th of October last, he had in reply to their request informed them upon what powers the Council relied, and he inquired on what grounds the Board's advisers had come to the conclusion they had. A further letter from the Board was read stating that they did not consider the powers of the Public Health Act were available in the matter as the water undertaking of the Council was subject to the provisions of Local Acts. A Report from the Assistant Boroughs Engineer was read with reference to a suggested alternative route. Resolved, That in difference to the Local Government Board's opinion a route along the public roads be adopted and that with a view of expediting the commencement of the work, the Board be asked to receive a deputation on the subject. A letter was read from the Clerk to the Cheltenham Rural District Council asking for certain information with regard to the facilities that would be given to the inhabitants of Uckington, Swindon, and Prestbury to obtain a supply of water from the proposed new main. Resolved, To adjourn considerations of the letter in view of the abovementioned correspondence with the Local Government Board.

3— Supply of Water to Folly Lane Allotments—With reference to the Memorial from Mr. H. Comley and other tenants of the Folly Lane Allotments asking for the laying on of a supply of water to the Allotments, referred to this Committee by the General Purposes and Watch Committee for consideration, Resolved, To adjourn consideration of the matter for the Assistant Borough Engineer to report thereon at the next meeting.

4-Loss of Cow--With reference to the letter read at the last meeting of this Committee from Mr. H. Cooper applying for compensation for the loss of a Cow which fell into a hole near the hedge when passing Dowdeswell Reservoir, the Town Clerk reported as to the enquiries he had made in the matter. Resolved, That the Committee are unable to admit any liability.

5-Land at Sandford—An application was read for a chain of land at Sandford. Resolved, That the same be acceded to.

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

H. WAGHORNE, Chairman.

**GENERAL PURPOSES AND WATCH COMMITTEE.**

**At a Meeting of this this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 13th day of January, 1903**—Present The Mayor ; Aldermen Haddon, Norma, Skillicorne and Winterbotham ; Councillors Baker, Davies, M. Davis, Gurney, Hayward, Lamb, Rickerby, and J. Waghorne (The Mayor in the chair)--

1--Swine Fever—A letter was read from the Clerk to the County Council enclosing a copy of Regulations made by the County and by the City of Gloucester with regard to the movement of swine into within or out of the County, and City respectively, and asking that with a view to the effectual carrying out of the Regulations and the prevention of the spread of Swine Fever, this Committee should make similar Regulations with regard to the Borough of Cheltenham. Resolved, That similar Regulations to those made by the County be now made as regards this Borough, and that the Town Clerk do pub-lish notice accordingly.

2—Town Clerk -The Town Clerk attended this Meeting and placed before the Committee his views as to the arrangements which should be made as regards himself in the event of his retirement from the Town Clerkship. Resolved, That further consideration of the matter be adjourned.

RICHARD ROGERS,

Chairman.

**At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 20th day of January, 1903**—Present The Mayor; Aldermen Haddon, and Norman ; Councillors M. Davis, Hayward, Lamb, Rickerby and J. Waghorne (The Mayor in the chair)—

3—Diseases of Animals Acts—Superintendent Hopkins reported that an outbreak of Swine Fever had occurred on the 8th instant upon the premises of Mr. George Page, Hatherley Road, that of 16 pigs there, 9 were attacked with the disease and had been killed by Order of the Board of Agriculture, and the seven healthy animals were isolated and were being slaughtered by the owner. The affected animals were bred upon the premises and the outbreak could not be accounted for. The necessary notices had been served and the Swine Fever Order would be strictly carried out.

The Town Clerk laid before the Committee regulations just made with reference to fat swine intended for immediate slaughter. Resolved, That similar regulations be made by this Committee as regards such swine within the Borough, and that the Town Clerk do publish such regulations.

4 -Report of Captain of Fire Brigade -The Captain of the Fire Brigade reported that the brigade had been called out on the 30th ultimo to a fire at the back of No. 6, Clarence Street. Damage £2. Extinction £2 18s The outbreak could not be accounted for. The property was insured and particulars had been furnished to the Borough Accountant.

5—Hackney Carriage Licence—A letter was read from Mr. E. Bullingham, applying for the transfer of Hackney Carriage Licence No. rod to Mr. William Trinder, and enclosing the Licence. Mr. Trinder not being in attendance and there being no letter from him, Resolved, To adjourn consideration of the application to the next monthly meeting.

6—Minutes of the Committees of the Council—A memorial was read from Major-General Babbage and eight other residents, in-forming the Committee that the Monthly Minutes of the Council and its Committees were of much interest to a large number of the Ratepayers, and asking that two copies of the Minutes should be placed in the Reading Room of the Free Library on the Friday morning preceding every Meeting of the Council, for the perusal and inspection of the Ratepayers, and remain there and be at the end of the year bound up for future reference.

7- -Rifle Ranges Bill—With reference to the Resolution to Minute No. it of this Committee's proceedings of date the 23rd ulto., letters were read from the Right Hon. Sir John Dorington, Bart., M.P., and Mr. J. T. Agg-Gardner, the Member for the Borough, expressing their intention to do everything in their power to secure the passing of the Rifle Ranges Bill.

8--Town Hall —A letter from Mr. Waller, in reply to one from the Town Clerk written by direction of this Committee, was read, stating that he thought there would be no difficulty in arranging for the darkening of the great Hall, when required, by means of opaque blinds drawn over the skylights and the sidelights, and that he would ascertain the cost of making the necessary provision and report to the Committee thereon.

9-Folly Lane Allotment—An application was received for tenancy of a chain allotment in Folly Lane. Resolved, That the application be acceded to.

10—Telephone Underground Wayleaves—The Town Clerk submitted the Draft Agreement with the National Telephone Company altered on the lines of the Agreement entered into by the Company with the Liverpool Corporation. He laid before the Committee letters received from the Provincial Superintendent of the Company with reference to the streets under which the Company would wish to lay cables; and from Mr. S. T. Steel, of the Promenade, on the subject of an alleged increase in the Company's charges. Resolved, To adjourn consideration of the Draft Agreement and the letters until the next monthly meeting of the Committee.

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11--Town Clerk With reference to Minute No. 2 of this Committee's proceedings at its last meeting a letter was now read from the Town Clerk conveying his views as to the arrangement that should be come to on his retirement from the Town Clerk—After recalling generally his services to the Town during the last 35 years, he said he felt, and had been advised, that his years of active service had been somewhat curtailed by, and his health had suffered from, the labour anxieties and responsibilities of his position in the past, that he should prefer not to indicate the particular mode by which the Committee should recognize his past services, or the nature or amount of such recognition, leaving it to the Committee to recommend what they thought fair and just. Resolved, That consideration of the matter be adjourned to a special meeting of the Committee to be held on Wednesday next.

RICHARD ROGERS, Chairman.

**At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Wednesday, the 28th day of January, 1903—**Present: The Mayor; Aldermen Haddon, Norman, Skillicorne and Winterbotham; Councillors M. Davis, Gurney, Hayward, Lamb and J. Waghorne (The Mayor in the chair) —

12—Diseases of Animals Acts —Sheep Scab—Superintendent Hopkins reported that on the 21st instant, an outbreak of Sheep Scab had occurred in a field at Whaddon Farm, in the Borough, occupied by Mrs. Maria Wood, 50 animals having been attacked by the disease. The outbreak could not be accounted for. The necessary notices had been served by the police under the Sheep Scab Order, 1898.

13—Wiring of Town Hall—A Letter was read from Mr. W. C. C. Hawtayne, stating that he thought it would be in the interests of the Council that a Clerk of Works should be put on to superintend the wiring of the New Town Hall. Resolved, That the suggestion be approved, and that Mr. Hawtayne be requested, in consultation with the Borough Electrical Engineer, to forthwith employ a competent person to fulfil the duties of Clerk of Works, at a salary not exceeding 3s per week.

14—Appointment of Borough Surveyor and Waterworks Engineer--The Sub-Committee appointed to consider the applications received for the appointment of Borough Surveyor and Waterworks Engineer reported the result of their further consideration of the applications and their enquiries as directed by this Committee, and submitted the names of Mr. C. Anthony, junior, of Hereford, Mr. A. E. Nichols, Borough Engineer and Surveyor, of Folkestone, and Mr. J. S. Pickering, Surveyor and Engineer, of Nuneaton, for the Committee to make a selection from for recommendation to the Council for appointment. Resolved, That Mr. J. S. Pickering, of Nuneaton, be appointed Borough Surveyor and Waterworks Engineer, at the salary and on the other terms and conditions specified in the advertisement inviting applications, he to be allowed, if he wishes, to have not more than two pupils, subject in each case to the sanction of the Council being first obtained.

15—Town Clerk—The letter from the Town Clerk read at the last meeting of the Committee was further considered. Resolved, That the Town Clerk be given further leave of absence for the period of six months from the 1st of March, 1903, upon his undertaking to resign the office at the expiration of such period, that upon the receipt of such undertaking, immediate steps be taken to appoint a Deputy Town Clerk, upon the understanding that he will be appointed Town Clerk on the office becoming vacant.

16--Salary of Chief Assistant, Town Clerk's Department—Resolved, That the salary of Mr. A. D. Jenkins, Chief Assistant in the Town Clerk's Department be increased from £150 to £200 per annum from the 1st instant, and afterwards by yearly increments of £10 to £250 per annum.

RICHARD ROGERS, Chairman.

#### **TECHNICAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE.**

**At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 19th day of January, 1903—Present The Mayor ; Aldermen Norman and Winterbotham ; Councillors M. Davis, Gurney, Hayward, Lamb and J. Waghorne (Alderman Winterbotham in the chair)**

1--Education Act, 1902--In pursuance of the Resolution of the Council at its last meeting, the Committee considered a Draft Scheme for the establishment of the Education Committee. Resolved, That the same as now settled be approved, and that the Town Clerk be instructed to forward a print of the Draft Scheme to the Board of Education to ascertain whether if adopted by the Council at its

next meeting such Scheme would receive the approval of the Board, or whether they have any suggestions as to amendments to make thereon.

JAS. B. WINTERBOTHAM,

Chairman.

**At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Friday, the 23rd day of January, 1903,** Present—The Mayor; Aldermen Norman and Winterbotham ; Councillors M. Davis, Hayward, Lamb and J. Waghorne (Alderman Winterbotham in the chair).

2—Education Act, 1902—Resolved, To present the following Report to the Council at its next Meeting :—"In continuation of their last Report and in pursuance of the further directions given at the January Meeting of the Council, your Committee have prepared and now present for the approval of the Council a Draft Scheme for the establishment of the Education Committee under the Education Act, 1902. This Draft Scheme after it has received the approval of the Council will have to be formally submitted to the Board of Education for its approval, and after such approval is obtained the Scheme will have the force of an Act of Parliament and cannot be altered except by going through the whole process again in the manner provided by the Act.

Although the Board of Education will not take any formal steps for the regular approval of a Scheme until after it has obtained the approval of the Council, the Board in order to facilitate the working of the Act is willing to receive Draft Schemes for the purpose of an informal or preliminary approval, and the Draft Scheme as prepared by your Committee has therefore been sent to the Board of Education for such preliminary perusal, and it is hoped that some expression may have been communicated by the Board in time for the Meeting of the Council though not in time for the present Report.

Assuming, as your Committee hope they may, that no difficulty is likely to arise in obtaining the approval of the Board of Education to the Scheme, the Council would be in a position to act upon it and to make a definite establishment of the Education Committee at its Meeting in March which would be in good time for the Committee to set to work by the appointed day on which the Act comes into operation, namely, the 26th March.

The Scheme does not deal with the personnel of the appointments that would be made under it, nor with the equally important question of the powers which the Council may delegate to the Education Committee. Both these points have however had the careful consideration of your Committee. They recommend that the first point should not be discussed until after the definite approval of the Scheme. They think it desirable that the Council should perhaps at once decide as to the powers with which the Education Committee will be entrusted, as the willingness of suitable educationists to serve upon the Education Committee may depend upon what powers it is to wield. The Committee unanimously recommend the Council to delegate to its Education Committee all the powers which it is allowed to delegate under the Act. It cannot delegate any powers relating to the raising of money either by rating or borrowing, those powers being by the Act expressly reserved to the Council only. Your Committee consider that a full delegation of all other powers will not only make the work of the Education Committee more effective in itself and more attractive to those whom it is hoped to

secure upon it, but will also relieve the Council of the almost intolerable burden which an approval by it of the actions or resolutions of its Education Committee would involve.

On the probable financial operation of the Act within the Borough your Committee present an approximate estimate sufficient in their opinion to ohm that a 1d. rate will probably be all that need be at first anticipated to maintains the existing Schools in at least their present state of efficiency. Increase in accommodation and efficiency throughout the

Schools and any corresponding increase of cost or expenditure are necessarily matters for the future, and should the Council be asked to deal with them it would be upon a report from its Education Committee.

It may be added that the estimate of receipts and expenditure now presented is founded upon Returns which have been made by the Managers of the Schools throughout the Town, as follows:—

All Saints'  
Naunton  
Baker Street  
Parish Church  
British  
Milsom Street  
Christ Church  
St. Gregory's  
Coltham Fields  
St. James'  
Holy Trinity St. John's  
Leckhampton National  
St. Luke's  
St. Mark's  
St. Paul's  
SS. Philip and James'  
St. Peter's  
Wesleyan.

The Council will of course understand that perfect accuracy is not attempted, nor is it at this stage in anyway necessary

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The Council have power under the Act (1st Schedule (1)) to make Regulations as to the proceedings and place of meeting of its Education Committee, but your Committee think that these are matters (subject to certain exceptions here-after to be but with by your Committee) which the Education Committee should decide for itself, and your Committee therefore recommend the Council to take no action in that direction at present.

Your Committee recommend:-

1.—That the Draft Scheme now submitted be adopted; and

2.-That they be instructed to bring up for consideration at the March Meeting of the Council, a further report and recommendations on all the matters reserved for further consideration in or not dealt with by the present Report."

EDUCATION ACT, 1902.—ELEMENTARY EDUCATION.

Estimate of Income and Expenditure in Cheltenham.

INCOME.	£	s d.	EXPENDITURE.	£	s. d.
Annual Grant .	6500	5 10	Salaries ..	12146	3 6
Fee Grant .. .	2793	5 0	Books and Stationery ..	967	0 2
School Pence ..	346	4 9	Apparatus and Furniture	412	0 9
Books Sold to Children ..	145	16 8	Fuel, Light and Cleaning	780	5 5
Other Sources ..	221	19 7	Repairs ..	446	3 10
Aid Grant under Act—Estimate	2600	0 0	Rates, Taxes and Insurance..	167	2 10
Balance ..	2806	1 8	Other Expenses ..	494	17 0
	£15,413	13 6		£15,413	13 6

Payment of Grants — A letter was read from the Town Clerk of Bolton forwarding copies of the following Resolutions passed by the Council of Bolton on the subject of the payment of the Government Grants under the Education Act :--

"That this County Borough Coured urges the Government to facilitate the administration of the Education Act, 1902, by :—

1. Paying the Grants for the year 1903-4 under that Act on the date at which the Authority becomes responsible for the Primary Education of its area, and on the same date for each succeeding year.
2. Paying the fixed Grant per scholar under the Code by quarterly instalment, as is now the case with the Fee Grant.

That County, County Borough, Borough, and Urban District Councils that become authorities under the Act, be requested to join the Bolton County Borough Council in pressing this request upon the Government."

Resolved, To recommend the Council to pass similar resolutions, and that copies thereof be forwarded to the Board of Education.

Representation on Education Committee. A letter was read from the Hon. Secretary of the Bristol and District Association of (British) Voluntary Schools, forwarding a copy of the following resolution passed by the Executive Committee of the Association at a meeting held on the 15th instant :--

" That application he made to the Urban Council of Cheltenham, begging that in any Scheme to be proposed by them under Sec. 17 of the Education Act, 1902, provision shall be made for the

nomination or recommendation of one representative by the Bristol and District Association of Voluntary Schools."

JAS. B. WINTERBOTHAM, Chairman.

#### **MINERAL WATERS AND BATHS COMMITTEE.**

**At a meeting of this Committee, held on Friday, the 16<sup>th</sup> day of January, 1903**---Present The Mayor ; Alderman Norman Councillor Bendall, Davies, Hayward and Lamb (Councillor Davies in the chair)-

1-Montpellier Baths The Borough Accountant reported that the amount received was £428 13s. 7d., that, in addition, £3 7s. 6d. has been received for mineral waters sold, and the payments (exclusive of repayment of loan and interest) amounted to £642 7s. 1d.

2-Alstone Baths-- The Borough Accountant 14

reported that the amount received was £278 6s. 5d., and the payments (exclusive of repayment of loan and interest) amounted to £353 3s. 0d.

Railing round Promenade—In accordance with instructions given at the last meeting, the Assistant Borough Surveyor reported that the cost of replacing the present wooden railing with iron piping would be about £40, but that the present railing could be strengthened and made more presentable for about £5. Resolved, That the latter course be adopted and the work done forthwith.

RICHARD DAVIES,

Chairman.

#### **RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE.**

**At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 19th day of January, 1903**—Present : Councillors Bendall, Davies, and Lamb (Councillor Lamb in the chair)—

1—East Ward Recreation Ground—Resolved, That an advertisement be inserted inviting applications for the post of Superintendent or Caretaker of the East Ward Recreation Ground, wages £1 per week, with house, free of rent, rates and taxes, and a cap and badge supplied. The person appointed to be required to devote the whole of his time to his duties, which will include the care of the ground and the shrubs, plants, and flowers therein. Age not to exceed 45 years. The applications received to be considered at the next ordinary meeting of the Committee.

ARTHUR LAMB, Chairman.

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

**At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Friday, the 23rd day of January, 1903**—Present : The Mayor ; Alderman Haddon ; Councillors Bence, M. Davis and Stroud (Alderman Haddon in the chair)—

1—Superintendent's Report—The Superintendent reported that the number of interments in the Cemetery last year was 642 ; in 1901 there having been 644.



2 Designs—Resolved, That the following designs be approved, viz: Headstones to Margaret Rhodes, Elizabeth Mustoe, Charles T. Brown and Mary Hudson. Tomb to George and Anna Fanny Goldsmith. Kerb and Inscription to Charles Caudle.

3- Inspection of Cemetery---The Chairman reported that on the 7th instant, Councillors Baker, Bence, and himself paid a visit to the Cemetery and Resolved, To give the following instructions to the Assistant Borough Surveyor :—To fix two new Tully frames in Main Drive, and make up channels where required with tar macadam, and to repair and make up the roads generally. To asphalt the corners at the Chapel entrance, and to repair the front gates.

JOHN HADDON,

Chairman.

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

**At is Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 20th day of January, 1903--Present :** Alderman Holliday ; Councillors Hayward and King-Harman ; the Revs. J. A. Owen, and A. Beynon Phillips ; Messrs. T. Whittard and G. H. Palmer. (Councillor Hayward in the chair)—

1—Death of Mr. Evan Butler—A letter was read from Mr. J. H. Butler thanking the Committee on behalf of Mrs. Butler and family for the resolution of sympathy on the death of Mr. Evan Butler passed by the Committee at its last meeting.

2-Librarian's Report—The usual monthly Report of the Librarian was read. Receipts £5 18s. 11d.

Presentations to the Library :—The Baron de Ferrieres, 4 vols. ; Rev. G. Gardner, 2 vols. ; Trustees of the British Museum, 4 vols. Mr. Ede Marshall, 6 vols. ; Mr. T. Vigne, 6 vols. (for the Leckhampton Branch). 156 volumes had been issued. from the Central Library for the Branch Delivery Station at Leckhampton.

3--Sub-Committee's Report—The Sub-Committee reported that they met on the 16th instant, when there were present .—The Chairman ; Councillor King-Harman ; the Revs. J. Evans and J. A. Owen.

They recommended that a Work on the Mechanical Theory of Heat, and McCarthy's Priests and People in Ireland, be purchased for the sum 35s and 7s drespectively.

That Bigland's "Gloucestershire" be completed by the purchase of six additional parts, at a cost of £8 15s

That the wages of A. C. Dunn be increased from 6s to 8s per week.

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

4—Leckhampton Branch—The Librarian reported that in pursuance of this Committee's resolution of date the 24th of June last, the Leckhampton Branch Library had been opened from 2 to 5 p.m. from October 1st last to the present time, as an experiment, and that the attendances during the three additional hours had been as follows:-

October	150 (or 5 per day)
November	165 (or 6 per day)
December	215 (or 8 per day)

Resolved, That in view of the small attendance the Committee do not feel justified, having regard to financial considerations, in continuing the extended hours of opening, that the room be only open from 5 to 9 p.m. as it was previous to October last, and that the Committee take into consideration at its next meeting the advisability of closing the Branch Library and Reading Room altogether.

C. HAYWARD, Chairman.

#### SCHOOL ATTENDANCE COMMITTEE.

**At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Wednesday, the 28th day of January, 1903**—Present The Mayor; Aldermen Haddon, Norman 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 45 schools, from which 562 names of absentee children had been extracted, and the cases visited and enquired into. They also reported that the parents of 23 children had been summoned to attend before the Local Committees, who had held 3 meetings ; that 9 parents had been prosecuted, and 8 were fined.

2 --Deaf and Dumb Boy—J. M. Smith—A letter was read from Mr. W. B. Smith, of the Bristol District Institution for the Deaf and Dumb, stating that John M. Smith would attain the age of 16 on 25th April next, at which age he was required by the Education Act, 1893, to leave school, that his attainments were very fair, and that he was quite capable of learning any of the ordinary handicrafts.

W. NASH SKILLICORNE, Chairman.

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#### FINANCE COMMITTEE

**At a meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 27th day of January, 1903**—Present The Mayor ; Alderman Councillors Bence, Gurney, King-Harman, Stroud, and J. Waghorne (Councillor Gurney in the chair)—

1--Capital Expenditure —The Town Clerk reported the receipt from the Local Government Board since the last meeting of the following sanctions to loans in respect of Capital. Expenditure in excess of previous sanctions or in anticipation of sanction :—

Amount. Purpose. Period allowed for repayment.

£164 .. Suffolk Road Improvement (Roderic House Corner) 60 years

£128 .. Colonnade Wood Paving, Sherborne and Henrietta Streets' Improvements 13 years

£6816 ..Waterworks 30 years

A letter was read from the Board requesting to be furnished with a copy of a resolution of the Town Council, directing application to be made for sanction to borrow the sum of £1,524, for the new

boiler house and boilers at Tewkesbury, this expenditure having already been made. Resolved, That application be made to the Board for sanction to a loan of £1,524 accordingly.

2--Expenditure under Section 59 of the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1889—A letter was read from Major-General Babbage, acknowledging receipt of the resolution of this Committee at its last meeting as to the Council's subscription to the Association of Municipal Corporations, and suggesting that a list of the payments made under Section 59 of the Cheltenham Improvement Act of 1889 for the last financial year should be typewritten and put in the volume of the abstract of Borough Accounts which is in the Public Library, and that in future years such a list form part of the book, as he could not find one at present. Resolved, That the Borough Accountant be instructed after the current year, to keep such an account and publish the same in the abstract.

3—Receipt of Monies due to Corporation—The Report presented to the last meeting by the Borough Accountant on this subject having been printed and a copy sent to each member of the Committee, Resolved, That the further consideration be adjourned to the next meeting of the Committee, when the Committee will make recommendations to the Council thereon.

4—Corporation insurances—The Town Clerk reported that, as directed by this Committee, he had brought the question of the warranty as regards self-ignition of dynamos, &c., at the Electric Works and Sub-Station before the Lighting Committee, who had the matter under consideration, and that he had obtained certain information for the Town Improvement Committee as regards the extra premium to be paid when performances involving the use of scenery were given at the Winter Garden.

The Borough Accountant having called attention to the fact that the amount set down in the Schedule to cover loss of the furniture, plans, &c., at the Municipal Offices was insufficient, and reported that he had taken out cover notes for the present for larger amounts than those scheduled, Resolved, That the Assistant Borough Surveyor be requested to report to this Committee as to the amount for which the plans, furniture, &c., at the Municipal Offices should be insured.

5—All Saints' Terrace Private Improvement Expenses—A letter was read from Mr. C. J. Bromley, of Bradley Villa, Hewlett Road, asking to be allowed to pay the amount apportioned to him in respect of Private Improvement Works in All Saints' Terrace, viz., £23 2s. 1d., by instalments, he being willing to pay £5 now and the remainder by instalments of £1 per month with interest at the rate of 5 per cent. per annum. Resolved, That the request be acceded to on the terms mentioned.

6— Registration Expenses— A letter was read from the Overseers of the Poor for the Parish of Cheltenham applying for payment out of the Borough Fund of a moiety (£70 1s. 3d.) of the expenses incurred by them in carrying out the provisions of the Acts relating to Parliamentary and Municipal Registration. Resolved, That the sum mentioned be paid accordingly.

7—Stock Accounts—The Boroughs Accountant reported that on the 22nd inst, he had audited at the National Provincial Bank, London, the Accounts of the Cheltenham Corporation Stock, and found the same quite correct and satisfactory. He had accordingly made the return to the Inland Revenue for assessment of the half-yearly charge in respect of stamp duty.

8—General District Rate—The Report of the Borough Accountant of date the 27th instant, on the collection of the and instalment of this Rate, was read. Amount collected £12,071 11s. 7d., leaving outstanding £9,675 16s. 10d.

9—Water Rate—The Report of the Borough Accountant of date the 27th instant, on the collection of this Rate, was read. Amount received £6,410 18s. 2d., leaving outstanding £5,742 19s. 5d.

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 £14,19s 11s. 1d., 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 on the 30th Dec. last	£110,837 10 9
Paid since that date	<u>£18,674 4 11</u>
	£130,501 13 8
Received since do.	<u>£ 14,338 6 8</u>
Overdrawn	£116,173 9 0
Being Ordinary Rates Expenditure	£ 13,139 16 8
Electric Lighting (Capital & Revenue),	
Water & other Capital Accounts	<u>£103,033 12 4</u>
	£116,073 9 0

W. GERALD GURNEY, 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 2nd day of March, 1903.**

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

**At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 9th day of February, 1903—Present :** The Mayor ; Alderman Norman ; Councillors Bence, M. Davis, King-Harman, and Lawrence (Councillor Lawrence in the chair)—

1-Chairman-- In the absence of the Chairman, Resolved, That Councillor Lawrence be appointed Chairman at this meeting.

2-Zymotic Disease—The Medical Officer of Health reported that there had been notified since the last electing of the Committee, 7 cases of Scarlet Fever, 1 of Diphtheria, and 4 of Erysipelas ; that 7 cases of Scarlet Fever and 1 of Diphtheria had been sent into the Delancey Hospital, and that the number of cases then in the Delancey Hospital sent in by the Corporation was 8 of Scarlet Fever and 1 of Diphtheria.

3—Insanitary Property at No. 9, Victoria Place, Nos. 24 and 42, Upper Norwood Street, No. 20, Upper Bath Street, Nos. 32 and 33, Cleveland Street, and No. 30, North 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 Vauxhall Inn, Tewkesbury Road, and The Farmer's Arms, Worcester 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, Notice under Section 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 to execute such structural works of amendment as shall be specified.

5—Dairies, Cowsheds, and Milkshops Order—An application was read from Mr. Ernest Brunson, of Hester's Way Farm, to be registered as a cowkeeper. The Inspector of Nuisances having reported that the premises were satisfactory, Resolved, That the application be acceded to.

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---Cleansing and Disinfecting at No. 9, Victoria Place, Fairview—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.

8— Overcrowding at No. 10, New Street- The Medical Officer of Health reported that the above house was so overcrowded as to be dangerous or injurious to the health of the inmates. Resolved, 'That the Committee being satisfied of the existence of a nuisance at the said house, Notices under Sec. 94 of the Public Health Act be served on the owner and occupier thereof requiring them to abate the same.

9—Houses let in Lodgings—The Medical Officer of Health recommended that the landlords of the following houses let in lodgings, viz., No. 1, St. Luke's Place, and No. 11, St. George's 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.

10—Cleansing and Limewashing at Nos. 9, 12, 18, 21, & 41, Upper Norwood Street, No. 25, Gloucester Place, & No. 9, 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 Notices be given to the owners under the said Section, requiring the houses to be cleansed and limewashed.

11—Nuisances from Drains, &c., at The Elephant and Castle, Tewkesbury Road, No. 2, Hanover Street, The Bath Inn, Albion Street, Nos. 1 and 2, Albion Street, and No. 30. Worcester 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.

12—Sewerage of the Borough—The Medical Officer of Health called attention to the question of the sewerage of those parts of the Boroughs not included in Districts numbered 1 and 2, already dealt with, and advised that the scheme for the amendment of the sewerage of the Borough be proceeded with by districts as first intended. The attention of the Committee was also called by Colonel King-Harman to the insanitary state of the sewers in Brunswick Street North and other streets in St. Paul's District. Resolved, That the matter be taken into consideration as soon as possible after Mr. Pickering has commenced his duties as Borough Surveyor.

13—Abattoir --The Assistant Borough Surveyor submitted a plan for the fencing off of a portion of the ground in front of the Abattoir to provide a separating pen and avoid the present inconvenience caused to persons using the Gloucester Road opposite the Abattoir. He submitted three tenders for the provision of the fencing. Resolved, That the same be adjourned for further enquiries and report by the Assistant Borough Surveyor at the next meeting.

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

No. of Plan.	Name.	Description.
1616	Josiah Barrett	Eight houses in Old Bath Road
1619	P. H. H. Kenworthy	Additions to Quince Lawn, St. Stephen's Road
1620	G. W. Moore	Two houses in Glencairn Park Road
1621	C. W. Spackman	House in Windsor Street
1622	W. Burcher	Two houses in Glencairn Park Road
1623	F. W. Strange	Additions to Manor House, Portland Street

Resolved, That No. 1616 be disapproved, and that the other plans be approved so far as drainage and other sanitary matters are concerned.

E. LAWRENCE, Chairman.

**At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 16th day of February, 1903**—Present The Mayor; Alderman Norman ; Councillors Bence, King-Harman, and Lawrence (Councillor Laurence in the chair)—

15— Chairman---In the absence of the Chairman, Resolved, That Councillor Lawrence be appointed Chairman at this meeting.

16--Overcrowding at No. 1, Hill View Cottages, St. Paul's Road—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.

17—Houses Let in Lodgings—The Medical Officer of Health recommended that the landlords of the following houses let in lodgings, viz., St. James' Villa, St. James' Square, and No. 2, Chapel 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 then, 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.

18---Cleansing and Limewashing at No. 51a, Fairview Street, and Nos. 3 and 13, King Street Gardens—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 Notices be given to the owners under the said Section requiring the homes to be cleansed and limewashed.

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19--Nuisances from Drains, &c., at No. 32, Montpellier Villas and Stables adjoining " Hollym," Parabola Road—The Inspector of Nuisances having made written application under Section 40 of the Public Health Act, stating that the drains, &c.. on or belonging to the above-named houses were in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to health, Resolved, That authority be given to the Inspector of Nuisances to open the ground, examine the drains, and, if necessary, give the notices and act as provided by the said Section.

20 —Cleansing and Disinfecting at No. 47, Fairview Street—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.

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 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 7 of Scarlet Fever.

22—Insanitary Property, viz. :—No. 1, Fisher's Court, High Street, and Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 12 and 13, King Street Gardens—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.

23—Notices not complied with—The Medical Officer of Health handed in a list of Notices which had been served for the carrying out of sanitary requirements, but which had not been complied with. Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed, if necessary, to take proceedings to compel compliance.

24—Annual Report of Medical Officer of Health--The Medical Officer of Health presented his Annual Report, and requested permission to get the usual number of copies printed. He mentioned that the death rate for the past year for the Borough was 14.3 per 1,000, one of the lowest on record. Resolved, That 250 copies of the Report be printed, and that the Medical Officer of Health be empowered to obtain two or three tenders and accept one of them.

25 —Water Supply to Kingsditch Lane--The Medical Officer of Health having called attention to the want of proper water supply in Kingsditch Lane, Resolved, That he be requested to report fully on the matter at the next meeting of the Committee.

26—Sewerage of Building Estate in Prestbury Parish—Mr. James Villar attended this meeting of the Committee and laid before the Committee a plan of proposed new streets on land belonging to Mr. H. W. Holliday' between Cleeve Path Drive and Cake-bridge, Prestbury Road, and desired to know on what terms the Corporation would allow the proposed sewers to be connected with the Cheltenham sewer in the Cleeve Path Drive and the sewer in the Prestbury Road just outside the Borough Boundary. Resolved, That consideration of the matter be adjourned.

27— Fencing at Abattoir—With reference to the tenders opened at the last meeting, the Assistant Borough Surveyor having reported upon the matter, Resolved, To accept the tender of Mr. John Warren, of Woodland House, Market Street, for the pro-vision of the necessary fencing for the sum of £7.

28—Estimate of Expenditure for 1903-4—Resolved, To inform the Finance Committee that so far as this Committee are in a position to judge, a sum equal to the average expenditure by this Committee for the last three years will be sufficient for the year 1903-4.

29—Sewer in Wellington Square—The Assistant Borough Surveyor reported that a sewer which ran at the side of Cranley Lodge, Wellington Square, required to be relaid with stoneware pipes instead of the present rough field pipes. Resolved, That the work be carried out.

30—New Streets and Buildings—The Assistant Borough Surveyor laid before the Committee notices and plans received by him from persons intending to erect new buildings or to lay out new streets, viz, :—



No. of Plan	Name	Description
1616	Josiah Barrett	Eight houses in Old Bath Road
1624	W. H. Russell	Additional Room back of Sudeley Cottage
1625	W. Hall	Proposed Sewer on Land in Shurdington Road

Resolved, That as regards drainage and other sanitary matters, Plans numbered 1616 and 1624 be approved, and that Plan numbered 1625 be disapproved.

E. LAWRENCE,

Chairman.

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### FARMS AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL COMMITTEE.

**At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Friday, the 6th day of February, 1903**—Present The Mayor ; Aldermen Norman and Skillicorne ; Councillors Bainbridge, Bence, M. Davis, and King-Harman, (Councillor M. Davis in the chair)—

1—Report of Sewage Farms Manager— The Sewage Farms Manager reported that the stock on the Farms on the 9th ultimo was as follows: 11 horses and 1 cob, and 153 cattle. That no purchases had been made since the last meeting of the Committee, but that the following sales had been effected—January 12th, 4 bullocks for £72 15s. 6d. ; January 26th, 4 bullocks for £73 3s. ; and on the 2nd inst., 4 bullocks for £74 8s. ; total £220 6s. 6d. The number of livestock on the Farms at this date was 11 horses and 1 cob, and 141 head of cattle.

He also reported that 3 tons 6 cwt. of hay and clover, 3 tons 11 cwt. 3 qrs. of straw, and 40 sacks of oats had been delivered to the Central Depot, and that a heap of manure at Barn Farm had been sold to Mr. Ulyatt for £5.

He recommended that a few young barren cows and also some bullocks be purchased when suitable ones could be met with, and that a new set of chain harness be purchased. Resolved, That the recommendations of the Manager be approved and adopted.

M. DAVIS, Chairman.

### STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE.

**At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 10th day of February, 1903**—Present Alderman Haddon ; Councillors Baker, Bendall, Handley, Hayward and Packer (Councillor Baker in the chair)-

1—Inspection of Depot—The following members of the Committee attended the inspection at the Central Depot, viz.:—The Chairman, Alderman Haddon, Councillors Handley and Bendall.

2 —Siding at Central Depot--A letter was read from the Divisional Engineer of the Great Western Railway, stating that the siding into the Corporation Depot Yard was out of repair and unsafe for the Company's locomotives to work over, that the cost of putting the siding in proper order would be

approximately £15, assuming the Corporation took to the old materials, which would be of little, if any, use to the Company, and that the Company's men would carry out the work if the Corporation wished at the cost of the latter. Resolved, That the offer to do the work be accepted, and that the Company be requested to put the same in hand forthwith.

3--Horse in ill health—Resolved, That the mare in ill-health be given t2 months' rest at the Sewage Farms.

4---Clerk at Central Depot—An application was read from Mr. T. F. A. Speedy, a clerk at the Central Depot, for an increase in his salary, at present £65 per annum. Resolved, That consideration of the application be adjourned.

5—Lane at side of Hollym, Bayshill Lawn---A letter was read from Miss Lacy, of Hollym, Bayshill Lawn, calling attention to the great need for repairs to the lane at the side of her house, which was a highway repairable by the Corporation. Resolved, That the Assistant Borough Surveyor be instructed to do whatever is necessary to put the road into a proper state of repair.

6--Road at bank of Royal Well Terrace—Letters were read from Mrs. Went, Mr. W. H. Horsley, and Mr. W. H. Pearson, protesting against having, as owners of property in Royal Well Terrace, to carry out or pay for the carrying out of works of private improvement in the road at the back of Royal Well Terrace, on the ground that such road is a highway, and that it is now largely used by the public generally owing to its nearness to one of the tram stages. Resolved, That the specification already approved be amended as follows :—That the abutting owners be only called upon to asphalt the existing path on the North side of the road. That no pathway be required to be provided on the South side, and that the roadway be repaired at the expense of the Corporation, and that the Resolution to Minute No. 22 of this Committee's proceedings of date the 29th September last be varied accordingly.

7-- Whitecross Square--A letter from Mr. T. K. Little was read, asking, on behalf of himself and other owners and occupiers in Whitecross Square, that it should be declared a highway, the private improvement expenses having now been repaid by the abutting owners. Resolved, That Whitecross Square be declared a highway, and that the Town Clerk be instructed to give the necessary notices.

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8—Hanover Parade—Resolved, To instruct the Assistant Borough Surveyor to bring up a plan and specification of the works required to be done to the road and footpath in front of Hanover Parade by the abutting owners.

9—Report of Building Inspector—The Monthly Report of the Building Inspector was read. Buildings in progress 44, completed since 13th ultimo 12.

10—New Buildings—The Assistant 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
1620	G. W. Moore	Two houses in Glencairn Park Road
1621	C. W. Spackman	House in Windsor Street

1622	W. Burcher	Two houses in Glencairn Park Road
1623	F. W. Strange	Additions to the Manor House, Portland Street

Resolved, That all the Plans be approved as shown.

WILLIAM A. BAKER,

Chairman.

**At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday. the 23rd day of February, 1903**—Present : The Mayor ; Alderman Haddon; Councillors Baker, Bendall, and Handley (Councillor Baker in the chair)—

11— View Meeting—The following Members attended the View Meeting on Friday last:—  
Councillors Baker, Bendall, Handley and Hayward.

12—Street Projections-A letter was read from Messrs. W. and T. Avery, Limited, Weighing Machinists, again applying for permission to put up a sign at their Repairing Depot, 18, Henrietta Street, as per sketch now enclosed with their letter. Resolved, That consideration of the matter be adjourned.

13 —Monthly Report re Highways—The Assistant Borough Surveyor reported that the work done by the Highways Department from January 17th to February 12th, 1903, inclusive, had been as follows

Repaired with Clee Hill Stone—Old Bath Road (Laracor to Railway Bridge) 130 square yards, Knapp Road 877 square yards, Gloucester Road, Exmouth Street (proceeding).

Patched with Wickwar Stone—Wellington Street, Vittoria Walk, Moorend Park Road, Lypiatt Street, Tivoli Street, Montpellier Drive, Princes Road, Hatherley Street, Leckhampton Road.

Repaired with Wickwar Stone—London Road (Hales Road to end of Raymond Terrace) 396 square yards.

Patched with Clee Hill Stone—Montpellier Wide Opening, Clarence Street, Queen's Road, North Street, Gloucester Road, Albion Street, High Street, All Saints' Road, Bath Street, Cambray, Winchcombe Street, Prestbury Road, St. James' Square, Sandfield Road.

Private Improvements- -Eldorado Road (finished), Hayward's Road and Langdon Road (proceeding), Exmouth Street, relaying channels 1,310 feet run.

Kerbing, Crossing, Channelling and Paving—Tewkesbury Road, Bath Road, Portland Street, Lypiatt Terrace, St. George's Place, Montpellier Street, Bayshill Road, Albion Street, Pittville Parade, Crescent Terrace, Carlton Street, Workhouse Lane, High Street, Townsend Street, Park Place, Lansdown Place, Montpellier Grove. Montpellier Drive, concrete slabs 206 yards.

Trees Pruned—Wellington Road, Clarence Square, Evesham Road, Albert Road. Trees Planted-1 Lime Priory Street, 3 Limes, 3 Birches at Agg-Gardner Recreation Ground.

Private Trees Pruned—Suffolk Hall, Suffolk Square.

New Gullies—One in Sandford Road, one Alstone Lane, in place of defective one.

Ash Collection-1,116 loads collected ; 846 loads, weighing 866 tons 3 cwt. 2 qrs., consumed at the Destructor. Slab Factory- 1,178 3-ft by 2-ft. slabs made.

14 -Report re Slab Factory—The Assistant Borough Surveyor presented a detailed report on the working of the Slab Factory from the 1st April to the 29th December last, the number of working days during such period being 195, and the quantity of slabs made being equal to 7,600 square yards with clinker only, and 1,253 square yards with clinker and granite chippings, and with Wickwar gravel only 141 square yards, a total of 8.994 square yards. In addition 44 kerbs had been made.

The amount paid in wages and for repairs amounted to £386 17 1

For materials (including a credit to the

Destructor for clinker of £12 8s.) was	£416 10 3
	£803 7 4

Or, excluding kerbs, £801 38. 4d. for paving.

The cost of the slabs per square yard works out as follows :—

Clinker only and cement 1s 9d

Clinker, granite and cement 2s

Wickwar gravel and cement 2s 1 ½d

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The interest on the loan for provision of plant adds aid. per square yard to the above prices.

A comparison of the cost of slabs made prior to the 1st April last year and since showed that the slabs made during the latter period cost 4 ¾ d. per square yard less than those made prior to the 1st April.

5,268 square yards of slabs had been used on the highways, and 1,096 on Private Improvement Works, from the 1st April to the 29th December last, the slabs in stock on the last-mentioned date being equal to 3,726 square yards.

15—Tenders for Pipes, Lime, &c.—A letter from Messrs. H. A. Gwinnell & Co. was read, again suggesting that tenders be invited for the supply of pipes, lime, bricks, macadam, &c., for 12 months. The Assistant Borough Surveyor reported that the contract for the supply of cement would expire on the 31st proximo. Resolved, That tenders for a twelve months' supply of cement be advertised for, and that consideration of the letter above-mentioned be adjourned until after the new Borough Surveyor has taken up his duties.

16—Cheltenham and District Light Railway Extensions--A letter from Mr. H. J. McCormick, Manager of the Cheltenham and District Light Railway, was read, stating that the time had arrived for a definite understanding as to the materials to be used for paving on the extensions, and suggesting that the Company be permitted to use granite block instead of brick, the latter having proved very costly and unsatisfactory. Resolved, That a joint meeting of this Committee and the Tramways Committee be held to consider the matter.

17-Hayward's Road—A letter from Mr. T. W. Smith, Exmouth Street, was read, calling attention to the condition of the portion of Hayward's Road nearest Rosehill Street, and asking that it should have immediate attention. Resolved, To adjourn consideration of same until the building operations are completed.

The Town Clerk reported that the Sub-Committees appointed by the Town Council and by the Charlton Kings Urban District Council had held two meetings, that they had accepted the tender of Messrs. Mark 'Williams & Co., for carrying out the works already agreed upon in Hayward's Road for the sum of £338 19s. 6d., such sum being made up as follows:—

CHELTENHAM CORPORATION.

Footpath, Cheltenham side ..	£489 4 0
Road-making (half cost) .. ..	<u>£ 57 12 0</u>
	£146 16 0

CHARLTON KINGS URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

Footpath, Charlton Kings side	£134 10 6
Road-making (half cost) . . .	<u>£ 57 12 0 4 [?]</u>
	£192 3 6

and that a contract accordingly had been executed by the Contractors and their Sureties and by the respective Councils.

18 —Iron Shed opposite Oakley, The Park—A letter was read from Mr. J. L. Anley, of Oakley, The Park, calling attention to an alleged unsightly galvanised iron shed adjoining the cottage recently erected opposite his house. Resolved, To adjourn consideration of the matter for the Assistant Borough Surveyor to report.

19—Footpath in St. George's Road between Cambridge House and the Railway Bridge--With reference to the letter from Alderman Norman, read at the meeting of this Committee on the 26th ultimo, the Committee having viewed, Resolved, That having regard to the extent and cost of the work, the Committee are unable to have the paving replaced by clinker slabs, but that the Assistant Borough Surveyor be instructed to execute such works as he thinks necessary.

20-Crossing from West side of Montpellier Parade to Montpellier Terrace--With reference to the letter from Councillor Hayward, read at the meeting of this Committee on the 26th ultimo, Resolved, That the Assistant Borough Surveyor be instructed to put down a crossing from the West side of Montpellier Parade to Montpellier Terrace.

21—Eldorado Road—With reference to the letter from Mr. G. S. Watson, of St. Kenelm, Eldorado Road, read at the meeting of this Committee on the 13th ultimo, Resolved, That in view of the continuance of building operations, the Committee do not see their way to call upon the abutting owners at the East end of Eldorado Road to execute works of private improvement at present

22-Footpath East side of Exmouth Street— Resolved, To instruct the Assistant Borough Surveyor to bring up a plan and specification of the works required to be done by the abutting owners to this footpath.

23—Wooden Buildings in Exmouth Street—The attention of the Committee having been called to the Wooden Buildings erected by Mr. T. W. Smith in Exmouth Street, which contravene the provisions of the Bye-Laws, Resolved, To give notice to Mr. Smith, calling upon him to remove such buildings.

24—Ditch in Leckhampton Road —Resolved, That the ditch in the Leckhampton Road in front of the Fairfield Estate be filled in instead of being piped, and that the Assistant Borough Surveyor be instructed to pipe the ditch from " Treelands " to " Kilmorey," Leckhampton Road, and to connect to the main surface water drain, and to have the path widened so as to include the former ditch, and that the Resolution to Minute No. 23 of this Committee's proceedings of date the 26th ult. ditch in front of Fairfield Estate be varied accordingly.

25 Old Bath Road—Resolved, That the Assistant Borough Surveyor be instructed to bring up a report as to the cost of piping the ditch in Old Bath Road and making up the road, and that in the meantime the Town Clerk be requested to communicate with the solicitors to the owners of land on either side of the road enquiring whether they would agree to the giving up of the land necessary to widen the road to 40 feet only.

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26-Building Plans--The Assistant Borough Surveyor laid before the Committee the following notices and plans of new buildings received by him, viz, :—

No. of Plan.	Name.	Description.
1624	W. H. Russell	Additional Room to Sudeley Cottage, Winchcomb Street.
1627	H. Enoch	Houses in Old Bath Road.
1628	Cavendish House Co.	Store Rooms, etc., at rear of No. 57, Regent Street.
1629	H. Thomas	Pair of Detached Houses in Eldorado Road.

Resolved, That all the plans be approved as shown.

WILLIAM A. BAKER, Chairman.

**TOWN IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE.**

**At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 16th day of February, 1903**—Present : The Mayor ; Alderman Norman ; - Councillors Bainbridge, Baker, Bence, Handley, Packer and Rickerby (Councillor Rickerby in the chair)—

1—Oddfellows' A.M.C.—Mr. E. Bourne attended this meeting and discussed with the Committee certain matters dealt with by the Resolution to this Minute with reference to the use of the Pittville Gardens granted by the Council for Whit Monday next to the local Oddfellows for the purpose of holding a Fete therein in connection with the Meeting of the Annual Moveable Committee in Cheltenham this year. Resolved,

(1) That all the entrances to the Gardens be permitted to be used, at least three to be used on the occasion.

(2) That the Committee have no objection to aquatic sports and firework displays in the Marle Hill Annexe.

(3) That the boats belonging to the Corporation be placed at the disposal of the Oddfellows' Committee, on the understanding that any damage to same is paid for by theirs, together with the cost of payment of Corporation employees in attendance in charge of the boats.

(4) That permission be given for the erection of a refreshment tent on the piece of ground next the Evesham Road, adjoining St. Aryan's, and that dancing be also allowed there.

(5) That the time for closing the Gardens on Whit Monday next be not later than 10.30 p.m.

(6) That the use of the Pump Room be granted for dancing, if wet.

(7) That the question of the suggested abandonment of any entertainment arranged to be held at Montpellier be left to the Entertainments Sub-Committee to deal with.

(8) That with regard to the roof of the Winter Garden, this Committee has no objection to the Oddfellows' Committee doing what they think is necessary to render the building more suitable for the meeting of the A.M.C., subject, however, to the approval and supervision of the Borough Surveyor of what is proposed to be done.

(9) That the supply of refreshments in the Winter Garden during Whit Week be permitted.

2-Re-issue of Small Guide to Cheltenham--The Sub-Committee (Councillors Bainbridge and Packer) appointed at the last meeting, reported in favour of arranging with Mr. Burrow for a re-issue of the Small Guide to Cheltenham, and as to the alterations and improvements they considered necessary or desirable. A letter was read from Mr. Burrow in confirmation of the terms agreed upon between the Sub-Committee and himself, viz. :—For a supply of 5,000 copies for £40, and six new blocks at 20s each extra. Mr. Burrow to be allowed to insert four advertisements at the end of the Guide as in last year's issue.

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

3--Restoration of Broad Walk, Pittville---A letter was read from the Rev. Percy Waller, stating that since the Broad Walk had been turfed the fine open view from the centre of the portico of the Pump Room down to the lake at Pittville had been allowed to be spoiled by the growth of the bushes and trees, and suggesting that the bushes, &c., should be cut back, and the beautiful view restored.

Resolved, That the Assistant Borough Surveyor be instructed to submit to this Committee an estimate of the cost of restoring the Broad Walk, and that upon confirmation of this Resolution by the Council, the trees and bushes be cut back so far as is necessary to remove any obstruction to the view formerly obtainable from the Pump Room.

4-Use of Montpellier Gardens by Archery Club— A letter was read from Miss Carnegie, Hon. Secretary of the Cheltenham Archery Club, applying for the use of the Archery Ground at

Montpellier from the 1st April to the 31st October next, on the same terms as lam year. Resolved, That the request be acceded to.

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5--Tennis Courts—A letter was read from Colonel Fowell, of Pendower, St. Mark's, with reference to the terms for the use of Tennis Courts at Montpellier for the ensuing season. Resolved, That the Assistant Borough Surveyor be instructed to report to this Committee at its next meeting the names of the tenants of the Tennis Courts at Montpellier and Pittville last year, and the terms of each tenancy.

6-Band—Resolved, To refer to the Sub-Committee for consideration and report the question of the engagement of a Band for the summer months.

7--Advertising—Letters were read from the Manager, Publicity Department, Gordon Hotels, Limited, making several suggestions as to methods of advertising Cheltenham in connection with their hotels ; amongst others, that a page illustrated advertisement of Cheltenham should appear in their publication, " Where to Stay," a copy of this Hotel Guide being kept all the year round in each of the 5,000 bedrooms of the 15 hotels of the Company, besides having a total circulation of 20,000 copies. The charge for such an advertisement, including the necessary blocks, would be £9 9s. Resolved, That a page advertisement be inserted accordingly, and that the Chairman of this Committee be asked to kindly settle the letterpress and select photographs for the blocks for the advertisement, the same to appear on page 7 of the publication, opposite the advertisement of Dieppe

8—Building Estate fronting Cleeve Path Drive— The Assistant Borough Surveyor laid before the Committee a plan received from Mr. James Villar for the laying out as a building estate of the land in the Parish of Prestbury on the South side of the Cleeve Path Drive. Mr. H. W. Holliday, the owner of the land, for whom Mr. Villar was acting in this matter, wished to know on what terms and conditions the Council would allow access to the roads to be laid out and the houses proposed to be built from the Cleeve Path Drive. Resolved, That consideration of the matter be adjourned until the next meeting, and that in the meantime Mr. Villar be asked to inform the Committee in writing what proposals Mr. Holliday has to make on the subject, and as to the covenants as to value and otherwise of the houses to be erected on the land.

9--Advertisement in " Financial News " Holiday Number—Resolved, Not to entertain an offer received as to the insertion of an advertisement in the Holiday Number of the " Financial News."

10--Pittville Estate--The Assistant Borough Surveyor reported that about 200 iron hurdles were required to erect against gaps in the hedges to Pittville Estate Gardens. Resolved, That tenders for the supply of the same be advertised for.

11—Second Edition of Large Illustrated Guide to Cheltenham—With reference to the Resolution to Minute No. 3 of this Committee's proceedings of date the 22nd October last, Resolved, That the Chairman be asked to kindly settle the matter for the advertisement authorised to appear by. the Resolution above-mentioned on the back of the Second Edition of Mr. Burrow's large Illustrated Guide to the town.



12— Programme for Athletic Sports--A letter was read from Mr. A. C. White, Hon. Sec. of the Cheltenham Athletic Society, stating that his Society intended to include in their Sports Programme (3,000 of which would be issued) for Easter Monday next, in place of the usual advertisements, views of the different parts of the town, and asking if the Committee could assist by donation or otherwise in view of the advertisement thus given the town. Resolved, That the Committee fully appreciate the action taken by the Society, but regret they cannot see their way to assist them.

T. E. RICKERBY, Chairman.

### LIGHTING COMMITTEE.

**At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Wednesday, the 18<sup>th</sup> day of February, 1903**—Present: The Mayor ; Alderman Norman ; Councillors Baker, Bainbridge, Handley 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.
1903		
Jan. 21st	200 Volts.	209 Volts
Feb. 7th	"	209 "

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

ILLUMINATING POWER.		PURITY.	
1903		1903	Grains of Sulphur per 100 cubic ft.
Jan. 21st ..	16.44 candles	Jan. 21st--	9.82
" 31st ..	15.51 "	22nd	<u>11.81</u>
Feb. 11th ..	<u>17.30</u> "	Feb. 7th-5th	10.81
Average- .	16.44 "	.....	

3—Gas Inspector's Report—The Gas Inspector reported that the hourly average consumption of gas per lamp during the previous month had been as follows: —Ordinary Lamps 4.1967 cubic feet, Guildhall Lamps, with No. 4 Incandescent burners, 4.609 cubic feet, Ordinary Lamps with No. 3 Incandescent burners, 3.3875 cubic feet.

4—Lamp Book—This Book was produced and examined. 24 Lamps extinguished, 15 Ordinary (2 metered, 13 unmetered) and 9 incandescent; 9 burning dimly, 2 ordinary and 7 incandescent.

5—View Meeting re Public Lighting—The Chairman reported that at a meeting of the Committee held on the evening of the 5th instant, there were present Councillor Bainbridge and himself; that the following streets were visited in reference to com-plaints as to the insufficiency of the public lighting, and it was agreed to make the following recommendations:—

Lane at back of Royal Well Terrace—That a bracket gas lamp be put up at the end of the wall of the Unitarian Chapel.

College Road—That the ordinary gas lamps in this road be fitted with incandescent burners.

Lane at back of Boyne House, &c., from Sandford Road—That two additional gas lamps be placed in this lane, one (with a bracket holder) at the back of Boyne House, and the other half-way between Paragon Parade and the farthest lamp in the lane from Sandford Road, and that the Assistant Borough Surveyor be directed to cut back the trees causing an obstruction to the light from the existing lamp at the end of Paragon Parade.

Road at back of Elkstone House, Bath Road—That the Committee do not consider any lamp necessary in this road.

Upper Bath Street—That no addition is required to the number of lamps in this street.

Road leading from Ewlyn Road to Langdon Road—That one gas lamp be fixed half-way along this lane.

Lane in Shurdington Road between Edward Street and Greville Terrace— That a bracket gas lamp be fixed in this lane in the position settled at view.

Painswick Road—That no addition be made to or alteration in the Public Lighting in this road. Lane opposite Andover Terrace—That a gas lamp be fixed about 20 yards down this lane.

Suffolk Square, near Roderic House—With reference to a complaint by Miss Draper as to the lighting outside Roderic House, That the Committee cannot see their way to recommend any alteration in the present arrangement or hours of lighting.

Ormond Villas, Montpellier—That the present electric incandescent lamp be removed, and that an incandescent gas lamp be placed at the north-east corner of Messrs. Gastrell's shop.

Resolved, That the recommendations above-mentioned be approved and adopted,

6—Bond given by Borough Electrical Engineer—Resolved, To approve the substitution of the name of Isle, Francis Stewart Kilgour in the place of the late Dr. Kilgour as one of the sureties in the bond given by the Borough Electrical Engineer to the Corporations.

7—Lighting of Lansdown Crescent—A letter was read from Miss Jessop, of No. 26, Lansdown Crescent, asking that the electric lighting should be extended to Lansdown Crescent Road. Resolved, That the letter be referred to the Borough Electrical Engineer to report upon.

8 — Report of Borough Electrical Engineer—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that since the date of his last Report three faults had occurred on the arc lighting stains, and one in the service to No. 9, Lansdown Terrace -the last caused a temporary interruption of supply to four customers and one of the former an interruption of public lighting by one circuit for eight days. All these faults had been repaired, the total quantity of faulty cable removed being about 44 yards.

On the 16th inst., 662 customers, with the equivalent of 40,990 8-candle-power lamps, were connected to the private supply mains.

In accordance with instructions, he had estimated the cost of lighting the Prestbury Road from Pittville Circus to the Borough Boundary by arc lamps, and found the same to be about £470, allowing for six arcs.

As, however, no applications had been received for electric supply along the route of this extension, he recommended that the work be deferred for the present.

In accordance with instructions, he reported on the proposed fire insurance for the Electric Works and Manchester Street Sub-Station, and with reference in particular to the effect of the clause proposed to be inserted in the Policy, that the insurance thereunder did not cover loss or damage to any Dynamo, Transformer, Wires, Mains, or other portion of the Electrical Installation, arising from over-running, excessive pressure, short-circuiting, self-heating, or leakage of electricity.

As the fire risks at the Works were practically confined to those arising from failure of some part of the electrical equipment, it appeared necessary, if insuring at all, to pay the additional rate for an absolute insurance, but having regard to the large amount of the premium for such insurance and the small risk of fire, he recommended that the Works and Sub-Station should not be insured at all.

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A small extension was required to supply No. 8, Oxford Parade ; the equivalent of 60 8-c.p. lamps would be installed, and the cost of an extension sufficient to supply Nos. 7 to 12 would be £30. He recommended that this work be approved.

Resolved, That the recommendations of the Borough Electrical Engineer be approved and adopted.

9—Electric Light Sub-Station London Road, corner of Hayward's Road—The only tender received in response to the advertisement for the construction of the Electric Light Sub-Station in the London Road, at the corner of Hayward's Road, was opened and found to be as follows —C. H. Channon & Son, £140.

Resolved, That the same be accepted,

GEO. NORMAN,

Chairman

#### **WATER COMMITTEE.**

**At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Thursday, the 19th day of February, 1903**—Present The Mayor ; Councillors Baker, Bendall, King-Harman and H. Waghorne (Councillor H. Waghorne in the chair)—

1—Assistant Borough Engineer's Report--The usual Monthly Report of the Assistant Borough Engineer, as follows, was read :—

On the 8th instant the Hewletts springs were yielding 194 gallons per minute (last three years' average 153 gallons), and the quantity of water in store was 24,991,817 gallons.

On the 17th instant the depth of water in Dowdeswell Reservoir was 31ft. 3 ½ in., and the contents 96,073,038 gallons. The total storage (exclusive of the daily yield of the streams, 633,312 gallons) being 121,064,855 gallons, or about 126 days' supply.

The Reddings—The water mains were completed up to The Grange, and an additional 260 yards had been laid down to supply Ivy Cottage.

East End Lane, Charlton Kings—On the 30th January 115 yards were laid down to supply two houses owned by Mr. Grundy.

Moorend Grove, Leckhampton—45 yards were laid here on the 3rd February to supply two houses built by Mr. Skemp. In all these cases he had been careful, when estimating the cost of the work, to ensure the usual to per cent. return before commencing the extension.

Malvern Inn, &c.—The 6in. main from the Malvern Inn to the Weighing Machine (opposite the Stone Quarries), Leckhampton Road, was completed on the 12th inst.

Sand Washers—He suggested the laying down at Dowdeswell of two yards super of concrete floor for tipping washed sand after it had been through the washers, at a cost not exceeding £20, and the boarding up of the open double gates inside and painting the same colour as the ironwork.

Inspection of Pipes—Pursuant to instructions, he had paid a visit to the Stanton Ironworks, near Nottingham, on the 6th inst., for the purpose of testing the 12-inch pipes being made by them, and in each case the test was satisfactory.

Leckhampton Reservoir—This was emptied for cleaning on the 16th inst., and it was found that the brick piers stood badly in need of repairs. These repairs were now in hand.

In stopping the supply to the Reservoir it was found that it cut off the supply to the two cottages at the foot of the tramway (owned by Mr. Dale). A search was made to discover the cause, and a leaky joint was found in the pipe through which the water oozed freely, and drain pipes were laid at this point conveying the water to an open trough or tank. He understood that Mr. Dale had fixed a main and carried the water to his stables and other buildings free of any charge. He understood there was some stipulation to supply the cottages in question free, and those only, and he recommended the putting in of a proper lead service to the cottages from the supply main, and the making good of the defective joint in the delivery main. It was difficult to judge the amount of water that has been running to waste, but it must have been very considerable, as when the springs were low the water would first find its way through the vent, cause a large overflow, and thereby the supply to the reservoir would be much lessened.

Resolved, That consideration of the recommendations of the Assistant Borough Engineer, as regards the paving for sand washing at Dowdeswell and water leakage at Leckhampton, be adjourned for the Committee to pay a visit of inspection at an early date, and that his suggestion as to the boarding up and painting of the gates at Dowdeswell be approved and carried out.

2—Proposed New Main from Tewkesbury to Cheltenham—The Town Clerk read the correspondence he had had with the Local Government Board on the subject of the proposed new main from

Tewkesbury to Cheltenham, from which it appeared that the Board were doubtful if the Corporation had power to lay the main even under public roads.

A letter was read from the Town Clerk of Tewkesbury suggesting a conference between this Committee and a Committee of the Tewkesbury Council as to the route for the new main through that borough.

Resolved, That further consideration of the matter be adjourned to a Special Meeting of the Committee to be called at an early date.

3—Water Supply on Fairfield Estate—A letter was read from Mr. F. Jenkins suggesting that as he would shortly be forming one of the roads on the Fairfield Estate, the sewer being nearly completed, it would save expense if the water main were laid before the road was properly made up. Resolved, That the suggestion be adopted and a water main put in accordingly.

4—Fire Hydrants at The Reddings —A letter was read from the Clerk to the Cheltenham Rural District Council asking upon what terms the Corporation would connect say four hydrants, for the supply of water in case of fire, with the water main now being laid at The Reddings, the position and number to be arranged with the Surveyor to the Rural District Council. Resolved, To inform the Rural District Council that the Corporation will fix the required number of fire hydrants on the following terms :—An annual payment of £6 per cent. on the cost of providing and fixing the hydrants and 1s per hydrant per annum for maintenance.

5—Supply of Water to Folly Lane Allotments—Pursuant to the Resolution to Minute No. 2 of this Committee's proceedings at its last meeting, the Assistant Borough Engineer reported that, except at a very great outlay, it was not possible to furnish a supply of water to the Folly Lane Allotments. Resolved, That the General Purposes and Watch Committee be informed that this Committee cannot see its way to furnish a supply of water from the Corporation mains to the Allotments.

6—Land at Sandford—An application was received for tenancy of one chain of this land, and a request by a tenant for the removal of two trees between Lots Nos. 28 and 29. Resolved, That the application for a chain of land be granted, and the request as to the tree cutting be not acceded to.

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

8—Salts Farm—Resolved, That, with a view to a revision of the amount of rent payable, the Town Clerk be instructed to give notice to Mr. W. P. Edwards, the tenant of Salts Farm, to terminate his present tenancy on the 29th September next.

H. WAGHORNE,

Chairman.

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

**At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Saturday, the 7th day of February, 1903—Present :** The Mayor ; Aldermen Haddon, and Norman ; Councillors Baker, M. Davis, Gurney, Hayward, Lamb and Rickerby (The Mayor in the chair) —

1—Cleric in Borough Surveyor's Department—The Borough Accountant reported that it appeared from an examination and inspection of the books, &c., in the Borough Surveyor's Clerks' Office that sums amounting to about £260, due to the Corporation, received by Mr. E. C. Jennings, a clerk there, had not been accounted for or paid over by him. Resolved, That proceedings be forthwith taken against Mr. Jennings in respect of the offences disclosed by the Report, and that Mr. W. H. Russell be instructed to appear for the Corporation in the matter.

Also Resolved, That the other clerk in the Borough Surveyor's Department be at once suspended pending the result of the investigation and examination of the books, &c., to be made by the Borough Accountant.

RICHARD ROGERS,

Chairman.

**At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 17th day of February, 1903**—Present The Mayor; Aldermen Norman Haddon and Winterbotham ; Councillors Baker, Davies, Gurney, Hayward, Lamb, Rickerby and J. Waghorne (The Mayor in the chair)—

2- Diseases of Animals Acts-Superintendent Hopkins reported that he had no fresh outbreak of disease amongst animals within the Borough to report.

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3--Report of Captain of Fire Brigade---The Captain of the Fire Brigade reported that on the 14th instant the Brigade was called to assist the Tewkesbury Fire Brigade in extinguishing a serious fire at Barn Farm, Deerhurst, involving 11 ricks and farm buildings. Cause unknown. Damage £2,000. Extinction expenses £21 6s. The property was insured, and particulars had been forwarded to the Borough Accountant as usual.

4—Hackney Carriage Drivers' licences--Applications for licences to drive hackney carriages were received from William James Winters, of 115, Chosen Prospect, and William Philip Jones, of Clarence Mews, North Place. Resolved, That a licence be granted to Mr. Winters, but that the application of Mr. W. P. Jones be not acceded to.

5—Hackney Carriage Licence- An application was received from Mr. W. P. Jones for a licence to ply for hire a hackney carriage. Resolved, That the application be not granted.

6—Wheel-chair Licence—Resolved, To accede to an application received from Mr. Laurence Dempsey, of 10, King Street, for a Wheel-chair Licence, subject to inspection and approval of the chair by the Mayor.

7—Town Clerkship— With reference to the Resolution passed by the Council on the 9th instant, the following letter from the Town Clerk was read :—

Burghill, Radnor Cliff Crescent, Sandgate.

DEAR MR. MAYOR,

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 9th inst. and copy resolution of the Council, which latter amounts to an intimation of a desire on their part to dispense entirely with my services at the end of three months from the 1st prox., and I have of course no option but to comply with its terms.

Independently of any question as to my private means—which, by the way, have been most unwarrantably and wilfully exaggerated by a member of the Council— I very much regret that the Council have seen fit to adopt a course involving my complete severance from those municipal duties which I have discharged ever since, and for some years before, the Incorporation of the Borough with— as has often been said by those well able and competent to judge—credit to myself and advantage to the town, until the early part of last summer and the autumn, when I had two serious illnesses following each other, the last nearly proving fatal. It is true I had the assistance of my son as my Assistant and Deputy, but it must not be forgotten—as it would appear to be by some—that he was paid out of my salary, fixed at the time I was prohibited from private practice 11 years ago, and has not since been raised, although the work has largely increased, and was therefore no additional burden on the rates.

The treatment I have experienced at the hands of the present Cheltenham Town Council as a body— exceptional, as I believe and know it in several cases to be - is no encouragement to public officials who may expect that any zeal, exertions, or time, bestowed in the interests of the ratepayers, beyond the bare discharge of their official duties, will be gratefully remembered and fairly recognised.

In conclusion I beg to give the undertaking required by the resolution to retire from the Town Clerkship at the end of three months from the 1st prox.—I am, dear Mr. Mayor, yours very faithfully,  
(Signed) E. T. BRYDGES,

To His Worshipful the Mayor of Cheltenham.

14/2/03.

Resolved, That the following Advertisement be inserted once in each of the local papers, and in Tice Local Government Journal, The Local Government Chronicle, The Law Times, and The Justice of the Peace:—

" BOROUGH OF CHELTENHAM.

The Town Council of Cheltenham invite applications from Solicitors for the office of Town Clerk of the Borough.

The Salary will be £600 per annum with Clerks and Offices provided, and the gentleman appointed will not be allowed to carry on Private Practice and will be required to devote the whole of his time to the duties of the office.

Applications stating the age of the applicant, accompanied by copies of not less than four nor more than six testimonials of recent date must be sent addressed to "The Mayor, Municipal Offices, Cheltenham," and endorsed "Town Clerkship," on or before Tuesday, the 24th day of March, 1903.

The gentleman appointed will be required to commence his duties on the 3rd day of June next.

Canvassing Members of the Council will disqualify.

Dated this 3rd day of March, 1903.

E. T. BRYDGES, Town Clerk. Municipal Offices, Cheltenham."

8—Borough Surveyor and Water Engineer—The following letter was read from Mr. J. S. Pickering :—  
Council Offices, Nuneaton. February 5th, 1903.

E. T. Brydges, Esq., Town Clerk, Cheltenham

DEAR SIR,

I have to thank you for your letter of the 3rd inst., informing me of my appointment as Borough Surveyor and Waterworks Engineer, and also for the telegram you were good enough to send immediately after the Council Meeting. I need hardly say how deeply I appreciate the honour, and nothing shall be wanting on my part to carry out the duties of the office to the entire satisfaction of the Council.

I think I may say that I shall be able to commence my duties from Ladyday next if this will be satisfactory, or if thought desirable I will try to make it a little earlier.

Yours faithfully, (Signed) J. S. PICKERING.

Resolved, That Ladyday next be approved as the date for the commencement by Mr. Pickering of his duties.

9- Report of Art Gallery Sub-Committee The Art Gallery Sub-Committee reported that at a meeting, held on the 16th inst., there were present:— The Mayor, Alderman Winterbotham (in the chair), Aldermen Norman and Haddon, and the Baron de Ferrieres.

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Curator's Report—The Curator reported that 2,821 visits had been paid to the Art Gallery since the 23rd December last. The Pompeii Water Colour Drawings would be returned to South Kensington on the 25th inst., the exhibition of these pictures having been a great success, the visits recorded being upwards of 7,000.

Show Cases for Hildesheim Collection—The Curator submitted an estimate he had obtained for the provision of suitable Show Cases for the Hildesheim Collection and other objects of Art exhibited from time to time in the Gallery, amounting to £15. The Baron de Ferrieres having kindly offered to defray the expense of the provision of the cases, Resolved That the Baron's offer be accepted with the best thanks of the Council therefor.



Extension of Hot Water Pipes—The Curator having called attention to the fact that some extension of the hot water pipes in the basement was necessary in order to render the same fit for storing objects of Art, Resolved To recommend the Council to pay as part of the Art Gallery expenditure a sum not exceeding £50 in respect of the proposed extension of pipes.

Purchase of Marble—The Curator reported that Mr. J. E. Hyett, who was educated at the Cheltenham Grammar School, had offered to the Council a specimen of his work in the shape of a marble relief of the head of John the Baptist for the sum of £12. Photographs of the work having been inspected by the Sub-Committee, Resolved, That the same be purchased.

Closing of Gallery—Resolved, That the Gallery be closed from the 24th to the 28th inst., for the cleaning of pictures and rearranging of same.

Accounts—The accounts were examined and passed for payment.

Resolved, That the Report and Resolutions of the Art Gallery Sub-Committee be approved and adopted.

10 — Clerks in Borough Surveyor's Department—The Town Clerk reported the result of the proceedings taken against Mr. E. C. Jennings, and that the Borough Accountant had not yet completed his examination of the books. Resolved, That it be referred to the Finance Committee to consider the question of the re-instatement of the clerk in the Borough Surveyor's Department now under suspension.

11—Rowdyism in Upper Bath Road and Neighbourhood—Letters were read from Mr. G. H. Roberts, of No. 7, Clare Street, and Mr. T. T. Dolman, of Everson House, Bath Road, complaining of rowdyism and obstruction on the part of men and youths in the upper part of the Bath Road and neighbourhood, and of the consequent inconvenience to residents and loss of trade to those carrying on business there. The writers suggested that a police station properly officered should be established in the Bath Road. Resolved, That consideration of the matter be adjourned until the next monthly meeting of the Committee.

12— —Boundary Post—A letter was read from Councillor Packer, calling attention to the fact that until some 12 months ago a post stood in Naunton Lane which denoted the boundaries of the Parishes of Cheltenham and Leckhampton and the Hamlet of Naunton, and bore an inscription accordingly. He suggested that either the old post or a new one bearing a similar inscription should be re-erected or erected in Naunton Lane.

Resolved, That the Assistant Borough Surveyor be instructed to erect, if possible, the old post, and if not, a new one as suggested.

13—Town Hall—A letter was read from Mr. J. A. Matthews on the subject of the position for the orchestra in the new Town Hall.

Resolved, That a copy of the letter be forwarded to Mr. Waller, the architect.

Resolved, To approve a plan submitted by the Assistant Borough Surveyor for the carrying off of surface water from the Town Hall and Winter Garden.

14—Annual Conference of National Union of Women Workers—A letter was read from the Cheltenham Committee of the National Union of Women Workers, stating that the Union were about to arrange for their Annual Conference this year, that the Local Committee had invited them to hold such conference in Cheltenham, and they asked that the Town Council would officially support the invitation and assist in entertaining the Conference: The Conference would be held from the 2nd to the 7th November next. Resolved, That the Council will do all in their power to help to make the Conference a success, and will be glad to know precisely in what way they can assist the local Committee in the matter.

15 —Fruit and Vegetable Market—The Town Clerk reported that the Market Gardeners' Association were, he understood, desirous of bringing before the Council certain proposals for the extension and improvement of the accommodation provided for a Fruit and Vegetable Market at the Market, and wished to defer execution of the agreement as to the existing building until after the new proposals, not yet communicated to the Council, had been considered. Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed not to defer obtaining execution of the agreement as to the present accommodation.

RICHARD ROGERS,

Chairman.

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#### **TECHNICAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE.**

**At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Friday, the 6th day of February, 1903**—Present: The Mayor ; Aldermen Norman and Winterbotham ; Councillors M. Davis, Gurney, Hayward, and J. Waghorne (Alderman Winterbotham in the chair)—

1—Scheme for Constitution of Education Committee—The letter from the Board of Education on the subject of the draft Scheme, read at the last meeting of the Council, was considered, together with the suggestions made by the Board for alterations and additions to the draft Scheme. Resolved, That the Scheme as now settled be approved and sealed and forwarded to the Board of Education for their approval.

JAS. B. WINTERBOTHAM, Chairman.

**At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Friday, the 20th day of February, 1903**, Present—The Mayor; Aldermen Norman and Winterbotham; Councillors M. Davis, Gurney, Handley, Hayward, Lamb and J. Waghorne (Alderman Winterbotham in the chair).

2 — Education Act, 1902—The Committee agreed to make the following Report to the Council:--In further pursuance of the matters remitted to them at the last Council, your Committee have to report that they at once adapted the Draft Scheme approved by the Council, as far as practicable to the suggestions of the Board of Education, and the scheme thus amended was sealed and formally submitted to the Board on the 7th February inst. Your Committee then received the instructions of the Board as to advertising the scheme, and the advertisements have been duly published. The time fixed by the Board for objections is still running, and does not expire until the 9th March next, but no indication of objection has as yet reached the Committee. As, however, the scheme cannot be finally

approved by the Board until after the period so notified has expired, the Council will not be in a position at their meeting on the 2nd March to nominate the Education Committee. Your Committee therefore think that a Special Meeting of the Council must be convened so soon as the scheme is actually approved, and that until then it would be premature to proceed to any selection of names.

In anticipation, however, of the time when the Council will be able to make such selection, your Committee have requested the various recommending bodies to make their recommendations, each body (in accordance with the desire of the Board of Education) giving not less than two nor more than four names for the Council to select from. Three of such bodies have at present sent in their recommendations, and the remaining one will be received immediately after the lath proximo, which will be in time for the proposed Special Meeting of the Council. Your Committee has received intimations from some members of the Council of their inability to serve upon the Committee and from others of their willingness to serve, and your Committee has no doubt it will be able to place before the proposed Special Meeting of the Council a list of its members comprising the requisite number and all of whom will be willing to act if then selected by the Council.

There remains the question whether the Council would at the present stage make (as it is under the Act competent to do) any regulations with respect to the quorum, proceedings, or place of meeting of the Education Committee when established. In a previous Report your Committee recommended that the Education Committee should be left as free as possible in deciding on what will practically be its own Bye-Laws, but the Council might think it prudent to provide that the Chair-man of the Education Committee should be a member of the Council, and your Committee recommend that in order to facilitate the Education Committee getting to work as soon as appointed the Council should now empower your Committee to secure a place for the meetings and business of the Education Committee and to provide for the appointment of the necessary staff.

3—County Scheme—The Town Clerk laid before the Committee copies of the scheme made by the Gloucestershire County Council for the constitution of an Education Committee for the county.

4—Payment of Grants—With reference to the resolutions of this Committee on the subject of the payment of grants under the Education Act, a letter was read from the Board of Education stating that the Board hoped to arrange for the payment of a portion of the new aid grant immediately after the appointed day, and that the method of payment of the annual grant was under consideration.

JAS. B. WINTERBOTHAM,

Chairman.

#### **MINERAL WATERS AND BATHS COMMITTEE.**

**At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Friday, the 13th day of February, 1903—Present :** The Mayor ; Councillors Baker, Bendall, Davies, and Hayward (Councillor Davies in the chair)—

1—Montpellier Baths—The Borough Accountant reported that the amount received was £441 5s. 1d., that, in addition, £3 12s. 6d. had been received for mineral waters sold, and the payments (exclusive of repayment of loan and interest) amounted to £723 15s. 1d.

A letter was read from Mr. Braint, the Superintendent at these Baths, asking that a date for the re-opening of the Swimming Bath should be fixed, and suggesting that an automatic weighing machine be placed in the Swimming Bath. The Superintendent also called attention to the need for renewing the cocoa matting round the Swimming Bath. Resolved, That the Bath be re-opened on the 2nd proximo, and that notice be given accordingly, that the cocoa matting be renewed, and that the Town Clerk do ascertain on what terms an automatic weighing machine would be placed in the Bath.

2-Alstone Baths-The Borough Accountant reported that the amount received was £278 19s. 3d., and the payments (exclusive of repayment of loan and interest) amounted to £372 4s. 1d.

3—Mineral Waters Development—The Town Clerk reported that this Agreement had not yet been executed by Mr. Cronheim owing to the serious illness of the latter.

RICHARD DAVIES,

Chairman.

#### **RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE.**

**At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 16th day of February, 1903**—Present The Mayor ; Alderman Holliday ; Councillors Baker, Bainbridge, Bendall, King-Harman and Lawrence (Councillor King-Harman in the chair)—

1—Chairman—In the absence of the Chairman, Resolved, That Councillor King-Harman be appointed Chairman at this meeting.

2 —Whaddon Lane Recreation Ground—A letter was read from the Local Government Board, enclosing their sanction to a loan of £388 for the purposes of the Whaddon Lane Recreation Ground, viz. :-£260 for tree planting, gravelling, and provision of swings, giant strides, &c., and £128 excess expenditure on the loan for the purchase and laying out of the Ground. Period for repayment 23 years.

3--Crazing at Naunton Park—A letter was read from Messrs. Waghorne Bros., Limited, stating that as they had purchased the business of the late Mr. John Hill, Butcher, Bath Road, they would be glad to continue to rent the grazing at Naunton Park on the same terms as their predecessor, viz., £5 per annum. Resolved, That the request be acceded to.

4—Agg-Gardner Recreation Ground—Football Match—An application was read from the Honorary Secretary of the Cheltenham Town Association Football Club, applying for the use of part of the Agg-Gardner Recreation Ground on the afternoon of Saturday, the 21st proximo, from 3 to 5 p.m., for a League match. Resolved, That the application be acceded to.

Cricket—A letter was read from the Honorary Secretary of the Cheltenham Working Men's Cricket Club, applying for the use of a portion of the Agg-Gardner Recreation Ground on Saturday afternoons, in the place of and on the same terms as the St. Paul's Old Boys' Cricket Club (now non-existent). Resolved, That the request be granted.

Oddfellows' A.M.C.—Mr. E. Bourne attended this meeting, and made application to the Committee for the use of the Agg-Gardner Recreation Ground in connection with the Fete and Demonstration

proposed to be held on Whit Monday next in Pittville in connection With the Meeting in Cheltenham of the Oddfellows' Annual Moveable Committee. The Recreation Ground would be used for the Refreshment Tents, Stage Performances, and Roundabouts, &c., and an entrance from the Pittville Park to the Agg-Gardner Recreation Ground would be necessary.

Resolved, That Mr. Bourne's application he acceded to subject to the Oddfellows' Committee be responsible for any damage to the ground or other property of the Corporation, the roundabouts to be placed in the new part, and that the Town Clerk do give notice of the closing of the Ground to the public on Whit Monday next and until noon on the Tuesday following.

Also Resolved, That the Visitors for this Ground be authorised to deal with any point on which this Committee should be consulted as to the positions of tents, &c.

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5—Estimate of Expenditure—The Finance Committee having requested to be informed what amount this Committee would require to cover its expenditure for the next financial year, Resolved, To pay a visit of inspection on Tuesday morning next to the various Recreation Grounds, with a view to determining what expenditure is intended to be incurred during the period mentioned.

M. J. KING-HARMAN,

Chairman.

**At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Wednesday, the 25th day of February, 1903**—Present The Mayor ; Alderman Holliday ; Councillors Baker, Bainbridge, Bendall, Davies, King-Harman, Lamb and Lawrence (Councillor Lamb in the chair)—

6—Whaddon Lane Recreation Ground--The applications, 39 in number, received in response to the advertisement for the post of Caretaker or Superintendent of the Whaddon Lane Recreation Ground, were considered. Resolved, That the following applicants be requested to attend the next monthly meeting of this Committee :—Richard Buckle, Albert Clifford, Henry Goodhall, W. H. Leacey, Mark Sutton, and J. J. Yeend.

ARTHUR LAMB, Chairman.

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

**At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Friday, the 20th day of February, 1903**—Present The Mayor; Alderman Haddon and Holliday; Councillor Stroud (Alderman Haddon in the chair)—

1—Superintendent's Report—The Superintendent reported that the road repairs at the Cemetery were in progress as ordered. The water pipe in the Vestry Chapel leaked. Resolved, That the Assistant Borough Surveyor do have the pipe repaired at once.

2-Designs—Resolved, That the following designs be approved, viz: Memorial Crosses to Frederick Cheshire and Emily Winning ; Headstones to Ellen Lucy Adcock and Elizabeth Ann Dyson.

3—Care of Grass of the late Mr. A. C. White—A letter was read from Messrs. Ticehursts, Mcllquham, and Wyatt, stating that they had been requested by the executors of the late Mr. A. C. White, who was buried in the Cheltenham Cemetery, to ascertain upon what terms the Corporation would be prepared to attend to the grave in perpetuity. Resolved, That consideration of the matter be adjourned for the Committee to inspect the grave when they next visit the Cemetery.

JOHN HADDON,

Chairman.

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

**At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 17th day of February, 1903**—Present Councillors Bainbridge, Hayward, King-Harman and J. Waghorne ; the Revs. G. Gardner, F. Evans, A. Beynon Phillips and A. C. Turberville ; the Baron de Ferrieres ; Messrs. F. G. Carr, A. Beckingsale, W. Cresswell, and G. H. Palmer (Councillor Hayward in the chair)—

1— Librarian's Report— The usual Monthly Report of the Librarian was read. Receipts, £5 5s. 11d. Presentations to the Library—The Baron de Ferrier. 6 vols., the Trustees, British Museum, 2 vols., Rev. G. Eyre Evans 1 vol., University Correspondence College 1 vol., Rev. Canon Hervey 1 vol., Mr. J. W. Gray 2 vols.

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2 —Sub-Committee's Report—The Sub-Committee reported that they met on the 13th inst., when there were present--The Chairman, Rev. J. Owen, and Rev. G. Gardner.

That they had carefully considered the question of closing the Leckhampton Branch Library, as desired by the General Committee at their last meeting, and after having gone into the cost of maintenance of the Branch, which amounted to nearly £40 per annum, they felt that the present state of the finances of the Library would not allow of its continuance; they therefore, very reluctantly, recommended that it be closed for the present, at least.

By the increase of the amount payable for Interest and Sinking Fund, and the discontinuance of the Technical Grant, the income of the Library had been reduced by over £200 a year.

The Librarian reported that Special Lists of Books on the following subjects had been posted in the Reference Library:—Architecture, Bibliography, Botany, Decorative Art, Fine Art, Furniture and Woodwork, Gloucestershire Books (selection), Metal Work, Ornamental Art, Pottery and Porcelain.

A letter was read from the Hon. Sec. of the Local Committee of Leckhampton Branch Library, with which he forwarded a copy of a Resolution passed at a meeting of that Committee on the 12th inst., asking that further and fuller enquiry be made before any definite steps for closing the Branch Library are taken. After careful consideration, it was Resolved, To adjourn consideration of the matter until the Monthly Meeting of the Committee in August next.

C. HAYWARD,

Chairman.

## SCHOOL ATTENDANCE COMMITTEE.

**At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Wednesday, the 25th day of February, 1903**—Present The Mayor; Aldermen Haddon, Holliday and Skillicorne; Councillors Handley and Lawrence (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 659 names of absentee children had been extracted, all of whom had been visited. They also reported that the parents of 68 children had been summoned to attend before the Local Committees, who had held 8 meetings.

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 :—Fred Wallington, William Hopkins, Frank Vacara, Nellie Williams, Kate Morris, and Louisa Neale.

3—Meeting of Committee--Resolved, That the next Monthly Meeting of this Committee be held on the 25th proximo, at 4.30 p.m.

W. NASH SKILLICORNE,

Chairman.

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## FINANCE COMMITTEE.

**At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 24th day of February, 1903**—Present The Mayor ; Alderman Skillicorne Councillors Bence, Gurney, Handley, King-Harman, Stroud, and J. Waghorne (Councillor Gurney in the chair)--

1—Defalcations [the misappropriation of funds] in Borough Surveyor's Department--The question of the restoration to his position in the office of the clerk at present under suspension by order of the General Purposes Committee, referred by that Committee to the Finance Committee for consideration, was considered. Resolved, That the clerk in question be allowed to resume his duties.

Also Resolved, That the Borough Accountant be authorised to engage such extra temporary assistance as he may require in order to bring up to date the accounts in the Borough Surveyor's department.

2-Receipt of Monies due to Corporation—The report of the Borough Accountant on the subject of the receipt of monies due to the Corporation other than those received in the Rates Department was further considered. Resolved (1), That the receipt of all worries now paid in the Borough Surveyor's Department be transferred to the Department of the Borough Accountant, and that the latter be authorised to engage a special clerk therefor at a salary not exceeding 30s per week.

(2) That all payments in respect of private improvement works be made in future to the Borough Accountant's Department, and not at the Bank as heretofore.

(3) That all receipts for money payable to the Corporation (except those receivable by the Rates Department) shall bear the signature of the Borough Accountant, and that the signing of receipts by the Borough Treasurer be discontinued except when required by law.

(4) That the Borough Treasurer be directed to require the endorsement of the Borough Accountant—or in respect of cheques received by the Rates Department, the endorsement of Mr. M. B. Ricketts, the Borough Collector—upon all cheques for all moneys payable to the Corporation, before endorsing the same and placing them to the credit of the Corporation account.

(5) That all the clerks in the Borough Accountant's Department concerned in the receipt of money be required to give security to the extent of at least £100 each by a guarantee policy, the premiums to be paid by the Corporation.

(6) That all matters contained in the report of the Borough Accountant not already dealt with by this Committee be referred to the Borough Surveyor (Mr. J. S. Pickering) and the Borough Accountant for their joint consideration, and that they be instructed to report what further steps can, in their opinions, be taken to facilitate the closer co-operation of their respective departments.

3-- Capital Expenditure—The Town Clerk reported the receipt from the Local Government Board since the last meeting of the following sanctions to loans in respect of capital expenditure in excess of previous sanctions or in anticipation of sanction

Amount.	Purpose.	Period allowed for repayment.
	Alstone Baths	28 years
£198	Cost of Plant and Seats at Montpellier Gardens	3 years
£388	Whaddon Lane Recreation Ground	23 years
£454	Hatherley Brook Sewer	30 years
£1056	Montpellier Gardens ..	23 years
£1,524	Boilers and Boiler House at Tewkesbury Water Works	24 years
£1722	Pittville Estate (Band Stands, &c )..	20 years

A letter was read from the Local Government Board with reference to the application for sanction to borrow £4,659 for purposes of sewerage, asking to be supplied with further information to enable them to check the actual amount of each separate work as detailed in the original estimates for Sewerage Districts Nos. 1 and 2 and Gloucester- and Hall Roads sewers. Resolved, That the Borough Accountant be requested to obtain and supply the information required by the Board.

4—Mortgage of Hayden Farm for £6,666 13s. 4d.—Resolved, That an advertisement be inserted inviting offers from persons willing to lend this sum on mortgage of the Hayden Farm, a mortgage for the amount named having been repaid under notice on the 13th inst.

5--Corporation Insurances—The Town Clerk reported that the Lighting Committee had resolved riot to insure the Electric Lighting Station and Sub-station and contents, in view of the terms of the warranty required by the County Fire Office and the high rate of premium asked if an absolute policy were taken nut. Resolved, That the Borough Accountant be authorised to arrange with the County



Fire Office for the omission of these properties from the properties insured in accordance with the Lighting Committee's resolution, and to fix the amount for which the furniture, &c., at the Municipal Offices is to be insured on information to be supplied by the Assistant Borough Surveyor.

6—Estimates for Rates--A letter was read from Mr. M. B. Ricketts, the Assistant Overseer and Rate Collector, stating that he should be glad to have early next month a rough estimate of the amount required by the Corporation from the Overseers next year.

The Chairman reported that he had caused application to be made to the various Committees that they should consider the works which would be required during the ensuing year, and the estimated cost thereof, for the guidance of this Committee in the preparation of the Estimates, and with a view to the limitation in future of expenditure upon works not provided for in the annual Estimates. Resolved, That the Chairman's action be approved.

7-General District Rate-The Report of the Borough Accountant of date the 24th instant, on the collection of the 2nd instalment of this Rate, was read. Amount collected £15,848 9s. 8d., leaving outstanding £5,898 18s. 9d.

8-- Water Rate-- The Report of the Borough Accountant of date the 24th instant, on the collection of this Rate, was read. Amount received £8,494 13s. 6d., leaving outstanding £4,001 15s. 8d.

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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 £18,376 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 on the 27th January last	£116,173 9 0
Paid since that date (including Farms Mortgage temporarily repaid, £6,666 13s. 4d., to be re-borrowed)	<u>£ 14,353 6 6</u>
	£130,526 15 6
Received since do.	<u>£ 12,396 11 7</u>
Overdrawn	£118,130 3 11
Being Ordinary Rates Expenditure	£10,521 18 8
Electric Lighting (Capital & Revenue),	
Water & other Capital Accounts	<u>£107,608 5 3</u>
	£118,130 3 11

W. GERALD GURNEY,

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 April, 1903.**

### **PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.**

**At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 9th day of March, 1903**—Present The Mayor; Aldermen Norman and Skillicorne Councillors Bence, M. Davis, King-Harman, and Lawrence (Councillor King-Harman in the chair)—

1-- Chairman—In the absence of the Chairman, Resolved, That Councillor King-Harman be appointed Chairman at this meeting.

2-Zymotic Disease--The Medical Officer of Health reported that there had been notified since the last meeting of the Committee, 9 cases of Scarlet Fever, 3 of Enteric Fever, 3 of Diphtheria, and 2 of Erysipelas ; that 8 cases of Scarlet Fever, 2 of Enteric 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 8 of Scarlet Fever, 3 of Enteric Fever, and 1 of Diphtheria.

3---Cleansing and Disinfecting at No. 22, Albert Street, St. Paul's—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.

4—Cleansing and Limewashing at Nos. 32, Cleveland Street, 4, Sun Street Retreat, 3, Victoria Cottages, 9 and 31, Whitehart Street, and 8, Upper 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 Notices be given to the owners under the said Section, requiring the houses to be cleansed and limewashed.

5- -Nuisances from Drains, &c., at Hampstead Villa, Hale's Road, Llandovery, Hale's Road, 3, Lansdown Parade, 7, Carlton Place, 8 and 9, Malvern Street, 17, Fairview Road, and 1, Somerset Villas, Leckhampton 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.

6—Insanitary Property at No. .52, Rutland Street, No. 31, Sun Street, and Nos. 129, 131, 138, and 142, Tewkesbury Road—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.

7-Urinals at The White Horse Inn, Tewkesbury Road, and Adam and Eve Inn, Townsend Street—The Medical Officer of Health the, Urinals were in such a condition as to be nuisances or injurious to health owing to want of and defects in structure, Resolved, That the Council being satisfied of the existence of the nuisances from the state of the urinals, Notice under Section 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 to execute such structural works of amendment as shall be specified.

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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--Houses Unfit for Human Habitation, viz., No. 49, Sherborne Street, and Nos. 1, and 3, Butt's Cottages, 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 the houses to be closed.

10-- Dairies, Cowsheds and Milkshops' Order—Applications to be registered as Purveyors of Milk were read from Mr. Herbert Harry Smith, of No. 16, Albion Street, and Mr. Henry John Gibbings, of No. 17, Albion Street. Resolved, That the application of Mr. Smith be acceded to, this being simply on a change of occupier, but that the application of Mr. Gibbings be not acceded to.

11—Extension of Sewer in Leckhampton Road—With reference to Minute No. 28 of this Committee's proceedings at its meeting on the 19th January last, a letter was read from Mr. F. Jenkins, expressing his opinion that he should not be called upon to construct a manhole at the Leckhampton Road end of the two new streets to be laid out on the Fairfield Estate, as in each street he had already to make three manholes, and he thought that the cost of the two now proposed should be treated as part of the cost of the new public sewer. Resolved, That under the circumstances Mr. Jenkins be required to provide the manhole at the end of one street only, the other to be put in at the expense of the Corporation, and that Minute No. 28 of this Committee's proceedings of date the 19th January last be varied accordingly

12—International Congress of Hygiene--A letter was read from the Sanitary Inspectors' Association with reference to the International Congress of Hygiene and Demography, to be held at Brussels in September next, suggesting that the Council should appoint one or more of their Inspectors to attend the Congress.

13—Sewage Contaminated Shellfish—A letter as read from the Town Clerk of Brighton, stating that the Town Council of Brighton considered it of great importance that steps should be taken to obtains legislations giving Sanitary Authorities control over oyster layings situate in their districts, and empowering them to prevent the sale within their districts of oysters and other shellfish derived

from sewage contaminated sources, and they had addressed a letter to the President of the Local Government Board on the matter with a copy of the following resolution passed by the Council of Brighton:—" That in the " opinion of this Council it is urgently necessary, in the interest of the public health, that legislation should be enacted by Parliament for the protection of the public from the danger to health arising from the consumption of oysters and other " shellfish derived from sewage polluted sources, and that the President of the Local Government Board be respectfully requested to introduce such a measure into the present Session of Parliament." The letter expressed the hope that the Cheltenham Town Council would assist by making a strong representation to the Local Government Board as to the necessity for early legislation in the matter. On the recommendation of the Medical Officer of Health, Resolved, That the Council be recommended to pass a resolution identical in terms with the above resolution, and that a copy of the same be forwarded to the President of the Local Government Board and to the Member for the Borough.

14--Housing of the Working Classes—A Letter was read from the Lord Mayor of York, Chairman of the York Health and Housing Reform Association stating that the Association were of opinion that the procedure under the Housing of the Working Classes Act, 1890, might without much difficulty be considerably amended and simplified while at the same time they acknowledged that the Act should be more effectively amended, and suggesting that the Town Council should join with other Corporations and Associations in a representation to the Local Government Board in favour of the following suggested amendments being embodied in the Bill promised by the Government :—

An amendment of Secs. 32 and 33 of the Act to make them properly applicable to the case of a house which is incapable of being made fit for human habitation, and to enable the Local Authority to apply for a Closing and Demolition Order in one, and that in the case of a house which can be made fit the form of notice should require to have filled in a specification of the works required to be done.

A right of appeal should be given to the Owner and to the Local Authority from the decision of a Court of Summary Jurisdiction and against a decision of Quarter Sessions to a Superior Court.

An extension of the period allowed for repayment of Loans for the purposes of Parts I and III of the Act. Resolved, To concur in the representation to the Local Government Board, a copy of the same to be forwarded to the Borough Member.

15--New Buildings—The thorough 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.
1628	Cavendish House Co. Ltd.	Store Rooms at rear of No. 57, Regent Street
1629	H. Thomas	Pair of semi-detached Houses in Eldorado Road
1630	F. Come	Additions to House, Old Bath Road
1631	John Baker	Additions to back of No. 3, Imperial Square
1632	F. Jenkins	Six houses in new Road on Fairfield Estate
1633	C. H. Reason	Six houses in Alstone Croft, near Alstone Lane

Resolved, That No. 5632 be disapproved, and that the other plans be approved so far as drainage and other sanitary matters are concerned.

KING-HARMAN,

Chairman.

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**At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 23rd day of March, 1903**—Present : Aldermen Norman and Skillicorne ; Councillors Bence, M. Davis, King-Harman, Lawrence and H. Waghorne (Councillor King-Harman in the chair)—

16—Chairman--In the absence of the Chairman, Resolved, That Councillor King-Harman be appointed Chairman at this meeting.

17—Zymotic Disease—The Medical Officer of Health reported that there had been notified since the last meeting of the Committee 4 cases of Scarlet Fever, 2 of Enteric Fever, 2 of Diphtheria, and 3 of Erysipelas ; that 3 cases of Scarlet Fever, 2 of Diphtheria, and 1 of Enteric Fever had been sent into the Delancey Hospital, and that the number of cases then in the Delancey Hospital sent in by the Corporation was 6 of Scarlet Fever, 3 of Diphtheria, and 3 of Enteric Fever.

18- Water Closets without Flushing Apparatus—The Medical Officer of Health handed in a list of houses having water closets without Flushing Apparatus—Resolved, That Notices under 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.

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

20-Cleansing and Disinfecting at No. 11, Ewlyn Terrace and No. 47, Tewkesbury Road—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.

21--Cleansing and Limewashing at No. 32, Portland Square, Cottage at back of No. 34, Portland Square, No. 9, Stanhope Street, Nos. 4 and 6, Upper Bath Street, No. 9, Rutland Street, and No. 12, Gloucester Place- -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 Notices be given to the owners under the said Section requiring the houses to be cleansed and limewashed.

22-Nuisances from Drains, &G., at Wellington Parade, Wellesley Road, No. 19, Burton Street, Burton Street Brewery, No. 14, Bath Terrace, and No. 4, Lansdown Parade-- 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.

23 Notices not complied with--The Medical Officer of Health handed in a list of Notices which had been served for the carrying out of sanitary requirements, but which had not been complied with. Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed, if necessary, to take proceedings to compel compliance.

24-Dairies, Cowsheds, and Milkshops Order—An application was read from Mr. Frederick Gabb, of Elm Farm, Fiddlers Green, to be registered as a cowkeeper. Resolved, That the application be acceded to, subject to a Notice served on the applicant as to pitching the yard being complied with.

25--Seizure of Ham—The Medical Officer of Health reported that a ham weighing 28lbs., sold by auction at the Market, was found to be unfit for food, and that it had been condemned by a magistrate and destroyed.

26--Telephone for Health Department—The Medical Officer of Health having asked that a telephone connection be placed in his department, Resolved, That he be requested to obtain terms for such connection and submit same to this Committee.

27—Notification of Suspected Cases of infectious Disease by School Teachers—The Medical Officer of Health submitted a form for notification of suspected cases of infectious disease amongst the elementary school children he proposed to supply the school teachers in the borough with. Resolved, That the same be approved.

28- Demolition of Three Cottages adjoining No. 54, Sherborne Street—The Medical Officer of Health reported that the three cottages adjoining No. 54, Sherborne Street which had been closed by order of the magistrates in November last had not in his opinion been made fit for 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 houses. The Council being of the same opinion, Resolved, That it is expedient to order the demolition of the buildings, and that Notice of this resolution be served on the owner of the buildings informing him that this resolution will be further considered at a meeting of this Committee to be held on Monday, the stilt day of May next, at 3 p.m., when he is at liberty to attend and state his objections to the demolition.

29 - Supply to Kingsditch Lane---In pursuance of this Committee's Resolution to Minute No. 25 at its meeting on the 16th ultimo, the Medical Officer of Health reported that he had visited the houses in Kingsditch Lane, and found six houses within the borough with a total annual value of £52 10s, all being supplied with water of poor quality from wells liable to considerable pollution from time to time. The distance from the main to the furthest house is about 264 yards. Resolved, That the report be referred to the Water Committee with a recommendation by this Committee that the water main be extended to supply the houses mentioned.

30-Extensions to Abattoir-- A letter was read from the Local Government Board enclosing their sanction to a loan of £500 for the purpose of the proposed extensions of the Abattoir, the period for repayment allowed being 30 years.

31-Extension of Sewer in Marle Road --A letter was read from Mr. W. Prude asking for an extension of the sewer in Arle Road to take the drainage of two houses now being erected by him adjoining Sandfield Place. Resolved, That the extension be made.

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32 -Factory and Workshop Act, 1901—The Town Clerk read correspondence he had had with H.M. Inspector of Factories with reference to the provision of proper means of escape from fire at certain factories or workshops in the borough. By Section 15 of the Factory and Workshop Act, 1901, the Council may make bye-laws on the subject. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be asked to consider and report upon the matter, and as to the necessity for bye-laws.

33— Sewerage of Building Estate in Prestbury Parish—With reference to the Resolution to Minute No. 26 of this Committee's proceedings of date the 16th ultimo, a letter was read from Mr. James Villar stating that Mr. Holliday would be willing to pay an annual sum of £6 for outfall charges in respect of 500 yards of sewer to be laid along the main road on the estate, and a further sum of 2d. per yard for every extension of the sewers under branch roads. The letter also contained particulars as to the building restrictions Mr. Holliday was willing to impose as to the land fronting the Cleeve Path Drive. Resolved, That the matter be considered at a joint meeting of this Committee and the Town Improvement Committee, and that Mr. Holliday and Mr. Villar be invited to attend such meeting.

34-- New Streets and Buildings—The Borough Surveyor laid before the Committee the following notices and plans received by him, viz.:—

No. of Plan	Name	Description
1632	F. Jenkins	Six houses on Fairfield Estate, Leckhampton Road.
1634	C. Young	Extension of stable, Langdon Road.
1635	Mrs. F. Dutton	Greenhouse, cellar, &c., at No. 2, York Villas.
1636	T. W. Smith	Stabling and drying sheds, Exmouth Street.
1637	G. Widdows	Bakehouse, &c., at No. 4, Hermitage Terrace.
1638	W. Perkins	House and shop, corner of Sandfield and Gloucester Roads.
1639	H. W. Holliday	New road on Southam Villa Estate, Prestbury Road.
1640	W. Hall	New road and sewer, near Shurdington Road.

Resolved, That Plans numbered 1638, 1639 and 1640 be disapproved, and that the other Plans be approved so far as drainage and other sanitary matters are concerned.

M. J. KING-HARMAN,

Chairman.

## FARMS AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL COMMITTEE

**At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Friday, the 6th day of March, 1903**—Present ; The Mayor ; Aldermen Norman and Skillicorne ; Councillors Bainbridge, Bence, M. Davis, King-Harman, and Lawrence (Councillor M. Davis is the chair)—

1- Report of Sewage Farms Manager—The Sewage Farms Manager reported that the stock on the Farms on the 6th ultimo was as follows : —11 horses and 1 cob and 141 cattle. That no purchases had been made since the last meeting of the Committee, but that the following sales had been effected : February 9th four heifers for £66 15s. 6d., February 16th five bullocks for £67 17s. 6d., February 23rd four bullocks for £71 18s., and on the 2nd inst. four heifers for £61 18s. ; total £268 9s. The number of livestock on the Farms at this date was is horses and 1 cob and 124 head of cattle.

He also reported that 1 ton 16 cwt. of hay had been delivered to the Central Depot, that 5 tons of mangolds at 13s per ton at Hayden Farm had been sold to Mr. G. Robinson, of Hatherley, and that, as authorised at the last meeting of the Committee, he had purchased a set of Chain Harrow for 90s, less 5 per cent.

He recommended that a two-year-old Cart Colt be purchased, also five quarters of Black Oats for seed, and a Scarifier for breaking up the fallow ground for Roots. Resolved, That the recommendations of the Manager be approved and adopted.

2— Estimate of Expenditure, 1903-4 -- Resolved, To inform the Finance Committee that this Committee will require the same amount an last tear t6r the expenditure during the year 1903-4.

M. DAVIS, Chairman.

## STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE.

**At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 10th day of March, 1903**—Present The Mayor; Aldermen Haddon and Skillicorne; Councillors Baker, Bendall, and Handley, (Councillor Baker in the chair)--

1—Steam Roller—The Assistant Borough Surveyor having reported that one of the steam rollers was badly out of repair, the tubes being very much corroded, the Committee having inspected the same, Resolved, To order a new Tender and a new set of tubes for the roller.

2 — Eldorado Road--A Letter from Mr. R. R. Skemp was read, asking on behalf of the Owners generally in Eldorado Road that the Corporation should take the road and declare it a public highway, this of course not relieving the owners from the necessity for paving when the present good asphalte was worn out. Resolved, That as soon as the cost of the private improvement works now being executed in the road had been repaid by the abutting owners, the road so far as properly completed be declared a highway, subject to the right of the Council to call upon the abutting owners to replace the present asphalte with proper stone paving when the condition of the former required it.



3 - Iron Shed, &c., opposite Oakley, The Park—The Letter from Mr. J. L. Anley, read at the last meeting of the Committee, and a further Letter from him on the same subject, were considered. Resolved, That Mr. Anley be informed that the Council have no power to take any action in the matter, plans having been submitted to and approved by them, being in every respect in accordance with the Byelaws.

4--Estimate of Expenditure for 1903-4—Resolved, To inform the Finance Committee that this Committee estimates the expenditure for highways, footpaths, and scavenging for 1903-4 to be £14,000 (inclusive of £3,025 in respect of Main and Contribution Roads received from the County Council).

5-Report of Building Inspector—The Monthly Report of the Building Inspector was read. Buildings in progress 44, completed since 10th ultimo .

6- New Streets and Buildings-- The Assistant 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
1630	F. Coote	Bedroom at back of house, Old Bath Road
1631	J. Baker	Additions to back of No. 3, Imperial Square
1632	F. Jenkins	Six houses on Fairfield Estate, Leckhampton Road
1633	C. H.	Reason Six houses in Alstone Croft, Alstone Lane

Resolved, That plan No. 1632 be disapproved and that all the other Plans be approved as shown.

WILLIAM A. BAKER,

Chairman.

**At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 30th day of March, 1903**—Present ; The Mayor ; Alderman Haddon and Skillicorne; Councillors Baker and holdall, (Councillor Baker in the chair)—

7-- View Meeting The following Members attended the View Meeting of the Committee on Friday last, viz.:—The Chairman, Councillors Bendall and Hayward.

8—Street Projections—The Street Inspector reported that advertising signs had been put up at No, 9, Winchcomb Place (occupiers Messrs. Bullock & Co.), and at No. 117, High Street, in the occupation of Messrs. Williams, Clare & Co., Ltd., without the permission of the Council having been first obtained. The sign in the first mentioned case was 12ft. above the pavement, and projected 18 inches, and in the last mentioned case was only 6ft. from the ground with a projection of 18 inches.

Resolved, That the sign at No. 9, Winchcombe Place be allowed to remain and that Notice be given to Messrs. Williams, Clare & Co. to remove the sign put up at their shop.

With reference to an application received from Messrs. Avery, Ltd., for permission to put up a projecting sign at No. 18, Henrietta Street, Resolved, That consideration of the application be adjourned for the Committee to view.

With reference to the Resolution to Minute No. 15 of this Committee's proceedings of date the 29th December last, the Street inspector reported the projecting hoarding used by the Billposting Co. in Gloucester Road had not been removed.

Resolved, To adjourn consideration of the matter for the Committee to view.

9-Borough Surveyor's Monthly Report re Highways--The Borough Surveyor reported that the work done by the Highways Department from February 13th to March 19th, 1903, inclusive, had been as follows :—

Repair with Clee Stone--Gloucester Road, from Badgeworth Road to path leading to Fiddlers Green, 3,400 square yards; St. Luke's Road, all, 240 square yards; Andover Road, from Westall to Suffolk Road, 1,900 square yards.

Patched with Clee Stone—Sandford Street, Hale's Road, Leckhampton Road, Winchcombe Street, Millbrook Street, St. Margaret's Road, Promenade, Swindon Road.

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Repaired with Wickwar Stone—Rowanfield Road, 1,450 square yards ; High Street, from Fleece Hotel to King Street, 760 square yards ; Exmouth Street, 1,392 square yards ; back Parabola Road, 250 square yards ; St. Paul's Road, from St. Paul's Lane to Dunalley Street, 1,772 square yards.

Patched with Wickwar Stone—Cemetery, Montpellier Terrace, Roman Road, Naunton Crescent, Fiddlers Green, Montpellier Spa Road.

Private improvements- -Hayward's Road (finished), Langdon Road, back Royal Well Terrace (proceeding), Lansdown Crescent (finished).

Kerbing, Crossing, Channelling and Paving—Lansdown Place, Leckhampton Road, Gratton Road, Roman Road, Gloucester Road, Montpellier Drive, Knapp Road, Sherborne Place, St. George's Place, Carlton Street, Crescent Place, back of Lansdown Place, Francis Street, Albion Street, Duke Street, Portland Street, North Place, Hale's Road, Bath Road, Bayshill Road, Dunalley Street, Knowsley Terrace and Parade, Montpellier Terrace, Lansdown Parade, Marle Hill Parade, St. Paul's Road, Oriel Road, Hewlett Street, High Street, Regent Street, Fairview Road, Hewlett Road, St. George's Road, Montpellier Parade, Lypiatt Street, Andover Road, Promenade, Bath Street, Winchcombe Street, Grosvenor Street, Berkeley Avenue.

Private Trees Pruned, Near—Roman Catholic Church, Victoria Nurses' Home, 8, Montpellier Terrace, 17, Montpellier Grove. Battledown Gates, 1, Bayshill Villas, Arundel House, Leverton, 7, Bayshill Villas, 2, Bayshill Lawn, Fauconberg, Marchmount, Alt Dinas, Chadnor, 27, 31 and 35, Lansdown Crescent, 1, Suffolk Square.

Trees Cut Down—Two opposite Fairfield, Leckhampton Road, two at Leckhampton Reservoir.

New Gullies—One fixed in Wellington Square in place of defective one.

Plugged Brick Crossing—Montpellier Parade to Montpellier Terrace. The entrances to houses (gateways) in Montpellier Parade had been made good with McDougall's bricks, and would be charged to the abutting owners.

The following Crossings had been backed with Asphalt—St. George's Road, Bath Road, Sandford Street, St. George's Place, Montpellier Street, Lansdown Place, Queen's Road, New Street, Ambrose Street, Overton Park, Douro Road, Clarence Street, High Street, Imperial Square, Leckhampton Road, Swindon Road, Ormond Place.

Ash Collection— 1,326 loads collected ; 1,042 loads weighing 1,065 tons 18 cwt. consumed at the Destructor.

Slab Factory-515 3ft. by 2ft., 2323 2ft. by 2ft., slabs made. Of this number of slabs 1516 2ft. by 2ft. were made with the addition of granite dust, at an extra cost of about 3d. per square yard, one truck, 7 tons 6 cwt., making 624; 1 truck, 10 tons 1 cwt., 892; 1 truck of Acton gravel was also used, 4 tons 7 cwt., making 431 2ft. by 2ft.

He submitted a letter received from Dr. Garrett calling attention to complaints that had been made to him of the need for more satisfactory provision being made for the surface water drainage in the Park district. Resolved, That Dr. Garrett be informed that the work he mentions is in hand and will be done in sections Also Resolved, To pay a visit of inspection to the Slab Factory at the next view meeting.

10—Old Bath Road Improvement—A Letter was read from Messrs. Bubb and Co. stating that their clients were willing to give up sufficient land to make the Old Bath Road 40 feet opposite their land instead of 50 feet in width and that the writers understood that Messrs. Winterbothams' client would also agree. Resolved, To adjourn consideration of the question of widening the road until after the receipt of a letter from Messrs. Winterbotham, Gurney and Co., as to their client's willingness to give up land for a 40-foot road.

The Borough Surveyor laid before the Committee a plan and estimate for the piping of the ditch in the Old Bath Road. Resolved, That the ditch be piped from the footpath across Charlton Park southwards for a distance of 260 yards at an estimated cost of £125, the question of piping the remainder of the ditch to be considered in connection with the proposed widening of the road. A Letter was read from Mr. Henry Enoch asking the Committee to consider before he sold the cottages recently erected by him in the Old Bath Road, whether the Council wished to purchase the piece of land in front of the cottages in order to widen the road to 40 feet there, as he was willing to sell the same for £29. The Committee having viewed, Resolved, That the offer be accepted, the Corporation to make up the road over the land given up in the same manner as on the opposite side of the road.

11-Nauntogn Larine -A Letter was read from Mr. J. M. Bellamy asking that in accordance with the arrangement come to when he gave a strip of land for widening Naunton Lane some years since, the footpath should be edged, channelled, and paved, at the cost of the Corporation. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have the footpath paved with concrete slabs and to edge and channel the same.

12—Twirlers for Supply of Cement—The Tenders received in response to the advertisement for tenders for a twelve months' supply of cement from the 31st instant were opened and found to be as follows :-

	£ per ton
The South Wales Portland Cement and Lime Co., Ltd. in minimum lots of 4 tons)	£1 13 6
B. W. Pearce & Co., Ltd. (John Board & Co.'s Sphinx Brand Cement) ..	£1 15 9
Powell, Gwinnell & Co., Ltd. (J. Board & Co.'s Sphinx Brand) ..	£1 15 8
East Anglian Cement Co. .. ..	£1 16 3
Saxon Cement Co. . ..	£1 16 3
Coles, Shadbolt & Co. .. ..	£1 16 6
Rugby Cement Co. .. ..	£1 7 4
Hilton Anderson Brand .. ..	£1 18 9
Cleopatra or Hammer Brand, Belgium .. ..	£1 12 0

Resolved, That the tender of The South Wales Portland Cement and Lime Co., Ltd., be accepted, subject to their accepting delivery of the empties at the G.W.R. Station, Cheltenham.

13—Tree Cutting in Hale's Road—The Assistant Borough Surveyor having reported that Mr. H. W. Timpson, of Hale's Road, had cut down a tree belonging to the Corporation in the footpath opposite his garden, a letter was read from Mr. Timpson, in reply to one from the Town Clerk, explaining that he had cut down the tree under a misapprehension. Resolved, That he be requested to attend the next meeting of this Committee.

14—Upper Bath Street—Resolved, To instruct the Boroughs Surveyor to bring up a plan and specification of the works required to be done by the abutting owners to pave the footpaths in Upper Bath Street not already paved.

15--New Streets and Buildings—The Borough Surveyor laid before the Committee notices and plans received by him from the following persons intending to erect new buildings or to lay out new streets:—

No. of Plan.	Name.	Description.
1632	F. Jenkins	Six houses on Fairfield Estate, Leckhampton Road
1634	C. Young	Additions to Stables, Langdon Road
1635	Mrs. F. Dutton	Greenhouse, Cellar, &c., at 2, York Villas, St. George's Road
1636	T. W. Smith	Stabling and Drying Sheds, Exmouth Street
1637	G. Widdows	Bakehouse, &c, rear of No. 4, Hermitage Street
1638	W. Perkins	House and shop, corner of Sandfield and Gloucester Roads
1641	W. O. King	Shed in Roman Road
1642	Miss Marshall	House adjoining Hazlewood, Marle Hill Road
1629	W. Hall	New Street near Shurdington Road

Resolved, That Plans No. 1629, 1632, 1634, 1636, 1638 be disapproved, and that the remainder of the plans be approved with the exception of 1641, consideration of which be adjourned for the Committee to view.

WILLIAM A. BAKER, Chairman.

#### **TRAMWAYS AND STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEES.**

**At a joint Meeting of these Committees, held on Thursday, the 12th day of March, 1903**—Present: The Mayor Haddon and Skillicorne ; Councillors Baker, Bendall, M. Davis, Handley, Packer and Stroud (Councillor Baker in the chair).

1—Chairman--Resolved, That Councillor Baker be appointed Chairman at this meeting.

2-Light Railway Extensions--A letter was read from the Manager of the Cheltenham and District Light Railway. Company, stating that the time had now arrived for a definite understanding as to the materials to be used for paving on the new extensions. He suggested that the Company should be permitted to use granite block all the way through, as their experience of brick had been a costly one. He thought that the paving suggested would be more satisfactory in the long run to the Council and the Company.

A letter was read from the Honorary Secretary of the Cheltenham Wheelers' Cycling chub, forwarding a copy of a resolution of the Club, stating its opinion that the Corporation should insist upon the use of such materials and to be laid in such manner as to ensure a permanent and level surface, so as not to be a danger to the public generally as the present line was.

3-Light Railway—Existing line—Letters were read from the Manager of the Cheltenham and District Light Railway Company, asking permission to repair the Light Railway track in St. George's Place and St. James's Square with granite blocks. The traffic from the Corporation Depot and otherwise in the streets mentioned was so severe that, in his opinion, there was no possibility of a brick or a hard wood pavement withstanding it.

WILLIAM A. BAKER, Chairman.

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**At a Meeting of these Committees, held on Tuesday, the 31st day of March, 1903**—Present : The Mayor ; Alderman Haddon; Councillors Baker, Bendall, Hayward, Packer, Stroud, and J. Waghorne (Councillor Baker in the chair)—

4— Chairman --- Resolved, That Councillor Baker be appointed Chairman at this meeting.

5 --Light Railway Extensions--The letter from the Manager of the Cheltenham and District Light Railway Company, read at the last Joint Meeting, was further considered. A Memorial, signed by rot tradespeople and residents in the High Street asking that Jarrah wood or other equally suitable wood blocks should be laid the entire width of the street, read at the last meeting of the Council, was laid before the meeting.

Resolved, That the Company be required to pave between the rails as regards all the Extensions of the Light Railway within the Borough with Jarrah wood blocks ; that the same material be used for the width outside the rails the Company are required by their agreement to pave between

Townsend Street and the Borough Boundary at Charlton Kings (including the line round Cambray, Bath Street and Bath Road, from Bath Street to High Street) ; that granite sets 6in. by 4in. be used for the width outside the rails between the Tewkesbury Road Bridge and Townsend Street ; that the width outside the rails in the Bath Road from Bath Street to the Norwood Arms be paved with Jarrah wood blocks, and from the Nor-wood Arms to the terminus of the line in Leckhampton Road with granite sets 6in. by 4in.

Supervision of Extensions—Resolved, To instruct the Borough Surveyor and the Borough Electrical Engineer to confer and report to a further joint meeting as to the best arrangements to be made as regards supervision of the work of the extensions on behalf of the Corporation.

Also Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to bring up a plan and estimate of the cost of paving the High Street and London Road, from Townsend Street to the Borough Boundary at Charlton Kings, with Jarrah wood paving, except that part to be so paved by the Light Railway Company, with a view to an application to the Local Government Board for sanction to a loan for the purpose.

6— Light Railway--Existing Line—With reference to the letter from the Manager of the Cheltenham and District Light Railway Company, read at the last joint meeting, Resolved, To accede to the request of the Company to pave with granite sets 6in. by 4in. the permanent way of the Company's line and 18in. on either side thereof, from the junction of St. George's Place with St. George's Road round St. James' Square to Ambrose Street, the work to be done under the supervision and to the satisfaction of the Borough Surveyor.

WILLIAM A. BAKER, Chairman.

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

**At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 23rd day of March, 1903—Present :**  
Alderman Norman ; Councillors Bainbridge, Baker, Bence, Packer and Rickerby (Councillor Rickerby in the chair)—

1-Report of Entertainments Sub-Committee—The Entertainments Sub-Committee reported as follows :—

That the Special Concert arranged as an experiment for the 9th February not having proved satisfactory from the point of view of the Corporation, they had Resolved, That no engagement of a similar nature be arranged in the Winter Garden by the Corporation.

Engagement for Easter—That they had engaged a high-class Band with Vocalist for Easter and the following week—terms, 40 per cent. of receipts to the Corporation.

Band-That they recommended that no permanent engagement be made of the Town or any other Band for the ensuing season.

That they had Resolved to submit the following recommendations, viz.

Summer Season—That it is desirable to provide an Entertainment on each weekday of the Season. To commence on the 1st June and conclude on the 12th September, 1903. That every Monday night, except Bank Holidays, through the season a charge of 2d. only for admission to be made.

That the charge for chairs at the Concerts be 2d., except for chairs in the first three rows, where the charge shall be 6d. The charge for Monday nights to be 1d. and 6d. respectively.

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That the accounts for printing and advertising be rendered weekly.

Subscriptions to Montpellier and Pitville—That the subscription to the Montpellier Gardens be 5s, as last year, to admit to all entertainments except on certain special occasions, of which due notice will be given. Tickets to be issued at 2s 6d each to admit Children under 12 years old and Nurses actually in charge of Children, these tickets to admit on the same occasions as the 5s tickets for adults.

That Tickets admitting to the Gardens at all times be issued on payment of 10s 6d each.

That the 10s 6d and 5s Tickets admit to Pitville on the same terms as Montpellier, and also to the Winter Garden when any Entertainment arranged by this Sub-Committee takes place there in lieu of Montpellier Gardens.

That the whole of the amount received for Subscriptions to the Gardens, with the exception of 1s 3d in the case of 5s and 2s 6d Subscribers, and 2s 6d in the case of 10s 6d Subscribers, be credited to this Sub-Committee.

Resolved, That the report and recommendations of the Sub-Committee be approved and adopted, but that the Sub-Committee be requested to consider whether it is possible to arrange for an occasional Concert at popular prices on a Wednesday evening during the season.

2---“Holiday Court," Crystal Palace---Mr. Kemp, representing the Crystal Palace Company, attended this meeting, and explained the details of a scheme for the exhibition of photographs of various Health Resorts in the Kingdom in the " Holiday Court " at the Crystal Palace. If the Corporation would supply six large framed photographs of Cheltenham for exhibition at the Court, the Company would undertake to exhibit them for at least twelve months, the space underneath being occupied by photo advertisements furnished by local tradesmen and by particulars of local recreative Clubs. The large framed photo-graphs would remain the property of the Corporation, and would be returned after the twelve months if and when the exhibition of them was discontinued. The Company also asked the Corporation to provide a room in the town in which the photos supplied by the latter and those received from tradesmen might be exhibited before being sent to the Crystal Palace. Resolved, That the offer made by the Company be accepted and framed photographs supplied accordingly, the Winter Garden being placed at the disposal of the Company for the local exhibition.

3- —Tennis Courts at Montpellier—In pursuance of the instructions of this Committee at its last meeting, the Assistant Borough Surveyor presented a report giving the names of last year's occupiers of the Courts at Montpellier. Resolved, That last year's tenants of the Courts be given the option for one week to again take the Courts for the ensuing season on the same terms as before.

4 — Athletic Meeting at Montpellier—A letter was read from the Hon. Sec. of the Cheltenham Athletic Society asking for the use of the Proscenium at Montpellier on Easter Monday next. Resolved, That the request be granted, subject to the Society being responsible for any damage done to the Proscenium on the occasion.

5 —Iron Railings at Montpellier Gardens—With reference to a letter from Messrs. Letheren and Sons calling attention to an overdue account for work by them at Montpellier, Resolved, To request the Borough Accountant to look into and report upon the matter.

6—Rookery near Clarendon Villas, Pittville— A letter was read from Dr. E. Carter, on behalf of Miss Price, of No. 4, Clarendon Villas, an invalid, requesting that the rooks' nests in the trees almost in front of her house might be pulled down, as the birds caused her much annoyance and sleeplessness. Resolved, That the Committee regret that they are unable to take any action in the matter.

7—Tenders for 200 Iron Hurdles for Pittville Estate—The tenders received in response to the advertisement were opened and found to be as follows :

	£	s.	d.
Hill and Smith, Brierley Hill, Staffs.	86	13	4
John Elwell, Birmingham	90	0	0
Bayliss, Jones and Bayliss, Ltd., Wolverhampton	90	0	0
Powell, Gwinnell and Co., Ltd.	90	0	0
David Davies	90	16	8
R. Strang and Sons	95	0	0
Hancock and Son	105	0	0
R. E. and C. Marshall	105	0	0
W. Letheren and Sons	118	0	0

Resolved, That the tender of Messrs. Hill and Smith be accepted.

8--Advertisement in Cook's " Holiday Tours "— Resolved, To renew the advertisement in Cook's "Holiday Tours" this year on the same terms as before, viz., a half-page advertisement in 50,000 copies for £7.

9 --Building Estate on North Side of Cheese Path Drive--The letter from Mr. James Villar read at the meeting of the Public Health Committee to-day was laid before this Committee. Resolved, To concur in the resolution passed by the Public Health Committee that a joint meeting of the two Committees be held and that Mr. Holliday. and Mr. Villar be invited to attend.

T. E. RICKERBY,

Chairman.



## LIGHTING COMMITTEE.

**At a Meeting this Committee, held on Wednesday, the 25th day of March, 1903**—Present : The Mayor ; Alderman Norman ; Councillors Baker, Bainbridge, Hayward, 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.
1903 Feb. 28th	200 Volts.	208 Volts
Mar. 7 <sup>th</sup> “	“	208 Volts
Mar. 21st           “	“	208 Volts
Average.. 208 “		

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

	ILLUMINATING POWER	PURITY	Grains of Sulphur per
1903		1903	100 cubic ft.
Feb. 28th	15.29 candles	Feb. 28th—Mar. 1st	10.92
..			
Mar. 7th ..	15.16		
“ 11th..	15.13	Mar. 7th-8th .	10.89
“ 21st ..	15.33		
	---	" 21st-22nd....	12.32
Average..	15.23		
		Average..	11.38

3--Gas Inspector's Report—The Gas Inspector reported that the hourly average consumption of gas per lamp during the previous month had been as follows:—Ordinary Lamps 4,47 cubic feet ; Guildhall Lamps, with No. 4 Incandescent burners, 4.732 cubic feet ; Ordinary Lamps with No. 3 Incandescent burners, 3.676 cubic feet.

4--Lamp Book—This Book was produced and examined. Ordinary Lamps extinguished, 9 metered, 32 summered and 16 incandescent lamps extinguished.

5--Shadowless Lanterns—A letter from the Clerks to the Gas Company was read, stating that with reference to the resolution passed at the last meeting of this Committee ordering the substitution of incandescent burners in ordinary lamps in College Road, they were desired by the Directors to point out to the Council that the Company do not consider the use of incandescent burners in the ordinary lamps will give such satisfactory results as the adoption of such burners in the new Shadowless Lanterns recommended by the Company in March last year when the Committee proposed a scheme for the lighting of a certain part of the Borough by lamps fitted with the new lanterns, at the same cost per lamp as at present charged for the No. 3 Incandescent Burners, provided the Council would continue these lanterns in use for a period of not less than five years. The Company would be pleased to provide the new lanterns for any part of the main Street Lighting provided the lamps so

provided were placed contiguously or embraced within an area convenient for the use of the special torch required for lighting. Resolved, To request the Company to receive a deputation from this Committee on the subject of their letter, and that if this request be acceded to such deputation consist of the Chairman, the Mayor, Councillors Bainbridge and Baker.

6—Lighting of Exmouth Street, Edward Street, Taunton Park Terrace, and the Approach to Emmanuel Mission Hall—Resolved, To adjourn for view consideration of a letter received from Councillor Stroud, calling attention to the insufficient lighting of these streets.

7—Lighting of Upper Bath Street—Resolved, To adjourn for view consideration of a letter received from Mr. Albert Dix, asking the Council to reconsider their decision not to alter or add to the public lighting in Upper Bath Street.

8—Lighting of Hayward's Road—With reference to Minute No. 5 of this Committee's proceedings at its last meeting, a letter from the Clerk to the Charlton Kings Urban District Council was read with regard to the lighting of Hayward's Road, stating that his Council were willing to put a lamp at the London Road end of Hayward's Road if the Town Council would erect one at the further end of the road. Resolved, That the Committee view, in order to fix the positions in which they think the two additional lamps should be placed.

9—Lighting of Lanes near Andover Terrace With reference to Minute No. 5 of this Committee's proceedings at their last meeting, a letter was read from Miss Hill, of No. 5, Andover Terrace, stating that the object of the memorial previously sent in by herself and others was for the better lighting of the thoroughfare on the north side of, and not opposite, Andover Terrace. Resolved, That consideration of the letter be adjourned for the Committee to view. is Report of the Borough Electrical Engineer—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that since the date of his last report faults had occurred in four small high pressure circuits, two for private supply and two for street lighting, and that he had made certain re-arrangements as regards the sub-stations, &c., that would minimise the risks of breakdown and result in the customers affected receiving a more satisfactory supply in future. He was not prepared to give any definite reason for these faults at present, as the matter was one of very great difficulty ; but no fault had, however, shown the smallest indication of being due to the cable having been roughly or improperly handled during laying or jointing,

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On the 21st instant 668 customers, with the equivalent of 41,156 8-candlepower lamps, were connected to the private supply mains; on the corresponding day last year 570 customers, with the equivalent of 35,762 8-candlepower lamps, were so connected, so that the number of customers had increased by 17 per cent. and the lamp load by 15 per cent. In 1902-3 there were added about 5,400 lamps, as compared with 5,760 in 1901-2.

Four small extensions were required, viz.:-

1. Along the East side of Wellington Square to connect the existing mains at the South-east and North-east corners of the Square, and to give supply to Wellington Court en route. This extension was 145 yards long and would cost £53 ; he had already laid the first 35 yards in order to give supply to Wellington Court, and the remainder of the extension need not be carried out until other customers were obtained.

2. Along the South side of Clarence Street from Clarence Parade to the Great Western Hotel, with a branch along Clarence Parade to Mardol House, and a connecting piece to the main on the North side of Clarence Street; this extension was in progress, as supply was urgently required at Messrs. Sanders and Morgan's premises, and would cost £28.

3. Along the West side of the Upper Bath Road from Suffolk Street for a distance of 200 yards northwards ; this extension would connect the low pressure mains fed by Grafton Road Substation and those fed by Suffolk Road Sub-station, and would supply an intending customer en route. The total cost would be £60, of which about would be required to lay the main necessary to reach the customer.

4. Along the Gloucester Road from the Midland Inn for a length of 50 yards southwards; this extension would cost about £20, and had been already included in an application for a loan.

He recommended that application be made to the Local Government Board for sanction to borrow £141 to cover the costs of the first three extensions, that these extensions be approved, and that the fourth extension be approved subject to applications for supply to not less than 40 8-candlepower lamps from it being obtained.

He reported that the Small Coal Contract would expire at the end of next month, and he should be glad of instructions as regards obtaining new tenders.

In accordance with instructions, he had estimated the cost of Street Lighting by electricity for the ensuing financial year, and reported that such cost would be £6,605 for 390 arc and £92 5s. for 18 incandescent lamps—this allowed a margin for arc lighting extensions of two lamps.

He proposed to obtain quotations for a modern lathe with an electric motor, the present lathe being unsatisfactory and the water motor costly in working.

Resolved, That the recommendations of the Borough Electrical Engineer be approved and adopted, that he be authorised to arrange for a month's extension of the present coal contract, and that tenders be advertised for a 12 months' supply, from the 1st June next, of coal from the Lydbrook, New Bowson, or Princess Royal Collieries.

11—Estimate of Expenditure re Public Lighting for 1903-4- Resolved, To estimate this expenditure as follows :—Electric Lighting, £6,700 ; Gas Lighting, £3,500.

GEO. NORMAN,

Chairman

#### **WATER COMMITTEE.**

**At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Thursday, the 12th day of March, 1903**—Present: The Mayor ; Alderman Norman ; Councillors Baker, Bendall, M. Davis, King-Harman, Lawrence and H. Waghorne (Councillor H. Waghorne in the chair)—

1— Proposed Additional Main from Tewkesbury—The correspondence with the Local Government Board on this subject was further considered. Resolved, That the Town Clerk be authorised to bring

up a carefully-considered opinion on the points arising out of the correspondence with the Local Government Board, and that the Borough Surveyor (Mr. Pickering) be instructed to consider the proposal to lay an additional main, and to report what modifications or alterations of the route followed by the existing main he considers should be adopted for the new main and generally as to the carrying out of the work.

2 -Dowdeswell Reservoir—Resolved, That 2,000 Rainbow Yearling Trout be placed in the Dowdeswell Reservoir, at a cost of about £20.

3-Leckhampton Reservoir-- The Chairman and several other members of the Committee paid a visit to the Leckhampton Reservoir after transacting the above business.

H. WAGHORNE,

Chairman.

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**At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Thursday, the 26th day of March, 1903**—Present The Mayor; Councillors Baker, Bendall, M. Davis, King-Harman, Packer, and H. Waghorne (Councillor H. Waghorne in the chair)—

4-Assistant Borough Engineer's Report—The usual Monthly Report of the Assistant Borough Engineer, as follows, was read;—On the 25th instant the supply from the Hewletts springs was 240 gallons per minute (the average for the past three years being 200 gallons per minute), and the quantity of water in store at Hewletts was 31,628,212 gallons.

On the 24th instant Dowdeswell Reservoir was 31ft. 11in, in depth, and the contents were 99,584,745 gallons, exclusive of the daily yield of the streams, which is now about 1,232,800 gallons, giving a total storage of 131,212,957 gallons, or about 138 days' supply.

On the 20th instant he had inspected some pipes at the Stanton Iron Works and found them satisfactory, both in weight, true-ness of section, and even thickness. Mr. Chambers, the Managing Director, was anxious to be paid something on account, as he had at his the Assistant Borough Surveyor's) request pushed on with the pipes at the beginning of the contract and some 1,763 were ready for delivery, and if a cheque for £3,000 was given the pipes could remain at the Works until wanted, and they would cease making for a week or so. He had received an account from the Stanton Iron Works Company as follows:—

	Tons c.
To 713 12in. x 12in. C.I. Pipes, coated ..	320 07
To 1050 12in. x 12in. do. do. ..	<u>551 5</u>
	872 2

At 89s 3d £3891 14 11

That at this time of the year the four Inspectors had hitherto been supplied with uniforms.

That he had received an application from Captain C. Capel for a hydrant to be fixed in a field opposite his house in the Burgage, Prestbury, for his private use in case of fire. Captain Capel was willing to pay the cost of fixing, about £3, to pay an annual rent charge of 5s and give an undertaking that the hydrant should only be used in case of fire.

That a letter had been received from Mr. Joseph Hall, M.Inst. C.E., enquiring whether the Court would sell two fields (shown on a tracing enclosed) belonging to Salts Farm, and if so, what price would be required for them.

He also reported that he was having a house to house inspection of all water fittings within the borough, and that up to the present about 2,150 had been examined, representing one-sixth of the number of houses on the Water Rate Book.

Resolved, That a payment of £2,500 on account be made to the Stanton Iron Works Company, that an advertisement be inserted in the local papers inviting tenders for the supply of uniforms for the Inspectors, that the application of Captain Capel be acceded to, and that consideration of the letter received from Mr. J. Hall be adjourned pending a visit of the Committee to the farm at an early date.

5---Extension of Water Main in Hayward's Road —Resolved, To accede to a request received from Mr. T. W. Smith for an extension of the water main in Hayward's Road for about 30 feet to supply three houses now built there.

6- Path along side of Severn at Pumping Station at Tewkesbury—With reference to the Resolution to Minute No, 2 of this Committee's proceedings of date the 21st August last, a letter was read from the Town Clerk of Tewkesbury asking what the Corporation proposed to do as regards the public pathway alongside the Severn by the Water Works at Tewkesbury which had been cut through by the canal from the Pumping Station to the river. Resolved, To instruct the Borough Engineer to place a suitable footbridge over the canal in the line of the pathway.

7—Worcester Sewage—The Town Clerk having called the attention of the Committee to the fact that the Local Government Board were taking action against the Worcester Corporation to enforce the mandamus obtained by the Board some time since as regards the adoption and carrying out of some scheme of sewage disposal by Worcester, Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to write to the Board expressing the Council's satisfaction at the action taken and the hope that no further delay will be allowed in the matter.

8--Water Supply on Fairfield Estate—A letter was read from Mr. F. Jenkins hoping that the new main authorised to be laid by this Committee at their last monthly meeting on the estate would be laid within the next few days as he had left a strip along the road for such purpose. The Borough Engineer reported that he had arranged to lay the main on Monday next. Resolved, That Mr. Jenkins be so informed, and that the Borough Engineer put in the number of hydrants he considered necessary when laying the main.

9--Assessment of Water Works—The Town Clerk reported that the Assessment of the Waterworks in the Cheltenham Union had been increased as follows

	Old Assessment.	New Assessment.
Swindon	£17	£20
Uckington	£60	£72
Leckhampton	£120	£300
Up-Hatherley	£34	£41
Charlton Kings	£2427	£2912
Prestbury	£88	£105

Resolved, That the Town Clerk be authorised in his discretion to appeal to the Assessment Committee in the case of any parish or parishes for a reduction of the assessment or assessments.

10— Land at Sandford- -Five applications were received for tenancy of land at Sandford. Resolved, That the same be acceded to.

11—Appeals he cases 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 Tuesday, the 24th day of March, 1903**--Present: The Mayor; Aldermen Haddon, Norman, Skillicorne and Winterbotham; Councillors Baker, Davies, M. Davis, Gurney, Hayward, Rickerby, H. Waghorne and J. Waghorne (The Mayor in the chair)—

1—Disease amongst Animals—Supt. Hopkins reported that as regards swine fever the premises of Mr. Dyer, in Alma Road, Hatherley, were still in quarantine, and that the premises of Mr. George Page, of Hatherley Road, were now free. With regard to the outbreak of sheep scab at Whaddon Farm, the Veterinary Inspector had to-day declared the premises free from the disease.

There had been no fresh outbreak of any disease amongst animals since the last monthly meeting of the Committee.

Fire Brigade Report-- The Captain of the Fire Brigade reported that on the 5th inst. the Brigade had been called to extinguish a fire in the basement of Thirlestaine House caused by re-heated coke. Damage £800. Extinction expenses, lto 16s. Buildings and contents insured.

On the 13th instant the Brigade were called out to an alarm of fire in the kitchen at George's Limited, High Street. Damage nil. Expenses of the Brigade, £1 10s. Particulars as to both cases had, as usual, been sent to the Borough Accountant.

On the 18th instant to a fire at Marchmount, Parabola Road, caused by curtains being set alight. Damage £10. Expenses of the Brigade, £3 2s. 6d. The building and contents were insured, and particulars would be sent to the Borough Accountant in due course.

The Captain further reported that the fire escape placed in Naunton Park had been blown over and damaged, and removed to the Central Depot for repairs.

He had received a letter from the Secretary of the Oddfellows' A.M.C. inviting the Brigade to take part in the Church Parade on Whit Sunday next and in the procession of Friendly Societies on Whit Monday, and he requested the Committee's permission to attend.

Resolved, That the question of the future position of the fire escape and its repair be referred to the Fire Brigade Sub-Committee for consideration and report, and that leave be given for the Brigade to attend on Whit Sunday and Monday as requested.

A letter was read from the Rev J. E. A. Fenwick, of Thirlestaine House, addressed to the Mayor, expressing his warm appreciation of the excellent services rendered by the Cheltenham Fire Brigade on the occasion of the fire at Thirlestaine House, and of the promptitude displayed in answering the call for assistance and their efficiency on reaching the scene of the fire, as by their exertions a serious calamity was undoubtedly averted. He enclosed a cheque, value ten guineas, for the benefit of the members of the Fire Brigade generally or of the individuals actually employed at the fire, as might be deemed best. Resolved, That the thanks of the Committee be tendered to Mr. Fenwick for his appreciative letter and gift, and that the latter be handed to Captain Such for equal division amongst all the members of the Brigade.

A letter was read from the British Fire Prevention Committee with reference to an International Conference on the best methods of and appliances for fire prevention, to be held in London in September next.

3—Hackney Carriage Drivers--Resolved, To accede to applications received from Henry Hill, of Gloucester House, and Frederic William Tugwell, of No. 17, Tivoli Street, for hackney carriage drivers' licences.

The Street Inspector reported that Charles William Wells and Arthur Paul had been more than once convicted of offences in relation to hackney carriages during the last so months. Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to write them a letter of caution as to their conduct in the future.

4-- Hackney Carriage Licences--A letter was read from Mr. F. Jones, of Clarence Mews, applying for the licence attaching to a hansom cab held by him to be transferred to a victoria or a pony carriage. Resolved, That the request be not acceded to.

Letters were read from Mr. C. A. Smith, of St. Philip's Mews, applying for two licenses to run two charr-a-bancs or branks from Clarence Parade up the High Street and Bath and Leckhampton Roads to the Malvern Inn, the fares to be 3d. for the whole journey and ad. for the part above or below the Moorend Post Office. Mr. Smith attended this meeting and explained that the one vehicle would be a larger one than the other, and would be used on special occasions such as Bank Holiday's or other occasions when there might be reasons to expect an increased number of passengers. He would run a conveyance every hour, commencing at the Malvern Inn at 9.30 a.m. and continuing until 8 p.m., when the last would run from Clarence Parade. Resolved, That the licences asked for be granted, subject to inspection and passing of the vehicles by the Deputy-Mayor.

5—Wheel-chair Licences—Resolved, To accede to applications for wheel-chair licences received from Charles N. Pearce, of No. 6, Lansdown Crescent, and Joseph Habishaw, of No. 30, Keynsham Street, subject to the Chairman's inspection of the vehicles.

6---Fruit, Vegetable and Produce Market—Messrs. W. Westcott, F. Restall, and C. C. Castle attended this meeting on behalf of the Market Gardeners' Associations, and laid before the Committee their proposals for considerable extensions and additions to the present accommodation rented by the Associations at the Market. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be requested to bring up a plan and estimate of the cost of providing the further accommodation desired.

7-Municipal Offices—Resolved, To instruct the Town Clerk to at once give notice of the intention of the Corporation to determine the tenancy of the offices in Church Street formerly occupied by the Electric Lighting Department on the 29th September next.

8-Pawnbroker's Certificate—An application for the renewal of his pawnbroker's certificate was received from Mr. George Goodman, of No Suffolk Road. Resolved, That the application be acceded to.

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9--Town Clerkship—Resolved, That the Town Clerk be authorised to open and tabulate the applications received for the Town Clerkship of the borough, and that a Special Meeting of this Committee be held on Friday, the 3rd proximo, to consider the same.

10—Association of Municipal Corporations—The Mayor reported that at the annual meeting of the Association of Municipal Corporations, held on Saturday last, Cheltenham was again elected on the Council of the Association.

11—Allotments in Whaddon Lane —Applications received for allotments in Whaddon Lane now unoccupied were considered. Resolved, That the same be granted.

12-Assistant Borough Surveyor and Engineer--Resolved, That this Committee recommend the Council to grant Mr. H. J. White, A.M.I.C.E., the Assistant Borough Surveyor and Engineer, the sum of 50 guineas in recognition of the very efficient and satisfactory way in which he has discharged the duties of Borough Surveyor and Engineer and carried on the work of his department for the last four months.

13—Policing of Borough—With reference to Minute No. 11 of this Committee's proceedings of date the 7th ultimo, a memorial was read from Mr. T. T. Dolman and other tradesmen and residents in Bath Road and neighbourhood calling attention to the insufficient police protection afforded to the district and to the consequent rowdyism and disorderly conduct in the streets.

A letter was read from Admiral Christian, the Chief Constable of Gloucestershire, stating that he was of opinion that an increase in the police force in the borough by 1 inspector, 1 sergeant, 3 first-class constables, and 4 lower grade constables was needed. The letter gave statistics as to the police force in other towns as compared with Cheltenham, showing that the police force in this borough, both as regards the number of the population and the area to each constable was inadequate at present. After deducting the men required as clerks, guard, plain clothes officers, and street inspector and



warrant officer, each of the remaining 49 members of the force had a population of 1,009 and 96 acres. A letter was enclosed by Admiral Christian from Supt. Hopkins expressing the same opinion as that of the Chief Constable.

Resolved, That application be made to the County Standing Joint Committee for an increase in the police for this Borough as recommended by the Chief Constable.

14—Coronation Decorations in the Colonnade—With reference to a letter received from Mr. A. Whitcombe asking whether the Committee would purchase the materials used in the decorations of the Colonnade on the occasion of the Coronation and kept up for some weeks or so after, in order to assist in clearing off a deficit on the decoration account, Resolved, That the Committee regret they are unable to do anything in the matter.

15--Town Hall--A letter was read from the Bursar of the Cheltenham College asking whether the supper room at the Town Hall would probably be completed by the end of June, and if so, whether the Town Council would give their sanction to the Old Cheltonian dinner being held there on Friday, 26th June next, an extra-large gathering being expected. A letter was read from Mr. Waller stating that great care would be required in arranging the matter with the contractors, otherwise differences might afterwards arise.

Resolved, That the Council regret they cannot see their way to grant the use of the room on the date mentioned, as any use of the building must involve an interference with the terms of the contract.

With reference to a letter received from the Hon. Sec. of the Cheltenham and County Fine Art Society as to the terms on which the Society might have the use of some part of the new building when finished, Resolved, That the Society be informed that the Committee will be prepared to consider their application after the completion of the building.

RICHARD ROGERS,

Chairman.

#### **MINERAL WATERS AND BATHS COMMITTEE.**

**At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 24th day of March, 1903**—Present: The Mayor; Alderman Norman; Councillors Baker, Bendall, Davies, and Hayward (Councillor Davies in the chair)—

1—Montpellier Baths—A Letter was read from Mr. T. J. F. Haskoll, of Brandon House, asking that the Swimming Bath at Montpellier should be reserved for his School and for Suffolk Hall School, on the same terms and conditions as last year from 11.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Wednesdays (if Tuesdays are not available) and Fridays, for the ensuing summer season, or such part thereof during which it shall be possible for young boys to bathe, the Schools being allowed to have their own instructor and to be accompanied by teachers who will be responsible for punctuality, and good order. Resolved, That the request as to Wednesdays and Fridays, at the times and on the terms and conditions stated, be acceded to, the number of tickets to be taken for each time to be not less than So, and that the Schools be allowed to have their own instructor, it being clearly understood that the responsibility as to the safety of the boys while in the Bath rests with him.

2-Use of Alstone Bath by Swimming Club—A Letter was read from the Hon. Secretary of the Cheltenham Swimming and Water Polo Club applying for the use of the Swimming Bath at Alstone for aquatic displays, and for Montpellier Baths, if required, at the same terms as last year. Also, for the use of Alstone Bath on two nights a week (Mondays and Fridays) for practice, from 9 to 10 p.m., with a guarantee of 15 members for each night. Resolved, That the request be acceded to, the charge for the Alstone Bath for each aquatic display to be one guinea, and for Montpellier for each display during the month of September only from 7 to 10 p.m. to be two-and-a-half guineas.

3—Weighing Machine at Montpellier—With reference to the suggestion of the Superintendent of the Montpellier Baths that an automatic weighing machine should be placed in the Swimming Bath there, the Town Clerk reported the results of his enquiries as to the terms on which a machine could be placed therein. Resolved, That the Committee are unable to see their way to comply with the suggestion.

4 —Superintendents of Alstone Baths -The applications, twenty-three in number, received for this appointment were considered. Resolved, That the further consideration be adjourned to a special meeting to be held on the 27th instant.

5—Painting at Alstone Baths—The tenders received in response to the advertisement were opened and found to be as follows

W. Betteridge . . .	£120	E. Eager and Co. . .	£54	S. G. Davis ..	£39
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Resolved, That the tender of Mr. S. G. Davis be accepted.

RICHARD DAVIES, Chairman.

**At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Friday, the 27th day of March, 1903**—Present The Mayor ; Alderman Norman ; Councillors Baker. Bendall and Davies, (Councillor Davies in the chair)—

6-- Superintendent of Alstone Baths—The applications for this appointment were further considered. Resolved, That Mr. and Mrs. Boon, of the Clifton Baths, Cliftonville, Margate, and Mr. and Mrs. Fouracre, of the Royal Baths, Leamington, be requested to attend a Special Meeting of this Committee to be held on Wednesday next at 3 p.m.

7—Montpellier Baths—The Borough Accountant reported that the amount received was £458 12s. 3d., that, in addition, £3 16s. 9d. had been received for mineral waters sold at these baths, and that the payments (exclusive of repayment of loan and interest) amounted to £756 19s. 5d.

Alstone Baths—The Borough Accountant reported that the amount received was £281 4s. 8d., and the payments (exclusive of repayment of loan and interest) amounted to £393 13s. 6d

Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be requested to bring up a report, plan and estimate for the conversion of some of the spray baths at Alstone into slipper baths.

Tenders for Bathing Drawers for Alstone Baths--The Borough Surveyor submitted tenders and samples he had obtained from local tradesmen for the supply of 2 gross of bathing drawers for use

at Alstone Baths. Resolved, That the tender of Messrs. Taylor and Webb be accepted, the Borough Surveyor to arrange as to the number of the different sizes required.

9--Estimate of Receipts and Expenditure, 1903-4—Resolved, To inform the Finance Committee that this Committee estimates its receipts and expenditure for 1903-4 as follows :—Alstone : Receipts £300, Expenditure £450; Montpellier: Receipts £460, Expenditure £455.

RICHARD DAVIES, Chairman.

**At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Wednesday, the 1st day of April, 1903**—Present: The Mayor; Councillors Baker. Bendall and Davies (Councillor Davies is the chair)—

10-Superintendents of Alstone Baths—Mr. and Mrs. Fouracre, of Leamington, two of the candidates for appointment as Superintendents of Alstone Baths, selected to appear before the Committee, attended this meeting. A Letter was read from Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Boon, the other two candidates selected, regretting inability to attend. The Town Clerk reported that the Chairman had authorised hint to invite the attendance of two other candidates, but these were not in attendance.

Resolved, That Mr. and Mrs. Fouracre be appointed Superintendents of the Alstone Baths at the salary and on the other terms and conditions contained in the advertisement, they to commence their duties on the 20th inst., or if possible earlier than that date.

11 - Mineral Waters Development--A Letter was read from Mr. Herbert Stroud notifying the death of Mr. Cronheim on the 26th ult., and that owing to his serious and prolonged illness the agreement with the Corporation had not been executed by him. The writer was in communication with the Executor of the deceased and awaited his instructions in the matter.

RICHARD DAVIES,

Chairman.

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#### **RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE.**

**At a meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 23rd day of March, 1903**—Present Councillors Baker, Bendall, Bainbridge King-Harman and Davies (Councillor King-Harman in the chair)—

1—Chairman—Resolved, That Councillor King-Harman be appointed Chairman at this Meeting.

2-Whaddon large Recreation Ground—Superintendent In response to the request of this Committee, the following applicants for the appointment of Caretaker or Superintendent of the Whaddon Lane Recreation Ground attended before the Committee. viz. :—Messrs. Richard Buckle, Albert Clifford, Henry Goodhall, W. H. Leacey, James Sallis, and Mark Sutton.

A Letter was read from Mr. J. J. Yeend, the other selected applicant, withdrawing his application for the appointment. Resolved, That Mr. Albert Clifford be appointed Superintendent of the Whaddon Lane Recreation Ground on the terms and conditions set out in the advertisement inviting applications.

3—Quoit Club Ground, Barrett's Mill—A Letter was read from the Hon. Secretary of the Cheltenham Quoit Club calling attention to the dilapidated and dangerous condition of the fences at the Club Ground, Barrett's Mill, and expressing the hope that the outside fence would be replaced by an iron fence. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be requested to report upon the matter at the next meeting of this Committee.

4—Tennis Ground at Naunton Park--A Letter was read from Mr. Sydney Gamon, of Lychcroft, Naunton Lane, asking whether the Committee would sanction the laying out of some Tennis Courts in the garden portion of the Naunton Park Recreation Ground, and, if so, upon what terms. Resolved, To inform the writer that no games can be allowed in the garden or old people's part of Naunton Park, nor have the Committee any power to sanction the laying out and use of any part of the Recreation Ground for tennis to the exclusion of other games thereon.

5—Fence at Agg-Gardner Recreation Ground— The Assistant Borough Surveyor having reported that a tree on Mr. Winterbotham's land adjoining the Agg-Gardner Recreation Ground had been blown down and in falling had brought down a part of the wooden fencing of the Recreation Ground which Mr. Winterbotham had suggested might be replaced with iron railings, Resolved, That the Committee are unable to see their way to accede to the suggestion and that Mr. Winterbotham be asked to re-erect the present fencing.

6--Estimate of Expenditure, 1903-4—Resolved, That the Finance Committee be asked to estimate the same amounts as last year in respect of expenditure by this Committee.

M. J. KING-HARMAN, Chairman.

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

**At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Friday, the 27th day of March, 1903**—Present : Alderman Haddon ; Councillors Baker, Bence, M. Davis and Stroud (Alderman Haddon in the chair)—

1-Superintendent's Report—The Superintendent reported that Miss E. Carmichael, of Rossmund Lodge, Sydenham Lawn, now desired to purchase the vault space No. 3879 T, for the reservation of which she had paid £1 per annum for the last two years, and wished to know whether the Committee would allow her the amount she had thus paid of the purchase money.

He also reported that he required 12 pieces of timber quartering and six grave boards for grave digging purposes, and also five s worth of flower seeds. Resolved, That the Committee cannot accede to Miss Carmichael's request, and that they must refer her to their resolution of date the 26th July, 1901, that the Borough Surveyor be instructed to supply the timber and boards required, and that the Superintendent be authorised to obtain the seeds as suggested.

2 -Cremation Act, 1902—Resolved, That the Town Clerk do furnish each member of this Committee with a print of this Act and any information he can obtain as to the crematoria at present under municipal control in the country, and that the question of the advisability of exercising the powers of the Act be considered at the next meeting of the Committee.

3 Designs--Resolved, To approve the following designs, viz Headstone to David Francis Hogarth ; Headstones to Anna Berkeley Calcott, Sarah Spence Tyzack, Alfred, Charlotte, and Charlotte

(daughter) Summers, Mary Bidmead, and Samuel Chandler ; Monument to Michael and Catherine O'Brien ; and Kerbing to Emma Godwin Roe.

JOHN HADDON,

Chairman.

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

**At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 24th day of March, 1903**—Present The Mayor; Alderman Holliday Councillors Hayward, King-Harman, Lawrence, and J. Waghorne; the Revs. J. Evans, J. A. Owen, and A. C. Turberville; Baron de Ferrieres ; Messrs. A. Beckingsale, W. Cresswell, and G. H. Palmer (Councillor Hayward in the chair)—

1—Librarian's Report—The usual monthly report of the Librarian was read. Receipts £7 16s. 7d. Presentations to Library:— The Trustees of the British Museum, 1 vol. ; Dr. J. H. Garrett 1 pamphlet ; The Trustees of the John Ryland's Library, Manchester, 3 vols.; Rev. G. Gardner, M.A., 1 vol. ; University College of Wales, 1 vol.

2-Sub-Committee's Report—The Sub-Committee reported that they met on the 24th inst., when there were present The Chairman, Councillor King-Harman, Rev. J. Evans, and Rev. J. A. Owen. They recommend:--That the books on the list submitted by the Librarian, together with those in the Proposition Book, be purchased for the sum of about £13.

That a selection from the list of worn-out books submitted be replaced at a cost of about £20.

That in order to make the rooms in the basement available for storage purposes, the hot water pipes be extended at a cost to the Library of not more than £10, and that estimates be obtained from two or three local firms.

That the periodical " T.P's. Weekly" be taken for use in the News Room.

That the two books entitled "Gauntlet to the Theologian and Scientist," and " Life and Thought on Christ," by T. Clarke, offered to the Library by Miss Thirtle, be accepted.

That the offer of W. L. Mellersh, to present the first five numbers of the "Field Naturalist's Quarterly" on condition that the Committee continue the publication quarterly at the cost of 2s 6d be accepted. Resolved, That the recommendations of the Sub-Committee be approved and adopted.

3—"Review of Reviews "—A Letter was read from the Rev. Josiah Hankinson asking the Committee to restore the "Review of Reviews" to the list of publications in the Reference Library. Resolved, That the request be acceded to and that the Resolution of this Committee's proceedings of date the 17th day of December, 1902, be rescinded accordingly.

4 —Public Libraries Bill, 1903—A Letter was read from the Hon. Sec. of the Library Association, stating that pursuant to a Resolution passed at the Annual Meeting at Birmingham in Sept. last, the Council of the Association had prepared a draft Bill for the purpose of removing the existing statutory limit of the Library rate to one penny in the pound. The Bill would leave each district to

decide for itself what amount shall be spent upon its Libraries and would enable such places as desire to do so to give increased support without incurring the expenses of a Local Act, and asking the Council to assist the measure by presenting to Parliament a petition in its favour.

C. HAYWARD,

Chairman.

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

**At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 30th day of March, 1903**—Present The Mayor; Aldermen Haddon, Holliday, Norman, and Skillicorne ; Councillor Laurence (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 44 schools, from which 982 names of absentee children had been extracted, all of whom had been visited. They also reported that the parents of 003 children had been summoned to attend before the Local Committees, who had held 5 meetings. That 5 parents had been prosecuted; that 4 were fined, and one case had been adjourned for further enquiries.

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 :—Patience Green, Mary Chambers, Ethel Winfield, Maud Smith, John Price, Winifred Gunnell, Emily Fennell, May Bishop, Harry Kesterton, Thomas Ayres, Frederick Stokes, Gladys Newman, Jessica Mary Court, Mary Payton, Florence Houghton, Percy Cook, Annie Poytress, Stanley Smith, George Jeans, Elizabeth Kenward.

3—Illegal Employment—The Attendance Officer reported that it had just come to his notice that a child named Elizabeth Kenward had been illegally employed for some time at Mrs. Dickenson's Domestic Agency, Winchcomb Street. Resolved, That proceedings be taken against the girl's employer for the penalties incurred.

4 --Chairman—This being the last meeting of this Committee, Resolved, To record the thanks of the Committee to Alderman Skillicorne for his conduct in the chair and for the interest he has taken in the work of the Committee, and that the Council be recommended to continue him as a member of the General Purposes and Watch Committee of the Council until November next and that Standing Order No. 18 be suspended for the purpose accordingly.

W. NASH SKILLICORNE, Chairman.

#### **FINANCE COMMITTEE.**

**At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 31st day of March, 1903**—Present : Alderman Skillicorne ; Councillors Bruce, Gurney, Handley, King-Harman, and Stroud (Councillor Gurney in the chair)—

1—Proposed further issue of Stock—A letter was read from the Local Government Board, enclosing draft form of Consent Order the Board were prepared to make, authorising the creation and issue by the Corporation of Stock.

A letter was read from the local Manager of Lloyds Bank, calling attention to the fact that the agreed limit of the overdraft had been exceeded, and suggesting that application should be made for an extension to cover the requirements of the Corporation and with reference to the proposed security upon the rates.

The Borough Accountant having reported as to recent issues of Stock by Corporations and County Councils, Resolved, That the Committee do not see their way to recommend the Council to issue Stock at present, and they recommend that arrangements be made with the Bank for a continuance of the loan and overdraft for a further period of six months.

Also Resolved, That the Borough Accountant be instructed to furnish the Bank with an estimate of the extent to which it is probable the Corporation will require to overdraw their account during such period, and that it be proposed to the Bank that, in order to save stamp duty on the desired security which would be heavy for a short loan, they should be content with the formal undertaking of the Corporation under the Common Seal to execute such security when called upon.

2 — Receipt of Monies due to the Corporation- -The Borough Accountant reported as to the arrangements made by him in pursuance of the resolutions passed at the last meeting with regard to his staff and the issue of guarantee policies. Resolved, That the action taken by the Borough Accountant be approved.

3- --Remuneration of Borough Elective Auditors—A letter was read from Mr. J. A. Gale, one of the Boroughs Elective Auditors, stating that as the recent Election had changed the Auditors, it might be that the time occupied in the audit would be unduly pro-longed through no fault of his, and if this was so he should not be bound by the fee agreed upon last year, and that the Statutory fee should be paid, but any further work caused by book-keeping would not be reckoned. Resolved, That consideration of the letter be adjourned until the next monthly meeting.

4—Estimates for Rates—Resolved, That a Special Meeting of this Committee be held on the 20th prox., at 8 p.m., to consider and settle the estimates for the Rates for the ensuing financial year.

5—Mortgage of £6,666 13s. 4d. on Heyden Feast—The only tender received in response to the advertisement for this loan was received from Messrs. Bubb & Co., Solicitors, they offering to take the loan on the 25th June next for five years at 3 ½ per cent. interest, the Corporation to pay for the stamp on the mortgage and their commission and legal expenses as mortgagees' solicitors. Resolved, That consideration of the offer be adjourned until the next monthly meeting, Messrs. Bubb to be asked whether they are trilling to state an inclusive sum to cover their commission and expenses and to extend the period of the loan

6—Montpellier Baths Loan—A letter was read from the Local Government Board, asking for a resolution of the Council applying for sanction to a loan of £289 on account of capital expenditure on Montpellier Baths, the amount named being the difference between the amount already applied for (£2,726) and the actual amount expended (£3,015). Resolved, That application be made to the Local Government Board for sanction to a loan of £289 accordingly.

7--General District Rate—The Report of the Borough Accountant of date the 31st instant, on the collection of the 2nd instalment of this Rate, was read. Amount collected £20,539 19s. 0d., leaving outstanding £1,207 9s. 5d.

8—Water Rate—The Report of the Borough Accountant of date the 31st instant, on the collection of this Rate, was read. Amount received £10,729 0s. 1d., leaving outstanding £1,767 9s. 1d.

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 £17,379 5s. 4d., 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 on the 24th February last	£118,130 3 11	
Paid since that date	<u>£ 18,747 3 0</u>	
	£136,877 6 11	
Received since do.	<u>£ 17,066 3 4</u>	
Overdrawn	£119,811 3 7	
Being Ordinary Rates Expenditure		£ 9,012 14 1
Electric Lighting (Capital & Revenue), Water & other Capital Accounts		<u>£110,798 9 6</u>
		£119,811 3 7

W. GERALD GURNEY,

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 Monday, the 4th day of May, 1903.**

#### PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, the 14th day of April, 1903—**Present The Manor; Alderman Skillicorne ; Councillors Bence, M. Davis, King-Harman, 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, 7 cases of Scarlet Fever, 4 of Enteric Fever, 5 of Erysipelas, and 3 of Diphtheria ; that 5 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 6 of Scarlet Fever.

2-Insanitary Property at NC,. 17 & 23, Commercial Street, Street. 7 & 15, Grosvenor Terrace, and Little Bayshill Cottage—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-- -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.

4-Overcrowding at No. 6, Sun Street—The Medical Officer of Health reported that the above house was 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 at the said house, Notices under Sec. 94 of the Public Health Act he served on the owner and occupier thereof requiring them to abate the same.

5-- Cleansing and limewashing at Nos. 17 and 23, Commercial Street, and Nos. 1 and 2, Bubb'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 Notices be given to the owners under the said Section requiring the houses to be cleansed and limewashed.

6-Nuisances from Drains, &c., at Nos. 4 and 7, Victoria Terrace—The Inspector of Nuisances having made written application under Section 41 of the Public Health Act, stating that the drains, &c., on or belonging to the above-named houses were in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to health, Resolved, That authority be given to the Inspector of Nuisances to open the ground, examine the drains, and, if necessary, give the notices and act as provided by the said Section.

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

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8-Telephone Connection for Health Department. —The Medical Officer of health reported that an exchange line free the Health Department would cost £6 16s. per annum, and the cost of an extension from the Town Clerk's Office to the Health Department would be 30s per annum. Resolved, That the extension horn the Town Clerk's Office he on the terms mentioned.

9—Factory and Workshop Act, 1901—Underground Bakehouses—The Medical Officer of Health presented a Report calling attention to the provisions of the Factory and Workshop Act, 1901, with regard to Underground Bakehouses, and setting cot the minimum requirements as to light, air space, and ventilation, &c., &c., compliance with which he suggested the Committee should insist upon in the case of each of the 14 Underground Bakehouses in the Borough before a certificate enabling the

use thereof as a bakehouse to be continued after the 1st January next would be granted under the Act. Resolved, That consideration of the matter be adjourned for a further Report from the Medical Officer of Health as to the present condition, structural and otherwise, of each of the Underground Bakehouses in the Borough, and as to how far they do not comply with his suggested minimum requirements under the Act.

10—Sewer under 24, Bath Parade—A Letter was read from Messrs. Cornelius & Boulter, as Agents for Mr. Lodder, the owner of No. 24, Bath Parade, claiming the sum of £2 19s., the estimated loss in letting the house and the cost of making excavations which recently resulted in the discovery of a faulty sewer under the house mentioned, which sewer had now he, removed or filled up and the drains of the house connected with a new sewer at the back. Resolved, That the Council do not admit any liability.

11—Extension of Sewer in Leckhampton Road—A Letter was read from the Local Government Board with notice of a Local Inquiry to be held by one of their Inspectors on the 17th instant into the application of the Council for sanction to the necessary loan for the extension of the sewer in Leckhampton Road. A Letter was read from Mr. F. Jenkins, the owner of the Fairfield Estate, calling attention to the urgent necessity for the extension, and expressing the hope that the work would be at once put in hand.

12—Stables in Sydney Street—A Letter was read from Mr. E. L. Jones, of No. 7, Sydney Street, again making complaint as to the nuisance caused by some stables in Sydney Street. The Inspector of Nuisances having reported that he had inspected the premises and found no cause for action by the Council, Resolved, That Mr. Jones be so informed.

13—New Buildings-- The Borough Surveyor laid before the Committee the following notices and plans of intended new buildings received by him :—

No. of Plan.	Name	Description.
1642	Miss Marshall	House in Marle Hill Road
1647	H. J. Brown	Four houses in Leckhampton Lane
1648	William Perkins	House and shop at junction of Gloucester & Sandfield Roads

Resolved, That Plan No. 1642 be approved, and that Plans numbered 1647 and 1648 be disapproved.

E. H. PARSONAGE,

Chairman.

**At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 20th day of April, 1903**—Present Aldermen Norman and Skillicorne Councillors Bence, M. Davis, King-Harman, Lawrence and Parsonage (Councillor Parsonage in the chair)—

14—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 ; that the 3 cases of Scarlet Fever had been sent into the Delancey Hospital, and that the number of cases then in the Delancey Hospital sent in by the Corporation was 7 of Scarlet Fever.

15- -Overcrowding at No. 27, Sun Street—The Medical Officer of Health reported that the above premises were so overcrowded as to be dangerous or injurious to the health of the inmates. Resolved, That the Committee being satisfied of the existence of a nuisance on the said premises, Notices under Sec. 94 of the Public Health Act, 1875, be served on the owners and occupiers thereof requiring them to abate the same.

16 - Houses without proper Ash Receptacles—The Medical Officer of Health handed in a list of houses which had no proper ashpits or ash receptacles. Resolved, That the necessary Notices be given to the respective hissers 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 the Corporation.

17—Nuisances from Drains, &c., at Nos. 2 and 6, Victoria Terrace, Hope Cottage, Lower Park Street, N. .5, Providence Square and, Belleville, Hewlett 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.

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18—Insufficient W.C. Accommodation—The Inspector of Nuisances having reported that at Nos. 1, 2 and 3, Parker's Cottages, Rose and Crown Passage, there was only one w.c. for the three houses, in which there were sixteen occupants, Resolved, That it appearing to the Council by the report of their Inspector of Nuisances that two of the houses above-mentioned are without a sufficient water closet, Notice under Sec. 36 of the Public Health Act, 1875, be served on the owner or respective owners thereof to provide a sufficient water closet for each house within a time therein specified.

19—Notices not complied with--The Medical Officer of Health handed in a list of Notices which had been served for the carrying out of sanitary requirements, but which had not been complied with. Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed, if necessary, to take proceedings to compel compliance.

20-Underground Bakehouses—As required by the Committee at its last meeting, the Medical Officer of Health presented a further Report as to the condition of the fourteen existing underground bakehouses in the Borough. Resolved, That a copy of the Report of the Medical Officer of Health as to the provisions of the Factory and Workshop Act, 1891, on the subject and as to the minimum requirements suggested by him, together with so much of his further Report as relates to the underground bakehouse in his occupation be sent to the occupier of each of the underground bakehouses in the Borough with a request for the observations of such occupiers thereon, to be received in time for consideration at this Committee's meeting on the 18th proximo.

21-Sanitary Institute Congress—A Letter was read from the Sanitary Institute asking the Council to appoint delegates to attend the Congress of the Institute, to be held at Bradford, from July 7th to the 11th. 1903. Resolved, That the Chairman of this Committee, the Medical Officer of Health, and the Chief Inspector of Nuisances be appointed to attend the Congress accordingly.

22---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
1643	Mrs. Lawrence	Bay window, &c., at Edward Place
1645	Charles Harvard	House in St. Stephen's Road
1647	H. J. Brown	Four houses in Leckhampton Lane (Church Road)
1651	Mrs. Holborow	Additions to Gloucestershire Dairy, Promenade
1652	Mrs. F. Dutton	Additions to No. 2, York Villas, St. George's Road

Resolved, That all the Plans be approved so far as drainage and other sanitary matters are concerned.

E. H. PARSONAGE, Chairman.

#### **FARMS AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL COMMITTEE.**

**At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Thursday, the 9th day of April, 1903**-Present : The Mayor ; Aldermen Norman and Skillicorne ; Councillors Bence, M. Davis and King-Harman (Councillor M. Davis in the chair)-

1-Report of Sewage Farms Manager—The Manager of the Sewage Farms reported that the stock on the farms on the 6th ultimo was 11 horses and 1 cob and 124 cattle. That since the date mentioned the following sales had been made, viz.:—March 9, 4 bullocks, £70 13s.; March 16, bay mare, to the Street and Highway Committee, £40 ; March 23, 4 bullocks, £58 15s. 6d.; March 28, 1 heifer and calf, £14 12s.; and on March 30th, 4 bullocks for £81 13s.; Total, £265 13s. He recommended that three mares be used for breeding purposes. The number of stock on the farms on the 9th instant was as follows:- 10 horses and 1 cob, and 111 head of cattle.

He reported that a heap of manure had been sold for £4, that 5 qrs. of seed oats had been purchased at 21s. per qr., and that a scarifier had been purchased for £9 10s. as authorised by the Committee.

Resolved, That the recommendation of the Manager be approved and carried out.

2-Shooting over Sewage Farms--Resolved, To offer Mr. Bingham and Mr. G. McIlquham the shooting rights over the Barn Farm and Heyden Farms respectively, on the same terms as at present, for one year from the 1st prox.

3---Stocktaking and Valuation—The Chairman reported that Alderman Skillicorne, Councillor King-Harman and he had visited the Farms on the 31st ult. and, with the Manager, taken stock of the Farms and valued the hay there, and that the Borough Accountant would shortly be in a position to furnish the Committee with a balance sheet showing the working of the Farms up to the 31st ult.

4—Inspection Meeting -Resolved, To pay a visit of inspection to the Farms on the 29th inst.

M. DAVIS, Chairman.

### STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE.

**At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Wednesday, the 15th day of April, 1903**—Present The Mayor ; Alderman Skillicorne ; Councillors Baker, Bendall, Handle), Hayward, and Parsonage (Councillor Baker in the chair)-

1— Inspection at Depot—The Committee inspected the Depot and the cottage there until lately occupied by one of the Corporation employees. Resolved, That one of the bedrooms be added to the house adjoining, occupied by Mr. T. W. Hallewell, and that the remaining portion of the cottage be used for storage of materials.

2-- Street Projections—A letter was read from Messrs. Sanders, Morgan & Co., of No. 22, Clarence Street, applying for permission to fix outside their premises in Clarence Street two signs as to the sale of petrol, and also to put up two such signs at their back entrance in Clarence Parade, the former to project not more than one inch beyond the most prominent part of the fascia, and at a height of twelve or thirteen feet, and the two latter to be fixed at a height of at least ten feet and projecting about nine inches beyond the fascia. Resolved, That the Committee regret they are unable to see their way to grant the permission asked for.

3---Proposed New Roads—A letter from Mr. J. Townsend, of Hereford House, Suffolk Street, was read, suggesting the making of certain new direct roads in the Leckhampton district.

4—Old Bath Road Improvement—With reference to the first resolution to Minute No. to of this Committee's proceedings of date the 30th ultimo, a letter was read from Messrs. Winterbotham, Gurney & Co., stating that their client, Mr. Holliday, was willing to proceed in the matter of the improvement of the Old Bath Road on the same terms as before, except that the road be one of 40 feet instead of 50 feet. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be directed to bring up a plan and estimate accordingly.

5—Tree Cutting in Hale's Road—With reference to Minute No. 13 of this Committee's proceedings of date the 30th ultimo, the person named therein attended before the Committee and apologised for having cut down the tree, he having done so in ignorance of the fact that he was thereby rendering himself liable to penalties. Resolved, 'That the apology be accepted and no proceedings be taken in the matter, subject to the payment of 5s in respect of the damage done.

6—Building Inspector's Report--The Monthly Report of the Building Inspector was read. Buildings in progress 38, completed since moth ultimo t3. 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
1634	Charles Young	Extension of stables, Langdon Road
1643	Mrs. Lawrence	Bay window, &c., at Edward Place
1645	Charles Hayward	House in St. Stephen's Road
1646	E. A. Edwin	Studio at No. 4, Dovedale Villas
1647	H. J. Brown	Four houses in Leckhampton Lane (Church Road)

1648	William Perkins ..	House and shop at junction of the Gloucester and Sandfield Roads
1649	F. Jenkins ..	Six houses in New Road off Leckhampton Road (Fairfield Estate)
1650	Cheltenham College	Proposed Memorial to Old Cheltonians

Resolved, That plans numbered 1646, 1647, and 1648 be disapproved, and that the remainder of the plans be approved as shown so far as this Committee is concerned.

WILLIAM A. BAKER,

Chairman.

**At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday the 27th day of April, 1903**—Present: Alderman Skillicorne ; Councillors Baker, Bendall, Handley, Packer and Parsonage (Councillor Baker in the chair)—

8-Report of the Borough Surveyor re Highways--The Borough Surveyor reported that the work done by the Highways Department from March 20th to April 16th, 1903, inclusive, had been as follows :—

Repaired with Clee Hill Stone—Portland Street, from Warwick Place to Albion Street, 864 square yards.

Patched with Clee Hill Stone—Andover Road, Six Chimneys Lane, Winchcombe Street, St. James' Square, Gas Lane.

Repaired with Wickwar Stone—Wellington Square, back of Grovefield, Berkeley Street, and Hatherley Road.

Private Improvements—Gloucester Road proceeding, back Royal Well Terrace finished, Queen's Parade finished.

Kerbing, Crossing, Channelling and Paving—Granville Street, St. George's Place, Lansdown Road, Winchcombe Street, Montpellier Terrace, Albion Street, Fairview Road, Portland Square, Sherborne Place, Lansdown Crescent, Promenade, Russell Place, High Street, Suffolk Road, Brighton Road, Hewlett Street, Montpellier Walk, Bath Road, Gloucester Road, Rosehill Street, Priory Street, Upper Bath Street, York Street, Portland Street, Bayshill Road, New Street, Hale's Road, London Road, Gratton Road, Hanover Road, St. James' Square, All Saints' Road, North Street, Tewkesbury Road, Parabola Road, St. Paul's Road.

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Private Trees Pruned—Vittoria House, Wolseley House, Farnley Lodge, 14 and 15, Glenfall Street, Billbrook House.

Leckhampton Road—The ditch in Leckhampton Road was being piped with 6-in. pipes and the path widened.

Ash Collection — 981 loads collected, weighing 872 tons, consumed at the Ash Destructor.

Slab Factory-1,475 2-ft. by 2-ft. slabs made.

He submitted a letter from the Stonehouse Brick and Tile Company, Limited, offering to supply 6,000 vitrified paving bricks free of cost for the paving of Albion Place. The object was to test the suitability of the bricks for paving purposes under heavy and concentrated traffic. The selling price of these bricks was £2 2s. per 1,000. It would cost about £30 to prepare the necessary concrete foundation to lay the bricks. The cost of macadamising the road would be about £13. He understood it had been found necessary to give this road a coating of stone once in every three years.

He submitted Reports from (1) the Vulcan Boiler Insurance Company on their inspection of the Destructor Boiler, which was found in a satisfactory condition, and (2) the National Boiler Insurance Company on their hydraulic test of No. 1 Road Roller Boiler (2014) after various repairs, and the test in this case was also reported to be satisfactory.

He laid before the Committee for their consideration a proof of a proposed building notice to accompany building plans, and which would greatly facilitate the work of the Committee with regard to new streets and buildings.

Resolved, That the offer of the Stonehouse Brick and Tile Company be accepted, and that the Borough Surveyor do have Albion Place paved accordingly.

Also Resolved, That the proposed Building Notice be again submitted to this Committee after approval by the Public Health Committee.

9--View Meeting—The following Members were present at the View Meeting on Friday last, viz. :—Alderman Skillicorne, Councillors Baker, Bendall, Handley, Hayward, Packer and Parsonage.

Slab Factory—The Committee paid a visit to the Slab Factory and found everything satisfactory. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be requested to report as to additional shedding required, the cost of which can be covered by the balance of the loan for the Factory remaining unexpended.

10—Street Projections—Applications were read from Mr. H. C. Bubb for permission to allow a swinging sign put up outside No. 19, Portland Street to remain ; from Mr. F. A. Barnfield for the like permission with respect to a sign at No. 117, High Street ; from Mr. W. Hartland for the like permission with respect to two small signs at 323a, High Street ; and from Messrs. W. and T. Avery, Limited, for permission to put up a sign at No. 8, Henrietta Street. Resolved, That the applications be not acceded to, and notice be given requiring the signs already erected to be removed where this has not already been done.

A letter was read from Messrs. Lloyd and King, of No. 10, High Street, applying for permission to put up a small lamp at the premises mentioned. Resolved, That the application be acceded to subject to compliance with the usual conditions.

The Street Inspector reported that a sign had been erected at the shop at No. 117, High Street, in the occupation of Messrs. Johnson Bros. Resolved, That notice be given requiring its removal.

The letter read at the meeting of this Committee on the 30th ultimo from the Cheltenham and District Billposting Co., as to a hoarding in Gloucester Road, was further considered, and the

Committee having viewed, Resolved, That the Company be informed that the hoarding must be removed forthwith in accordance with the notice given.

11- Reddings Road —Letters were read from Mr. W. B. Coopey, as Clerk to the Badgeworth Parish Meeting and the Badgeworth Parish Council, with copies of resolutions passed by those Bodies, asking the Council to take over the portion of the Rail-way Embankment Road near the Reddings within the Borough as a public highway repairable by the Corporation Resolved, That the writer be informed that as the road mentioned is a private road, the only action the Council could take would be to call upon the abutting owners to put the same, as far as within the Borough, in a proper state of repair.

12-Footpath opposite 5, Park Villas—Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have the footpath paved for a width of five feet with clinker slabs.

13- Road from Great Norwood Street to Painswick Lawn--Resolved, 'That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to bring up a plan and specification of the works required to be done by the abutting owners to pave the footpaths in this street.

14 New Buildings—The Borough Surveyor laid before the Committee the following notices and plans of intended new buildings received by him :—

No. of Plan.	Name.	Description.
1646	E. A. Edwin	Studio at back of No. 4, Dovedale Villas
1647	H. J. Brown	Four houses in Church Road, Leckhampton
1648	W. Perkins	House and shop corner of Sandfield and Gloucester Roads
1651	Mrs. Holborow	Additions at rear of No. 2, Promenade
1652	Mrs. Dutton	Additions to 2, York Villas, St. George's Road
1653	F. W. Strange	Additions to Manor House, Portland Street
1654	G. Loveday	House in Granley Road, St. Mark's
1655	W. Dix	Additions to No. 1, Great Western Terrace
1656	T. W. Smith	Two houses on Fairfield Estate
1657	W. Barrett	Additions to 4, Denmark Terrace, Gloucester Road
1658	W. Powell	Two houses at corner of Brighton and Hewlett Roads
1659	Dobell & Co., Limited	Iron shed in yard at High Street corner of Gloucester Road
1660	G. Lawrence	Addition to No. 7, Pittville Lawn

Resolved, That Plans numbered 1647, 1655, 1659, and 1660 be disapproved, and that the other plans be approved as shown as regards matters in the purview of this Committee. Plan No. 1646 being approved in substitution for Plan No. 1558, the approval of which latter Plan is hereby rescinded.

WILLIAM A. BAKER,

Chairman.



**TRAMWAYS AND STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEES.**

**At a joint Meeting of these Committees, held on Wednesday, the 29th day of April, 1903**—Present : The Mayor ; Aldermen Haddon and Skillicorne ; Councillors Baker, Bendall, M. Davis, Handley, Hayward, Packer, Parsonage, J. Waghorne, and Stroud, (Councillor J. Waghorne in the chair)—

1--Chairman—Resolved, That Councillor J. Waghorne be appointed Chairman at this Meeting.

2--Borough Surveyor's Report re Paving High Street and London Road--The Borough Surveyor submitted a report and estimate of the cost of paving High Street and London Road from Townsend Street to the Borough boundary at Charlton Kings with Jarrah wood paving, with the exception of that Part to be paved by the Light Railway Company. The total length of the route of tramway between these points is 2,900 yards, the line being single from Townsend Street to James's Street (with the exception of passing places between Granville Street and Devonshire Street and opposite Lloyds Bank) and double from St. James's Street to Hayward's Road, near the Borough Boundary. The estimate of the cost of providing and laying Jarrah wood block paving on a proper foundation over the area not paved by the Light Railway Company is as follows :—

Section No. 1 (Townsend Street to Ambrose Street)	£3756 5 0
Section No. 2 (Ambrose Street to Berkeley Street)	£9101 12 0
Section No. 3 (Berkeley Street to Hayward's Road )	£7251 12 0
Total	£20,109 9 0

The estimate for Sections No. 1 and No. 2 provides for utilizing the existing kerbing as far as possible, short lengths of new kerbing only being provided at the street corners and in a few other places. The estimate for Section No. 2 includes paving the whole area of the carriageway in High Street between Cambray Place and Bath Road (which is not actually a portion of the Light Railway route) and the portions unpaved by the Light Railway Company through the diversion of the High Street route along Cambray Place, Bath Street and Bath Road. The estimate for Section No. 3 provides for new kerbing to replace the existing local stone kerbing between Hale's Road and Hayward's Road.

The Local Government Board will probably sanction a loan for the cost of the wood blocks over a period of 12 years, and for the concrete foundation, excavation, and other sections of the work for a period of 20 years. The yearly repayments of principal and interest (the latter being at 3 ½ per cent. per annum) on the estimated cost would be as follows:—

Section No. 1— Wood Blocks	£250,	Foundation	£94,	Total	£344
Section No. 2-	“	“	£215,	Total	£834
Section No. 3 —	“	“	£182,	Total	£660
Totals ... ..	“	“	£492	Total	£17,838

It is now found necessary to coat the surface of the road from Townsend Street to Hayward's Road with macadam once in every four years, the estimated cost of this being £1,240 per annum. This

amount will be saved with the substitution of wood block paving. The annual cost of scavenging the macadam road is £350, and it is estimated that something like three-fourths of this will be saved. The saving in watering is set against the extra cost which will be incurred in sanding.

In comparing the cost of the present with the proposed new surface it is pointed out that at the end of 12 years the loan for the blocks will have been paid off, and the pavement may still have a few years longer life. The actual payment which would cease at the end of 12 years is £1,346, leaving £492 only per annum to be paid for a further eight years for the foundation and other work.

An important question arises in connection with the paving as to the condition of the edging or kerbing to the footpaths. It is obviously impossible to make a satisfactory finish to the road pavement unless the kerbing is laid in regular lines and at proper levels. The greater part of the kerbing in Section No. 1 is very irregular. In Section No.2 it is in better condition. In Section No.3 it is very defective. In whatever portions of the route it is decided to lay new kerbing the old kerbing taken out can be utilized in other parts of the Borough. When the carriageway is excavated close to the line of kerb to receive the concrete foundation for the wood paving, the existing kerb will be left unsupported and will require relaying on concrete. The labour in laying the old kerb will be as much as in laying new. The extra cost over the fore-going estimate for providing new 6-inch kerb throughout would be £919, and the annual repayments on this amount £65.

The following summary shows the estimated extra cost to the Corporation over the first 12 years.

WOOD PAVING. Area to be paved by Corporation. Future Estimated Cost Annual Repayment of Principal and Interest 12 years....	12 years,	
Blocks       £1346	£	s d
Foundation <u>492</u> £1838 x 12 ..	22056	0 0
Scavenging estimated for 12 years	1050	0 0
Annual Repayment on A/c of New Kerbing.. £65	780	0 0
Cost for 12 years	£23,886	0 0
	£1,990	0 0
Average Cost for one year		

[continued below]

MACADAM. Area to be Paved by Corporation and Light Railway Co. (i.e., Total Area of entire route of proposed Railway.) Present Estimated Cost 12 years. Coating with Macadam once in 4 years-£1240 annually	
	£14800 0 0
Scavenging £350 per annum Cost for 12 years	£4200 0 0 £19080 0 0
Average Cost for one year	£1590 0 0
Extra future Cost per annum	£ 400 0 0
	£1990 0 0

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The following Summary shows the extra cost to the Corporation taken over fifteen years, the latter three years of which no payment has to be made in connection with the loan for the blocks

WOOD PAVING. Area to be paved by Corporation. Future Estimated Cost Annual Repayment of Principal and Interest 15 years....		12 years,
Blocks £1346 x12 £16152		s d
Foundation 492 x 15 7380	£23532	0 0
Scavenging estimated for 15 years	£1313	0 0
Annual Repayment on A/c of New Kerbing.. £65 x 15	£975	0 0
Cost for 15 years	£25820	0 0
Average Cost per Annum	£1721	0 0

MACADAM. Area to be Paved by Corporation and Light Railway Co. (i.e., Total Area of entire route of proposed Railway.) Present Estimated Cost 15 years. Coating with Macadam once in 4 years-£1420 annually	
	£18600 0 0
Scavenging £350 annually Cost for 15 years	£5250 0 0 £23850 0 0
Average Cost per annum	£1590 0 0
Average future Extra Cost per annum, 15 years	£131 0 0
	£1721 0 0

Taking into consideration the large area of the route which will be paved and maintained by the Light Railway Company, the extra annual cost for the paving provided by the Corporation will, according to the first summary above, be about £400 per annum. If the life of the blocks is taken at fifteen years and the saving after the twelfth year taken into consideration owing to the annual repayment on the cost of the blocks ceasing the average extra cost over the fifteen years is £131 according to the Second Summary above.

It is very necessary for its proper construction that the paving to be laid by the Light Railway Company should be carried out at the same time and by the same Contractor employed for the portion to be laid by the Corporation.

Resolved, That the Report be approved and the recommendations adopted, and that application be made to the Local Government Board for sanction to a loan of £21,028, for the paving of the High Street from Townsend Street to Hale's Road, and the London Road to the Borough Boundary, with wood blocks accordingly.

J. WAGHORNE,

Chairman.

#### TOWN IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE.

**At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Wednesday, the 8th day of April, 1903**—Present : Alderman Norman ; Councillors Bainbridge, Baker, Handley, Packer and Rickerby (Councillor Rickerby in the chair)—

1-- Report of Entertainments Sub-Committee—The following Report of the Entertainments Sub-Committee was read and considered: The Sub-Committee beg to report that at their meeting held yesterday they carefully considered the amendment to their recommendations carried at the Meeting of the Council on Monday last substituting Saturday night for popular concerts instead of Monday and reducing the charge for chairs from 2d. to 1d. except for the first three rows. They have to report that they find it impossible to give effect to the amendment, but that they will undertake to provide some concerts during the season at 2d., some on Wednesday nights and some on Monday nights. With regard to the reduction in the charge for a chair at the concerts other than on popular nights, the Sub-Committee are unable to arrange for the reduction in the charge proposed." Resolved, That the Report be approved and adopted and that the Minute No. 8 of this Committee's proceedings of date the 23rd ult. and the Resolution of the Council of date the 6th inst. amending the same be varied accordingly.

2-Use of Winter Garden for Oddfellows' A.M.C.—With reference to an application received from Mr. E. Bourne on behalf of the local members of the Oddfellows' Society asking whether the Council would undertake the work of making the Concert Room at the Winter Garden fit for the A.M.C. meetings by stretching wires and canvas or similar material across the room in order to improve its acoustical properties and to ward off the effects of the sun's rays. Resolved, That the Committee regret they are unable to see their way to recommend the Council to comply with the request.

T. E. RICKERBY, Chairman.

**At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 20th day of April, 1903**—Present : The Mayor ; Alderman Norman Councillors Bainbridge, Baker, Bence, Packer and Handley (Councillor Bainbridge in the chair)—

3- Chairman— In the absence of the Chairman, Resolved, That Councillor Bainbridge be appointed Chairman at this Meeting.

4-Charge for Use of Winter Garden on Sunday Evenings—A Letter was read signed by Lt.-Gen. Morton and Messrs. Rees Jones and John Playle, applying for a reduction in the charge made them by the Entertainments Sub-Committee for the use of the Winter Garden on eight Sunday evenings during the months of March and April, viz.: —2 ½ guineas each evening plus the cost of lighting. The application for a reduction of the charge to 1 guinea per night plus lighting was made on the ground that the religious services held in the building, which had been largely attended, had a beneficial effect on the town. Resolved, That the Committee cannot see their way to make any reduction in the charge fixed by the Entertainment Sub-Committee.

5-- Advertising—Resolved, Not to renew the advertisement inserted in " The Hospital" last year and not to entertain offers as to advertising the town made by the Editor of " The Health Resort " and the proprietors of the " Windsor Magazine " Holiday Number Hotel List.

6— Estimate of Expenditure, 1903-4—Resolved, That the Finance Committee be notified that this Committee estimates its expenditure for the year 1903-4 to be as follows:--Pittville £1600, Winter Garden £600, Montpellier Gardens £300.

Also Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be requested to investigate and report as to what economies can in his opinion be effected in the management of the Pittville and Montpellier Gardens and the Winter Garden.

7—Proposed Addition at back of No. 7, Pittville Lawn—The Town Clerk reported that Mr. G. Lawrence, the owner of No. 7, Pittville Lawn, desired to make the addition to No. 7, Pittville Lawn shown on the plan nose laid before the Committee, to which the consent of the Corporation as owners of the Pittville Estate was requisite, and for which consent the owner applied. A Letter was read from the owner of No. 6, Pittville Lawn, stating that she had no objection to the proposed addition being made. Resolved, That consideration of the application be adjourned for the Committee to view.

8—Footpath in Clarence Square, near Morison Avenue—The attention of the Committee having been called to the condition oi this footpath, Resolved, That consideration of the question of its repair be adjourned for the Committee to view.

9—Uniform for Boatman at Pittville—Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to obtain prices for the supply of the uniform for the boatman at Pittville and submit the same to this Committee.

F. T. BAINBRIDGE,

Chairman.

**At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Wednesday, the 29th day of April, 1903**—Present : The Mayor ; Councillors Baker, Bence, Handley, Packer, and Rickerby (Councillor Rickerby in the chair)—

10—Apportionment of Pittville Estate Agent Charge—A letter was read from Mr. W. H. Russell stating that Pittville House and the Stables until recently in one ownership had now been acquired by two separate owners. The rent charge on the house and stables jointly was £2 7s. 0d. per annum, and it was proposed by the new owners that the same should be apportioned by charging Pittville House with the payment of £2 and the Stables with the payment of 7s. per annum, and he requested the assent of the Council to this arrangement. Resolved, That the assent asked for be given and be signified by a memorandum under the Seal of the Corporation as requested.

11-Proposed Addition to No. 7, Pittville Lawn —With reference to the application made at the last meeting for the permission of the Corporation to make an addition to No. 7, Pittville Lawn, the Committee having inspected the property, Resolved, That the consent of the Corporation, as owners of the Pittville Estate, to the proposed addition be given.

12---Footpath in Clarence Square, near Monson Avenue—The Committee having inspected this footpath, Resolved, That the same be paved with clinker slabs, the area being 50 yards.

T. E. RICKERBY, Chairman.

**LIGHTING COMMITTEE.**

**At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Wednesday, the 22nd day of April, 1903**—Present The Mayor ; Alderman Norman ; Councillors Baker, Handley, 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.
1903 April 16th .. 200 Volts.	208 Volts

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

	ILLUMINATING POWER.			PURITY.
1903			1903	Grains of Sulphur per 100 cubic ft.
April 10th..	16.7	candles	April 15th-16th	10.46
" 18th..	15.97	"	" 18th-19th	10.89
Average..	16.33	"	Average...	10.62

3-Gas Inspector's Report—The Gas Inspector reported that the hourly average consumption of gas per lamp during the previous month had been as follows:—Ordinary Lamps 4.2653 cubic feet ; Guildhall Lamps, with No. 4 Incandescent burners, 5.001 cubic feet ; Ordinary Lamps with No. 3 Incandescent burners, 3.8275 cubic feet.

4-Lamp Book—This Book was produced and examined. Ordinary Lamps extinguished, 4 metered, 7 un-metered, and 9 lamps with incandescent burners.

5- -Report of the Borough Electrical Engineer—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that all work, both of extensions and ordinary running, had progressed satisfactorily during the past month. On the 16th inst. there were 688 customers, with the equivalent of 41,850 eight-candlepower lamps, connected to the private supply main.

For the purpose of the Local Government Board Inquiry held on the 17th inst., he had got out the following data regarding the last financial year's operations, viz.

	Units.	Per cent. of Total Sold.
Energy Sold for Private Supply	451,000	34.9
" " Street Lighting	616,164	47.6
" " Traction	<u>226,665</u>	<u>17.5</u>
	1,293,829	100

The total revenue costs and revenue receipts were £8,900 and £16,900 approximately, so that the trading profit (considered as a company) was about £8,000; taking capital charges at 6.2 per cent. on the average capital, including liabilities, for the year the total capital charges would be about £8,900 ; hence the loss (as a Corporation undertaking) was about £900, as against £2,800 last year.

The total cost of production and distribution of energy was 1.34 pence per unit, which was very good for an alternating current station of about 1,300,000 units output, of which only 17 ½ per cent. was for traction.

An application for supply to Pittville House had been received, and he recommended that the necessary extension of the main be made to give such supply, the cost of the extension being £45. Resolved, That the recommendation of the Borough Electrical Engineer be approved and the main extended accordingly.

6-Insurance of Electric Light Works, &c----With reference to the Resolution to Minute No. 7 of this Committee's proceedings of date the 21st January last, a letter was read from the District Manager of the County Fire Office stating that his Directors were prepared to reduce the rate for the insurance of the Electric Light Works, &c., from 3s 6d to 2s 6d per cent., subject as before to the usual warranty against liability for loss to dynamos &c. caused by self-ignition, with the alternative rate of 21s per cent. to cover such risk. Under the exemption clause any loss or damage to the dynamos &c. caused solely by their own over-running, &c., if no fire resulted therefrom, would not be covered by the policy, but all or any loss or damage to the electrical plant or other parts of the property insured (both buildings and contents) by fire, whether such fire originated from the self-ignition of the electrical apparatus or not, would be covered by the insurance. Resolved, That in view of the concessions now made by the County Fire Office, the Electric Light Works and contents be insured with them at the 2s 6d rate for the sum of £25,000, subject to the policy being submitted to and approved by this Committee and no average clause being inserted therein.

7-Tenders for Coal—The Tenders for the supply of slack coal, delivered to the Electric Works, Arle Road, for 12 months from the 1st June next sent in in response to the advertisement were opened and found to be as follows : —

Name of Firm.	Colliery.	Price per Ton.
Dinham, Fawns & Co., 3, Cross Lane, Coal Exchange, London, E.	Princess Royal	.. 12s 4d
A. H. Non, 95, High Street, Cheltenham	Lydbrook 11s	Princess Royal .. 10s 9d
Webb Bros., Limited, Cheltenham	Lydbrook 11s	
Critchlow & Sheppard, Central Wharf, St. James's Square, Cheltenham	Lydbrook 10s 3d	
John Williams & Co., 383, High Street, Cheltenham	Lydbrook 11s 6d	
British Coal Co., 103, Whiteladies Road, Bristol	Princess Royal*...	11s

\*Delivered M.R. or G.W.R., Cheltenham.

Resolved, That the tender of Mr. A. H. Nott for the supply from the Princess Royal Colliery, at 11s 9d per ton, be accepted.

GEO. NORMAN,

Chairman

#### **WATER COMMITTEE.**

**At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Thursday, the 23rd day of April, 1903**—Present : The Mayor; Alderman Norman ; Councillors Baker, M. Davis, King-Harman, and H. Waghorne (Councillor H. Waghorne in the chair)—

1--Borough Engineer's Report—The Monthly Report of the Borough Engineer, as follows, was read:-

On the 22nd instant the supply from the Hewletts springs was 216 gallons per minute (the average for the past three years being 203 gallons per minute), and the quantity of water in store at Hewletts and Leckhampton was 30,616,807 gallons.

On the 22nd instant Dowdeswell Reservoir was practically full, and the contents were 99,804,722 gallons. The daily yield of the streams was now about 725,110 gallons.

The total storage in the whole of the reservoirs was 130,421,629 gallons, which was estimated at about 118 days' supply on the present consumption.

The 6-inch supply main from Leckhampton Reservoir had been completed and the water was now being supplied through this into the distributing mains.

A length of 100 yards of 4 inch main had been laid on the Fairfield Building Estate, and 1 hydrant fixed on the same.

A length of 125 yards of 3-inch main had been laid in Brookdale Road, Charlton Kings.

A length of 30 yards of 3-inch main had been laid in the Haywards Road.

The repairs to Leckhampton Reservoir were completed, and the Reservoir was now being filled with water. An improvement has been made in connection with the pipe conveying the spring water to



the reservoir. This formerly delivered the water close to one of the supply mains to the town. It had now been taken to the opposite side, and would cause a better circulation of water in the reservoir.

He proposed to discontinue pumping at Tewkesbury and to supply from the Cheltenham reservoirs when they were full in the future.

In view of the tramway extensions he recommended that the three 10-inch meters on the trunk main in High Street near Keynsham Road be removed to a new position near the Dowdeswell filter works. These meters were in the centre of the road and had to be examined daily. Moreover, in their present position they did not register the whole of the water from Dowdeswell, as a large number of houses were supplied from the main above the meters. These meters then registered the water from Tewkesbury as it passed into the trunk main. The water from Tewkesbury should be measured at the Pumping Station, and he proposed providing a meter there for that purpose when the new main was laid.

There were several small matters which required attention in High Street before the new tramway was laid. There were five lire hydrants in the carriage way which he proposed fixing on the footpaths, and an additional 9-inch sluice valve was required on the present pumping main. Opposite Gloucester Road there was an 8-inch branch in the main which was tapered to a 3-inch main for Gloucester Road. As the road at this point might be laid with wood blocks, it would be desirable to substitute a few 8-inch pipes for the present 3-inch main in order to clear High Street and to avoid breaking up the pavement for future extensions.

With respect to the three Inspectors' bicycles, in the case of two an allowance of 25s per quarter had been made for the past six years and in the case of the other for the past twelve months.

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Resolved. 1 hat the recommendations of the Borough Engineer be approved, and that he be requested to communicate with the Light Railway Company as to the cost of the alterations in the positions of the meters, &c., rendered necessary or desirable by the proposed extensions of the Company's line.

2—Salts Farm, Dowdeswell—A Letter was read from Mr. W. P. Edwards, the tenant of Salts Farm, expressing his surprise at having received notice to terminate his tenancy in September next, as he had no wish to leave the farm. The Town Clerk reported that he had replied to Mr. Edwards' letter to the effect that the Committee had no desire that he should cease to be tenant of the Farm, but that they thought the rent paid by him was insufficient, and requesting him to say what additional rent he would pay if the tenancy were continued. Resolved, That the Town Clerk's reply be approved, and that Mr. Edwards be informed that he can continue as tenant if he is willing to pay a rent of £68 per annum, an addition of to the amount at present paid by him.

3—Fire Hydrants at the Reddings—With reference to the Resolution to Minute No. 4 of this Committee's proceedings of date the 19th February, a letter was read from the Clerk to the Cheltenham Rural District Council accepting the terms for fixing and maintenance of fire hydrants at the Reddings contained in such Resolution, and that he would in due course inform the Town Clerk the number and position of the hydrants desired.

4--Water Supply to Kingditch Lane—The Resolution to Minute No. 29 of the proceedings of the Public Health Committee of date the 23rd March last and the Report of the Medical Officer of Health with regard to the water supply to cottages in Kings-ditch Lane referred to in such Resolution were considered. Resolved, That the water main be extended to furnish a supply to the houses as suggested.

5—Tenders for Inspectors' Uniforms--The Tenders for the supply of uniforms for the Inspectors sent in in response to the advertisement were opened and considered. Resolved, That the offer of Mr. T. Freeman to supply the uniforms required at £2 5s. Per suit, the cloth to be according to the sample now submitted by him, be accepted.

6—Land at Sandford—Two applications for tenancy of land at Sandford were considered. Resolved, That the same be acceded in An application was read for another chain of land from one of the present tenants. Resolved, That the application be not granted. A Memorial from 7 Tenants of land at Sandford was read asking that a supply of water should be furnished to the same. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to do what is necessary to furnish such a supply if he can do so at a small outlay.

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

H. WAGHORNE,

Chairman.

**At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Friday, the 24th day of April, 1903**—Present : Alderman Norman Councillors Baker, Bendall, H. Davis, King-Harman, Packer, and H. Waghorne (Councillor H. Waghorne in the chair)—

8-Proposed Additional Main from Tewkesbury—The case the Town Clerk had laid before Mr. Fitz Gerald for his opinion as to the powers of the Council to lay the proposed additional main from Tewkesbury to Cheltenham either under private lands or under public roads and the opinion of the Counsel mentioned, the latter having been read at the last meeting of the Council, were considered. Resolved, That a copy of the case submitted to Mr. G. A. R. FitzGerald, the well-known Parliamentary counsel and draftsman, and of the learned counsel's opinion thereon, be forwarded to the Local Government Board with an expression of the hope that the Board will re-consider its decision in the light of the opinion given by Mr. FitzGerald, or that it will allow a joint opinion to be taken as suggested by him. The Council ventures respectfully to urge this upon the Board in view of the urgent necessity of increasing the water supply of the town and of the fact that the Cheltenham & District Light Railway Company is about to lay down along some portion of the proposed route of the main an extension of its railway, for which it has already obtained statutory powers, and that any delay in the laying of the main will involve a considerable increase of cost and inconvenience. The application to Parliament, suggested by the Board, will not only entail a further delay of more than twelve months, but in the present state of the law with reference to such applications it involves a risk of failure which the Council desires to avoid. Under the circumstances the Council respectfully urges the Board to allow the loan to proceed on the condition, if need be, that the Council accepts all legal responsibility, or that the Board will indicate what further steps the Council can take to

remove the "doubt" which the Board has expressed. The Council would also again submit to the Board that a personal interview on the subject might be expedient and useful.

The Boroughs Surveyor reported that as the Committee were anxious to proceed with the new pumping main from Tewkesbury Pumping Station to Hewletts Reservoir as soon as possible, he had accordingly given the subject consideration since the March meeting, and if the work was to be completed during the present summer it should be put in hand at once. Something like half the pipes were already cast, and the manufacturers were pressing to deliver them, as they occupy considerable space at their works. He recommended that the whole of the materials and fittings for the main be provided by the Corporation, and that the work of excavating and laying be carried out by contract. No drawings whatever had at present been made and there was considerable work to prepare for a contract. It would of course be necessary to engage a competent Clerk of Works to set out and superintend the work, and he recommended that he should also be qualified to assist in the preparation of the drawings, quantities, specifications, &c., and that his work should commence as soon as possible.

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With regard to the route of the main he recommended as follows :---Commencing at Hewletts Reservoir it would pass along Hewletts Road and Pittville Circus Road, through the centre of Pittville Circus and along Wellington Road; it would then turn to the North-east corner of Clarence Square diagonally to St. Paul's Road and Maidenhorn Lane as far as Cleveland Street. It would then be laid along Cleveland Street into the Tewkesbury Road, and from the end of Cleveland Street along the main road to Tewkesbury. The course along the main road to a point near Tewkesbury Abbey was straightforward, but there were alternative routes through the Borough of Tewkesbury to the Pumping Station which require further consideration, and as to this it would be desirable to confer with the Committee of the Tewkesbury Town Council. Trial holes had been made over the Tewkesbury Road railway bridge, and there would be no special difficulty in crossing that bridge with the main. In view of the tramway which was about to be laid it would be desirable to proceed at once with the short length of main in Tewkesbury Road from Cleveland Street to the Tewkesbury Road railway bridge, and he also recommended that at the same time a length of about 70 yards of 12-inch main between Cleveland Street and Albert Street should be laid in order to couple up with the existing 10-inch trunk main. Resolved, That the preparation of the plans be at once put in hand and that the Borough Engineer be authorised to engage such assistance for this purpose as he may deem necessary.

9- - Clerks in Waterworks Office—The Borough Engineer reported that it was necessary that he should obtain the services of another clerk in the Waterworks Office, the present staff being quite insufficient. Resolved, That he be authorised accordingly.

H. WAGHORNE, Chairman.

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

**At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Friday, the 3rd day of April, 1903—**Present: The Mayor ; Aldermen Haddon, Norman, Skillicorne and Winterbotham ; Councillors Baker, M. Davis, Hayward, Parsonage, Rickerby and J. Waghorne (The Mayor in the chair) —

1—Telephone Underground Wayleaves—The Town Clerk submitted the draft Agreement herein received from the Solicitor to the National Telephone Company, altered in pursuance of the instructions of this Committee upon the lines of the Company's Agreement with the Liverpool Corporation. The same having been considered, Resolved, That the same as now settled be approved and returned to the Company.

2—Town Clerkship— The applications, 35 in number, received for the appointment of Town Clerk of this Borough were considered, and the same having been reduced to 11, Resolved, That the latter be further considered at a Meeting of the Committee to be held on Wednesday next.

3—Sanatorium for Open-Air Treatment of Consumption—The request of the deputation which attended the Meeting of this Committee on the 18th November last that the Council should contribute towards the building of a Sanatorium for the Open-Air Treatment of Consumption at Winsley for patients from the counties of Gloucestershire, Somerset, and Wilts, and make an annual grant towards the same, was considered. Resolved, That the Committee regret they are unable to see their way to recommend the Council to make the contribution and annual payment suggested.

RICHARD ROGERS,

Chairman.

**At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Wednesday, the 8th day of April, 1903**—Present : The Mayor ; Aldermen Haddon, Norman, Skillicorne and Winterbotham Councillors Baker, Al. Davis, Davies, Gurney, Hayward, Parsonage, Rickerby and J. Waghorne (The Mayor in the chair)—

4- Licences to Store Petrol—Applications were received from Messrs. Streams', Limited, of No. 1, St. Mark's Emporium, and Mr. E. S. Holloway, of No. 3, St. Mark's Emporium, for permission to keep to and 50 gallons of petrol respectively on the premises mentioned. Resolved, That the application be acceded to.

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A Letter was read from Messrs. Sanders, Morgan & Co. notifying that they should now be regarded as holders of the licence to store petrol at No. 21, Clarence Street, issued to Mr. D. H. Morgan.

5-Use of Art Gallery for Meetings of Education Committee—The Town Clerk having reported the receipt of an application from the Education Committee for permission to use the Municipal Art Gallery for the meetings of the Committee on the last Monday in each month at 5 p.m. Resolved, That the application be acceded to as regards the next six months, subject to the Education Committee paying for the necessary preparation, &c., of the room for their meetings.

6—Town Clerkship -The eleven applications for the Town Clerkship remaining for further consideration having been carefully considered.

A Letter was read from Mr. Herbert Stroud, whose application was one of the eleven mentioned, withdrawing his candidature for the appointment.

The list was reduced to five, viz. :—J. W. Halloran, Assistant Solicitor, Cardiff Corporation ; Arthur Lamb, Solicitor, Cheltenham ; Sidney P. Ryland, Solicitor, Cheltenham ; R. Owen-Seacome, Town

Clerk, Bedford ; and W. E. Stephens, Deputy Town Clerk, Blackpool. Resolved, That Messrs. Halloran, Seacombe, and Stephens be invited to attend a meeting of this Committee to be held on Thursday the 23rd inst., at 5 p.m.

RICHARD ROGERS,

Chairman.

**At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday. the 21st day of April, 1903**—Present: The Mayor ; Aldermen Haddon, Norman, and Skillicorne ; Councillors Baker, M. Davis, King-Harman, Hayward, Parsonage, and J. Waghorne (the Mayor in the chair).—

7—Diseases of Animals Act—Superintendent Hopkins reported that the Borough was free from disease amongst animals.

8—Fire Brigade—The Captain of the Fire Brigade reported that on the 1st inst. the Brigade had been called to extinguish a fire in the rickyard at Pigeon House Farm, Southam. Only one rick was destroyed. Cause of fire unknown; damage £80. Extinction expenses £10 1s. He also reported that one of the Fire Engine side lamps came to pieces on the way to the fire mentioned, and that the remaining lamp also needed replacing. Resolved, That the question of the provision of new lamps be referred to the Fire Brigade Sub-Committee for consideration and report. A Letter was read from Messrs. Webb Bros., Limited, asking that, as they understood some of the practices of the Brigade were held at large establishments, such a practice should be held without expense to the firm at the Battledown Brickworks. Resolved, To refer the request to the Sub-Committee.

9-Hackney Carriage Drivers—Resolved, To accede to an application received from John Andrews, of No. 6, Great Norwood Street, for a licence to drive a hackney carriage. The Street Inspector reported that Henry George Cobb, Arthur John Mansell, and Cecil Paul had been twice and more times been convicted of offences in relation to hackney carriages within twelve months. Resolved, That Henry George Cobb and Arthur John Mansell be required to attend the next monthly meeting of this Committee, and that the Town Clerk be instructed to write Cecil Paul cautioning him as to his conduct in the future.

10-- Annual Inspection and Licensing of Hackney Carriages- Resolved, That the Annual Inspection of Hackney Carriages be held at the Central Depot at 9 a.m. on Friday the 29th prox., and the Annual Licensing Meeting of the Council be held on Friday next the 5th June next at 10.30 a.m. at the Central Depot.

11— Hackney Carriage Stand Notice Board near Royal Well Chapel—Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have this notice board repaired and renovated.

12-Site for Municipal Offices—The question of the obtaining of a suitable site for the erection of Municipal Offices was again considered. A letter was read from Dr. Mason renewing his offer to sell Livorno Lodge and grounds to the Corporation, and that if the Corporation thought the site suitable for offices he would sell for £3,000. Also one from Messrs. Bayley and Adams, reminding the Corporation that the property in North Street belonging to Mr. S. B. Dix was still in the market and that the owner was prepared to favourably consider an offer of £3,000 for the premises recently in his occupation, or with No. 7 North Street, £4,500.

Resolved, That an offer be made to Lloyds Bank Ltd. to purchase as a site for Municipal Offices the premises and house adjoining in High Street until recently in their occupation for the sum of £6,000, subject to the sanction of the Local Government Board being obtained to the necessary loan.

13-Use of Municipal Art Cutlery -The Mayor reported that in response to an application of the Local Government Board he had placed at their disposal the Municipal Art Gallery for the purpose of holding therein a local inquiry on the 29th inst. at 6 p.m., as to a scheme of the G.W.R. Co. for the provision of dwelling houses for persons of the labouring class who will be displaced under the powers contained in the Company's Acts. Resolved, That the action of the Mayor be approved.

14-Town Hall--A Letter was read from the Rev. A. R. Harper Smith, applying for the use of the Town Hall on the 24th and 25th November next, for a Bazaar for the Missions to Seamen. Resolved, That the Committee are not in a position to consider the applications at present.

Opening—Resolved, That the Mayor, the Deputy Mayor, and Alderman Norman be appointed a Sub-Committee to consider and report as to the arrangements to be made for the format opening of the Town Hall.

Fire Service—The Borough Surveyor reported that in connection with the water supply to the Town Hall, he had ascertained that no arrangements had been made for a fire service. He was of opinion that provision should be made for fire cocks

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inside the building in order that proper provision may be made against fire, rather than that reliance should be placed on fire hydrants outside the building. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be requested to place himself in communication with Mr. Waller on the subject, and that the latter be requested to report upon the same.

15- - Byelaw under Section 23, Municipal Corporations Act, 1882— A Letter was read from the Secretary of the Cyclists' Touring Club forwarding a copy of the following Byelaw which was in force in Hull and had worked admirably, and suggesting that the Cheltenham Town Council should make a similar Byelaw :—" Every tradesman's van, or other covered vehicle intended to be driven by a person sitting inside thereof, shall be so constructed with side windows, or otherwise, so as to enable such person to see the approach of vehicles from behind on either side thereof, and the user of any such vehicle not so constructed, who allows the same to be driven in any street or public place, shall be guilty of an offence and shall be liable on conviction to the penalty hereinafter provided." Resolved, That the Council be recommended to make a Byelaw in the terms set out above under the provisions of Section 23 of the Municipal Corporations Act, 1882, and that a draft of the same be submitted to the Home Secretary.

16—Fruit, Vegetable and Produce Market—With reference to the resolution to Minute No. 6 of this Committee's proceedings of date the 24th ultimo, the Borough Surveyor presented a report with plan and estimate, the latter amounting to £250, for the provision of the further accommodation required by the Market Gardeners' Association at the Market. Resolved, That representatives of the Association be invited to meet the Committee on Thursday next to discuss the terms on which the accommodation shall be provided.

17—Russian Guns—Resolved, To instruct the Borough Surveyor to have the Russian Guns and pedestals repainted.

18—Licence for Storage of Petrol—An application was received from Messrs. Sanders, Morgan & Co., for permission to store 80 instead of 60 gallons of petrol, at their premises in Clarence Street, and also enquiring whether the Council would give permission to erect an auxiliary storage chamber, say in a field away from houses and within about half a mile of the Clarence Street premises. The Borough Surveyor having reported as to the premises of the firm in Clarence Street, Resolved, That he be requested to ascertain what site Messrs. Sanders, Morgan & Co. suggest for another storage place, and to report as to its suitability and otherwise.

RICHARD ROGERS,

Chairman.

**At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Thursday, the 23rd day of April, 1903**—Present The Mayor ; Aldermen Haddon, Norman, and Skillicorne ; Councillors Baker, M. Davis, Gurney, Hayward, King-Harman, Parsonage, Rickerby, H. Waghorne, and J. Waghorne (the Mayor in the chair).

19—Fruit, Vegetable and Produce Market—Mr. Castle (Hon. Sec.) and Mr. W. Westcott (Hon. Treasurer) of the Cheltenham and District Market Gardeners' Association attended this meeting by invitation and discussed the plan and estimate of the Borough Surveyor as to the further accommodation applied for by the Association, and with the approval of the deputation it was Resolved, That further consideration of the matter be adjourned for the present.

20— Town Clerkship—The Committee interviewed Mr. N. Owen Seacome, Town Clerk of Bedford, Mr. W. E. Stephens, Deputy Town Clerk of Blackpool, and Mr. J. W. Halloran, Assistant Solicitor to the Cardiff Corporation.

Resolved, That Mr. R. A. Wheatley, Assistant Solicitor and Deputy Clerk of the Peace, Swansea, be invited to attend a meeting of this Committee to be held on Tuesday next.

21—Stroud District and Cheltenham Tramways—A report having been brought to, the knowledge of this Committee that it was intended by the Stroud District and Cheltenham Tramways Company if they obtained the powers sought by their Bill to drop the portion of the line from Painswick to Cheltenham. Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to communicate with his Parliamentary agents and with Sir John Dorington and the Member for the Borough with a view to securing an undertaking that the line set out in the Bill shall be carried out in its entirety.

RICHARD ROGERS, Chairman.

**At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 28th day of April, 1903**—Present : The Mayor ; Aldermen Haddon, Norman, Skillicorne, and Winterbotham ; Councillors Baker, M. Davis, Gurney, King-Harman, Parsonage, Rickerby and J. Waghorne (The Mayor in the chair)—

22—Report of Fire Brigade Sub-Committee—The Fire Brigade Sub-Committee reported that at a meeting held on the 25th instant, at the Fire Station, there were present Alderman Norman, Councillors Baker and Parsonage (Councillor Baker in the chair).

That they recommended that instructions be given to the Borough Surveyor as follows:—To remove the Nernst Lamp in yard, this having proved unsatisfactory, and to substitute a 32 c.p. Incandescent Lamp.

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To improve the light in the large outside lamp and fix three ruby panes in the lantern.

To provide two new lamps for the fire-engine at a cost of about 25s each, and six hurricane lamps for general use at fires, at a cost of about 3s 6d each. Resolved, That the recommendations of the Sub-Committee be approved and adopted.

23--Town Clerkship—The Committee interviewed Mr. R. A. Wheatley, of Swansea, and Messrs. Arthur Lamb and Sidney P. Ryland, of Cheltenham, applicants for the Town Clerkship. Resolved, That the following names be submitted to the Council from which to make the appointment, and that the three applicants named be requested to attend the meeting of the Council on Monday next, viz. :— Mr. Arthur Lamb, Solicitor, Cheltenham; Mr. Sidney P. Ryland, Solicitor, Cheltenham ; Mr. R. Owen Seacome, Town Clerk of Bedford.

24— Town Hall—A Letter was read from Mr. F. W. Waller, enclosing tenders he had obtained from local tradesmen for the laying on of the gas to the Town Hall, and asking that, as the matter was pressing, the work should be authorised to be put in hand at once. The tenders were opened and found to be as follows

R. E. & C. Marshall	£43 10 [0]
Collins & Godfrey	£53 7 0
Cavendish House Company, Limited	£76 15 0
Robert Organ	£83 8 0

Resolved, That the tender of Messrs. Marshall be accepted, and that the Architect be authorised to put the work in hand at once.

RICHARD ROGERS,

Chairman.

#### MINERAL WATERS AND BATHS COMMITTEE.

**At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Friday, the 17th day of April, 1903**—Present The Mayor ; Councillors Hayward, Parsonage, and Stewart (Councillor Hayward in the chair)—

1-- Chairman—In the absence of the Chairman, Resolved, That Councillor Hayward be appointed Chairman at this meeting.

2-Alstone Baths—In pursuance of the instructions of the Committee at its last meeting, the Borough Surveyor submitted a plan for the conversion of two of the present spray baths at Alstone into two slipper baths, the cost of carrying out which he estimated at £26, this sum including all the necessary fittings. Resolved, That the plan and estimate be approved, and that the Borough Surveyor be instructed to carry the work out.



3- -Visitors—Resolved, To make the following additions to the Visitors for the Baths, viz. :—  
Montpellier Baths, Councillor Stewart ; Alstone Baths, Councillor Parsonage.

C. HAYWARD,

Chairman.

#### RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE.

**At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 20th day of April, 1903**—Present : Alderman Holliday ; Councillors Baker, Bendall, Bainbridge, King-Harman, Lawrence, and Stewart (Councillor King-Harman in the chair)—

1—Chairman—Resolved, That Councillor King-Harman be appointed Chairman of this Committee for the remainder of the municipal year.

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2—Quoit Club Ground, Barrett's Mill--With reference to the letter read at the last meeting of this Committee from the Secretary of the Quoit Club calling attention to the condition of the fences at the Club Ground, the Borough Surveyor reported the result of his examination of the same, and as to the cost of substituting an iron fence therefor. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to do what he thinks necessary to repair and strengthen the existing fencing at the ground.

3 —Fence at Agg-Gardner Recreation Ground—With reference to the Resolution to Minute No. 5 of this Committee's proceedings at its last meeting, a letter was read from Mr. Winterbotham stating that as the injury to the fence which was the property of the Corporation had not arisen through any negligence or default on his part he did not see that he had anything to do with its re-erection. The Town Clerk reported that it appeared from the Minutes that in 1887 Mr. Winterbotham contributed towards the cost of the fencing referred to on condition that he was not liable for its maintenance. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to re-erect and repair the fencing.

4--Whaddon Lane Recreation Ground—With reference to a letter received from the Rev. T. H. Cave Moyles asking whether the Committee could see their way to assigning to the Parish Church Young Men's Cricket Club a pitch in the Whaddon Lane Recreation Ground or elsewhere for their matches. Resolved, That the writer be informed that the Committee have no power to do as he suggests.

Opening of Ground—Resolved, That this ground be opened for use by the public on and after the 25th May, 1903, and that if this Resolution is approved by the Council the Caretaker do commence his duties as soon before that date as the Borough Surveyor may think necessary.

Byelaws—Resolved, That the Byelaws as to Public Pleasure Grounds made by the Council and already applying to the Agg-Gardner Recreation Ground and Naunton Park be extended to apply to the Whaddon Lane Recreation Ground, and that the Byelaws be re-made and sealed accordingly and forwarded to the Local Government Board for confirmation.

Visitors —Resolved, That Councillor Stewart be appointed a visitor for this Ground.

5—Naunton Park—Resolved, That tenders be advertised for the fixing of two additional iron swings at Naunton Park.

M. J. KING-HARMAN,

Chairman.

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

**At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Friday, the 25th day of April, 1903**—Present Aldermen Haddon and Holliday ; Councillors Baker, Bence, M. Davis, Packer, and Stroud (Alderman Haddon in the chair)-

1—Superintendent's Report—The Superintendent reported that a damaged chimney pot required replacing at the Lodge, and that he had received a letter from Mr. Emms, sculptor, applying on behalf of Miss Goldsmith for the return of £1 10s., the fee paid on the erection of iron railings round a tomb at the Cemetery, and which railings had since been removed at her request. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be requested to have the chimney pot replaced, and that Mr. Emms be informed that the Committee cannot comply with his request, but that if railings approved by the Committee are re-erected on the tomb in question at any future time the fee will not be charged then.

2-Tenders for Grass—The Superintendent submitted the following three tenders he had received for the grass at the Cemetery this year, viz. :

Wm. Wood, Lower Mill, Prestbury, £7;

E. Minett, Lynworth Farm, Prestbury, £10;

and Chas. Webb, Hewlett Road Dairy, £8.

Resolved, That the offer of Mr. Minett be accepted.

(The following tender was received a few minutes after the meeting :—

A. F. Tuffley, Priors Farm, Cheltenham, £8.)

3-Designs—Resolved, To approve the following designs, viz: Headstones to Thomas and Ann Bedenham, Annie Pugh, Susanna Mary Marshall, Henry, George, and Arthur John Freeman, James Wilkins, John Richards, and Richard Smith ; Tombs to John Stewart Kilgour and John Dunn Steel ; Memorial Cross to John Gould.

4-- Cremation Act 1902--The Memorandum issued from the Town Clerk's Office as to the powers conferred by the Cremation Act 1902 and generally as to the existing crematoria in the country was read and considered. Resolved, That the Committee do not recommend the Council to take advantage of the powers conferred by the Act at present.

JOHN HADDON,

Chairman.

## **PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE.**

**At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 21st day of April, 1903**—Present : The Mayor; Alderman Holliday ; Councillors Hayward and King-Harman ; the Revs. J. Evans and A. Owen; the Baron de Ferrieres ; Messrs. A. Beckingsale, J. G. Carr, and G. H. Palmer (Councillor Hayward in the chair)—

1—Librarian's Report—The usual Monthly Report of the Librarian was read. Receipts, £5 5s. 4d. Presentations to Library :—The Rev. G. Gardner, M.A., Mus. Bac., 2 vols. ; Mr. W. L. Newman, 6 vols.; Mr. W. R. Philipps, 4 vols. ; Secretary for Agriculture, South Africa, 1 vol. ; Crown Agents for the Colonies, 1 vol.

2 — Sub-Committee's Report—The Sub-Committee reported that they met on the 21st instant, when there were present : Councillors Hayward (Chairman) and King-Harman, and the Rev. J. Evans. They recommended—That the list of new books submitted by the Librarian be purchased at a cost of about £3 13s.; That 500 copies of the Annual Report be printed and that the tender of Messrs. Harvey and Healing for printing the same for the sum of £3 11s. be accepted, half of which amount to be paid by the Art-Gallery Sub-Committee, whose report will be issued with that of the Library ; and That the tender of Messrs. Stephens and Finch for the extension of the hot water pipes in the basement of the Library for the sum of £14 11s. 6d. be accepted.

Resolved, That the recommendations of the Sub-Committee be approved and adopted, that the Borough Surveyor be asked to supervise the carrying out of the work of the extension of the hot water pipes, and that the offer of Messrs. Stephens and Finch to overhaul the heating apparatus this year when carrying out the extension to the same for the sum of £1 be accepted.

3—Finances of the Library--The Chairman laid before the Committee a statement of receipts and payments for the year ending the 31st ult., the balance due to Treasurer at the end of the year being £401 7s. 3d., as compared with an adverse balance of £149 7s. 5d. at the beginning of the year. An Account of Income and Expenditure for the same period showed a deficit balance on the 31st ult. of £641 7s. 1d. Resolved, That consideration of the statements be adjourned.

C. HAYWARD,

Chairman.

## **FINANCE COMMITTEE.**

**At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Friday, the 17th day of April, 1903**—Present : The Mayor ; Alderman Skillicorne; Councillors Bence, Gurney, Handley and King-Harman (Councillor Gurney in the chair)—

1--Estimates for Rates—With reference to the request of the Overseers that they should be informed as soon as possible for what amount the Council will require to call upon them for the year ending the 31st March next. Resolved, That the Overseers be informed that, so far as the Committee are able to judge at present, the sum required from the Overseers by the Town Council will be £17,000.

W. GERALD GURNEY, Chairman.

**At a Meeting of this Committer, had on Tuesday, the 28th day of April, 1903**—Present The Mayor ; Alderman Skillicorne ; Councillors Bence, Gurney, Handley, King-Harman, Parsonage, Stroud, and T. Waghorne (Councillor Gurney in the chair)—

Mortgage of £6,666 13s. 4d. on Heyden Farm—With reference to the resolution to Minute No. 5 of this Committee's proceedings at its meeting of date the 31st ultimo, a letter was read from Messrs. Bubb & Co., stating that their commission and costs in connection with the offer of this loan at 3 ½ per cent. would amount to £92 15s., and the stamp on the mortgage in addition. They could not lend the money for longer than five years. Resolved, That the Committee recommend the Council not to accept the offer of Messrs. Bubb & Co., but that advertisements be inserted in some of the principal Financial Papers inviting offers to lend the sum required at 3 ¼ per cent. for a term of 10 years, a fee of £50 to be allowed to include commission, solicitors' charges, and stamp duty.

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3 — Montpellier Baths Loans—A Letter was read from the Local Government Board, enclosing sanctions to loans of £2,688 and £327 for the improvement and furnishing of the Montpellier Baths, the periods for repayment allowed being 28 years and 15 years respectively.

4 - Estimates for Rates—Resolved, That a meeting of this Committee be held on Thursday, the 7th proximo, at 8 p.m., to consider and settle the Estimates for the Rates.

5- -General District Rate—The Report of the Borough Accountant of date the 28th instant, on the collection of the 2nd instalment of this Rate, was read. Amount collected £20,610 8s. 11 ½ d., leaving outstanding £1,286 7s. 3d., the latter sum being accounted for as follows :—Voids, £842 2s. 0 ½ d. ; legally excused, £89 19s. 9d. ; otherwise not recoverable, £154 9s. 0d. ; arrears carried forward, £199 16s. 5 ½ d.

6--Accounts--The Financial Statement of the Receipts and Expenditure since the last Meeting and the Bills and Accounts to be paid were examined, and the latter, amounting to £11,519 17s. 0d., ordered to be paid by the Borough Treasurer. (See Schedule of Accounts below). T

he 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 March last	£119,811 3 7
Paid since that date	<u>£ 17,839 18 0</u>
	£137,651 2 5
Received since do.	<u>£ 7,968 16 8</u>
Overdrawn	£129,682 5 9
Being Ordinary Rates Expenditure	£12,283 18 3
Electric Lighting (Capital & Revenue), Water & other Capital Accounts	<u>£117,398 7 6</u>
	£129,682 5 9

W. GERALD GURNEY,

Chairman.

**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 8th day of June, 1903.**

**PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.**

**At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 11th day of May, 1903**—Present : The Mayor ; Aldermen Norm. and Skillicorne ; Councillors Bence, M. Davis, and Lawrence (Councillor Lawrence in the chair)—

1—Chairman—In the absence of the Chairman, Resolved, That Councillor Lawrence be appointed Chairman at this meeting.

2-Zymotic Disease—The Medical Officer of Health reported that there had been notified since the last meeting of the Committee, 2 cases of Scarlet Fever, 3 of Diphtheria, and 2 of Erysipelas ; that 2 cases of Scarlet Fever and 3 of Diphtheria had been sent into the Delancey Hospital, and that there were then in the Delancey Hospital sent in by the Corporation 6 cases of Scarlet Fever.

3--- Insanitary Property at No. 37, Union Street, No. 4, Grove Street, No. 1, Tivoli Cottages, and Nos. 11, 12, 13, 13, 18 & 19, Hereford Place—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--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.

5—Overcrowding at No. 5, Orchard Place—The Medical Officer of Health reported that the above house was 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 at the said house, Notices under Sec. 94 of the Public Health Act be served on the owner and occupier thereof requiring them to abate the same.

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— Cleansing and Limewashing at Nos. 4 and 0, Upper Bath Street, No. 9, Rutland Street, No. 2, Eaton Cottages, Nos. 9 and 19, Hereford Place, and Nos. 23 and 30, Stanhope Street—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 Notices be given to the owners under the said Section requiring the houses to be cleansed and limewashed.

8-Nuisances from Drains, &c., at No. 16, Pittville Villas, and Nos. 23, 27, and 29, Jersey 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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Voluntary Notification of Phthisis—The Medical Officer of Health reported that as the infectiousness of phthisis was now well established it was advisable that cases of phthisis or tuberculosis of the lungs occurring in Cheltenham should be voluntarily notified to him in order that all possible precautions might be taken to prevent the spread of the disease, the same fees to be paid to medical practitioners for such notifications as at present paid for the notification of other infectious diseases. Resolved, That the recommendation be approved and that notice of the desire of the Council for such voluntary notifications be given.

10 --Sewerage of the Borough—With reference to Minute No. 12 of this Committee's proceedings of date the 9th February last, on the subject of the sewers of the borough requiring amendment, the Medical Officer of Health again called attention to the matter and reported that during the late rains further complaints had been received as to the flooding of basements in Tivoli and to the very bad condition of the sewers in the St. Paul's District, the sewer in St. Paul's Street South requiring unstopping. He advised that the reconstruction and amendment of the sewers should be proceeded with the utmost expedition. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be requested to have the sewer in St. Paul's Street South at once unstopped and to investigate and report as to the condition of the servers in the St. Paul's district with a view to their reconstruction where necessary.

11- Petty Cash for Health Department—On the application of the Medical Officer of Health, Resolved, That a sum of £5 be allowed for petty cash, an account of the payments made to be presented to the Committee each month.

12-Extension of Sewer in Leckhampton Road and Croft Street—A Letter was read from the Local Government Board enclosing their sanction to a loan of £150 for an extension of the sewer in Leckhampton Road and Croft Street, the period for repayment allowed being thirty years. The Town Clerk reported that as the new extension was urgent Tenders for the execution of the work had been advertised for and would be laid before the Committee at its next meeting.

13--Flooding from Sewers at Salopian Villas, Tivoli Road —A Letter was read from Miss Harman Brown calling attention to the great injury her property sustained by reason of the insufficient size of the public sewer and asking whether something could not be done to prevent a recurrence of the

injury and annoyance to which she was from time to time subjected even before new sewers were laid down. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be requested to see Miss Harman Brown and inform her and other complainants on the same account what measures can be taken by them to prevent a recurrence of the cause of complaint at times of exceptional rainfall.

14 - Housing of the Working Classes Bill, 1903—A Letter was read from the Cheltenham and District Trades and Labour Council calling attention to the provisions of a Bill now before Parliament for the amendment of the Housing of the Working Classes Acts and for the establishment of fair rent courts, and asking that the Town Council should petition Parliament in favour of the measure. Resolved, That the Town Clerk be requested to obtain prints of the Bill for the members of the Committee and to ascertain the present position of the same.

15- Wall and Gardens at back of "Rainow" and "Portmore Lodge," St. George's Road—With reference to Minute No. 19 of this Committee's proceedings of date the 12th May, 1902, a letter was read from Mr. A. G. Pollock, the owner of " Rainow," St. George's Road, stating that the condition of the wall, &c., at the back of the house mentioned had become much worse owing as alleged to work done by the Corporation to the bed of the Chelt, and asking that something should be done as soon as possible to remedy the existing state of things. A Letter was read from Mr. F. Forty, of " Portmore Lodge," with regard to a similar condition of affairs at the back of his house to that at " Rainow." Resolved, That the Committee meet at the Depot for an inspection of the walls and gardens in respect of which complaint is made, on Monday next at 10.30 a.m.

16 --Demolition of Three Cottages adjoining No. 54, Sherborne Street—With reference to the Resolution to Minute No. 28 of this Committee's proceedings of date the 23rd March last, letters were read from the owner of the three cottages adjoining No. 54, Sherborne Street, which it is proposed to order to be demolished, and also from his solicitors, asking that the pro-posed demolition order should be held over until the owner had had an opportunity of effecting a sale of the property. The Resolution above mentioned having been further considered, Resolved, That the Council order the demolition of the cottages referred to, that such order be served on the owner, and that in the event of the latter not complying therewith within three months after service the Borough Surveyor do proceed to demolish the building.

17- New Buildings--The Borough Surveyor laid before the Committee the following notices and plans of intended new buildings received by him :—

No. of Plan.	Name.	Description.
10	G. Loveday	House in Granley Road, St. Mark's.
12	T. W. Smith	Two Houses in New Road, Fairfield Estate.
14	W. Powell	Two Houses at corner of Hewlett and Brighton Roads.
1637	G. Widdows	Additions to No. 4, Hermitage Terrace, Bath Road.
18	Miss Foaker	Additions to Belleville, Church Road, St. Mark's.
19	Rev. W. Butt	Additions to existing house, Sandfield Road.
20	B. W. Pearce & Co., Ltd. .. ..	Two Houses in Old Bath Road.
21	Mr. Spencer	Two Houses in Alstone Avenue.
22	W. Hall	Extension of Sewer near Shurdington Road.
23	J. D. Bendall	Six Houses in Leckhampton Road on Fairfield Estate.

Resolved, That Plans No. 19 and 20 be disapproved, and that the other Plans be approved so far as drainage and other sanitary matters are concerned.

18-Building Notice—The Borough Surveyor submitted for final approval by this Committee proposed new form of notice to be filled up by persons depositing plans for new buildings. Resolved, That the same be approved so far as particulars required for the information of this Committee are concerned.

E. LAWRENCE, Chairman.

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**At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 18th day of May, 1903**-Present : Aldermen Skillicorne ; Councillors Bence, Davis, King-Harman, and Lawrence (Councillor Lawrence in the chair)-

19- -Chairman-In the absence of the Chairman, Resolved, That Councillor Lawrence be appointed Chairman at this Meeting.

20-Zymotic Disease--The Medical Officer of Health reported that there had been notified since the last Meeting of the Committee 4 cases of Scarlet Fever, and 1 of Diphtheria ; that 4 cases of Scarlet Fever and one of Diphtheria had been sent into the Delancey Hospital, and that the number of cases of Scarlet Fever then in the Delancey Hospital sent in by the Corporation was 7.

21-- Insanitary Property, viz. Nos. 5, 6, 7, and 8, Hereford Place, and Nos. 14, 15, 16 and 17, Sun 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.

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 move-able ash receptacle of such size, pattern, and construction as may be approved by the Borough Surveyor on behalf of the Corporation.

23-Overcrowding at Nos. 26 & 28, Queen Street-The Medical Officer of Health reported that the above dwelling houses were so overcrowded as to be dangerous or injurious to the health of the inmates. Resolved, That the Committee being satisfied of the existence of a nuisance on the said premises, Notices under Section 94 of the Public Health Act be served on the owners and occupiers thereof requiring them to abate the same.

24- Cleansing and Limewashing at No. 76 & 85, Stanhope Street, No. 12, 26, 30 & 53, Sun Street, No. 6, Oxford Villas, Sun Street, Nos. 3, 5, 6 & 7, Casino Place.- The Medical Officer of Health having certified under Sec. 46 of the Public Health Act, that the above-named dwelling houses were in such



a filthy and unwholesome condition that the health of the inmates was affected or endangered thereby. Resolved, That Notice be given to the owners under the said Section requiring the houses to be cleansed and limewashed.

25-Nuisances from Drains, &c. at Nos. 18, 37, 56 & 57, Sun Street, and Hope Cottage, Stanhope Street-The Inspector of Nuisances having made written application under Sec. 41 of the Public Health Act, stating that the drains, etc., 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, it necessary, give the Notices and act as provided by the said Section.

26--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.

27-Insufficient W.C. Accommodation in Hereford Place, Hertford Court and Roebuck Cottages-The Inspector of Nuisances reported that at Nos. 14, 15, 17 and 17 ½, Hereford Place there were only two w.c's for the four houses, and he recommended that a w.c. for each house be provided ; that at No. 8, Hereford Place and Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, Hereford Court there was only one w.c. for five houses, and he recommended that at least two more should be provided ; also that at Nos. 1, 2, 6, 7 and 8, Roebuck Cottages there were only two w.c's for the five houses, and he recommended that in this case also at least two more should be provided. Resolved, That it appearing to the Council by the report of their Inspector that nine of the houses above-mentioned are without a sufficient water-closet, Notices under Sec. 36 of the Public Health Act, 1875, be served on the respective owners requiring them to provide the necessary and sufficient w.c. accommodation as recommended by the Inspector of Nuisances, within a time to be specified in such Notices.

28- Gardens, &c. back of "Rainow," and "Portmore Lodge," St. George's Road-With reference to the letters received from Mr. A. G. Pollock and Mr. F. Forty, the Committee inspected the gardens and walls mentioned in the letters. Resolved, That without admitting any liability on the part of the Corporation, the Borough Surveyor be directed to do forthwith what is necessary to prevent any further slipping for the present, and that Mr. Pollock and Mr. Forty be asked. if the Corporation will do what is required to ensure that the cause of complaint shall not recur in the future by building a wall or otherwise as may be advised, whether they are prepared to pay half the cost of such work.

29-Factory and Workshop Act, 1901-Underground Bakehouses--With reference to Minute No. 9 of this Committees proceedings of date the 14th ulto., letters were read from several of the occupiers of Underground Bakehouses in the Borough on the subject of the suggested requirements of the Council under the Act, in two cases intimating that the use of the Underground Bakehouses would be discontinued and new Bakehouses erected.

A Deputation of three tradesmen affected, which also represented four other occupiers of Underground Bakehouses, attended this meeting on the invitation of the Committee, and the Reports of the Medical Officer of Health were discussed, when it was agreed that the deputation again meet the Committee and acquaint a future meeting how far they will be prepared to carry out the Medical Officer of Health's suggested minimum requirements, and what modifications they

suggested in the same, with any information they have obtained as to the requirements made in other towns.

30-Resewerage of Borough-The Borough Surveyor reported that with reference to the instructions of the Committee to proceed with the inspection of the Sewers in St. Paul's District with a view to their modification and reconstruction where necessary, he understood that in connection with the Sewers of other Districts which had been dealt with in a similar manner, a special assistant had been engaged to devote the whole of his time to the work, and that the cost of the examination had been charged to the Loan Account. He recommended that a similar arrangement be made in this case, such assistant to be qualified to report on the condition of the Sewers, an expert leveller, and competent to prepare the Contract drawings,

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and to superintend the construction of new Sewers. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be requested to report upon the condition of the Sewers in St. Paul's and St. Peter's Districts (to be called Sewerage District No. 3), and that he be authorised to engage a special assistant for such work as recommended by him.

31- Housing of the Working Classes Bill, 1903—With reference to the letter from the Cheltenham and District Trades and Labour Council read at the last Meeting, copies of the Bill therein mentioned having been sent to the members of the Committee, Resolved, To inform the Trade and Labour Council that as the second reading of the Bill is down for the 21st inst., there is no meeting of the Council before then to authorise the presentation of a petition.

32--Extension of Sewer in Leckhampton Road and Croft Street---The Tenders for this extension sent in in response to the advertisement, were as follows : —

C. Young, King's Arms Inn, Bath Road .. £152 8 2

J. Riley, Roseville, Gloucester Road .. £163 15 4

M. Williams & Co., 28, Granville Street £159 8 6

Resolved, That the Tender of Mr. C. Young be accepted.

33--New Buildings—The Borough Surveyor laid before the Committee the following notices and plans received by him :—

No. of Plan.	Name.	Description.
24 F.	W. Strange	Four Houses in Battledown Approach.

Resolved, That the same be approved so far as drainage and other sanitary matters are concerned

E. LAWRENCE, Chairman.

#### FARMS AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL COMMITTEE.

**At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Friday, the 8th day of May, 1903**—Present : Aldermen Norman and Skillicorne ; Councillors Bence, M. Davis, and Lawrence (Councillor M. Davis in the chair)—

1---Report of Sewage Farms Manager—The Manager of the Sewage Farms reported that the stock on the Farms on the 9th ultimo was 10 horses and 1 cob and 11 cattle. Since the date mentioned 60 cattle had been purchased at a cost of £848 12s. 6d. and a two-year old cart colt for £26 10s.: and 12 bullocks had been sold for £229 1s. 3d. The number of livestock on the Farms on the 8th inst. was 11 horses and 1 cob, 159 head of cattle, and 3 calves. 3 tons 8 cwt. 2 qrs. of hay had been delivered to the Central Depot, and 5 tons 6 cwt. of mangolds had been sold to various persons at 13s. per ton on the ground.

He recommended that 50 more cattle and 60 sheep be purchased; and also 200 posts and rails for repairing the fences. Resolved, That the Manager's recommendations be approved and adopted.

2---Shooting over Sewage Farms—Letters were read conveying Mr. Bingham's and Mr. G. Mcllquham's acceptance of the shooting rights over the Barn and Heyden Farms respectively for one year from the 1st instant on the same terms as last year.

3-Inspection of Farms—The Chairman reported that at the meeting held on the 1st inst. there were present Alderman Skillicorne, Councillor King-Harman, and himself ; that they visited the Farms and found everything there fairly satisfactory. Resolved, To visit the Barn Farm on Wednesday next the 13th prox.

M. DAVIS, Chairman.

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

**At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 12th day of May, 1903**—Present : Aldermen Haddon and . ; Councillors Baker, Bendall, Handley, Hayward, and Packer (Councillor Baker in the chair)—

1— Association of Cleansing Superintendents—A Letter was read from the Hon. Secretary of the Association of Cleansing Superintendents, stating that the Annual Meeting of the Association would be held at Bristol on the 26th instant and three following days, and asking that the Council should appoint its Cleansing Superintendent and one or two Members to attend such meeting. Resolved, That the Committee cannot see its way to appoint delegates as suggested.

2- Estimate of Expenditure for 1903-4—The Finance Committee having requested that this Committee's estimate of expenditure for 1903-4 should be reconsidered, Resolved, That the Committee are not prepared to alter the estimate made.

3— Building Notice—The new form of Building Notice suggested by the Borough Surveyor having been approved by the Public Health Committee, Resolved, That this Committee approve the same.

4 —Building Inspector's Report—The Monthly Report of the Building Inspector was read. Buildings now in progress 35, completed since 14th ultimo, 13.

5—Flooding of Old Bath Road and Harp Hill—The Borough Surveyor reported that on the 6th inst. the Old Bath Road was flooded nearly its entire length from the recent heavy rains, and much damage was done to the roadway. A considerable portion of the flooding would not have taken

place if more gullies had been provided along the road, and he proposed to make the necessary additions to the gullies in the road.

The road at Harp Hill had also suffered some damage owing to the flood water coming down the hill, and here again more gullies were necessary.

Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to put in what additional gullies he considers necessary in the Old Bath Road, and that the attention of the Battledown Estate Trustees be called to the necessity for more gullies on the roads on the Estate.

6--New Buildings—The Borough Surveyor laid before the Committee the following notices and plans received by him, viz.:—

No. of Plan.	Name.	Description
3	H. J. Brown	Four houses in Leckhampton Lane (Church Road)
15	J. Dobell & Co	Iron shed in yard at High Street end of Gloucester Road
1637	G. Widdows	Additions to 4, Hermitage Terrace, Bath Road
1641	W. O. King	Implement shed in Roman Road
17	G. Lawrence	Additions to rear of No. 7, Pittville Lawn
18	Miss Foaker	Additions to Belleville, Church Road, St. Mark's
21	Mr. Spencer	Two houses in Alstone Avenue
23	J. D. Bendall	Six houses in Leckhampton Road, on Fairfield Estate

Resolved, That all the plans be approved as shown.

WILLIAM A. BAKER,

Chairman.

**At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 25th day of May, 1903**—Present Aldermen Haddon and Skillicorne ; Councillors Baker and Handley (Councillor Baker in the chair)—

7—View Meeting—The following Members attended the view meeting on Friday last, viz. : Councillors Baker, Bendall, and Handley.

8-Street Projections With reference to the Resolutions to Minute No. 10 of this Committee's proceedings of date the 27th ult., the Street Inspector reported that projections at Nos. 117, and 323a, High Street, and No. 19, Portland Street, and the advertisement hoarding in Gloucester Road had not been removed in accordance with the notice given, Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to take proceedings for the penalties incurred under the Byelaws.

A Letter was read from Messrs. Johnson, Bros., Ltd., stating that the sign erected by them at No. 117, High Street, put up without permission, had been taken down, and making application for permission to refix the same. Resolved, That permission be not granted.

A Letter was read from Messrs. Sanders, Morgan & Co., applying for permission to put up an outside arc lamp at No. 22, Clarence Street, the same lamp being at present outside their premises in Clarence Parade by permission of the Council. Resolved, That the application be acceded to subject to compliance with the usual conditions.

9-Meetings of Committee--Resolved, That the time of the view meetings of the Committee be altered to 3 p.m. instead of 2.30 p.m. and that the Committee meet at the Depot for inspection of the same every other month, commencing with their first meeting in July next.

10-Street Watering in Montpellier District---A Memorial was read from Messrs. Bick Bros., and forty-eight other tradesmen in the Montpellier district, drawing attention to the very great inconvenience they had suffered for years past in consequence of the streets in front of their premises not being watered until a late hour in the morning, the dust and dirt being not only disagreeable but very injurious to their goods, and asking that something should be done to remedy such state of things. Resolved, That the Memorialists be informed that the Borough Surveyor has given attention to the matter and it is hoped that there will be no reason for any complaint in the future.

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11-Pavement of Oriel Terrace and Tree near Oriel Lodge--A Letter was read from Dr. Boyd Cardew asking that the paving in front of Oriel Terrace should receive attention as its condition at present was dangerous, and that a tree in front of his house should be cut down. Resolved, That the Committee cannot see its way to order the tree to be cut down, and that the work required to be done to the footpath referred to will be carried out in due course.

12-Footpaths in Shurdington and Painswick Roads --A Letter was read from Councillor Handley calling attention to the bad state of repair of the footpaths in Shurdington and Painswick Roads. Resolved, That the Committee regret that no provision has been made in the estimates for improving these footpaths and it will be necessary to obtain sanction to a loan for these sorbs if they are to be carried out.

13-Road between Queensholme and Westbourne House, Pittville Circus Road—A Letter was read from Mr. A. B. Wall, of Oakbank, calling attention to the bad and dangerous state of this road and hoping that instructions would be given to make it at least passable. Resolved, That the Committee wish to point out to Mr. Wall that the road being a private road, the Council, if they take any action, will call upon the abutting owners to repair the same and in apportioning the expenses would have regard to the greater or less degree of benefit derived by the abutting owners and not merely to the respective frontages.

14— Footpath in Front of Brandon Terrace—The Committee having inspected this footpath in response to a request by Alderman Holliday, Resolved, That the Committee think no repairs are necessary to the same.

15—Footpath 19 St. George's Place between High Street and the Public Library—The Committee having inspected this footpath at the request of Alderman Holliday, Resolved, That no repairs thereto appear to be necessary.

16- - Roads in North Ward—Tire Committee having inspected the condition of a number of streets in the North Ward, Resolved, That the repairs necessary be undertaken in due course, the Committee being of opinion that the condition of the roads in the Ward does not call for their repair as a matter of urgency.

17—Report of the Borough Surveyor re Highways—The Borough Surveyor reported that the work done by the Highways Department from April 17th to May 21st, 1903, inclusive, had been as follows;—

Repaired with Clee Hill Stone—Gloucester Road, by Gas Works, 1500 sq. yards. Patched with Clee Hill Stone, 1 ½ in.—High Street, Royal Well Lane, Bath Street, Montpellier Street, Grosvenor Street, and Bath Road.

Repaired with Wickwar Stone—Arle Road, 5,922 sq. yards ; Sandfield Road, 3,400 sq. yards ; Hanover Parade, 444 sq. yards.

Patched with Wickwar Stone, 1 ½ in.—Arle Road, Hanover Parade, Alstone Lawn, Tewkesbury Road, Clevecland Street, Dagmar Road, Dunalley Road, Fiddler's Green, Hawarden Parade.

Kerbing, Crossing, Channelling and Paring—Upper Park Street, Bayshill Road, Prestbury Road, St. James's Square, Hanover Parade, Queen Street, Columbia Street, Clevecland Street, Grove Street, High Street, Oxford Street, Hanover Street, Royal Well Place, Portland Street, Albion Street, North Street, Devonshire Street, Naunton Lane, St. Paul's Road, Tivoli Road, Pittville Street, Swindon Road, Lower High Street, St. Anne's Terrace, High Street, Hewlett Street, Bath Road, Sun Street, Marle Hill Parade, Langdon Road, back of Montpellier Terrace, Monson Avenue, Tewkesbury Road, Western Road, All Saints' Road, Royal Well Lane, Parabola Road, Albert Place, and Henrietta Street.

Gully Repairs—Moorend Crescent, Hewlett Road, back of Park Place, Gas Lane, St. Stephen's Road, All Saints' Road, and St. Anne's Terrace.

Trees Cut Down—Leckhampton Road, 1; Naunton Park Terrace, 1. Surface Water Drain—Old Bath Road was being laid with 15-inch pipes. Ash Collection - 1,075 Loads collected; 578 Loads burnt.

Slab Factory—Four weeks ending May 21st, 1903: Slabs made, 365 (3ft. by 2ft.) and 1,203 (2ft. by 2ft.).

18—Clinker Slab Factory—The following report of the Borough Surveyor was read and considered :—The printed account of General Receipts and Expenditure for the financial year ended March 31st, 1903, presents the working of the Concrete Slab Factory so unfavourably, that I have thought it desirable to submit a short report on the subject. in order to remove any misapprehension which may have arisen.

The Account shows as follows :—

Receipts-	Expenditure-
Year ended March 31st, 1903.	Actual Payments Year ended March 31st, 1903,
£    s.    d.	£    s.    d.
Cement Slabs . 766 15 9	Expenses 1290 8 11
Deficit .. 769 7 10	Interest on Loan 105 0 0
	Sinking Fund .. <u>140 14 7</u>
£1536 3 6	£1536 3 6

The Committee will at once realise that these figures without further explanation are somewhat misleading. They appear to represent that the actual loss in working expenses has been £523 13s. 3d., apart from the annual payment of £245 14s. 7d. which has gone to pay the Interest and Sinking Fund in connection with the loan for the machinery, &c., or a total deficit of £769 7s. 10d.

In order to show the proper financial position of the undertaking, it is necessary to take into consideration,

1. The actual total expenses incurred for the year.
2. The value of slabs removed from the Factory during the year for use in the borough.
3. The difference in value of the stock of slabs, &c., at the Factory at the beginning and end of the year.

The above account does not represent either one of these items correctly. It is merely an account of actual Payments made, and cash received during the year, the same as in the case of all the other items in the Budget.

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Unfortunately, no account has been kept of the actual total liabilities or expenses incurred during the financial year. The sum of £1200 8s. 11d. shown above, represents the total amount of the cheques drawn between March 31st, 1902, and March 31st, 1903. Some of the materials purchased in March, 1903, would not therefore appear in the account, but on the other hand, a portion of the materials purchased in February, 1902, are represented. The figures approximate more to the expenditure for twelve months ending February, 1903, but for practical purposes they may be taken as representing the expenditure for the past financial year, as the discrepancy would not be much.

The amount of £766 15s. 8d. does not represent the value of the slabs removed from the Factory during the year. The full account has not been rendered to the Borough Accountant, owing apparently to some misconception as to whose duty it was to do so. Indeed, no account would have been rendered at all, except for a request by the Borough Accountant some months ago, when the amount of £766 15s. 8d., representing the value of the slabs removed between April 1st, 1902, and December 31st, 1902, was sent in.

On turning to the Bridget for the year ended March 31st, 1902, it will be noticed that no credit was given to the Slab Factory for slabs removed during that year, although the Factory supplied 771 sq. yards, which, at 3s. per yard, would amount to £115 13s. 0d. The following account shows approximately the cost of manufacturing the slabs irrespective of the repayment of principal and interest on the loan for the year ended March 31st, 1903.

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Value of slabs removed from Slab Factory during the year, and used for footpaths in the Borough, as per Depot day-book, 5979 sq. yards, at 3s	£896 17 0
Slabs in stock at Factory March 31st, 1903, as actually counted and measured, 4539 sq. yds.; Slabs in stock at factory March 31st, 1902, 1545 sq. yds. ; Slabs added to stock during the year, 2994 sq. yds. at 3s	<u>£ 449 2 0</u>
	£1345 19 0

Dr.

Expenses as shown in Budget and made up as follows :--

Labour..	£399 13 1
Materials ..	£660 9 8
Tools and Repairs ..	£208 18 9
Sundries ..	<u>£ 21 7 5</u>
	£1290 8 11
Surplus	<u>£ 55 10 1</u>
	£1345 19

The following account shows approximately the cost of manufacturing the slabs for the year ended March 31st, 1903, and includes the amounts paid in Interest and Sinking Fund on the loan of £3000 for the plant and machinery.

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Value of slabs removed from Factory as per Expenses as per above account	£896 17 0
Value of slabs added to stock during year, as per above account	£449 2 0
Deficit	<u>£190 4 6</u>
	£1536 3 6

Dr.

Expenses as per above account ..	£1290 8 11
Interest on loan of £3000 (to be paid off in seventeen years) ..	£105 0 0
Sinking Fund for ditto	<u>£140 14 7</u>
	£1536 3 6

It will be noticed in the above accounts that no difference in the value of stock at the beginning and end of the year, except in the case of slabs, has been considered. Except as regards the slabs, there is no record of stock at the beginning of the year. The omission does not, however, affect the account materially, as there is never a large stock of other materials. The only expensive material used in the manufacture of the slabs is cement, and the stock of this would never exceed £40.



I find that no proportion of the foreman's time has been charged to the Slab Factory. His position has been that of foreman over the Refuse Destructor as well as the Factory, and I propose in future to debit a proper proportion of his wages to the Slab Factory. I think it may be taken that the Slab Factory during the past year has just about paid working expenses, taking the slabs disposed of and placed in stock for the various departments at 3s per sq. yard. To cover the repayment of principal and interest on the loan it would be necessary to add another 6 ½ d. per sq. yard. In order to meet this during the present year, and to make up the previous deficit and also to provide working capital, it is proposed by the Chairman of the Committee to charge 4s per sq. yard for the slabs in future. The Slab Factory account will be dealt with in future as a trading account, the profit or loss only appearing in the yearly Budget of accounts. This will place the undertaking on a proper business footing.

A Letter was read from Messrs. Powell, Gwinnell & Co., Ltd., referring to the discussion at the Budget Meeting of the Council on the Slab Factory and stating that they should be glad to hear if the Corporation would sell the undertaking to them, special arrangements being made for the sale to the Corporation of the slabs the latter require each year. Resolved, That the suggestion be not entertained. Reddings Road—With reference to the Resolution to Minute No. 10 of this Committee's proceedings of date the 27th ult., a Letter was read from the Clerk to the Badgeworth Parish Council forwarding copy of a Resolution passed by his Council on consideration of the Resolution of this Committee above referred to. The Parish Council respectfully asked the Town Council to reconsider its decision and that the road should be put into an efficient state of repair at the expense of the Town Council. With the resolution were enclosed a number of letters from residents in the neighbourhood of the road in question approving the action of the Parish Council in endeavouring to get the road as far as within the borough taken over by the Corporation as a public highway.

Resolved, That the Committee are unable to see their way to alter or add to their previous Resolution, that if the road is to be repaired the cost must fall upon the abutting owners.

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20—Clerical Staff at Central Depot- The Borough Surveyor brought to the notice of the Committee the present unsatisfactory practice of the keeping of the wages and account books in his department at the Central Depot. It was necessary that he should give the closest supervision possible not only to the wages accounts but also to the general accounts, and with that view he proposed that the bulk of the work now done at the Central Depot should be transferred to the Municipal Offices, the only accounts to be kept at the Depot in future being in connection with the booking of goods in and out of the stores. Although the accommodation at the Offices was difficult to provide, yet he thought a little inconvenience would be better suffered than a continuance of the present practice. Resolved, That the recommendation of the Borough Surveyor be approved and carried into effect as soon as possible.

21---Road Scarifiers—The Borough Surveyor recommended the purchase of two road scarifiers to be attached to the steamrollers at a cost fixed complete of about £226. This amount would in his opinion be soon saved in the cost of the material used in making up the roads, as there were many roads in the Borough which if scarified could be repaired with probably half the material otherwise required for their repair. Resolved, That consideration of the report be adjourned, the Borough

Surveyor to arrange for the temporary use of a scarifier here during the next week or so, so that the Committee may see the same at work.

22-New Streets and Buildings—The Borough Surveyor laid before the Committee the following notices and plans of intended new buildings received by him :—

No. of Plan.	Name.	Description.
20	B. W. Pearce & Co., Ltd.	Two Houses in Old Bath Road.
24	F. W. Strange	Four Houses in Battledown Approach.
25	Miss Marshall	Amended Cellar Plans for House in Marle Hill Road.
26	H. W. Holliday	Proposed New Road adjoining Southam Villa.

Resolved, That Plans numbered 20 and 24 be approved, and that the Plans numbered 25 and 26 be disapproved.

WILLIAM A. BAKER,  
Chairman.

**At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Wednesday, the 3rd day of June, 1903**-Present Aldermen Haddon and Skillicorne ; Councillors Baker, Handley and Parsonage (Councillor Baker in the chair)-  
23 --Road Scarifier—The Committee met in Gloucester Road to view the working of a Road Scarifier. The Borough Surveyor reported that 1,275 square yards of road had been broken up with the scarifier in nine hours. The stone was being levelled and rolled to a smooth surface without the addition of any new stone or binding material, thus effecting a considerable saving. Resolved, That one scarifier be purchased for the present at a cost, including fixing, of about £115.

WILLIAM A. BAKER,  
Chairman.

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

**At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 18th day of May, 1903**-Present The Mayor ; Alderman Norman ; Councillors Baker, Bainbridge, Bence, Handley, Packer and Rickerby (Councillor Rickerby in the chair)-

1-Report of Entertainments Sub-Committee—The Entertainments Sub-Committee reported as follows:— That they have made the necessary arrangements for the Entertainments for the summer season with the exception of two weeks, for which arrangements will be made later ; That they propose to have a series of lectures in the autumn ; and That they recommend that the Delegates to the Oddfellows' A.M.C. should be granted free admission to the Corporation Entertainments during Whit Week, the cost (i.e., the proportion payable to Messrs. Baring Bros) to be charged to the Corporation. Resolved, That the recommendations of the Sub-Committee be approved and adopted.

2—Waterfowl at Pittville—Mr. W. L. Mellersh attended this meeting and discussed various points connected with the management of the waterfowl at Pittville, and the Committee gave the Borough Surveyor instructions thereon.

3 -Barometer and Thermometer Readings—Resolved, Not to entertain an offer from the " Daily Telegraph" to publish a daily paragraph as to the local Barometer and Thermometer readings and the state of the weather in Cheltenham for a fee of 10s 6d per week.

4 -Poster Advertising A Letter was read from Mr. E. J. Burrow stating that of the 1,000 posters advertising the town ordered by the Corporation he had sent 800 to the M.R., G.W.R., and M. & S.W.J.R. Companies, and the remainder were now at the disposal of the Committee. Resolved, That the same be kept for renewals from time to time as required.

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5--Employment—In reply to a Letter from Mrs. Davis, the widow of the late head gardener at Pittville, Resolved, To inform her the Committee regret they are not able to find her suitable employment.

6—Promenade Improvement No. 2—A Letter was read from Messrs. J. James & Son, stating that they had recently purchased No. 5, Promenade, and were desirous of building out under the conditions proposed in connection with the Promenade Improvement No. 2; that the owners of No. 6, Promenade, were prepared to do so also; and as the Post Office had recently purchased No. 9, Promenade, and were going in for extensive alterations, the present appeared to be a convenient opportunity for any desired improvement. The writers asked consent to bring the two premises forward.

Resolved, That this Committee are of opinion that the time is opportune for another endeavour to be made to effect the Improvement of the Promenade which has been so long under consideration, and that the 'I own Clerk be directed to report upon the present position of matters in connection with the signatures to the agreement at the next meeting.

7—Visit of Institute of Journalists—In response to the application received from Mr. H. E. Branch, Resolved, To grant the Institute of Journalists the free use of the Pittville Pump Room and Gardens on the day of their visit to Cheltenham in September next, free entry to the Corporation Concerts on the same day, and a sufficient number of copies of the new edition of the smaller Guide to the Town for the use of the visitors.

T. E. RICKERBY,

Chairman.

#### **LIGHTING COMMITTEE.**

**At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Wednesday, the 20th day of May, 1903—Present:**  
Alderman Norman ; Councillors Baker, Handley, 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, May 16th—Legal Standard, 200 volts., Test at Manchester Street Sub-Station, 207 Volts.

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

ILLUMINATING POWER.			PURITY.	
1903.			1903	Grains of Sulphur per 100 cubic ft.
May 2nd	15.97	candles		
			May 16th-17th	12.04
"16th	15.12	"		
Average..	15.55	"		

3---Gas Inspector's Report--The Gas Inspector reported that the hourly average consumption of gas per lamp during the previous month had been as follows :—Ordinary Lamps 4.3336 cubic feet ; Guildhall Lamps, with No. 4 Incandescent burners, 5.647 cubic feet ; Ordinary Lamps with No. 3 Incandescent burners, 4.081 cubic feet.

4--Lamp Book—This Book was produced and examined. Ordinary Lamps extinguished, 5 metered, 2 unmetered ; burning dimly, 1 metered ; Incandescents extinguished 9.

5—Lighting of Old Bath Road—A Letter was read from Councillor Handley, stating that he had received complaints with regard to the lighting of the Old Bath Road between Thirlestaine Road and Sandford Road. Resolved, To adjourn consideration of the same for the Council to view.

0—Electric Lighting Accounts—A Letter was read from the Hon. Secretary of the Cheltenham Ratepayers' Association, dated the 2nd instant, stating that as he had been unable to obtain a copy of the Electric Lighting Accounts to the 31st December last, he had been requested by the Association to bring the matter to the notice of the Board of Trade.

7—Insurance of Electric Light Works, &c.— With reference to minute No. 6 of this Committee's proceedings of date the 22nd ultimo, the Acting Town Clerk read correspondence he had had with the County Fire Office on the subject of the insurance of the Electric Light Works, from which it appeared that the insurance of the Works would not be subject to average, and a clause to that effect would be endorsed on the policy, and that if a fire occurred, from whatever cause, the Company would pay the amount of the damage up to £25,000. The Company had, how-ever, requested the filling up of a schedule of the buildings, plant, &c., to be insured, the amounts to be put opposite each item to be in proportion to the £25,000 for the whole of the Works, &c. To this request the Acting Town Clerk had replied that, having regard to the fact that the insurance to be effected was not for the full solar of the whole, and that the policy was not to be subject to as-wage, the amount to be allocated to the different items should be the full values, because so long as the damage did not exceed £25,000 the County Office would pay the same whatever part of the Works or machinery was affected. Resolved, That this reply be approved.

8-Report of the Borough Electrical Engineer—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that, except for a short interruption of supply to a few customers on the 5th inst., all work had progressed satisfactorily during the past month.

On the 16th inst. there were 694 customers, with the equivalent of about 42,300 eight-candlepower lamps, connected to the private supply mains.

He had repeated the offer previously made to the Cheltenham and District Light Railway Company, to lay the whole of the cables required for the forthcoming extensions at cost price, plus 2 ½ per cent.

In order to supply the Town Hall it would be necessary to lay a high pressure feeder to it from Manchester Street Sub-Station, and, as the feeder to Ormond Place and Imperial Square Sub-Stations was nearly fully loaded, he recommended provision also of both a high pressure feeder and a low pressure connecting main between the Town Hall Sub-Station and Imperial Square Sub-Station. The total cost of this work would be £380, and, when carried out, it would not merely diminish risks of interruption of supply, but would also enable the Works plant to be used to the best advantage at periods of heavy load.

The estimates for the equipment of the Town Hall Sub-Station were not yet complete, but as the Town Hall demand would be about 70 kilowatts, it would be necessary to install at least two 50-kilowatt transformers with the gear required for controlling them.

As the Town Hall and the Winter Garden would not, except, possibly, upon very rare occasions, of which notice can be given in advance, be used simultaneously, he recommended that the 50-kilowatt transformer at the Winter Garden be removed, and the General Purposes and Watch Committee asked to provide a low pressure main between the Town Hall Sub-Station and the Winter Garden.

The Secretary of the Ladies' College desired to know upon what terms a main for supplying light and power to their new buildings in St. George's Road would be provided. This would cost about £101, and he recommended that the condition of its being provided be a nett annual revenue of not less than 20 per cent. on £101 guaranteed by the College.

Mr. W. Thomas, of Ormond House, had made application for electric supply to two new houses in the Eldorado Road. The cost of this extension would be about £81, and as all new houses in this road were likely to take electric supply as built, he recommended that this extension be made.

Colonel Burlton Bennett has made application for electric supply to Ivanhoe, in Wellington Street. The cost of this extension, which would pass four other houses, would be about £30, and the Borough Electrical Engineer recommended that it be carried out.

The Annual Convention of the Municipal Electrical Association would be held on July 15th to 18th, at Sunderland.

He recommended that a copy of the report by the Westminster Testing Laboratories, Limited, on the testing of the forty lamps specified, at a cost of 2 ½ guineas, be subscribed for, as the information would be very valuable.

He found it absolutely impossible to proceed regularly with the dissection of the accounts in order to make a statement of the precise actual costs of the works included in the loan of £17,200, as required by the Local Government Board. He recommended that he should be empowered to engage a clerk to act under his general supervision in this matter with a view to the return required being made without further delay.

Resolved, That the recommendations and action of the Borough Electrical Engineer be approved and adopted, and that the Chairman and the Borough Electrical Engineer be appointed to attend the Annual Meeting of the Municipal Electrical Association at Sunderland next month.

GEO. NORMAN.

Chairman

#### **WATER COMMITTEE.**

**At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Thursday, the 2nd day of April, 1903**—Present Alderman Baker, Bendall, M. Davis, King-Harman, Packer, and H. Waghorne (Councillor H. Waghorne in the chair)

1--Salts Farm—The Committee visited Salts Farm and considered the letter from Mr. Joseph Hall asking if the Committee dispose of the homestead and surrounding land, having an acreage of about 9 ¼ acres. Resolved, To inform Mr. Hall that the Committee are not prepared to dispose of the house and land as desired.

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2--Dowdeswell Works---A visit was made to the Dowdeswell Filter Beds. Resolved, To instruct the Borough Engineer to have a paved footpath made along the edge of the Filter Beds, and also to pave a sufficient area for depositing the sand near the sand washers.

An inspection of the Reservoir was made. Resolved, To instruct the Borough Engineer to have the embankment which has been undermined by the water properly pitched with suitable material for a length of about 150 yards.

3-- Land at Sandford—The Committee inspected two trees on the land at Sandford which one of the tenants had asked to have cut clown. Resolved, That the trees be not removed.

H. WAGHORNE, Chairman.

**At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Thursday, the 21st day of May, 1903**—Present The Mayor ; Alderman Norman, Councillors Baker, Bendall, M. Davis, King-Harman, and H. Waghorne (Councillor H. Waghorne in the chair)—

4—Borough Engineer's Report—The Monthly Report of the Borough Engineer, as follows, was read:—

On the 20th instant the springs at Hewletts were yielding 299 gallons per minute, the average on the corresponding day for the last three years being 192 gallons per minute, and the quantity of water in store at Hewletts and Leckhampton Reservoirs 31,721,097 gallons.

On the 19th instant the depth of water in Dowdeswell Reservoir was 32 feet, and the contents 100,023,701 gallons, giving a total storage of 131,747,798 gallons, exclusive of the daily yield of the springs, which was about 1,338,316 gallons, or about 114 days' supply.

A length of 25 yards of 2-in. main had been laid in Hambrook Street, Charlton Kings, to supply eight new houses.

A length of 33 yards of 3-in. main had been laid to Alstone Grange Estate.

A length of 63 yards of 4-in. main had been laid to the Fairfield Estate.

The Meter in the Tewkesbury Road for the Electric Lighting Station had been removed and fixed near the Electric Lighting Works, and the reading could now be taken quite distinct from the meter in connection with the Slab Factory.

The old sand washing apparatus from Tewkesbury was being fixed at Dowdeswell.

He had further considered the route of the proposed new Pumping Main at the Tewkesbury end, and he submitted a plan showing an alternative route from the Tewkesbury Pumping Station to the Gloucester and Cheltenham Road.

One line of the main was shown to pass along the Mythe Road, High Street, and Church, Street, Tewkesbury, and thence into the Gloucester Road. The main along this route would involve cutting through the arches of the ancient King John's Bridge on the Mythe Road, and would have to cross along the outside of the bridge crossing the river Avon. Where it crosses the old Avon it would be necessary to adopt two small pipes of equal capacity to 12-inch, and these could be placed underneath the footpath over the bridge. For a considerable portion of the line the main along the Mythe Road would be somewhat shallower than was desirable.

The alternative route was shown to cross private lands and in practically a straight line from the Tewkesbury Works to the Gloucester and Cheltenham Road. This route was shorter than the one through Tewkesbury Town by about 430 yards.

The only engineering difficulty was the crossing of the Old Avon near where it joins the river Severn.

As regards the cost of the alternative routes, they would be about the same, as the saving in length in the shorter route would be expended in the cost of crossing the Old Avon. He was of opinion that the shorter was the preferable one. It was practically a straight line, and overcame the objection of crossing the ancient King John's Bridge on the Mythe Road, and also the breaking up of the long length of principal streets in the Borough of Tewkesbury. It might be desirable while the work was being carried out to place a double line of pipes under the river.

When the Committee had decided with respect to the route of the main at the Tewkesbury end the contract for the work could be put in hand. As previously reported, he proposed to fix a Venturi meter at the Tewkesbury Pumping Station, and he recommended that the order for this should be given at once, as this should be fixed before the main was commenced at the Tewkesbury end.

He also requested authority to purchase the necessary sluice valves, air valves, and the necessary fittings for the main. He did not think it desirable to advertise for these, as nearly every maker had different patterns, and qualities varied considerably.

He thought it desirable that the lead for the jointing of the pipes should be provided by the Corporation and not by the contractor, and that tenders should be advertised for at once.

With the object of effecting an improvement in the supply from Hewletts Reservoir, it was very desirable that a wash-out main should be laid from the main in Hewlett Street where it joined the main in High Street along College Road and into the Cinch, a distance of about 90 yards. This wash-out main could be connected with advantage to the 4-in. main near the Chelt in College Road, which was laid to supply the Fountain in the Promenade, so that the fountain could be supplied direct with Hewletts water when desirable. The bye-pass would also overcome the necessity of having to shut off practically the whole of the town in case of any repairs to the 15-in. valve at the junction of Hewlett Street and High

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He called the attention of the Committee to the very objectionable practice of feeding water into boilers under pressure from the public mains. as was done in the case of the boilers in connection with Alstone Baths and the boiler in connection with the Slab Factory. The supply should be taken through a tank, and the boilers fed in a proper way, either by injection or boiler pumps. If there were any other boilers in the water area similarly connected with the water mains he was of opinion that they should be altered.

He also reported that the roots of the trees near the " spring head " at Hewletts had grown down to the level of the catch water drain, which was constructed of loose stones, and had filled up the interstices, so that the water, instead of getting into the main pipe, had worked up through the ground, and was running to waste. He had had the roots cleared away, and instead of focusing the catch drain as originally found, he had had a 6-in. stoneware socketed pipe (unjointed) laid and surrounded with broken brick.

Resolved, That the Report of the Borough Engineer be approved and the recommendations therein contained adopted, that the alternative and shorter route for the new main through Tewkesbury be adopted, that notice be given to the owners of boilers supplied direct from the main requiring the provision of tanks, that the Waterworks Inspectors be supplied with straw hats for the summer as usual, and an allowance made to them of £1 per quarter for the use of their bicycles on Corporation business.

5—Salts Farm, Dowdeswell—With reference to the resolution to Minute No. 2 of this Committee's proceedings of date the 23rd ultimo, a letter was read from Mr. W. P. Edwards, the tenant of Salts Farm, asking that in view of the increased rent he might have the grass that is mown round the filter beds and the run of the small paddock as the present tenant had. He also called attention to the fact that the roof of the barn required repair. Resolved, That Mr. Edwards' request be acceded to, and that the Borough Engineer be directed to have the barn roof put right.

6—Letter Box at Hewletts Reservoir—A Letter was read from the Postmaster of Cheltenham, asking permission to put a letter box in the wall of Hewletts Reservoir. Resolved, That the application be acceded to, the work to be done under the supervision of the Borough Surveyor.

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

H. WAGHORNE, Chairman.



## GENERAL PURPOSES AND WATCH COMMITTEE.

**At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, 12th day of May 1903.** Present: The Mayor; Aldermen Norman and Skillicorne; Councillors M. Davis, Davies, Gurney, and Hayward (The Mayor in the chair)—

1-Wiring of Town Hall—A Letter was read from Mr. Hawtayne, the Electrical Engineer employed by the Corporation in connection with the wiring of the Town Hall, enclosing a statement of the cost of the alterations and additions made to the specification for the wiring of the Town Hall, amounting to £377 6s, regretting his inability to attend this meeting and offering to attend if the Committee desired at a future meeting to afford any explanation of the accounts required. Resolved, That consideration of the statement be adjourned to a meeting to be arranged when Mr. Hawtayne can attend.

2--Town Hall—Mr. Waller, the Architect, attended this meeting and requested the instructions of the Committee on the following points :—

1. Whether there should be any entrance door-way from the Front Hall to the Large Ballroom.
  2. As to the performers' rooms and the entrance and approach stairs thereto.
  3. He had obtained an estimate from Messrs. Haden, the contractors for the heating, for the provision of fire service pipes and hydrants, of £215. The builders work would be say £35.
  4. The supply of gas stoves and fires, washing-up troughs, dressers, tables and seats should now be arranged for, none of these being included in existing contracts.
  5. As to the provision or non-provision of gates at the entrance.
  6. Whether maple should, as provided in the contract, be used for the floors of the ballroom and drawing-room, or whether teak or oak should be substituted, at an extra cost of £300.
  7. As to the plans for orchestra and seating in the galleries. 8. Whether another octagon stair was needed, the one shown on the first sketch plans having been by the Committee's instructions removed to the back.
  9. The fountain until recently at Montpellier could be placed in the Octagon Hall if approved by the Committee.
  10. That the electric lighting fittings should be obtained
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11. Arrangements should be made now as to the decoration of the Hall.
  12. As the new lightning conductors were about to be tested, whether the old ones should be also at a cost of about £2 2s. 0d.

Mr. Wailer also reported that he thought the building would be sufficiently advanced for opening by the middle of October next.

Resolved, (1) That a door be not put in between the two existing doors from the entrance hall.

(2) That an estimate be prepared of the cost of the two schemes now submitted by the Architect as to performers' rooms, &c.

(3) That the estimate for the fire service be accepted and the work put in hand at once.

(4) That with regard to the gas fittings, the Architect be authorised to get the same supplied and fixed by a local tradesman, estimates being first obtained, and that tenders for the supply of the other fittings be invited by advertisement in the local papers.

(5) and (6) That the terms of the contract as regards the provision of entrance gates and the material for the floors be adhered to.

(7) That the Architect's suggestion as to the preparation of rough models of the proposed orchestra arrangements be pre-pared, the Committee to meet at the Town Hall and settle the point rotten the models are ready.

(8) That another octagon stair be not provided, the same being unnecessary.

(9) That it be left to Mr. Waller to decide the position for the fountain.

(10) That the selection of the electric light fittings be left to Alderman Norman and the Architect, the fittings to be obtained through a local firm if possible.

(11) That Mr. Waller be authorised to go into the matter of the decoration of the building with Mr. L. Day.

(12) That the old lightning conductors be tested as suggested.

3-- Town Clerk—The Mayor reported that Mr. Seacome proposed to commence his duties here on the 19th prox. Resolved, That the date mentioned be approved.

RICHARD ROGERS, Chairman.

**At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 19th day of May, 1903**— Present : The Mayor; Aldermen Haddon, Norman, and Skillicorne ; Councillors Baker, Davies, M. Davis, Gurney, Hayward, King-Harman, Rickerby and J. Waghorne (The Mayor in the chair) —

4—Diseases of Animals Act —Superintendent Hopkins reported that the Borough was free from disease amongst animals.

5—Hackney Carriage Drivers—Resolved, To accede to applications received from John Edwards, of 21, Corpus Street, Arthur Attwood, of 3, Knapp Cottages, New Street, George Francis Norris, of 1, Belmore Place, Bath Road, William Peart, of Arle, H. Privett, of 9, Fairview Street, and John Camm, of 47, Sherborne Street, for Hackney Carriage Drivers' Licences.

Pursuant to the Resolution of this Committee at their last Meeting, Henry George Cobb appeared to show cause why his Licence should not be revoked. Arthur John Mansell, who was also summoned to attend before this Committee did not appear The Street Inspector having reported as to further

convictions against Mr. Mansell since the last Meeting, Resolved, To revoke Mansell's Licence, and to caution Cobb that very serious notice will be taken of any similar convictions against him in the future.

6--Transfer of Hackney Carriage Licence—A letter was read from Mr. H. Dunn, applying for the transfer of Hackney Carriage Licence No. 37 to Mr. H. Weeks, of 6, Andover Retreat, Tivoli. Resolved, That the application be acceded to. A letter was read from Mr. F. Bishop, of Portland Mews, Pittville, applying for a Licence attaching to a Hansom Cab held by him to be transferred to a Victoria. Resolved, That the request be not acceded to.

7—Telephone Underground Wayleaves—The Acting Town Clerk laid before the Committee the Revised Draft Agreement which had been approved by the Solicitor to the National Telephone Company subject to some slight alterations made by the latter. Resolved, To approve the Draft Agreement as so altered.

8- Licence for Storage of Petrol—With reference to the application of Messrs. Sanders, Morgan & Co. for a Licence to store 80 gallons of Petrol at their premises in Clarence Street, instead of 60 gallons for which they were licensed at present, the Borough Surveyor having reported as to the suitability of the premises, Resolved, That the application be acceded to.

9-Use of Town Hall--A letter was read front Mrs. Swiney, Hon. Secretary of the Cheltenham Ladies' Auxiliary Lifeboat Saturday Fund, applying for the use of the Town Hall on a day in the first week in December next, and enquiring the terms for such use. Resolved, That the Committee are not in a position to consider the application at present.

10— Folly Lane Allotments—With reference to Minute No. 13 of this Committee's proceedings of date the 8th November last, the Memorial received from 35 holders of these Allotments asking for a reduction of the rent and for a supply of water was further considered, together with the Resolution of the Water Committee of date the 19th February last, that the cost of laying on a supply of water as also asked for by the Memorialists was prohibitive. Resolved, That the Committee regret they cannot see their way to reduce the rents now paid.

11- Byelaw as to Covered Vehicles--With reference to the Resolution to Minute No. 15 of this Committee's proceedings of date the 21st April last, a letter was read from the Home Oilier asking what special circumstances rendered the proposed Byelaw desirable in Cheltenham, and whether any accidents had happened attributable to the use of hoods on vehicles. Resolved, To instruct the Acting Town Clerk to reply in the affirmative, and as to the special circumstances rendering the Byelaw desirable.

12— Representatives of Town Council on Finance Committee of Gloucestershire Standing Joint Committee — Resolved, To appoint Councillor J. Wagborne, the Deputy Mayor, as a Representative of the Council to act with the Mayor upon the Finance Committee of the Gloucestershire Standing Joint Committee, when matters relating to the consolidated Police Force are under consideration.

13—Attendance of Borough Surveyor at Committee Meetings--The Borough Surveyor called the attention of the Committee to the amount of his time which was taken up in consequence of

attendance at Committee Meetings, and asked to be relieved from attending as many meetings as possible. Resolved, To reaffirm the Resolution of this Committee of date the 2nd July, 1901—"That the Borough Surveyor and Water Engineer be relieved of the necessity of attending Committee Meetings, except the second Meetings in each month of the Street & Highway and Public Health Committees respectively, and the Meetings of the Water Committee, unless specially requested by any' other Committee," and that Committees requesting the attendance of the Borough Surveyor be asked to take matters on which they wish to see him first.

14—Minutes—Resolved, To advertise for Tenders for the printing of the Minutes of the Council and Committees, such minutes to be sent to the Members of the Council before the Meeting at which the same will be considered in the same form as at present, and afterwards made up in book form, 4to pages, so that the same may be bound and indexed at the end of each year.

RICHARD ROGERS,

Chairman.

#### **MINERAL WATERS AND BATHS COMMITTEE.**

**At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Friday, the 15th day of May, 1903**—Present Councillors Bendall, Davies, Hayward, and Stewart (Councillor Davies in the chair)—

1-Alstone Baths—The Borough Surveyor reported that the Boiler at the Alstone Baths had been inspected, and the report was satisfactory.

Resolved, That season ticket holders be allowed the use of one towel a day when using the bath, but that a charge of 1d. be made for each towel per day used after the first.

The Borough Surveyor laid before the Committee applications received by him from various Clubs and Societies for special terms for use of the Baths, and the Committee gave necessary instructions thereon.

The Borough Surveyor reported that the painting of the iron and woodwork at the Baths had been completed. Resolved, That a sum of £10 on account be paid to the contractor.

2—Montpellier Baths--Resolved, To reduce the charge for supply of tea or coffee and biscuits at these Baths from 6d. to 3d, and that the Superintendents be paid so per cent. on the amount received for refreshments, and that the resolution to Minute No. 2 of this Committee's proceedings of date the 25th May, 1900, be varied accordingly.

3--Mineral Water Well at Pittville—The Borough Surveyor having called the attention of the Committee to the condition of one of the mineral water well shafts at Pittville, Resolved, That he be instructed to report fully thereon at the next meeting.

RICHARD DAVIES, Chairman.

#### **RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE.**

**At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 25th day of May, 1903**—Present Councillors Baker, Bendall, Bainbridge, Stewart, and Davies (Councillor King-Harman in the chair)—

1-Whaddon Lane Recreation Ground— The Committee met at the Whaddon Lane Recreation Ground and fixed the positions the swings to be put up.

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Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be requested to report as to whether the Corporation have any seats not at present in use which might be available for placing in this ground, and that a small pedestal drinking fountain be placed half way down the entrance walk.

2-Agg-Cardner Recreation Ground—A letter was read from Messrs. Holliday & Page, Ltd., in reply to one from the Acting Town Clerk, agreeing to increase the sum paid by them for the grazing at the Agg-Gardner Recreation Ground from £6 to £8 per annum, from the 24th proximo, in view of the addition recently made to the ground. Resolved, That the offer be accepted.

3—Naunton Park—A letter was read from the Hon. Secretary of the Naunton Park Football Club, asking that the Club might be allowed the use of a portion of the Naunton Park next football season on the same terms as last year. Resolved, That the request be acceded to.

M. J. KING-HARMAN,

Chairman.

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

**At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Friday, the 22nd day of May, 1903—**Present : Aldermen Haddon and Holliday ; Councillors Baker and Bendall (Alderman Haddon in the chair)—

1—Inspection of Cemetery—The Committee met at the Cemetery and made an inspection of the same.

2—Superintendent's Report—The Superintendent of the Cemetery reported that he required three new scythes, one pair of garden shears, one dutch hoe, one garden rake, and two spades, for use at the Cemetery. He also requested the usual supply of bedding out plants. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be directed to obtain and supply the various articles required by the Superintendent and to supply the latter with geraniums for bedding out at a cost of £4.

3--Grave of the late Mr. A. C. White—With reference to Minute No. 3 of this Committee's proceedings of date the 20th February last, the Committee having inspected the grave therein mentioned, Resolved, To inform Messrs. Ticehursts, McIlquham, and Wyatt that the Burial Board will undertake to keep in order the grave of the late Mr. A. C. White in perpetuity on payment of the sum of £25, this arrangement having no reference to the headstone and kerbing.

4-Designs—Resolved, That the following designs be approved, viz :—Headstones to George Turk, William and Ellen Field, and John Hill ; Memorial Crosses to Elizabeth Jane Shenton and Alexander Hugh Hore.

JOHN HADDON,

Chairman.

## **PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE.**

**At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 19th day of May, 1903**—Present : Alderman Holliday ; Councillors Bainbridge, Hayward and King-Harman; the Baron de Ferrieres ; the Revs. J. Evans and A. Beynon Phillips; Messrs. A. Beckingsale, J. G. Carr, W. Cresswell, and G. H. Palmer (Councillor Hayward in the chair)—

Public, Librarian's Report--The Monthly Report of the Librarian was read. Receipts £6 4s. 0d.  
Presentation to the Library:— Rev. R. Scott Mylne, 1 vol.

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2-- Sub-Committee's Report—The Sub-Committee reported that they met on the 19th inst., when there were present:—Councillors Hayward (Chairman) and King-Harman and the Rev. J. Evans. They recommended that the list of books submitted by the Librarian, together with those in the Proposition Book, be purchased at a cost of about £5. Resolved, That the recommendation be approved.

3—Finances of the Library—The statement as to the financial position of the Library, submitted at the last meeting, was further considered. Resolved, That the attention of the Art Gallery Sub-Committee be called to the financial needs of the Library with a view to the institution being placed upon a proper and satisfactory basis for the future.

4—Presentation—Mr. Carr having offered for the acceptance of the Committee a framed photograph of the delegates to the Swansea Annual Meeting of the Amalgamated Society of Railway Servants, Resolved, That the photograph be accepted with the Committee's thanks to Mr. Carr for the same.

C. HAYWARD, Chairman.

## **FINANCE COMMITTEE.**

**At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 26th day of May, 1903**—Present : The Mayor; Councillors Bence, Gurney, Handley, King-Harman, Stroud, and J. Waghorne (Councillor Gurney in the chair)—

1—Overdraft at Bank—With reference to Minute No. 1 of this Committee's proceedings of date the 31st March last, a Letter was read from the Local Manager of Lloyds Bank stating that the application of the Council for an extended overdraft limit of £160,000 had been sanctioned by his Head Office for a period of six months at a fixed rate of 4 per cent. and on the express understanding that evidence was produced of the sanction of the Local Government Board to the amount advanced and subject to the undertaking as to a charge on the rates already agreed to being given. Resolved, To adjourn further consideration of the letter to a special meeting, the question of the further issue of stock to be then considered.

2—Printing of Monthly Statement of Accounts--The period of six months mentioned in this Committee's proceedings of date the 28th October last, Minute No. 4, having expired, the question of the continuance of the printing of a statement of the accounts passed for payment with the minutes was considered. Resolved, That the practice of printing the statement be continued.

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 £7,575 1s. 4d., 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 on the 28th April last	£129,682 5 9
Paid since that date	<u>£ 9,691 6 10</u>
	£139,373 12 7
Received since do.	<u>£ 1,995 4 10</u>
	Overdrawn £137,378 7 9
Being Ordinary Rates Expenditure	£17,050 0 6
Electric Lighting (Capital & Revenue), Water & other Capital Accounts	<u>£120,327 7 3</u>
	£137,378 7 9

W. GERALD GURNEY, Chairman.

### **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 July, 1903.**

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

**At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Wednesday, the 10th day of June, 1903—Present** Councillors Bence, 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, 22 cases of Scarlet Fever, 3 of Erysipelas, and 5 of Diphtheria ; that 18 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 19 of Scarlet Fever and 2 of Diphtheria.

2—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.

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-Cleansing and Disinfecting at No. 33, Victoria Street, St. Paul's—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.

5-Cleansing and Limewashing at No. 14, Casino Place, and Nos. 28 & 72, Queen Street—The Medical Officer of Health having certified under Sec. 46 of the Public Health Act, that the above-named dwelling houses were in such a filthy and unwholesome condition that the health of the inmates was affected or endangered thereby, Resolved, That Notice be given to the owners under the said Section requiring the houses to be cleansed and limewashed.

6-Nuisances from Drains, &c. at Nos. 430, 431 & 338, High Street—The Inspector of Nuisances having made written application under Sec. 41 of the Public Health Act, stating that the drains, etc., 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, it necessary, give the Notices and act as provided by the said Section.

7-- Dairies, Cowsheds and Milkshops Order--An application was received from Mr. Thomas Cox, of Nos. 2 & 3, Maryville Cottages, St. George's Road, to be registered as a purveyor of milk. The Medical Officer of Health having reported that the premises as used were unsuitable, Resolved, That the application be not acceded to.

8-Flooding of Basements in Moorend Road and Crave, and Andover Terrace—Letters were read from several occupiers of houses in Moorend Road and Grove, and the owner of a house in Andover Terrace, complaining of the flooding of the basements of their houses with sewage on the occasion of recent heavy rains, and asking that some remedy should be applied to avoid any repetition of the nuisance complained of. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be requested to communicate with the complainants in accordance with the Resolution (No. 53) of this Committee passed on the 11th ultimo with reference to the flooding of basements at Tivoli.

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9—Disposal of House Refuse--The Medical Officer of Health reported that he had received complaints as to the nuisance caused by the deposit of some house refuse and street sweepings in gardens at Leckhampton within the borough. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to discontinue the practice of depositing house refuse anywhere within the borough, the Committee being of opinion that all such refuse should be consumed at the Destructor.

10—Smoke Nuisance at the Original Brewery--The Inspector of Nuisances reported that on the 15th instant dense black smoke in such quantities as to be a nuisance was emitted from the chimney-stack of the Original Brewery. Resolved, That the Committee being satisfied of the existence of a nuisance on the said premises, Notice under Section 94 of the Public Health Act, 1875, be served upon the owners and occupiers thereof requiring an abatement of the same.

11—Demolition of Houses in Elmstone Street and New Street—The Medical Officer of Health reported that the houses in Elmstone Street and New Street, closed under an order of the Justices in December last, had not in his opinion been made fit for 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 houses. The Council being of the sane opinion, Resolved, That it is expedient to order the demolition of the buildings, and that notice of this resolution be served on the owner thereof informing her that it will be further considered at a meeting of this Committee to be held on the 10th August next at 3 p.m., when she is at liberty to attend and state her objections to the demolition.

12—Factory and Workshop Act, 1901—Underground Bakehouse—The Medical Officer of Health reported that Mr. F. J. Wilkins, of No. 63, Winchcomb Street, had undertaken to carry out certain works to improve his underground bakehouse, and that he advised that if such works are carried out to the satisfaction of his department a certificate of fitness be given. Resolved, That the recommendation of the Medical Officer of Health be approved, and that Mr. Wilkins be informed accordingly.

13— Nuisance from Blocked Drain, &c., at No. 5, Painswick Parade—The Medical Officer of Health reported that a nuisance existed at No. 5, Painswick Parade owing to a block in the drain and insufficient water supply. Resolved, That the Committee being satisfied of the existence of a nuisance on the said premises, Notice under Section 94 of the Public Health Act, 1875, be served upon the owner requiring him to abate such nuisance.

14—Arle Sewer—A memorial was read from Captain Welch, R.N., and other inhabitants of Arle calling attention to the condition of the sewer passing through Arle. The Borough Surveyor having reported upon the matter, Resolved, To inform the memorialists that the Borough Surveyor has been instructed to temporarily repair the sewer, and that the Committee hope before long to entirely remove or reconstruct the same.

15--Wall, &c., at back of "Rainow" and Portmore Lodge, St. George's Road—With reference to the Resolution to Minute No. 28 of this Committee's proceedings dated the 18th ultimo, letters were read from Mr. Pollock and Mr. Forty acknowledging receipt of the resolution, the former asking for an estimate of the probable cost of the proposed wall, which estimate the Borough Surveyor had since furnished to him. The Borough Surveyor reported that Mr. Forty would prefer piles and fencing instead of a wall, and he thought that would be sufficient in his case. The cost of this would be about £35. Resolved, To adjourn further consideration of the matter pending the receipt of further definite replies from the owners concerned to the offers made to them.

16— Extension of Sewer in Leckhampton Road and Croft Street--In reply to a letter from Mr. F. Jenkins, the owner of the Fairfield Estate, Resolved, To inform him that the contract for this extension has now been entered into and the work will be commenced forthwith.

17—Slaughterhouse at Abattoir—Resolved, To instruct the Town Clerk to give notice to Messrs, Waghorne Bros., Limited, to terminate their tenancy of the slaughterhouse at the Abattoir occupied by them on the 31st December next.

18.—New Buildings—The Borough Surveyor submitted the following notices and plans of intended new buildings, viz.:—

No. of Plant.	Name.	Description.
20	B. W. Pearce and Co., Ltd.	Two houses in Old Bath Road.
27	H. W. Timpson	Two houses in Hale's Road.
28	W. Sutton	Additions to No. 27, York Street.

Resolved, That Plans No. 20 and 27 be approved, and that Plan No. 28 be disapproved so far as drainage and other sanitary matters are concerned.

E. H. PARSONAGE,

Chairman.

**At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday 22nd day of June, 1903**—Present : The Mayor Alderman Skillicorne ; Councillors Bence, M. Davis. Handley, 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 8 cases of Scarlet Fever, 1 of Erysipelas, and 6 of Diphtheria ; that 5 cases of Scarlet Fever had been sent into the Delancey Hospital, and that the number of cases then in the Delancey Hospital sent in by the Corporation was 14 of Scarlet Fever.

20-Insanitary Property at Nos. 2, 4, 7, 9, 10, 1.2, 13, 14 3.16, Queen Street, No. 73, Winchcomb Street, No. 1, Queen's Buildings, Queens Road, and No. 12, Commercial Street—The Medical Officer of Health reported that the above mentioned premises

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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.

21—Cleansing and Limewashing at No. 5, Orchard Place, and Nos. 2, 3, 10, 13, 16, 19 & 31, Queen Street—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 Notices be given to the owners under the said Section requiring the houses to be cleansed and limewashed.

22—Nuisances from Drains, &c., at The Mitre Inn, Sandford Street, Nos. 1 & 2, Rose Villas, Swindon Street, and Nos. 1 & 3, Larput Place—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—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 move-able ash receptacle of such size, pattern, and construction as may be approved by the Borough Surveyor on behalf of the Corporation.

24—Cleansing and Disinfecting at No. 15, Jersey Place—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.

25— Dairies, Cowsheds and Milkshops Order—An application was received from Mr. P. J. Wilkins, of No. 290, High Street, to be registered as a purveyor of milk. The Medical Officer of Health having reported as to the suitability of the premises, Resolved, That the application be acceded to subject to the applicant undertaking in writing to cease keeping fowls in the yard at the back of the premises.

26—Notices not complied with—The Medical Officer of Health handed in a list of Notices which had been served for the carrying out of sanitary requirements, but which had not been complied with. Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed, if necessary, to take proceedings to compel compliance.

27--Seizure and Destruction of Carcase and Offal of Sheep--The Medical Officer of Health reported that the carcase and offal of a sheep had been discovered and taken in a private slaughterhouse, and that it had been condemned by a magistrate and destroyed. The intention of the butcher to sell the meat for human food was not sufficiently clear to warrant a prosecution.

28- -Factory and Workshop Act, 1901—Underground Bakehouses—A deputation from the bakers affected by the provisions of the above Act on the subject of underground bakehouses attended this meeting, and the recommendations of the Medical Officer of Health as to minimum requirements were again discussed. Resolved, That those bakers who have not already communicated with the Medical Officer of Health as to the works required to be done by them in order to secure a certificate, or who have not signified their intention of discontinuing the use of an underground bakehouse, be invited to confer with the Medical Officer of Health.

29—Housing of the Working Classes—A letter was read from the Local Government Board enquiring what action had been taken under the representation made by the Medical Officer of Health with regard to certain unhealthy areas in the borough. The Town Clerk having reported that he had obtained from the Medical Officer of Health the information necessary to reply to the letter, Resolved, That he be instructed to reply accordingly.

30—Garden, &c., at back of Portmore Lodge, St. George's Road—A letter was read from Mr. F. Forty enclosing an estimate by Messrs. Heath and Son for making good the damage to his garden, amounting to £18 19s. 6d., and stating that if the Corporation would put in piles he was quite willing to consider any reasonable offer as regards the cost of putting right the garden. Resolved, That Mr. Forty be informed that the Council, without admitting any legal liability, will under-take to put in the piles and erect the necessary fencing at an estimated cost of £35, and to fell the overhanging tree at the end of his garden, if he will accept these works in full settlement of any claim he has or may have

against the Council in the matter of the alleged interference with the Chelt or in connection therewith.

31— Extension of Sewer in Sandfield Road—On the report of the Borough Surveyor, Resolved, To extend the sewer in the Sandfield Road for a distance of so yards, as an estimated cost of £35, to receive the drainage of houses to be erected there.

32--Re-sewerage of Borough—A letter was read from Colonel Ring-Harman emphasising the great importance of proceeding with the examination of the sewers of the Borough, and re-severing where necessary, without further delay. The Borough Surveyor having reported that, as authorised, he had now engaged a special assistant for the work, and that he had discovered the plans relating to the Tivoli District, although he had not yet had time to carefully examine these, Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to report upon the condition of the sewers in the Tivoli District after he has completed his investigation of the St. Paul's and St. Peter's District, with a view to any necessary works being carried out as soon as possible.

33-New Buildings—Tine Boroughs Surveyor laid before the Committee the following notices and plans of intended new buildings, viz. —

No. of Plan.	Name.	Description.
19	Rev. W. Butt	Additions to house in Sandfield Road.
28	W. Sutton	Additions to No. 23, York Street.
29	Ladies' College Council	Additions to Ladies' College, St. George's Road.
30	R. J. Webb	Pair of semi-detached houses, Sydenham Villas Road.
31	M. H. Adcock	Two pairs of semi-detached houses in Sandfield Road.

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Resolved, That Plan No. 28 be disapproved. and that all the other Plans be approved so far as drainage and other sanitary matters are concerned, subject in the case of Plan No 31 to the ventilating shaft being fixed as suggested by the Borough Surveyor and marked on the plan.

E. H. PARSONAGE,

Chairman.

#### **FARMS AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL COMMITTEE.**

**At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Friday, the 5th day of June, 1903**—Present : The Mayor ; Alderman Norman ; Councillors Bence, M. Davis, King-Harman and Parsonage (Councillor M. Davis in the chair)—

1—Report of Sewage Farms Manager—The Manager of the Sewage Farms reported that the stock on the farms on the 8th ult. was follows :--11 horses and 1 cob, and 159 head of cattle and 3 calves. That from May the 9th to the 30th 49 cattle had been purchased at an average cost per head of £12 2s. 1d., and on May the 30th 40 sheep had been bought for Total purchases £664 2s. 6d. That 12 cattle had been sold for £202 19s. 6d.

The stock on the farms on the 5th inst. was 11 horses and 1 cob, 196 head of cattle, 4 calves, and 40 sheep, the whole doing well. He should commence hay cutting at the end of next week weather permitting. 200 posts and rails had been purchased at a cost of £10 14s. 2d., and he recommended that 50 more posts be purchased to complete necessary fence repairs.

He also recommended that so more cattle be purchased as there was plenty of grass keep.

Resolved, That the Manager's recommendations be approved and adopted, and that he be authorised accordingly.

2--Barn Farm—The Chairman reported that at the meeting of the Committee held on the 13th ult. there were present Councillors Bainbridge, King-Harman and himself. That a visit was paid to the Barn Farm, and the Borough Surveyor would at the next monthly meeting of the Committee be prepared to report as to a suggested improvement in the treatment of the sewage on and the drainage of part of the farm.

3--Supply of Sewage to Whitehall Farm—A Letter was read from Messrs. W. and H. Buckle, of Whitehall, Haydon, agreeing to give £12 per annum from the out April last for a supply of sewage to their farm. Resolved, That the offer be accepted, the supply of sewage to be entirely under the control of the Sewage Farms Manager.

M. DAVIS,

Chairman.

**At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Friday, the 12th day of June, 1903**—Present: Councillors Bence, M. Davis, King-Harman, and Parsonage (Councillor M. Davis in the chair)—

Alderman Haddon and Councillor Handley also accompanied the Committee to the Haydon Knoll Farm to inspect some horses there belonging to the Street and Highway Department.

4-Inspection of Farms--"the Committee visited the Farms and inspected the cattle (221 and 5 calves) and sheep (55), and also the growing crops, and found the condition of the same very satisfactory. The effluent was also inspected and found to be good.

M. DAVIS,

Chairman.

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

**At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 9th day of June, 1903**—Present Alderman Haddon ; Councillors Baker, Bendall, Handley and Parsonage (Councillor Baker in the chair)—

1—Surface Water Drainage in Hewlett Road—A Letter was read from Councillor Stewart, forwarding a complaint by Mr. C. B. Harcourt, of Eddystone, Hewlett Road, as to the overflow of a culvert near his house during the recent heavy rains. The Borough Surveyor stated that he had received a similar complaint from Mr. W. H. Parker, of Tresco, Hewlett Road, and he reported as to the existing

arrangements for surface water drainage in the road. Resolved, That further consideration of the matter be adjourned for the Borough Surveyor to report as to what can be done to remove any cause for complaint in the future.

2—Report a Building Inspector—The Monthly Report of the Building Inspector was read. Number of buildings completed since the 12th ult., 2; in progress 4,

3—Horses—Resolved, That Alderman Haddon, Councillors Parsonage and Handley, be requested to inspect the horses belonging to the Highways Department at present at the Farms and report to this Committee as to whether they are fit to be worked again.

4—Ash Destructor Boiler—The Borough Surveyor reported that the boiler at the Refuse Destructor had been externally examined by the Insurance Co. and he proposed arranging for its thorough examination.

5—Steam Road Roller—On the recommendation of the Borough Surveyor, Resolved, That he be instructed to order new front wheels, fitted with renewable tyres. for the 15-ton steam roller, at a cost of £50,

6—Wood Paving in High Street—Resolved, To authorise the Borough Surveyor to obtain by advertisement prices and samples for the kerbing required in connection with the proposed wood paving in High Street.

7— New Buildings—The Borough Surveyor laid before the Committee the following notices and plans of intended new buildings,

No. of Plan.	Name.	Description.
37	H, W. Timpson	Two houses in Hale's Road
25	Miss Marshall	Amended cellar plans for house in Marle Hill Road
29	Ladies' College	Council Additions to Ladies' College, St. George's Road.

Resolved, That all the Plans be approved so far as this Committee is concerned.

WILLIAM A. BAKER,

Chairman.

**At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 29th day of June, 1903** — Present Aldermen Skillicorne ; Councillors Baker, Bendall, Handley and Parsonage (Councillor Baker in the chair)—

8—Report of the Borough Surveyor re Highways—The Borough Surveyor reported that the work done by the Highways Department from May 22nd to June 25th, 1903, inclusive, had been as follows:—

Repaired with Clee Hill Stone—Evesham Road, 5,333 square yards.

Patched with Clee Hill Stone, 1 ½ in.—High Street, Albion Place, Gloucester Road, St. James's Square, Tewkesbury Road, Queen's Road, Hale's Road, Hanover Street, Rose and Crown Passage, Winchcomb Street, Promenade, and Manchester Street.

Repaired with Wickwar Stone—Fiddler's Green 5,598 square yards, Berkeley Street 5,494 square yards, and Moorend Road 2,111 square yards.

Patched with Wickwar Stone, 1 ½ in.—York Passage, Sydenham Villas Road, Marle Hill Road, and The Park.

Repaired with Tar Macadam—Clarence Street, County Court Road, and Crescent Place.

Crossings backed up with Tar Macadam—Albion Street, Bath Road, Crescent Terrace, College Road, St. George's Place, Montpellier Terrace, Queen's Circus, Promenade, and Montpellier Drive.

Kerbing, Channelling and Paving----Monson Avenue, Douro Road, Swindon Road, High Street, Winchcomb Street, Tewkesbury Road, Market Street, Church Street, Montpellier Street, Montpellier Terrace, Millbrook Street, Lansdown Parade, College Road, Bath Road, Roman Road, Rowanfield Road, Pittville Circus Road, Evesham Road, Rose and Crown Passage, Sandford Street, Albert Road, and Christ Church Road.

Gulley Repairs—Albert Place, Sherborne Street, Clarence Street, St. George's Place, and Hewlett Street.

Trees Pruned—Evesham Road, Clarence Road, Prestbury Road, Leamington Place, Pittville Circus, All Saints' Road, Cemetery Road, Leckhampton Road, Hewlett Road, Albion Street, Battledown Approach, Hale's Road, Cranham Road, Sydenham Road, Upper High Street, Keynsham Road, College Road, Christ Church Road, and Hayward's Road (hedge pruning).

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Private Improvement Works—Gloucester Road (West side), proceeding.

The widening of the road in Old Bath Road by Railway Bridge is proceeding.

Number of square yards of slabs made, 1,668.

Ashes Collection— 1,219 loads collected, 1,067 loads burnt, 152 loads tipped away.

He submitted a letter from Messrs. Knight and Chatters offering, on behalf of Messrs. Locke and Sons, to give up a strip of land at the back of No. 9, Royal Crescent, in St. George's Place, if the Council would make up the road and footpath, and provided that land is also given up. in accordance with the plan prepared by them, by the adjoining owners.

Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to communicate with the adjoining owners with a view to ascertain if they would give up the necessary land to carry out the proposed improvement.

9—Clinker Slab Factory—With reference to the Resolution to Minute No. 17 of this Committee's proceedings dated the 25th ulto., a letter was read from Messrs. Powell, Gwinnell and Co., Ltd., stating that they intended to start a slab factory if the Council would not entertain their offer to purchase their Slab Factory, which they were prepared to buy or lease, and would undertake to supply the Corporation with slabs at a price from 2s 4d to 2s 6d per yard, and to take the greater portion, if not all, of the clinker made at the Destructor.

10—Ewlyn Road Private Improvement Works—With reference to a letter from Mr. S. B. Dix pressing for a settlement of this matter, Resolved, To refer the matter to the Town Clerk for consideration and report.

11—Private improvement Works in Eldorado Road (Roadway), Commercial Street (Footpaths), and Union Street (Footpaths), Bath Road—The Borough Surveyor reported that the costs of carrying out these works amounted respectively to the sums of £187 18s. 1d., £140 16s. 4d., and £39 9s. 1d., which sums he had apportioned amongst the several abutting owners according to their respective frontages. Resolved, That the apportionments be approved, and that notice thereof and of demand for repayment be served upon the owners.

12—Street Projection—Resolved, To accede to an application received from Mr. R. Organ for permission to put up an electric lamp outside No. 109, High Street, subject to compliance with the usual conditions.

13—Flooding of Houses. &c., by Surface Water—Letters were read from Miss Best, the occupier of "Minden," Charlton Lane, Mr. White, the owner of the house, and Mr. H. C. Short, the owner of a piece of land in Charlton Lane, complaining of the flooding of their property by surface water from Old Bath Road, Miss Best and Mr. Short claiming compensation for damage so caused. Resolved, That the Council do not admit any liability in the matter.

14—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
19	Rev. W. Butt	Additions to house in Sandfield Road.
30	R. J. Webb	Pair of semi-detached houses, Sydenham Villas Road.
31	M. H. Adcock	Two pairs of semi-detached houses in Sandfield Road.
32	F. W. Smith	Additions to 11, Sherborne Place.
33	Mr. Mann	Two villas in Hale's Road.
34	Rev. A. Armitage	Pair of cottages in Rosehill Street.
4	W. Perkins	House and shop, corner of Sandfield and Gloucester Roads.
36	E. Kilminster	Proposed Bakehouse at No. 7, Courtenay Street.
37	F. Jenkins	Pair of villas, Fairfield Park Road.

Resolved, That Plans Nos. 30, 32, 34 and 36 be disapproved, and that the remainder of the Plans be approved so far as matters within the purview of this Committee are concerned.

15—Proposed Hayward's Lights in County Court Road—The Borough Surveyor laid before the Committee a plan received from Cavendish House Co., Ltd., for the substitution of Hayward's Lights for the existing iron gratings in the pavement at the back of their premises. Resolved, That the plan be approved subject to the Company's executing an agreement of indemnity for the protection of the Corporation to be prepared by the Town Clerk.

WILLIAM A. BAKER, Chairman.



## TOWN IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE.

**At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 22nd day of June, 1903**—Present: The Mayor; Councillors Baker, Bainbridge, Bence, Handley, Packer and Rickerby (Councillor Rickerby in the chair)—

1—Report of Entertainment Sub-Committee—The Entertainment Sub-Committee reported that they had arranged for a band to play one night each week until further notice in the Naunton Park and Agg-Gardner Recreation Grounds. Resolved, That the action of the Sub-Committee be approved.

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2—Salary of Borough Meteorologist—A letter was read from Mr. F. O. Bell, the Borough Meteorologist, stating that during the nine months he had held the appointment he had found that the work demanded more time and attention than he had at first anticipated, and the distance to the Montpellier Gardens from his house and business premises was greater than to the Winter Garden, where the instruments were at first kept. He applied for an increase of his salary from £20 to £40 per annum, and he undertook to make no further application in the future if this increase was granted. Resolved, That the application be acceded to.

3—Lightning Conductors at Winter Garden— A letter was read from Messrs. Gray and Son, of Leadenhall Street, London, stating that they had inspected and tested the lightning conductors at the Winter Garden and found the wires of insufficient size and badly corroded and the " earths " bad, the resistances in each case being very high. They recommended that the conductors should be replaced by copper tape of proper sizes, terminating in copper earth plates. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be directed to obtain and submit tenders for the necessary work from local tradesmen.

4—Guides to Cheltenham—The Town Clerk reported that Mr. E. J. Burrow had delivered the 5,000 small Guides to the town, as ordered, and 500 copies of the larger Guides, in the latter of which an advertisement paid for by the Corporation appeared, and that Mr. Burrow would undertake to place 250 copies of the small Guides and 120 of the larger Guides in various hotels in the country, and had arranged for the placing of some of the large Guides in the Great Western Railway waiting rooms.

The Town Clerk reported that the copies required by Mr. Burrow for distribution had been returned to him, and that 250 copies of the larger Guide had been applied for by the Great Western Railway and forwarded to them. Resolved, That the Midland Railway be asked to take 50 copies of the large Guide for their waiting rooms.

5—Ceiling to Concert Room at Winter Garden—A letter was read from Mr. E. Bourne stating that the cost of the canvas ceiling put in the Concert Room at the Winter Garden by the Oddfellows' Committee was £34 4s. 2d. and they were prepared to receive an offer from the Corporation for the same instead of taking the ceiling down. Resolved, That the sum of £20 be offered.

6—Promenade Improvement No. 2—With reference to Minute No. 6 of this Committee's proceedings at its last meeting, the Town Clerk reported as to the present position of this improvement and how far the consents of the owners and occupiers had been secured to the

proposal. He had had an interview with the Postmaster and another representative of the Post Office, and they desired to know as soon as possible whether they would be permitted to bring forward the Post Office premises 12 feet as mentioned in the agreement, and if so, whether the whole front of the building could be brought forward Resolved, That the Town Clerk be authorised to inform the Post Office authorities that the Committee are prepared to favourably consider the suggested bringing forward, and that he be instructed to place himself in communication with the owners and occupiers who have not yet given their consent to the proposed improvement, and report to the Committee at as early a date as possible.

T. E. RICKERBY,

Chairman.

**At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 30th day of June, 1903**—Present Councillors Baker, Handley and Packer (Councillor Packer in the chair)—

7—Promenade Improvement No 2—The Town Clerk reported that he had now obtained the consents of all the owners and occupiers of the houses Nos. 1 to 13, Promenade, with the exception of No. 11, as to which no one was at present in a position to give a consent. He also reported that objection was taken by some abutting owners to the proposal that the Post Office should be allowed to bring forward the whole of their front 12 feet. Resolved, That the Post Office authorities be informed that in view of the objections made the Council cannot allow them to bring forward more than that portion of their buildings corresponding to the ground floor and basement of the adjoining houses. Also Resolved, That the Town Clerk be authorised to arrange with the owners for the removal of the railings as soon as possible.

T. H. PACKER,

Chairman.

#### LIGHTING COMMITTEE.

**At in Meeting of this Committee, held on Wednesday, the 24th day of June, 1903**—Present Alderman Norman; Councillors Baker, Handley, J. Waghorne, Stroud and Parsonage (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: -

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#### LOW PRESSURE CABLES.

Date	Legal Standard.	Test at Manchester Street.
1903 June 4th	200 Volts.	206 Volts
June 22nd	200 Volts.	<u>206 Volts</u>
		Average .. 206 Volts.

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

ILLUMINATING POWER.		PURITY.	
		Grains of Sulphur per	
1903		1903	100 cubic ft.
June 4th.	15.29 candles	June 11th-12th	10.54
June 12th.	16.74 "		
Average.	16.01 "		

3—Gas Inspector's Report—The Gas Inspector reported that the hourly average consumption of gas per lamp during the previous month had been as follows :—Ordinary Lamps 4.317 cubic feet ; Guildhall Lamps, with No. 4 Incandescent burners, 6.09 cubic feet ; Ordinary Lamps with No. 3 Incandescent burners, 4.2245 cubic feet.

4—Lamp Book—This Book was produced and examined. Ordinary Lamps extinguished, 3 metered, 3 unmetered ; 9 Incandescents extinguished and 4 burning dimly.

5—Report of the Borough Electrical Engineer—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that all work, both of extensions and ordinary running, had progressed satisfactorily during the past month.

On the 21st instant there were 100 customers, with the equivalent of about 42,600 8-candle-power lamps, connected to the private supply mains, and applications for supply to about 600 more 8-candle-power lamps.

On the 20th instant the electric supply to the Winter Garden failed. On opening the ground at the joint-box put in on April 7th for the convenience of the Town Hall building, it was found that since then drain pipes had been laid under the cable and a manhole constructed close to the joint-box. The cast-iron lid of the box was found broken and the supporting bricks removed, as well as those protecting the top surface of the cable. On filling in the ground after making the man-hole the cable and joint had been forced downwards, with the result that the inner conductor was nearly severed. Local heating due to only partial contact completed the severance. No notice of any work near the cable had been given to the department. The cost of repair had been about £2.

The Ladies' College had made application for electric supply at Farnley Lodge, and an enquiry had also been received from Vittoria House. To supply these it would be necessary to lay about 150 yards of low pressure main along Vittoria Walk at a cost of about £55, and he recommended that this extension be approved.

A small extension, costing £16, had been necessary to give electric supply to Mr. Coe at Imperial Buildings.

He had obtained quotations for a suitable lathe, electric motor, and accessories, viz.:—

7-inch centres, 8-foot bed, Class E, Milnes Lathe	£52 0 0
Less Allowance for old Lathe ..	<u>£7 10 0</u>
	£44 10 0
3-h.p. Thomson-Houston Motor complete with starting and regulating gear	£34 1 0
Speed Reduction Gear, Clutch, Countershaft, &c.	<u>£16 10 0</u>
	£95 1 0
Say £98 (including fixing, &c.)	

He recommended that these be ordered—the first and third from Messrs. Humpage, Jacques and Pedersen, and the second from the British Thomson-Houston Company, Limited.

He submitted a quotation from Messrs. John Morris and Sons for a set of Fire Appliances in Cupboard at £20 7s. 6d.

In consequence of the very high temperature obtaining in the engine-room, he had ordered a motor-fan at a cost of £31 19s., and recommended that a sum of £48 (to cover costs of fan, screens, and fixing) be included in the next application for a loan. Resolved, That the recommendations contained in the Report be approved and adopted.

6—Insurance of Electric Light Central Station—With reference to the Resolution of this Committee at its last meeting on this subject, a letter was now read from the County Fire Office agreeing, subject to the consent of the Guaranteeing Offices, to accept the insurance subject to the buildings and the contents being treated as separate items, the £25,000 to be apportioned between the two according to value. Resolved, That this offer be accepted.

7— Wiring Rules—A letter was read from the Municipal Electric Association forwarding a copy of the Wiring Rules recently issued by the Institution of Electrical Engineers. Resolved, That the Rules be referred to the Borough Electrical Engineer.

GEO. NORMAN,

Chairman.

#### **WATER COMMITTEE.**

**At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Thursday, the 25th day of June, 1903**---Present: Alderman Norman ; Councillors Baker, Bendall, King-Harman, and H. Waghorne (Councillor H. Waghorne in the chair)—

1—Report of Borough Engineer—The Borough Engineer reported that the average daily yield of the springs at Hewletts for 31 days ending 22nd June was 403,200 gallons, and the average daily yield for the corresponding period during the last three years was 241,187 gallons.

The average daily yield of springs at Dowdeswell for 31 days ending 22nd June was 2,413,152 gallons, and the average daily yield for the corresponding period during the last three years was 1,118,304 gallons.

On the 22nd instant the contents of Hewletts and Leckhampton Reservoirs was 33,320,412 gallons, and Dowdeswell Reservoir was full to overflowing, the contents of same being 100,023,701 gallons, giving a total storage of 133,344,113 gallons, or about 100 days supply.

A Letter and plan had been received from the Tewkesbury Corporation requesting the Committee to lay a 3inch water main from Cotteswold House to the last house in Cotteswold Road, near the railway station, Tewkesbury, a distance of 284 yards.

In order to prevent delay he recommended that such extensions as this could be laid from time to time upon the necessary undertaking as to payment being given without bringing the matter before the Committee, the extensions carried out being reported monthly.

He submitted a report, dated 23rd May last, from the Insurance Company on the external inspection of the two boilers at Tewkesbury. The boilers being stated to be in good order as seen and no repairs required.

He had discussed with a Committee of the Tewkesbury Corporation the route of the Pumping Main through their Borough. The Committee had expressed their willingness to assist in every way in securing the necessary facilities for crossing the Ham.

He reported the extensions that had been carried out during the month by the Department.

He submitted to the Committee a plan for converting a part of the engine house at Sandford into a sitting room and scullery for the use of the Caretaker. The present accommodation was limited and inconvenient. The estimated cost was about £75.

Resolved, That the recommendations of the Water Engineer be approved and confirmed, and that the extension to the Caretaker's house at Sandford be carried out.

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

3—Proposed New Main from Cheltenham' to Tewkesbury—A Letter was read from the Local Government Board in reply to this Committee's resolution of date the 24th April last, stating that the Board had made a fresh examination of the provisions of the Local Acts, and that as they understood that the works proposed and the quantity of water to be taken from the Severn would be in accordance with the Act of 1865, the Board were advised that the proposed main might be constructed under the powers of the Local Acts, and the Board would therefore be prepared to sanction a loan on being furnished with plans of the altered route and an amended estimate of the cost.

Resolved, That plans and estimate be prepared and forwarded to the Board accordingly.

4—Valuation of Waterworks in Tewkesbury Union --A Letter was read from the Clerk to the Tewkesbury Union Assessment Committee stating that the Committee had appointed Messrs. Hedley, Mason & Co. to make a new valuation of the Waterworks in the Union and asking that such information should be furnished the Valuers as they may require. A Letter was read from Messrs. Hedley, asking for copies of the accounts and other information and for a permit to visit the works at Tewkesbury, Resolved, That necessary information and facilities be afforded Messrs. Hedley.

5—Salt's Farm, Dowdeswell—With reference to the Resolution to Minute No. 5 of this Committee's proceedings of date the 21st ult., a Letter was read from Mr. J. Boohoo, the Caretaker at Dowdeswell Reservoir, with regard to the proposed letting of the paddock to Mr. Edwards, pointing out the inconvenience which would be caused. Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to see Mr. Edwards on the matter and see what arrangement can be made.

H. WAGHORNE,

Chairman.

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

**At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Friday, the 29th day of May, 1903**—Present The Mayor; Councillors Baker, M. Davis, and King-Harman (The Mayor in the chair)—

1-Inspection of Hackney Carriages—The Committee met at the Central Depot for the inspection of the licenced hackney carriages. The majority of these were inspected by the Committee and passed, the remainder to be submitted or re-submitted for inspection on Friday next at 10 a.m.

RICHARD ROGERS,

Chairman.

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**At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Friday, the 12th day of June, 1903**—Present The Mayor ; Aldermen Haddon and Norman ; Councillors Baker, Davies, M. Davis, Gurney, Hayward, King-Harman, Parsonage, Rickerby, and J. Waghorne (The Mayor in the chair).

2-Town Hall—Mr. Wailer attended this meeting, which was held at the Town Hall, and took the instructions of the Committee on points arising in connection with the building.

A letter was read from Mr. J. A. Matthews with reference to the proposed orchestral arrangements, suggesting that the accommodation provided was insufficient. Resolved,

That the consideration of the question as to the performers rooms and approach stairs be adjourned until the Architect has presented an approximate statement of the outlay on the Town Hall to the present time.

That an estimate from Messrs. Marshall for the gas stoves, &c., required be referred to Mr. Waller to report upon.

That the suggestion of the Architect for a small variation from the contract plans to provide for a better gradient, &c., at the entrance be approved.

That the position of the seats in the North Gallery be approved, the side galleries to have one row of chairs only.

That The Mayor, Alderman Haddon, Councillors Baker, Rickerby and Gurney be appointed a Sub-Committee to consider and report as to the orchestra seats and platform. and that the Sub-

Committee be instructed to confer with certain gentlemen connected with musical societies and concerts in Cheltenham.

Mr. Waller reported that the fire service was in hand and that the lightning conductors on the Town Hall had been tested and had been found to be satisfactory.

3—Municipal Offices—No. 2, Church Street—With reference to Minute No. 20 of the proceedings of the Street and Highway Committee dated the 25th ult., Resolved, To approve of the occupation by clerks from the Central Depot of the offices at No. 2, Church Street, until recently occupied by the Electric Light Department, and that the Town Clerk be requested to communicate with the owners with a view to the continuance of the present yearly tenancy.

4—Site for New Offices—Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be authorised to arrange with Mr. Chatters for each member of the Council to be supplied before the meeting of the Council with a lithographed copy of the plans of the Lloyds Bank and St. George's Square sites showing how they may be utilised for the purposes of Municipal Offices.

RICHARD ROGERS,

Chairman.

**At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Friday, the 19th day of June, 1903**—Present: The Mayor ; Aldermen Haddon, Skillicorne and Winterbotham ; Councillors Baker, M. Davis, Davies, Gurney, Hayward, King-Harman, Parsonage, Rickerby and J. Waghorne (The Mayor in the chair)—

5--Town Hall—A letter was read from Mr. Waller with regard to carving the borough arms and crest on the front of the Town Hall. Resolved, That the matter be adjourned for consideration at the next meeting of the Committee, when Mr. Waller will be present.

RICHARD ROGERS,

Chairman.

**At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 23rd day of June, 1903**—Present: The Mayor; Aldermen Haddon and Skillicorne; Councillors Baker, M. Davis, Hayward, King-Harman, Parsonage and Rickerby (the Mayor is the chair)—

6—Diseases of Animals Act—Supt. Hopkins reported that the borough was free from disease amongst animals.

Anthrax—A letter was read from the Board of Agriculture calling attention to the continued prevalence and increase of anthrax in Great Britain, and urging that the Local Authorities should take steps to impress upon stock owners the importance of immediately reporting to the Local Authority any case of suspicious illness or death amongst their cattle, and as to the precautions to be taken if anthrax is discovered. Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to circularise the farmers and stock owners in the borough accordingly.

7--Transfer of Hackney Carriage Licence----A letter was read from Mr. Chas. Rogers applying for the transfer of hackney carriage licence No. 29 to Mr. Walter Watts, of No. 2, Upper Norwood Street. The licence having been sent in, Resolved, That the application be acceded to.

8--Wheel-chair Licence —Resolved, To accede to an application for a wheel-chair licence received from Mr. Charles Rogers, of No. 5, Hatherley Street, subject to inspection and approval of the chair by the Mayor.

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9—Char-a-banc Terminus—A memorial was read from Messrs. Sanders, Morgan & Co. and others stating that the standing of the char-a-bancs at the end of Clarence Parade was detrimental to their various businesses, and a source of danger to the traffic, and asking that the terminus should be altered from Clarence Parade to the road opposite the Police Station. Resolved, That the request be acceded to, and that the Town Clerk be instructed to communicate with Mr. Smith, the owner of the char-a-bancs, accordingly.

10—Game Licences—Applications for renewal of licences were received from Messrs. W. Hall and Sons, of No. 92, High Street, Messrs. T. B. Woodard, No. 1, Montpellier Avenue, B. Steptoe, Nos. 17 & 18, Winchcomb Street, W. Wilks, No. 372, High Street, N. W. Olive, No. 4, Colonnade, Chas. Barnett, No. 86, High Street, and Mrs. L. A. Morris, Columbia House, Winchcomb Street. Resolved, That the applications be acceded to.

An application for a licence to deal in game at No. 18, Great Norwood Street was received from Mr. H. F. Barnett. The Inspector of Nuisances having reported as to the suitability of the premises, Resolved, That the application be acceded to.

11—Underground Wires—A letter was read from the District Manager of the National Telephone Company, enclosing a plan showing the streets under which the Company wished to lay cables, &c. Resolved, To adjourn consideration of the matter for the Borough Surveyor and the Borough Electrical Engineer to consider and report upon the plan submitted.

12-Metric System—A letter was read from the Deputy Clerk of the Northamptonshire County Council forwarding copy of resolutions passed by that Council that it was desirable that the Metric System of weights and measures should be made compulsory in the British Empire.

13—Market Tolls—Resolved, To accept an offer of Mr. W. Symonds of £45 for the sole right to receive the Market Tolls at mops and fairs, subject to his undertaking to clean up the Market after the fairs, and to the amount named being paid on or before the 1st September next.

14—Municipal Offices—A letter was read from Mr. F. R. Dicks asking that the plans and elevations which had been prepared for the St. George's Square and Lloyds Bank sites should be placed in the Public Library so that the public could have an opportunity of expressing their opinion in favour of one or the other. Resolved, 'that the Committee are unable to accede to his request.

15—Folly Lane Allotments---A letter was read from Mr. T. Holder, tenant of Folly Lane allotment No. 205, claiming to have returned to him the sum of £1 14s. 6d.. part of the rent paid by him during the



past 11 ½ years, on the ground that it had been recently found that the area for which he had paid had included a footpath adjoining. Resolved, That the Council cannot accede to the application.

16—No, 2, Church Street—In reply to a letter from the Town Clerk, a letter was read from Mr. E. E. H. Brydges stating that the owners of No. 2, Church Street would be willing to continue to let the premises to the Corporation on a yearly tenancy from Michaelmas next at £25 per annum. Resolved, That the tenancy be continued on the terms mentioned subject to reasonable repairs being executed by the landlord, and that the Town Clerk do prepare an agreement accordingly.

17—Town Hall—Wiring for Electric Lighting—Mr. Waller and Mr. Hawtayne attended this meeting, and the account for extras on the wiring contract, amounting to £377 6s. 0d., was considered. Resolved, That the further consideration of the matter be adjourned to a future meeting, when Mr. Waller and Mr. Hawtayne will again attend.

General—Mr. Waller conferred with the Committee upon the points mentioned in the resolution hereunder.

Resolved, That a room for performers be provided at the end of the Winter Garden, at a cost, including the necessary alterations, of £300, the same to be charged to the Town Hall account.

(2) That a tender from Messrs. Marshall for the supply of the necessary gas stoves, &c., for the sum of £123 7s., be accepted.

(3) That the panels on the front of the building be left blank at present, the borough arms and crest to be placed elsewhere on the building as the Architect may think desirable.

(4) That a Mosaic floor (necessitated by the placing of the Fountain in the Octagonal Hall) be substituted for wood blocks at an extra cost of £40, exclusive of water supply, drainage, &c.

(5) That the suggestion of the Architect as to an improvement of the gradient and approach at the front of the building for £50 be approved and the work carried out.

(6) That the requirements of the Health Department as regards the drainage arrangements be complied with at an extra cost of £50.

(7) That the Architect be authorised to obtain terms from another decorator as to advising Mr. Waller in the matter of the decoration of the building, he not having been able to arrange terms with Mr. Lewis Day ; and

(8) That the ceiling of the Central Hall be colour washed before the scaffolding is removed. As requested by the Committee on the oath inst., Mr. Waller reported that the expenditure approximately to date was as follows :—

APPROXIMATE STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS TO THE 24TH JUNE, 1903.						
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Amount of Builders' Contract ..				29310	0	0
Amount of Supplementary Estimates as sanctioned ..	1179	16	3			
Heating and Ventilation by Messrs. Haden ..	1945	10	0			
Builders' Work for Engineer .. • • ..	1616	5	0			
Cost of Foundation Stone Ceremony and other Sundries	175	0	0			
Allowed for extra Decorative Work ..	500	0	0			
Gas Supply, say ..	50	0	0			
Fire Mains and Hydrants	<u>250</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>			
All the above sanctioned at the various meetings.				£ 5715	11	4
				£35 026	11	3

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Adjustment of day work in connection with Building and with Engineer's Work, &c.			£	s	d
			273	8	9
In addition to the above the following items have to be calculated :-					
Electric Lighting including Builder's Work, say	1000	0			
Architect's and Surveyor's Professional Fees, say	2500	0			
			3500	0	0
			£38,800	0	0

RICHARD ROGERS,

Chairman.

**COUNCIL IN COMMITTEE.**

**At a Committee Meeting of the whole Council, held on Friday, the 19th day of June, 1903**—Present The Mayor in the chair) Aldermen Haddon, Holliday, Skillicorne, and Winterbotham ; Councillors Bainbridge, Baker, Bence, Bendall, Davies, Davis, Gurney, Handley, Hayward, King-Harman, Lawrence, Packer, Parsonage, Rickerby, Stewart, Stroud, and J. Waghorne

1—Site for Municipal Offices—In accordance with the Resolution of the Council of date the 4th May last the question of a suitable site for the erection of new Municipal Offices was considered, but no resolution was passed on the subject.

RICHARD ROGERS,

Chairman.

## MINERAL WATERS AND BATHS COMMITTEE.

**At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Friday, the 19th day of June, 1903**—Present Councillors Baker, Bendall, Davies, Stewart and Parsonage (Councillor Davies in the chair)—

1---Montpellier Baths—The Borough Accountant reported that the amount received during the present financial year was £105 12s. 2d. and the payments (exclusive of repayment of loan and interest) amounted to £94 3s. 5d.

The Borough Surveyor submitted a Report from the Boiler Insurance Co. that no repairs were necessary to the boilers at these Baths.

The Town Clerk laid before the Committee the correspondence he had had with the Secretary of the Ladies' College as to lessons in swimming being given by the College Teachers to parties considerably less than 40 in number, and practically the exclusive use of the Swimming Bath being obtained during the time such lessons were being given. Resolved, That the matter be considered at the end of the present season in connection with the use of the Bath by the College Pupils next year.

A Letter was read from Mr. T. J. F. Haskoll, of Brandon House, applying for the exclusive use of the Swimming Bath for races, &c., on one day towards the end of July, parents and friends of scholars to be permitted to be present. He also requested permission to use the wire stretched across the bath on the occasion mentioned. Resolved, That the application be acceded to on payment of an inclusive charge of £1 1s, those using the Bath bringing their own towels.

2— Alstone Baths— The Borough Accountant reported that the receipts at these Baths during the present financial year were £52 9s. 1d., and the expenditure (exclusive of sinking fund and interest) £65 0s. 5d.

The Borough Surveyor reported that the two slipper baths were now in use and there was a great demand for them. He recommended that 3d. be charged for the use of them. He also reported that the repainting inside the Baths had been completed in accordance with the contract. Resolved, That the recommendation of the Borough Surveyor be approved and that the balance due on the painting contract be paid to the Contractor.

RICHARD DAVIES, Chairman.

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## RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE.

**At a Meeting of this Committee, hold on. Monday, the 22nd day of June, 1903**—Present The Mayor ; Alderman Holliday ; Councillors Baker, Bendall, Bainbridge, Davies, King-Harman and Stewart (Councillor King-Harman in the chair)—

1— Naunton Park—Donors of Flowers, &c.--Resolved, That the Town Clerk he instructed to convey the thanks of the Council to the following ladies and gentlemen for their gifts of plants, &c., for the Naunton Park Ground :---Mrs. St. Clair Ford, Mrs. James Cox, Miss Hamilton, Major Shewell, Councillors Bendall, Rickerby and Stroud, Mr. J. Cypher, the Baron de Ferrieres, Messrs. Worman and Amos, Mr. T. Mayo, Mr. H. Carter, Mr. H. Bartlett, and Mr. E. M. Clissold.

2-Old Cemetery—On the application of Mr. Charles Marshall, Resolved, To make him the usual grant of £10 this year towards the expense of keeping in order as an open space the portion of the Old Cemetery abutting upon Market Street.

3—Agg-Gardner Recreation Ground —Resolved, To accede to an application from the Hon. Sec. of the St. Paul's United Association Football Club for permission to play matches during the ensuing season at the Agg-Gardner Recreation Ground, but not for practices.

4—Whaddon Lane Recreation Ground—A letter was read from the Rev Geo. Gardner asking whether a cricket pitch at the Whaddon Lane Recreation Ground could be allotted for the use of the boys of the All Saints' Day School. Resolved, That the Committee are unable to accede to the request.

Fountain—The Borough Surveyor reported that he had, with the sanction of the Chairman, ordered a drinking fountain for this ground at a cost of £8 10s. He submitted a sketch of a proposed base, the estimated cost of providing and fixing the fountain complete, including water supply and drainage, being £28. Resolved, That the design be approved and the work carried out.

Grazing—Resolved, That the offer of Mr. J. Cook, of Shurdington, to take the grazing for sheep only for 12 months for La [?] payable in advance, be accepted, subject to the right of the Corporation to have the grass cut if the same is not kept down sufficiently by feeding.

M. J. KING-HARMAN, Chairman.

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

**At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Friday, the 26th day of June, 1903**—Present Aldermen Haddon and Holliday; Councillor Stroud (Alderman Haddon in the chair)-

1—Superintendent's Report—The Superintendent reported that he required a new lawn mower. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to order one. 2 - Designs—Resolved, To approve the following designs, viz:—Headstones to (1) Selina Jessie Chetwood-Aiken, (2) Mary Hutchinson, (3) Lucy Clara Adcock, (4) Andrew Marsh, (5) Fanny Robins, (6) James Haffley and James and Helen Burke ; Memorial Crosses, &c., to (7) Florence Nicks, (8) Alfred George Burrough, (9) Juliana Maria Ellis, (10) Annie Octavia Ryland (11) John Wallace Hanlon ; Kerb and Posts to (12) Charles Cary.

3—Grave of the late Mr. A. C. White—With reference to the Resolution to Minute No. 3 of this Committee's proceedings at its last meeting, a letter was read from Messrs. Ticehursts, McIlquham and Wyatt, stating that their clients were of opinion that the sum of £25 was very excessive, and that unless the Council were prepared to accept a sum not exceeding £15 to keep the grave in order the negotiations must fall through. Resolved, That the Committee cannot see their way to alter their previous resolution.

JOHN HADDON, Chairman.

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

**At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 22nd day of June, 1903**—Present : Councillors Hayward and King-Harman ; the Baron dc Ferrieres ; the Revs. & pion Phillips and J. A. Owen ; Messrs. W. Cresswell, J. G. Carr, and T. Whittard, (Councillor Hayward in the chair)—

1—Librarians Report—The Monthly Report of the Librarian was read. Receipts: £8 3s. ad. Presentations to the Library : The Baron de Ferrieres. 6 vols.; the Town Clerk of London, 1 vol. ; Trustees of British Museum, 7 vols.

2-Sub- Committee's Report—The Sub-Committee reported that they met on the 19th instant, when there were present : The Chairman, Councillor King-Harman, and the Rev. J. A. Owen. They recommended:—

That the list of new books submitted by the Librarian be purchased at a cost of about £7.

That the list of worn-out books submitted by the Librarian be replaced at a cost of about £7.

They reported that they had interviewed six out of fourteen applicants for the posts of junior assistant to fill the vacancies caused by the resignation of F. W. Turner and C. Williams, and they recommended the appointment of A. Hastings and J. S. Fruin, at 6s per week.

A letter was read from Messrs. Stephen and Finch with regard to the boiler fire bars, stating that they required replacing with new ones. which would cost £2 18s. The Sub-Committee recommended that this should be done. Resolved, That the recommendations of the Sub-Committee be approved and adopted.

3—Finances of the Library--Resolved, That the Chairman and the Baron de Ferrieres, with the Town Clerk and the Librarian, be requested to confer with regard to the representations to be made to the Art Gallery Sub-Committee on the subject of the amount received by the Library on account of charges common to both institutions.

C. HAYWARD,

Chairman.

#### **FINANCE COMMITTEE.**

**At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Wednesday, the 17th day of June, 1903—Present :** Councillors Bence, Gurney, Handley, King-Harman, Parsonage, Stroud, and J. Waghorne (Councillor Gurney in the chair)—

1—Proposed Further Issue of Stock—A Report from the Borough Accountant on the subject of the proposed issue of Corporation Stock, giving particulars of a recent issue by a County Borough, and as to the effect on the Corporation finances if the proposed issue were taken up on the same terms was read and considered. Resolved, That the further consideration of the matter be adjourned to the next meeting, and that in the meantime the Borough Accountant be instructed to send a copy of his report to each member of the Committee.

2—Appeal Against General District Rate—The Town Clerk reported that the Midland Railway Company had given notice of appeal to Quarter Sessions against the General District Rate, but that it was proposed that the Appeal should be respited from the Sessions on the 24th inst. to the next Sessions. Resolved, That the Town Clerk be authorised to instruct Counsel to consent accordingly.

W. GERALD GURNEY, Chairman.

**At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 30th day of June, 1903**—Present Alderman Skillicorne; Councillors Gurney, Handley, King-Harman, Parsonage, Stroud and J. Waghorne (Councillor Gurney in the chair)—

3--- Making of General District Rate—Letters were read from Major-General Babbage to the Mayor suggesting that a General District Rate could not be made for both prospective and retrospective expenditure, but that two separate Rates should be made. The Town Clerk reported that he had considered the point raised, and advised that it was clearly unnecessary to make two Rates as suggested. Resolved, That General Babbage be so informed.

4- Officials' Bonds- Resolved, That guarantee bonds for the Town Clerk and the Borough Surveyor be taken out for £500 each, the premiums being, as previously resolved, paid by the Corporation.

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5---Town Clerk's Disbursements Resolved, That the Town Clerk be advanced the sum of for necessary disbursements, an account to be presented to this Committee monthly.

6—Institute of Municipal Treasurers and Accountants—Resolved, To authorise the Borough Accountant to attend the annual meeting of this Institute, to be held at Oxford on the 16th and 17th prox., and that his expenses be paid.

7—Printing of Abstract of Accounts—The Borough Accountant submitted the following tenders for the printing of the Abstract of the Accounts to the 31st March last :—

H. G. Norman 150 copies at 2s 3d per page throughout.

G. F. Poole 140 copies at 2s 6d per page with extras.

H. Edwards 150 copies at 2s 3d per page with extras.

Resolved, That the tender of Mr. H. G. Norman be accepted.

8—Overdraft at Bank and Proposed Issue of Stock—The report from the Borough Accountant was further considered. Resolved, That as the Committee consider it undesirable to issue stock at the present time, arrangements be made with Lloyds Bank for a continuance of the present overdraft loan for a period not exceeding six months at 4 per cent. interest.

9—Boiler Insurance—The Borough Surveyor reported that he had arranged with the Vulcan Boiler Insurance Company to group and average the insurances effected by the Corporation with them, and that such arrangement would be very advantageous to the Corporation without extra expense being incurred in premiums. Resolved, That the arrangement proposed be approved.

10—General District Rate—The Report of the Borough Accountant of date the 30th instant on the collection of the 1st instalment of this Rate was read. Amount collected, £3,982 17s. 8d., leaving outstanding £19,751 0s. 3 ½ d.

11—Water Rate—The Report of the Borough Accountant of date the 30th instant on the collection of this Rate was read. Amount received, £2,678 11s. 8d., leaving outstanding £8,243 6s. 3d.

12--Accounts--The Financial Statement of the Receipts and Expenditure since the last Meeting and the Bills and Accounts to be paid were examined, and the latter, amounting to £11,294 18s. Od., 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 on the 26th May, 1903	£137,378 7 9	
Paid since that date	<u>£ 7,465 2 10</u>	
	£144,843 10 7	
Received since do.	<u>£ 9,696 15 4</u>	
Overdrawn	£135,146 15 3	
Being Ordinary Rates Expenditure		£15,470 11 2
Electric Lighting (Capital & Revenue), Water & other Capital Accounts	<u>£119,676 4 1</u>	
		£135,146 15 3

W. GERALD GURNEY,

Chairman.

(NOTE: —The Borough Accountant has found it impossible to get out the Schedule of Accounts in time for it to be printed and sent with the Minutes. The Schedule will reach the Members to-morrow.)

### **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 4th day of August, 1903.**

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

**At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 13th day of July, 1903**—Present: Aldermen Norman and Skillicorne: Councillors Bence, 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, 16 cases of Scarlet Fever, 2 of Erysipelas, and 3 of Diphtheria; that 16 cases of Scarlet Fever had been sent into the Delancey Hospital, and that the number of cases then in the Hospital sent in by the Corporation was 11 cases of Scarlet Fever

2--Insanitary Property at No. 15, Northfield Terrace, No. 2, Queen Street, and Nos. 5, 6, 7, and 8, Weston 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 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---Houses without proper Ash Receptacles—The Medical Officer of Health reported that the following houses had no proper ashpits or ash receptacles, viz. :-37, Cleveland Street, 31, Albert Street (St. Peter's), 2, Hewlett Cottages, 4, Hewlett Road, and 21, Queen's Retreat. 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.—Cleansing and Disinfecting at No. 16, St. Anne's Terrace—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.

5-Overcrowding at No. 12, Queen Street—The Medical Officer of Health reported that the above premises were so overcrowded as to be dangerous or injurious to the health of the inmates. Resolved, That the Committee being satisfied of the existence of a nuisance on the said premises, Notices under Sec. 94 of the Public Health Act, 1875, be served on the owners and occupiers thereof requiring them to abate the same.

6-Cleansing and Limewashing at 10, Weston Cottages, Cleveland Cottage, 1, Albert Cottages, 17, Russell Place, 14 and 15, Cleveland Street, 11 and 32, Albert Street, St. Peter's, 4, Sandford Street, and 2, Hewlett Cottages, Hewlett Road—The Medical Officer of Health having certified under Sec. 46 of the Public Health Act, that the above-named dwelling houses were in such a filthy and unwholesome condition that the health of the inmates was affected or endangered thereby, Resolved, That Notice be given to the owners under the said Section requiring the houses to be cleansed and limewashed.

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7—Nuisances from Drain; &c. at No. 61, Rutland Street and No. 4, Sandford Street—The Inspector of Nuisances having made written application under Sec. 41 of the Public Health Act, stating that the drains, etc., on or belonging to the above-named houses were in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to health, Resolved, That authority be given to the Inspector of Nuisances to open the ground, examine the drains, and, if necessary, give the Notices and act as provided by the said Section.

8- —Dairies, Cowsheds and Milkshops Order—The Medical Officer of Health reported that Mr. William George Cox, of Nos. 2 & 3, Maryville Cottages, St. George's Road, had now altered his premises so as to be suitable for the sale of milk. Resolved, That Mr Cox be registered as a purveyor of milk.

9—Destruction of Diseased Meat, &c.—The Medical Officer of Health reported that on the 2nd and 8th instant the carcasses and offal of three tuberculous pigs were seized and destroyed with the owner's consent, that on the 8th and 11th instant seizures were made of ten barrels of potatoes and



eight hoses of haddock respectively, which were destroyed under orders of Magistrates as being unfit for the food of man.

10—Closing Order—The Medical Officer of Health reported that the dwelling house known as No. 1, Hewlett Cottages, Hewlett Street, was in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation. Resolved, That proceedings be taken under the Housing of the Working Classes Act, 1890, to obtain an Order for the closing of the house.

11- "Drains" at Warwick Buildings—A letter was read from Messrs. J. Wells and W. Hodges, occupiers of Nos. 5 and 10, Warwick Buildings respectively, asking that the drains there should be flushed. Resolved, That the request be referred to the Borough Surveyor for attention.

12—New Buildings—The Borough Surveyor laid before the Committee the following notices and plans of intended new buildings, viz.

No. of Plan.	Name.	Description.
28	W. Sutton	Additions to No. 23, York Street
33	Mr. Mann	Pair of villas in Hale's Road
34	Rev. A. Armitage	Pair of cottages in Rosehill Street
37	F. Jenkins	Pair of villas in Fairfield Park Road
39	T. W. Smith	Six houses in Langdon Road
40	F. W. Strange	Ten houses in Sandford Mill Road
42	Powell, Gwinnell & Co., Ltd.	Stables, cottage, &c., in Grove Street
43	Mrs. E. Flory	Bay window to No. 5, Denmark Terrace
46	Committee of the Training College	.. .. Additions to The Priory, London Road

Resolved, That Plans numbered 28, 34, 39. and 42, be disapproved, that Plan numbered 46 be approved subject to the existing drain being tested by water and found satisfactory, and that the remainder of the Plans be approved so far as regards drainage and other sanitary matters,

E. H. PARSONAGE,

Chairman.

**At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 20th day of July, 1903—** Present Aldermen Norman and Skillicorne ; Councillors Bence, M. Davis, Lawrence and Parsonage (Councillor Parsonage in the chair)—

13 — 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 2 of Diphtheria; that 1 case Scarlet Fever and 1 of Diphtheria had been sent into the Delancey Hospital, and that the number of cases then in the Hospital sent in by the Corporation was 9 of Scarlet Fever and 1 of Diphtheria.

14--Insanitary Property—No. 4, Hewlett Road, and Nos. 25, 30, 31, and 32, Albert Street, St. Peter's—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 no he 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.

15--Drains at Warwick Buildings—With reference to the letter read at the last meeting on this subject, the Borough Surveyor reported that the cause of complaint arose on private property. Resolved, That the matter be referred to the Inspector of Nuisances to deal with.

16--Cleansing and Limewashing at Nos. 1, 2, and 4, Orchard Cottages, No. 53, Burton Street, No. 61, Queen Street, and No. 3, Hewlett Cottages, Hewlett Road—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 Notices be given to the owners under the said Section, requiring the houses to be cleansed and limewashed.

17--Nuisances from Drains, &c., at Holman's Stables, St. George's Place, and Battledown Lodge—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.

18--Insufficient W.C. Accommodation—The Inspector of Nuisances reported at St. George's Place Stables there was only one w.c., which was used by the occupiers of a cottage over the stables and was only sufficient for them, further accommodation being required for the men employed about the stables. Resolved, That it appearing to the Council from the above report that the Stables mentioned are without necessary and sufficient water closet accommodation, Notice under Sec. 36 of the Public Health Act, 1875, be served upon the owner requiring him to provide a new w.c. within a time to be specified in such notice.

19--Factory and Workshops Act, 1901--Underground Bakehouses—The Medical Officer of Health submitted proposals by Mr. H. J. Gallop, Mr. J. Sims, and Mr. B. Sims, for the improvement of their underground bakehouses in order to enable the Council to issue certificates authorising the continued use of the premises as bakehouses. Resolved, That the Committee will recommend the granting of certificates upon the completion to the satisfaction of the Committee of the works proposed, and of any further improvements which may be suggested by the Medical Officer of Health in the course of the carrying out of the work.

20—Drainage of Lauriston House. -A Letter was read from Mr. C. H. Rainger, asking on behalf of Major Colledge, the owner and occupier of Lauriston House, for some allowance to be made to him towards the expense he had been put to in consequence of the old sewer with which the drains of his house had up to recently been connected having been bricked up, and a new sewer put in without notice having been sent to him requiring his drains to be connected to the new sewer. Resolved, That without admitting any liability the sums of £5 be allowed to Major Colledge, having regard to the circumstances.

21 —Extensions to Abattoir—A letter was read from Mr. A. Smith, complaining of the delay in the erection of a cooling house at the Abattoir. Resolved, That the matter be considered at the next meeting of the Committee.

22—Garden, &c., at back of Portmore Lodge—With reference to the Resolution to Minute No. 30 of this Committee's proceedings of date the 22nd ultimo, a letter was read from Mr. F. Forty, in reply thereto, stating that he would accept the terms offered if the Corporation would also pay him £5 towards making good the damage done to his garden, and make the rustic bridge in his garden secure. Resolved, That the £5 be paid and the bridge made secure on the terms and conditions mentioned in the resolution referred to.

23—New Buildings—The Borough Surveyor laid before the Committee the following notices and plans of intended new buildings,

No. of Plan.	Name.	Description.
36	E. Kilminster	Bakehouse at No. 7, Courtenay Street
38	H. C. Harrison	Additions to Southfield, St. Mark's
41	T. Moon	Coach-house and loft, Hatherley Street
44	Miss G. E. Cox	House in King's Road, between Charlcot and Stoneville
48	G. Hall	Cottage, wash-house, &c., between 54, Sherborne Street and Jersey Cottages
49	Trustees of St. Peter's Schools .. ..	New Latrines at St. Peter's Schools, Waterloo Street

Resolved, That Plan No. 48 be disapproved, and that the remainder of the Plans be approved so far as drainage and other sanitary matters are concerned.

E. H. PARSONAGE, Chairman.

#### **FARMS AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL COMMITTEE.**

**At a Meeting of this Committee had on Friday, the 10th day of July, 1903**—Present Aldermen Norman and Skillicorne; Councillors M. Davis, and King-Harman (Councillor M. Davis in the chair)—

1--Report of Farms' Manager—The Farms' Manager reported that since the last meeting 15 sheep had been purchased for £27 15s., and 25 cattle for £302 10s., and that 18 cattle and 5 calves had been sold for £344 14s. The number of livestock on the Farms on the 10th inst. was 11 horses and 1 cob, 203 head of cattle, and 55 sheep.

All the hay (with the exception of twelve acres at the Barn Farm) had been got in and was in capital condition.

2— Inspection of Farms Resolved, To pay a visit to the Farms on Wednesday next, the 15th inst.

M. DAVIS, Chairman.

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**At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Wednesday, the 15th day of July, 1903**—Present:

Alderman Skillicorne; Councillors Bence, M. Davis, King-Harmon, and Parsonage (Councillor M. Davis in the chair)

3--Inspection of Farms—The Committee visited the Farms and inspected the stock (219 cattle, 55 sheep, and 12 horses) and the growing crops and hay, and found the condition of the same to be satisfactory. The effluent was also examined and was in a good condition.

M. DAVIS, Chairman.

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

**At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 14th day of July, 1903**--Present ; Aldermen Haddon and Skillicorne ; Councillors Packer and Parsonage (Councillor Parsonage in the chair)—

1—Chairman—In the absence of the Chairman, Resolved, That Councillor Parsonage be appointed Chairman at this meeting.

2 —Clinker Slab Factory—The letter from Messrs. Powell, Gwinnell & Co., Ltd., offering to purchase or lease the Slab Factory, was further considered. The Borough Surveyor reported the steps he had taken with a view to the better and more economical working of the factory, and recommended that the factory should be given a further 6 months' trial when he hoped to be able to make a satisfactory report. Resolved, To recommend the Council to defer consideration of disposing of the Slab Factory for a period of six months.

3—Telegraph Pole at the back of Lypiatt Terrace—A letter was read from the Secretary of the General Post Office, applying for the consent of the Council to the erection of a painted telegraph pole in the road close to the wall at the back of Lypiatt Terrace. Resolved, That the consent be given subject to the exact position for the pole being approved by the Borough Surveyor.

4--Report of Building Inspector—The Monthly Report of the Building Inspector was read. Buildings in progress 42. Completed since the 9th ult., 14.

5—Horses -The Committee inspected two horses at the Central Depot which were now too old for the work of the Highways Department. Resolved, That the horse named " Punch " be sent to the kennels, and that " Prince I." be offered to the Sewage Farms Committee.

The Chairman reported that Alderman Haddon, Councillor Handley and himself visited the Sewage Farms on the 13th ult., and inspected the horses there belonging to the Highways Department. They recommended that one horse be sent to the kennels ; that two others be similarly disposed of after the completion of the haymaking, and that the offer of the Farms Committee to purchase the pony and harness for £5 be accepted. Resolved, That the recommendations be approved.

6- Roadway in Lower High Street—The Borough Surveyor reported that he understood from the Manager of the Light Railway Company that the proposed line between Ambrose Street and the Tewkesbury Road Railway Bridge would not be constructed for the present, and in view of this he requested the instructions of the Committee as to repairing the roadway between the points mentioned with macadam as it was in very bad condition. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have the roadway repaired as soon as possible.

7-- Tenders for High Street Kerbing—The Borough Surveyor laid before the Committee 35 Tenders for the supply of kerbing of various qualities required in connection with the proposed wood paving in High Street, and the Committee inspected the samples of kerb sent in. Resolved, That the Tender of the Enderby & Stoney Stanton Granite Company, Limited, of Narborough, near Leicester, for the kerbing required at 1s 8 ½d per lineal foot for straight kerb, and 1s 10 ½d per foot for radiated kerb, be accepted, subject to the sanction of the Local Government Board being received to the loan, and to the Light Railway Extensions being proceeded with.

8-New Streets and Buildings—The Borough Surveyor laid before the Committee the following notices and plans of intended new streets or buildings, viz.:—

No. of Plan.	Name.	Description.
30	R. J. Webb	Pair of Semi-Detached Houses, Sydenham Villas Road
32	F. W. Smith	Additions to No. 11, Sherborne Place
34	Rev. A. Armitage	Pair of Cottages in Rosehill Street
38	H. C. Harrison	Additions to Southfield, St. Mark's
39	T. W. Smith	Six Houses in Langdon Road

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No. of Plan	Name.	Description ..
40	F. W. Strange	Ten Houses in Sandford Mill Road ..
42	Powell, Gwinnell & Co., Ltd.	Stables, .. Cottage, &c. in Grove Street ..
44	Miss G. E. Cox	House between Charlcot and Stoneville, King's Road ..
45	Locke & Sons ..	Shop, Bakery, etc. in St. George's Place, back of No. 7, Royal Crescent
46	Committee of the Training College. ..	Additions to The Priory, London Road
47	Fuller & Maylam	Shop, Office and Shed, London Road Nurseries
1639	H. W. Holliday	New Road on Southam Villa Estate, Prestbury Road.

Resolved, That Plans numbered 34, 39, and 47 be disapproved; that Plan No. 44 be approved subject to the new work being properly bonded in to the adjoining property; that Plan No. 45 be approved subject to an agreement of indemnity being entered into as to the area lights in front, and to the surface water from the roofs being conveyed into the house drainage system, and that the remainder of the plans be approved, as regards matters within the purview of this Committee.

E. H. PARSONAGE, Chairman.

**At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 27th day of July, 1903** -- Present : Alderman Skillicorne ; Councillors Baker, Bendall, and Handley (Councillor Baker in the chair)--

9—Borough Surveyor's Report re Highways—The Borough Surveyor reported that the work done by the Highways Department from June 26th to July 24th, both inclusive, had been as follows :—

Repaired with Wickwar Stone—Parabola Road by "Hollym " 230 square yards, Berkeley Street 1750 square yards, and Moorend Park Road proceeding.

Patched with Wickwar Stone—Christ Church Road, Parabola Road, Exmouth Street, Moorend Road, and Carlton Street.

Repaired with Tar Macadam—Grove Street.

Crossings backed up with Tar Macadam—Montpellier Street, Bath Street, Hewlett Street, and Hewlett Road.

Kerbing, Channelling and Paving—Christ Church Road, Lansdown Road, Sandford Street, Lower High Street, Gloucester Road, Clarence Street, King's Road, Carlton Street, Queen's Road, Pittville Circus Road, Winchcomb Street, Lansdown Place, Montpellier Street, Exmouth Street, Suffolk Road, Parabola Road, by " Hollym," Lypiatt Terrace, and Lypiatt Street.

Tar Macadam Footpath Repairs—Leckhampton Road and Gloucester Road.

Gravel Footpath Repairs—Leckhampton Road, Malvern Road, Queen's Road, Parabola Road, by Hollym."

New Gulley—Sandfield Road.

Trees Pruned—Hale's Road, The Park, Keynsham Road, Promenade, Oriel Road, Bayshill Road, Montpellier Street, Parabola Road, and Painswick Road.

Hedges Cut—Christ Church Road and Queen's Road.

The widening of the road in Old Bath Road was finished.

Private Improvement Works—The footpath on the West side of Gloucester Road was finished.

Slab Factory—Slabs made during four weeks ended 23rd July, 1,003i square yards. Ashes Collection and Disposal-932 loads collected, 902 burnt. Weight, 739 tons 9 cwt. 2 qrs.

10-St. George's Place Improvement—A letter was read from the Ecclesiastical Commissioners stating that they had no objection to the giving up of the land at the back of No. 8. Royal Crescent necessary to carry out the proposed improvement in St. George's Place, if the Corporation will rebuild the wall. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to prepare a plan and estimate for the rebuilding of the wall along the new line.

11-Kensington Avenue--A Specification from the Surveyor, of date the 27th day of July instant, of the works required to be done to the above street, together with plans, section and estimates, were submitted and approved. And it was Resolved, That Notices be given under Section 150 of the Public

Health Act, 1875, to the owners of the premises fronting, adjoining, or abutting upon the parts of the said street, requiring to be severed, levelled paved, metalled, flagged, channelled, or made good ; requiring them to do the specified works within twenty-eight 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.

12-Flooding of Basements in Promenade—The Borough Surveyor reported the receipt of letters of complaint from Mr. H. Merry and Mr. A. Cummings, complaining of the flooding of their premises in the Promenade. On the recommendation of the Borough Surveyor, Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to examine and report further as to the cause of complaint and to put in proper manholes where necessary.

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13--Road at back of Leconfield--A letter was read from Mr. G. G. Pruen, suggesting that an improvement might be effected in the road at the back of Leconfield, College Road, by the taking down of a portion of a cottage which projected into the road. He also asked that a street gully at the Sandford Road end of the back road mentioned should be removed Resolved, That the Committee cannot recommend the Council to carry out the suggested improvement, but that the gully shall be removed if Mr. Pruen is willing to pay the cost of so doing and the necessary alteration of the road level.

14—Trees in Eldorado Road—A letter was read from Mrs. T. Hichens, of Eversley, Eldorado Road, calling attention to the fact that two trees in front of her house should be removed. Resolved, That Mrs. Hichens be informed that the Council have no power to remove the trees, as the same is on private property.

15—Eldorado Road—Resolved, To instruct the Borough Surveyor to prepare a Plan and Specification of the works required to be done by the abutting owners to that part of Eldorado Road not already paved, &c.

16—Encroachment on Public Footpath at Cloddimore—The Borough Surveyor reported that a new fence now being erected by Mr. Daft at Cloddimore, St. Mark's, encroached upon the public footpath. Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to write to Mr. Daft requiring him to set back the new fence to the line of the old one.

17—Surface Water Drainage of Leckhampton Lane—The Borough Surveyor reported that the surface water drain in Leckhampton Lane, between Collum End Farm and the Schools, was entirely blocked up. The drain, although within the Borough, did not receive any drainage from land within the Borough but from land in the Cheltenham Rural District. He recommended that a new drain should be put in at the cost of about £90 without the necessary gullies and branches. These so far as the Borough was concerned would cost about £16. Resolved, That the recommendation of the Borough Surveyor be approved and that the drain be relaid if the Cheltenham Rural District Council will pay half the cost, the necessary gullies and branches required on either side of the road to be paid for by the respective authorities.

18—College Road Footpaths—Letters were read from Mr. F. Steel and others, calling attention to the unsatisfactory condition of the footpaths in College Road. Resolved, To adjourn consideration of the matter to the next meeting.

19—Telegraph Pole—A Letter was read from the General Post Office applying for permissions to erect a painted telegraph pole in a road leading to the back of Queen's Parade. Resolved, That permission be given subject to the exact position of the pole being settled by the Borough Surveyor.

20— Road on Southam Villa Estate, Prestbury Road—A Letter was read from Mr. James Villar, stating that Mr. H. W. Holliday was prepared to construct the proposed new road on the Southam Villa Estate in accordance with the Borough Surveyor's specification, on condition that the Town Council would take over the road on completions. Resolved, That the Council cannot undertake to take over the road as requested.

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

No. of Plan.	Name.	Description
36	E. Kilminster	Bakehouse at No. 7, Courtenay Street
39	T. W. Smith	Six houses in Langdon Road
41	T. Moon	Coach-house and loft in Hatherley Street
43	Mrs. Flory	Bay window to No. 5, Denmark Terrace
49	Trustees of St. Peter's Schools	.. New Latrines at St. Peter's Schools, Waterloo Street
50	Mr. E. Martin	Two houses in Leighton Road
51	A. C. Bruce Pryce	Additions to Abbeyholme, Overton Park
52	J. J. L. Oakey	Outbuildings at 40, Brunswick Street
53	Dicks & Sons, Limited	New basement to Nos. 172 and 173, High Street

Resolved, That plans numbered 39, 50, 51, and 52 be disapproved, and that the remainder of the plans be approved so far as matters within the purview of this Committee are concerned.

WILLIAM A. BAKER, Chairman.

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

**At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 20th day of July, 1903**—Present : Alderman Norman ; Councillors Baker, Bainbridge, Bence, Handley, Packer and Rickerby (Councillor Rickerby in the chair)—

1 - Report of Entertainments Sub-Committee--The Entertainments Sub-Committee reported that the attention of the Horticultural Society hail been called to the tact that subscribers to the Montpellier Gardens were not admitted at half-price after 6 p.m. on the occasions of the Society's show, this being a clear breach of the conditions on which the Gardens were let to the Society.



2—Resignation of Borough Meteorologist—A letter was read from Mr. F. O. Bell, the Borough Meteorologist, stating that as the result of careful consideration he could not continue the office at the present salary, and therefore placed his resignation in the hands of the Committee, but he would be pleased to carry on the work until his successor had been appointed, so that the daily observations might be continuous. Resolved, That the resignation be accepted with regret.

3—Canvas Ceiling over Winter Garden Concert Room—A letter was read from Mr. E. Bourne, accepting, on behalf of the Oddfellows' Committee, the offer of £20 for the canvas ceiling over the Concert Room at the Winter Garden.

4—Official Guides to the Midland and Great Western Railways—A letter was read from Messrs. Cassell & Co., Limited, asking for a renewal of the page advertisement of Cheltenham, which has for some years appeared in their Official Guides to the Midland and Great Western Railways. The fees for insertion in all editions for the next three years had been reduced to £10 10s. per Guide, or £16 16s. for the two Guides, which, if desired, could be paid by three equal annual instalments. Resolved, That the advertisement be renewed in the two Guides, payment to be made by three instalments.

5—Advertisement in "Daily Chronicle"—Resolved, Not to accept an offer from the Daily Chronicle for an advertisement of the town.

6—Lightning Conductors at Winter Garden—The Borough Surveyor submitted the following tenders for taking down the existing lightning conductors at the Winter Garden and fixing new ones :—

R. E. & C. Marshall, Limited	£81 0 0
J. Such & Sons	£45 10 0
Sanders, Morgan & Co.	£45 0 0
J. W. Gray & Sons (London)...	£43 0 0

Resolved, That the tender of Messrs. Gray & Sons be accepted.

7—Athletic Sports at Montpellier Gardens—An application was read from the Cheltenham Athletic Society, applying for the use of the Montpellier Gardens on Easter Monday next for the holding of the usual Athletic Sports. Resolved, That the application be acceded to on the same terms as last year, the positions of tents and grand stand, however, to be subject to the approval of the Borough Surveyor.

8—Pittville Estate—The Borough Surveyor reported that On the 14th instant a lock had been broken and removed from one of the Clarence Square gates by a boy named Bradley, and on the 15th instant several boys were found playing cricket in Clarence Square Garden, although they had been previously cautioned that this was not allowed.

The Borough Surveyor submitted a letter from Mr. G. Bradfield protesting against admission to Pittville being refused to small children in charge of his daughter, aged 14.

Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to write to the parents of the boys referred to, giving them an opportunity of offering any explanation of their conduct at the next meeting of the Committee, and that he inform Mr. Bradfield that the gatekeeper appears to have exercised a proper discretion in the matter of which he complains.

T. E. RICKERBY, Chairman.

### LIGHTING COMMITTEE.

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, the 22nd day of July, 1903**—Present: Alderman Norman; Councillors Bainbridge Handley and Parsonage (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.
1903 July 15th	200 Volts.	208 Volts
" 21st	200 Volts.	<u>208 Volts</u>
Average 208 Volts.		

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

ILLUMINATING POWER.		PURITY.	
1903		1903 Grains of Sulphur per 100 cubic ft.	
July 14th ..	16.05 candles	July 13th-14 <sup>th</sup>	11.00
" 20th	15.03 "	" 20th —21 <sup>st</sup>	<u>10.88</u>
Average..	15.54		10.94

The Gas Examiner called attention to the fact that on the 20th instant the gas was within .03 candle of the minimum allowed by the Act.

3--Gas Inspector's Report—The Gas Inspector reported that the hourly average consumption of gas per lamp during the previous month had been as follows :—Ordinary Lamps 4.3443 cubic feet ; Guildhall Lamps, with No. 4 Incandescent burners, 5.602 cubic feet ; Ordinary Lamps with No. 3 Incandescent burners, 4.226 cubic feet.

4---Lamp Book—This Book was produced and examined. Ordinary Lamps extinguished, 1 metered, 1 un-metered; Incan-descents, 9 out and 4 burning dimly.

5—Report of the Borough Electrical Engineer—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that, except for two or three small faults in connection with some of the arc lighting circuits, all work had progressed satisfactorily during the past month.

On the 21st instant there were 705 customers, with the equivalent of about 42,670 8-candlepower lamps connected to the private supply mains, exclusive of sonic houses not at present occupied.

With further reference to the failure of electric supply at the Winter Garden on the 20th ultimo, he had ascertained from the Borough Surveyor that the manhole, the construction of which led to the fault, was made by the Building Contractors for the Town Hall. He would furnish the Town Clerk with a statement of the cost of the repairs to the main, so that a claim might be made on the contractors.

An inquiry had been received from Mr. W. Gorse as to the terms upon which electric supply would be given to 1, Clare Villas, Sandfield Road. There was no low pressure, or small high pressure, main in the Sandfield Road, and the cost of an extension would be out of all proportion to the income derived from it. He recommended, therefore, that Mr. Gorse be informed that supply cannot be given him at present.

An inquiry had been received from Mr. Rainger relative to electric supply to Southfield in the Gloucester Road, in reply to which the Borough Electrical Engineer had made a proposal to Mr. Rainger as regards the necessary extension, under which the cost of the work, to be paid by the Department, and which was included in the £16,000 loan, would be £20, and the income should be about £8 per annum.

A small compulsory extension had been carried out in the Hewlett Road to give supply to a house called "The Cleeve," at a cost of £20, which should be included in the next application for a loan. He had received an application for supply of energy for lighting purposes to Christ Church. He estimated the cost of the extension of main necessary for the purpose at £85, and the cost of the sub-station which would be required at £55. He recommended that supply be given if the Church authorities will allow the erection of the sub-station above ground at the side of the Church in Overton Park.

Resolved, That the action and recommendations of the Borough Electrical Engineer be approved and adopted.

6—Loan of £13,984—A letter was read from the Local Government Board, enclosing their sanction to a loan of £13,964 for purposes connected with the supply of electrical energy, the period allowed for repayment being twenty-five years.

7—Electric Lighting Accounts—A letter was read from the Board of Trade, enclosing a copy of a letter received by the Board from the Secretary of the Property, Owners and Ratepayers' Association of Cheltenham, calling attention to the fact that the electric lighting accounts had not yet been published. The Town Clerk read draft of the reply he proposed to send to the Board. Resolved, That the same be approved.

GEO. NORMAN, Chairman

#### **WATER COMMITTEE.**

**At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Thursday, the 23rd day of July, 1903**—Present: Alderman Norman; Councillors Baker, Bendall, M. Davis, and H. Waghorne (Councillor H. Waghorne in the chair)—

1-Report of Borough Engineer—The Borough Engineer reported that the average daily yield of the springs at Hewletts for 30 days ending 22nd July was 396,087 gallons, and the average daily yield for the corresponding period during the last three years was 137,016 gallons.

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The average daily yield of springs at Dowdeswell for 30 days ending 22nd July was 858,600 gallons, and the average daily yield for the corresponding period during the last three years was 190,080 gallons.

On the 22nd instant the contents of Hewletts and Leckhampton Reservoirs was 30,067,246 gallons, and Dowdeswell Reservoir contained 97,828,887 gallons, giving a total storage of 127,896,133 gallons, or about 110 days supply.

In view of the wood block paving proposed to be laid, the following work had been carried out :—Six fire hydrants had been removed from the carriage way in High Street, and two from the carriage way in Cambray, and had been fixed on the footpaths. The hydrants in High Street had also been connected with 12-inch main, and the hydrants in Cambray connected with the 4-inch main. A new fire hydrant had been fixed in Lower High Street, at the corner of Burton Street. Thirty yards of 8-inch main had been laid from High Street along Gloucester Road and connected with the 3-inch main. A 3-inch Sluice Valve had been fixed in the road at the back of Cambray between Cambray and Wellington Street. The main in Bath Street had been connected with the 10-inch main in Bath Road, a short length of 2-inch main had been taken out in Bath Road and a 3-inch main substituted. A new fire hydrant had been fixed at the corner of Bath Road and Bath Street.

A 9-inch and an 8-inch Sluice Valve had been fixed on the spring head mains at Hewletts.

The 4-inch main which had been removed temporarily in connection with the widening of the Ashchurch Midland Railway' Bridge had been refixed.

He submitted satisfactory reports from the National Boiler Insurance Company on the internal and external examination of the boiler at Sandford.

He asked the Committee's instructions respecting the old sandwashers and turbine at Dowdeswell, which were out of use.

He submitted a letter from His Majesty's Office of Works, Bristol, asking that No. 1, Bath Street should be painted outside and the roof be made watertight. He had examined the premises. The outside required painting and the roof was very defective. He recommended that the latter be repaired for the present, but in the course of a few years it would be necessary to entirely re-lath and re-slate it. The upper part of the brickwork to the two chimney stacks was in a dangerous condition and should be taken down and rebuilt. The repairs to the roof would cost about £20 and the painting about £11.

Resolved, That the Borough Engineer be authorised to dispose of the old sand washers and turbine to the best advantage, and to advertise for tenders for the painting of No. 1, Bath Street, the other work required there to be carried out by the Borough Surveyor.

2--Proposed New Main from Tewkesbury to Cheltenham—The Borough Engineer reported that the plans and estimates were ready in connection with the new main to forward to the Local

Government Board. The estimate for the main from Tewkesbury Pumping Station coupling up with the existing main near Cleveland Street in this Borough, was £18,500. He asked for authority to advertise for tenders for the work of laying the main.

Resolved, That the plans and estimates be approved and forwarded to the Local Government Board, and that application be made to the Board for sanction to a loan of £18,500 accordingly. Resolved also, That the Borough Engineer be authorised to advertise for tenders.

The Town Clerk reported the arrangements which had been made subject to the approval of the Committee with the Tewkesbury, Freeman's Committee, and the position of the negotiations with the other owners and occupiers of land through which the main would pass. Resolved, That the arrangements made with Tewkesbury Freeman's Committee to pay £20 compensation for damage caused in laying the main, and also compensation for any actual damage in the future, be approved.

3—Salts Farm—The Town Clerk reported that as instructed he had arranged with the Tenant of Salts Farm that he should not have the use of the paddock, the sum of £1 1s. to be allowed off the increased rent of the farm. Resolved, That this arrangement be approved. Resolved also, That the Caretaker of Dowdeswell Reservoir be informed that he must cease keeping pigs in the paddock mentioned

4-Inspection of Tewkesbury Works and Severn—Resolved, To pay a visit of inspection to the Tewkesbury, Works and to the Severn above the intake, on Friday the 31st instant.

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

H. WAGHORNE, Chairman.

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

**At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 21st day of July, 1903**—Present: Aldermen Norman, Skillicorne and Winterbotham; Councillors Baker, M. Davis, Davies, Gurney, Hayward, Rickerby, and J. Waghorne (Councillor J. Waghorne in the chair).

1-- Diseases of Animals Arts--Supt. Hopkins reported that the Borough was free from diseases amongst animals.

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2- Hackney Carriage Driver—Resolved, To accede to an application received from William Ashton, of 7, Fairfield Place, for a licence to drive a hackney carriage.

3--Street Inspector—A Letter was read from Supt. Hopkins, stating that P.C. Bunker having been promoted to the rank of Sergeant, was obliged to give up his appointment as Street Inspector, and recommending that P.C. Joseph Goulder be appointed in his stead, Resolved, That P.C. Goulder be appointed Street Inspector at a salary of £20 per annum, and that he be empowered without further authority to take proceedings from time to time on behalf of the Town Council for offences against the Hackney Carriage Byelaws and the provisions of the Towns Police Clauses Act.

4--Stand for Hackney Carriage near No. 1, Promenade--Resolved, That this Hackney Carriage Stand be removed when the Promenade Improvement No. 2 is carried out.

5—Char-a-Banc Terminus—With reference to the Resolution to Minute No. 9 passed at the last meeting of this Committee, Mr. C. A. Smith, the proprietor of the char-a-bancs, attended and requested the Committee to reconsider their decision as to the terminus. and asked that the terminus might be in Clarence Parade opposite the Salem Chapel, as he thought this would meet the objections of the Memorialists. Resolved, That Mr. Smith's suggestion be adopted and the Resolution above mentioned be varied accordingly.

6—Licence to Keep Petrol--An application was received from Mr. H. C. Bubb, of No. to, Portland Street, for permission to keep not exceeding 20 gallons of petrol at the premises mentioned. The Borough Surveyor having reported that the proposed place of storage did not comply with the regulations made by the Corporation, and was otherwise unsuitable, Resolved, That the application be not acceded to.

7—Borough Surveyor's Department— The Borough Surveyor requested the permission of the Council to his taking as an articled pupil Mr. Thomas Bruce Stewart. Resolved, That permission be given.

Resolved, on the application of the Borough Surveyor, to engage a Junior Assistant for the drawing office, at a salary of 20s per week.

The Borough Surveyor reported that in order to avoid serious inconvenience it was necessary that assistants, foremen, and others in his department should be required to give adequate notice of their intention to leave the service of the Corporation and he proposed to make arrangements and notify the employees mentioned accordingly. Resolved, That his proposed action be approved.

8—National Telephone Co.— Underground Wayleaves—The Borough Surveyor reported that the Borough Electrical Engineer and he had examined the plan submitted by the National Telephone Co., and recommended that the mains should, where possible, be laid under the footpaths, but in several streets it would be necessary to lay them under the carriage ways. The main could be laid under the footpaths along the greater part of High Street and London Road, but between Ambrose Street and Hewlett Street it was proposed to lay them under the carriage way so as not to interfere with electric mains. As it was probable that portions of the High Street would shortly be paved with wood blocks, it was necessary that special care should be taken in excavating and filling in the trench. The concrete foundation for the wood block paving would have a minimum thickness of 6 inches and he recommended that where the trench for the mains was made this thickness should be increased to 1 foot for a width 1ft foot on each side of the trench, and that the Telephone Company be required to pay the cost of this extra thickness. He recommended that the whole of the work (except the laying of the cables), be carried out by the Corporation at the cost of the Company as provided in the agreement. He recommended that the plan be approved subject to the exact positions of the cable in the streets being decided upon by the Borough Electrical Engineer and himself during the progress of the work. Resolved, That the recommendations contained in the report be approved and adopted, and that the Company be informed accordingly.

9—Town Hall—In reply to letters from Mr. C. E. Rainger and Mr. S. F. R. Studd, with reference to the holding of concerts at the Town Hall, Resolved, That they be informed that the Committee are unable to consider the suggestions made by them until after the completion of the building. The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that upon completion of the substation in the basement of the Town Hall it would be advisable to provide mains from this substation to the Winter Garden and to remove the transformer from the Winter Garden basement. The cost of the new cable would be £41 if carried out by his department. Resolved, That supply be given to the Winter Garden as suggested, and that the Borough Electrical Engineer be authorised to carry out the work.

10— Improvement Bill—The Town Clerk laid before the Committee an account of Parliamentary Agents charges in respect of the Improvement Bill amounting to £348 7s. 0d. (including £241 3s. 6d. disbursements). Resolved, That the same be taxed.

11—Standing Orders—The Town Clerk, as instructed by the Committee submitted draft amended Standing Orders. Resolved, That Alderman Norman, Councillors Gurney and J. Waghorne be appointed a Sub-Committee to consider the same, the draft to be afterwards printed and a copy sent to each member of the Committee.

12-- Central Railway Station—A Letter was read from the Chamber of Commerce for Cheltenham and District enclosing copies of the following resolution passed by the Chamber .—

1. That this Chamber considers a Central Railway Station would be desirable in the interests of the town.
2. That a deputation from this Chamber wait upon the Directors of both the Midland and Great Western Railway Companies with a view to effecting this object, but that steps be first taken to obtain the support of the Mayor and Corporation and of the tradespeople of the town. Resolved, That the Chamber of Commerce be informed that the Council are in sympathy with the proposed Central Station, and would be glad to see a Central Railway. Station established.

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13—Printing of Council and Committee Minutes—The following Tenders were read for the printing of the Council Agendas and the Council and Committee Minutes :—

	Agendas for Council at per page for 50	Committee Minutes foolscap size at per page for 50
G. F. Poole	3s	5s
H. Edwards	2s 3d	4s 9d
S. R. Grove	2s 3d	5s 6d
Harvey and Healing ....	2s	3s 1d

	Council Minutes quarto size at per page for 50 in book form and paged	Committee Minutes at per transposed to 4to[?] size in book form and paged at per page for 50
G. F. Poole	3s 6d	6d.
H. Edwards	3s 3d	1s 4d
S. R. Grove	4s	2s 3d
Harvey and Healing	2s 5d	9d.

Resolved, That the Tender of Messrs. Harvey and Healing be accepted.

14-Art Gallery Sub-Committee's Report — The Art Gallery Sub-Committee reported that they met on the 21st instant, when there were present:—Aldermen Winterbotham (in the chair) and Norman, Councillor Hayward, and Dr. E. T. Wilson.

Report of Curator—The Curator reported that there had been 6,404 visits to the Art Gallery since 14th February.

That the studies and cartoons for, and photographs from the Lady Chapel at Gloucester Cathedral, lent by Mr. C. W. Whall, and lately shown in the Arts and Crafts Exhibition, London, had been on view in the Gallery since the 11th May.

That the picture, entitled, " On the Deal and Dover Road," had been returned to Mr. Thorne Waite.

The " Hildesheim Treasure " had been received from Messrs. Christofle & Co., Paris.

The relief in marble of St. John Baptist, copied by Mr. J. E. Hyett, had been received, and a glazed frame was being made for it under the direction of Mr. Hyett.

Art Gallery and Library—The following report of a Sub-Committee, appointed by the Public Library Committee, to consider as to the readjustment of the charges common to both institutions, was read :-

The Sub-Committee consider that the amount at present contributed by the Art Gallery to the maintenance charges of the two buildings and also to the salary of the Librarian and Curator is altogether inadequate.

Librarian and Curator—The salary of the Librarian and Curator is £275, £250 being paid to him as Librarian and £25 as Curator.

Having regard to the amount of time occupied by Mr. Jones in connection with the Art Gallery, in superintending the hanging, removal and cleaning of exhibits and correspondence with reference thereto, the Sub-Committee think that £50 might fairly be allocated as his salary as Curator, leaving £225 to be paid as Librarian, and recommend that the salaries should be adjusted accordingly. It may be pointed out that if a separate Curator had to be appointed it would be impossible to obtain for this sum a gentleman of Mr. Jones' qualifications to be in daily attendance and ready to give such time as may be required to the affairs of the Art Gallery.



Establishment Charges—Cleaning and Heating— The Caretaker for the two buildings, now receives £75 8s. per annum, together with apartments, firing, lighting, and uniform. The amount contributed by the Art Gallery towards this is only £13, which covers cleaning, polishing floors, window cleaning, superintending heating apparatus, and opening and locking up the building each day, and the benefit of his services as a caretaker living on the premises.

He also has to be in attendance at each meeting of the Council, for which the Art Gallery receive £12 per annum, none of which is credited to the Library.

If the Art Gallery were an entirely separate building, it would be necessary to have a separate caretaker to live on the premises, to meet the requirements of the Science and Art Department.

The Art Gallery also have the benefit and use of the boiler provided and paid for by the Library. There is no store room accommodation in the Art Gallery, and the premises of the Library are therefore used for this purpose.

The Library staff are also utilized when required for the Art Gallery.

The Sub-Committee recommend that the sum of £100 should be contributed by the Art Gallery towards establishment charges to cover provision of caretaker, cost of cleaning and superintendence of heating apparatus, use of boiler and store rooms.

The Sub-Committee recommend that the proposed adjustment should take effect as from the commencement of the previous year, viz., out April, 1902.

Resolved, To recommend the adoption of the Sub-Committee's report and recommendations, subject to the amount to be paid for establishment charges being reduced to £75, so that the contribution of £100 shall include the proposed readjustment of the curator's salary.

Resolved, That the recommendation of the Art Gallery Sub-Committee be approved.

15—Assistant Town Clerk—Resolved, That this Committee recommend the Council to give to Mr. A. D. Jenkins, the Assistant Town Clerk, under the Corporate Seal of the Borough an expression of its appreciation of the ability and courtesy with which during the illness and consequent absence of the late Town Clerk (Mr. Brydges) he fulfilled for several months the responsible duties of the office as Acting Town Clerk of the Borough.

16—Supply of Coal—Letters were read from Messrs. Powell, Gwinnell & Co., Ltd., suggesting that the coal required by the Corporation should be obtained by tender. Resolved, That the matter be referred to the Borough Surveyor to report upon at the next meeting.

17 —Byelaw as to Covered Vehicles -A letter was read from the Home Office stating that subject to two slight amendments the Byelaw proposed to be made by the Council with respect to covered vehicles, would be allowed by the Secretary of State, subject of course to the consideration of any objections made to him during the statutory period of 40 days after the same is made. Resolved, That the Byelaw as amended be made and sealed at the next meeting of the Council.

18— Town Clerk—Resolved, That the Town Clerk be allowed to authenticate documents, administer oaths, &c., as a Notary Public when required.

J. WAGHORNE, Chairman.

#### **MINERAL WATERS AND BATHS COMMITTEE.**

**At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Friday, the 17th day of July, 1903**—Present Councillors Davies, Hayward and Stewart (Councillor Davies in the chair)—

1—Montpellier Baths—The Borough Accountant reported that the amount received during the present financial year was £200 11s., and the payments (exclusive of repayment of loan and interest) amounted to £121 10s. 6d.

The Borough Surveyor requested the Committee's sanction to the filling up of the well formerly used for the water supply to the premises and to the removal of the old engine and pumps from Montpellier to the Depot in order to give more accommodation for the storage of coal at the Baths. Resolved, That this be done. Resolved also, That an allowance of 15s be made to Mrs. Braint towards the cost of the mackintosh obtained by her for use while giving swimming lessons, and that a charge of 1s 8d be made to Mr. J. F. Haskoll on each occasion when the apparatus for the teaching of swimming is used by him.

2—Alstone Baths—The Borough Accountant reported that the receipts at these Baths during the present financial year were £112 13s. 7d., and the expenditure (exclusive of sinking fund payments and interest) was £102 16s. 1d.

3—Supply of Coal for Baths—A letter was read from Messrs. Powell, Gwinnell & Co., Limited, suggesting that the coal required for the Baths should be obtained by tender. Resolved, That Messrs. Powell, Gwinnell & Co. be informed that the question of obtaining the coal supplies required by the Corporation will be considered by the General Purposes Committee, the coal required for the Baths being obtained at the present time, however, at an exceptionally low price.

RICHARD DAVIES, Chairman.

#### **RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE.**

**At a Meeting of this Committee, had on Wednesday, the 15th day of July, 1903**—Present Alderman Holliday ; Councillors Baker, Bainbridge, King-Harman and Stewart (Councillor King-Harman in the chair)—

1- Agg-Gardner Recreation Ground—The Town Clerk reported that an application had been received from Messrs. Baring Bros. for the closing of the Agg-Gardner Recreation Ground on Thursday, the 16th July instant, before the usual time for the purpose of the firework display to be given in the Marle Hill Annexe on that evening. Resolved, That the Committee are unable to comply with this request and that the Ground be closed at the usual time.

M. J. KING-HARMAN, Chairman.

**At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 20th day of July, 1903**—Present : Councillors Bainbridge, Baker and Davies (Councillor Davies in the chair)—

3—Chairman - In the absence of the Chairman, Resolved, That Councillor Davies be appointed Chairman at this meeting.

3—Whaddon Lane Recreation Ground —The Borough Surveyor reported that during the week ended July 18th, 2,685 persons visited the Whaddon Lane Recreation Ground, and during the week ended July 18th, the visitors numbered 1872, a daily average of 384 and 268 respectively.

The fixing of the fountain had been delayed through the concrete not being ready, but this was now delivered, and the fountain would now be fixed as soon as possible.

RICHARD DAVIES, Chairman.

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

**At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Friday, the 24th day of July, 1903**—Present Aldermen Holliday ; Councillors Baker, Bence, M. Davis, Packer and Stroud (Councillor Baker in the chair)—

1—Chairman—In the absence of the Chairman, Resolved, That Councillor Baker be appointed Chairman at this Meeting.

2-Designs-The following design was examined and approved :—Headstone to Elizabeth Broad.

3—Care of Grave Spaces and Memorial--A Letter was read from Mr. W. B. Hahne, Solicitor of Worcester, enquiring on behalf of Miss M. A. Nott, on what terms the Burial Board would undertake to keep in order the grave spaces numbered 5164 and 5165 X, and the monument and bordering on the one space in repair. Resolved, To adjourn consideration of the matter for the Committee to view the graves on their next visit to the Cemetery.

WILLIAM A. BAKER, Chairman.

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

**At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 21st day of July, 1903**—Present : Councillors Hayward and Lawrence ; the Revs. J. Evans, A. Beynon Phillips and A. C. Turberville; Messrs. W. Cresswell, A. Beckingsale, J. G. Carr, G. H. Palmer, and T. Whittard (Councillor Hayward in the chair)—

1—Librarian's Report—The Monthly Report of the Librarian was read. Receipts: £5 7s. 9d. Presentations to the Library: Mr. John Sawyer, 1 vol.; Rev. W. L. Lang, Geographical Journal, as published; Board of Trade, 3 vols ; University Correspondence College, 1 vol.; Orient Pacific Steamship Company, 1 vol. ; Mr. C. T. Bastin, 1 vol.

2-Sub-Committee's Report—The Sub-Committee reported that at a Meeting held on the 21st instant, there were present:—Councillor Hayward and the Rev. J. Evans. They recommended:—

That the Tender of Messrs. J. J. Banks & Son for the supply of New Books, Magazines and Periodical Literature for the year ending 31st August, 1904, be accepted,

That the Tender of Messrs. Norman & Sawyer for Binding be accepted.

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

3—Arrangement with Art Gallery- The Sub-Committee appointed to consider as to the re-adjustment of the charges common to both the Art Gallery and Library, reported that they had conferred with the Art Gallery Sub-Committee on the matter, and that the latter had agreed to recommend that an additional £87 should be contributed towards the common charges, this contribution to take effect as from the commencement of the previous year.

4---Coal for Library—A Letter was read from Messrs. Powell, Gwinnell & Co., Limited, suggesting that the coal supplied to the Library should be obtained by tender. Resolved, To refer the letter to the General Purposes and Watch Committee.

C. HAYWARD,

Chairman.

#### FINANCE COMMITTEE.

**At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 28th day of July, 1903**—Present : Alderman Skillicorne ; Councillors Bence, Handley, Stroud, and J. Waghorne (Councillor J. Waghorne in the chair.)—

1—Chairman—In the absence of the Chairman, Resolved, That Councillor J. Waghorne be appointed Chairman at this meeting.

2-Keeping of Accounts—The Borough Surveyor and the Borough Accountant presented Reports dealing with the present system of bookkeeping in their departments, containing their recommendations thereon. Resolved, That the Reports be printed and a copy of each sent to the members of this Committee, and that in the meantime consideration of the same be postponed.

3—Overdraft at Bank—Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to ask the Bank to consider whether they cannot offer more favourable terms than 4 per cent. in respect of the overdraft.

4—General District Rate on No. 5, Brooklyn Bank—Resolved, To accede to an application from the Local Committee of the Friendless Girls' Society to excuse the Society from payment of the General District Rate on No. 5, Brooklyn Bank, occupied as a home for friendless girls.

5—General District Rate—The Report of the Borough Accountant of date the 28th ult., on the collection of the 1st instalment of this Rate was read. Amount collected, £10,067 4s. 7d., leaving outstanding £13,566 13s. 4 ½ d.

6—Water Rate—The Report of the Borough Accountant of date the 28th ult., on the collection of this Rate was read. Amount received, £5403 13s. 7d., leaving outstanding £5,828 4s. 4d

7—Accounts—The Financial Statement of the Receipts and Expenditure since the last Meeting and the Bills and Accounts to be paid were examined, and the latter, amounting to £15,298 12s. 8d., 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 on the 30th June, last	£135,46 15 3	
Paid since do.	£ <u>14,335 17 1</u>	
	£149,482 12 4	
Received since do.	£ <u>12,502 13 4</u>	
	£136,979 19 0	
Being Ordinary Rates Expenditure		£ 11,798 18 11
Electric Lighting (Capital & Revenue), Water & other Capital Accounts		£ <u>125,181 0 1</u>
		£136,979 19 0

J. WAGHORNE, Chairman.

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### **Borough of Cheltenham**

**MINUTES of the Committees of the Town Council to be submitted for approval at a Monthly Meeting of the Council to be held on Monday, the 7th September, 1903.**

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

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, the 11th August, 1903**—Present: Alderman Norman, Councillors Bence, M. Davis, King-Harmon, 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, 3 cases of Scarlet Fever, 1 of Enteric Fever, and 3 of Diphtheria; that 2 cases of Scarlet Fever, 1 of Diphtheria, and 1 of Enteric Fever had been sent into the Delancey Hospital, and that the number of cases then in the Delancey Hospital, sent in by the Corporation was 6 of Scarlet Fever, 1 of Diphtheria and 1 of Enteric Fever.

2—Insanitary Property at 19 St. George's Street, 1, 4, 6 and 7 Ewlyn Terrace, and 11, 13 and 16 Fairfield Place—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, 1871, be served upon the owners requiring them to put the premises into a healthy condition, and for that purpose to carry out the works specified therein.

3—Overcrowding at 19 and 20 Fairfield Place—The Medical Officer of Health reported that the above premises were so overcrowded as to be dangerous or injurious to the health of the inmates. Resolved, That the Committee being satisfied of the existence of a nuisance on the said premises,

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

4—Cleansing and Limewashing at 17 Commercial Street, 6 Ewlyn Terrace and 7, 10, 11 and 19 Fairfield 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 imitates 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-Nuisances from Drains, etc., at 5 Brandon Place, 10 Edward Street, 6.1 St. Paul's Street, N., and 21 and 25 Roman Road-The Inspector of Nuisances having made written application under Sec. 41 of the Public Health Act, stating that the drains, &c., on of belonging to the above-named houses were in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to health. Resolved, That authority be given to the inspector of Nuisances to open the ground, examine the drains, and, if necessary, give the Notices and act as provided by the said Section.

6-Water Closets without Flushing Apparatus—The Medical Officer of Health reported that the following houses, had water closets without Flushing Apparatus, viz:- 24 Clarence Square, Sculptor's Yard, Hale's Road, and 7, Grosvenor Terrace. Resolved, That Notices under Sec. 28 of the Cheltenham. Improvement Act, 1889, be given to the owners, requiring them to provide the necessary flushing apparatus, and to the occupiers to lay on a proper supply of water thereto, and that in default of compliance with such notices proceedings be taken -for the penalties.

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7-Houses without proper Ash Receptacles--The Medical Officer of Health reported that the following houses had no proper ashpits or ash receptacles, viz:-14 Clarence Square, 13 Windsor Street, 16 Ewlyn Terrace, and 6 and 12 Fairfield Place. Resolved, That the necessary Notices be given to the respective owners under Sec. 36 of the Public Health Act, 1875, and Sec. 47 of the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1889, requiring them in each case to provide is moveable ash receptacle of such size, pattern, and construction as may be approved by the Borough Surveyor on behalf of the Corporation.

8-Notiftcation of Infectious Disease—Read, a letter from the County Medical Officer of Health (Dr. Martin) asking for a weekly return of eases of infectious diseases notified in Cheltenham in connection with a proposed scheme for inter-notification between the various Sanitary Authorities in the County. Resolved, That the proposal be agreed to provisionally, the Council reserving liberty to discontinue sending returns if the scheme is not found to work satisfactorily.

9-Street Gulleys in Sandford Road and Portland Street—The question of altering the position of gulleys in Sandford Road (opposite the College) and in Portland Street was considered. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to report on the matter.

10—Common Lodging House at 20 and 21 Stanhope Street—An application was received from Mr. John Collins to be registered as Keeper in place of Mr. Bellion, together with 4 Certificates of good character. Resolved, That the application be granted.

11—Sewers in Warwick Place—Read, a letter from the Rev. James Foster, Pastor of North Place Church, complaining of flooding of the basement of his Church from the sewers. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to enquire and report thereon.

12—Demolition of Nos. 1 to 10 Elmstone Street and 30 and 31 New Street—With reference to Minute No. 11 passed by this Committee, on the 10th June last, a letter was read from Messrs. Cores & Scott, of Gloucester, Solicitors for the Owners, who are Trustees for a Charity, stating that application had been made to the Charity Commissioners for an order approving a scheme for pulling down the houses and erecting a new house and shop. Resolved, That the Council order the demolition of the cottages referred to, and that such order be served upon the owners, and that in the event of the latter not complying therewith, within three months after service, the Borough Surveyor do proceed to demolish the buildings.

13—New Buildings—The Borough Surveyor laid before the Committee the following notices and plans of intended new buildings, viz:—

No. of Plan.	Name.		Description.
28	William Sutton	..	Additions to 23, York Street
42	Powell, Gwinnell & Co., Ltd....	.. ..	Stables, cottage, &c., in Grove Street
48	G. Hall	.. ..	Cottage, wash house, &c., between 54 Sherborne Street and Jersey Cottage
50	E. Martin	..	Two houses in Leighton Road
52	J. J. L. Oakey	..	Outbuildings at 40 Brunswick Street
56	Management Committee, Loyal Imperial Lodge of Oddfellows..		Additions to rear of 11, Russell Place, Tewkesbury Road
57	W. Burcher		House in Kensington Avenue
58	Mr. Godward		Additions to No. 261 ½ High Street

Resolved, That all plans be approved so far as drainage and other sanitary matters are concerned.

E. H. PARSONAGE,

Chairman.

**At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 24<sup>th</sup> August-1903**-Present: Councillors Bence, Parsonage, King-Harman (Councillor Parsonage in the chair).

14—Zymotic Disease--The -Medical Officer of Health reported there had been notified since the last meeting of the Committee, 3 cases of Scarlet Fever, 1 of Enteric Fever, and 1 of Erysipelas: that 2 cases of Scarlet Fever had been sent into the Delancey Hospital, and that the number of cases then in the Hospital sent in by the Corporation was 6 of Scarlet Fever and one of Enteric Fever.

15---Insanitary Property--Nos. 3, 4 and 5, Edward Street, No. 3, Norwood Road, Nos. 6, 7, 8 and 10, Attewell's Cottages, No. 5, Thirlestaine Place, Bath Road, 93 Tewkesbury Road, 29 Sherborne Street, and No. 257 High 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 were in such a

state as to be injurious to health, Notices under Section 94 of 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.

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16-Cleansing and Limewashing at Nos. 11 and 14, Edward Street, and Nos. 9, 15 and 27 Russell Street—The Medical Officer of Health having certified under Section 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.

17-Nuisances from Drains, etc., at No. 5 St. Peter's Place, and No. 7 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 and examine the drains, and report to the Committee.

18-Overcrowding at Nos., 4 and 6 Edward Street—The Medical Officer of Health reported that the above premises were not overcrowded as to be dangerous or injurious to the health of the inmates. Resolved, That the Committee being satisfied of the existence of a nuisance on the said premises, Notices under Section 94 of the Public Health Act be served on the owners and occupiers thereof requiring them to abate the same.

19-Houses without proper Ash Receptacles—The Medical Officer of Health reported that Nos. 3, 4, 5 and 22 Edward Street, No. 17 Lansdown Terrace, No. 11 Windsor Street, No. 23 Lansdown Crescent, Nos. 5 and 6 Warwick Buildings, Stanley Cottage, Hewlett Street, and No. 24 Great Norwood Street, had no proper ashpits or ash receptacles. Resolved, That the necessary Notices be given to the respective owners under Section 36 of the Public Health Act, 1875, and Section 27 of the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1889, requiring them in each case to provide a moveable ash receptacle of such size, pattern, and construction as may be approved by the Borough Surveyor on behalf of the Corporation.

20—Private Sewer in Hatherley Place—The Medical Officer of Health reported that the occupier of Hatherley Grange, Hatherley Place, having made repeated complaints of rats coming up into his front gardens, the house drains had been examined and found to be perfectly sound, well jointed, and properly disconnected, and it was probable that the rats came from the defective private sewer in Hatherley Place, and this should be exposed for examination. Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to obtain the consent of the owner of the sewer to an examination thereof by the Borough Surveyor and the Inspector of Nuisances.

21—Underground Bakehouse—The Medical Officer of Health reported that Mr. Kunz had sent in a proposal for the improvement of his underground bakehouse in the Promenade, and he advised that the same should be accepted as sufficient, subject to the carrying out of any further work which might be required by him during the progress of the work. Resolved, That Mr. Kunz, be informed that a certificate will be issued on the conditions above-mentioned.



22-List of Uncomplined Notices—The Medical Officer of Health submitted a list of notices which had been served by the Health Department, but which had not been complied with. Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to take the necessary proceedings to compel compliance.

23—Sanitary Institute Congress—The Inspector of Nuisances presented a Report of the proceedings at the Bradford Congress of the Sanitary Institute, held last month, which he had attended. Resolved, That a copy be sent to each member of the Committee:

24—Housing of the Working Classes Acts—Read, a letter from the Local Government Board requesting to be furnished with a copy of all the Resolutions passed by the Town Council in relation to the above Act, since the 9th July, 1901. Resolved, That the information asked for be supplied.

25—Alleged Pollution of Chelt—Letters were read from the Clerk to the County Council enclosing copies of letters received by him through the Cheltenham and Tewkesbury Rural District Councils, from Mr. John Buckle, complaining of the condition of the Chelt near the Moors Farm, on the 11th and 18th ulto. Resolved, That the County Council be informed that the complaint will receive the careful consideration of the Council.

26—Sewer in Moorend Road—The Borough Surveyor reported that a sewer in Moorend Road had collapsed, carrying with it a portion of the road, and upon examination the sewer was found to be nearly three parts full of deposit. A length of about 40 yards had been taken out and relaid with new pipes surrounded by concrete. The examination of the remaining portion of the sewer was proceeding and it would be relaid where necessary. Resolved, That the action of the Borough Surveyor be approved and that he be authorised to proceed with the examination and repair of the sensor.

27— Branch Sewer to Hatherley Brook Sewer--The Borough Surveyor reported that a sewer connected with the Hatherley Brook Sewer had burst owing to the same being surcharged, and required relaying for a distance of about 40 feet. Resolved, That the recommendation of the Borough surveyor to build a new brick wall on either side of the branch sewer sufficient to carry the iron pipes put in to connect the two sewers he adopted, and that the remainder of the sewer be laid in concrete.

28—Surface Water Drainage—Read, a Report from the Borough Surveyor to the Street and Highway Committee with icier, nee to the arrangements for carrying off the surface water in the neighbourhood of Suffolk Square and Park Resolved, That the same be referred back to the Street and Highway Committee, as this Committee while approving of the recommendation, of the Borough Survivor, cannot see its way to recommending the Council to carry out the same at the present time.

29--New Buildings-The thorough Surveyor laid before the Committee the following plans of intended new buildings, viz.:—

No. of Plan	Name.	Description
39	T. W. Smith	Six houses in Langdon Road.
53	Dicks & Sons. Ltd.	New basement to Nos. 172 and 173, High Street
59	Fuller & Maylam	Shop and office, London Road.

Resolved, That so far as drainage and other sanitary matters, Plan No. 93 be approved, subject to a catchpit not being provided, and Plans No. 39 and 59 be approved.

Read, a letter from Mr. F. Jenkins, with reference to the vent pipes fixed by bins at six cottages in Fairfield Avenue. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be directed to report upon the matter at the next meeting.

E. H. PARSONAGE,

Chairman.

#### **FARMS AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL COMMITTEE.**

**At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Friday, the 7th August, 1903**—Present :—Councillors Bainbridge, Bence, King-Harman and M. Davis (Councillor M. Davis in the chair).

1—Report of Farms' Manager—The Farms' Manager reported that since the last meeting 20 heifers had been purchased for £240, and that 4 heifers, and 8 bullocks had been sold for £227 1s. 6d. The number of livestock on the Farm on the 7th inst. was 12 horses, and 1 cob, 210 head of cattle and 55 sheep. That 2 tons, 18 cwts., 2 qrs. of Hay had been delivered to the Central Depot.

He recommended that as several head of cattle would be sold during the month, 30 young heifers should be purchased. He also recommended that 2 young breeding cows should be purchased. Resolved, That the Manager's recommendations be approved and adopted.

2--Sale of Fruit—Resolved, To advertise for Tenders for the Fruit at Haydon Knoll Farm and Bans Farm, the same to be cleared off the premises by the 31st October next.

3—Sale of Horse—Resolved, To offer the Roan Horse, " Boxer," aged 7 years to the Street and Highway Committee.

4—Inspection of Farms—Resolved, To inspect the Farms on Tuesday, the 18th inst.

M. DAVIS, Chairman.

**At this Meeting, held on Tuesday, the 18th August, 1903**—Present Councillors Jul. Davis and Colonel King-Harman (Councillor H. Davis in the chair).

1—Inspection of Farms—The Committee visited the Farms and inspected the stock and found the same in a satisfactory condition. The cutting of the cons had been begun. The effluent was examined and found in good condition. tenders for the purchase of the fruit at the two farms were received. Resolved, That the tender of Mr. George Bennett, of Elmstone Hardwick, for the purchase of the fruit at the Barn Farm for £4 2s. (being the highest tender) be accepted ; and that the tender of Mr. it. Minett, of Harrow Farm, Millstone Hardwick, for the purchase of the fruit at the Haydon Knoll Farm, for £18 (being the highest tender) be accepted, all fruit to be cleared by the 31st October, 1903.

M. DAVIS, Chairman.

**STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE.**

**At a Meeting of this committee, held on Tuesday, 11th August, 1903**—Present—Alderman Haddon, Councillors Baker, .Bendall, Handley, and Parsonage (Councillor Baker in the chair).

1-Sign Posts—Read, a letter from Col. J. C. Griffith enclosing a letter from the Cyclists' Touring Club, asking that Sign Posts might be put up indicating where the principal roads out of the town lead to. Resolved, That no action be taken as the Committee understand the County Council are arranging for Sign Posts to be erected.

2-Footpath in front of The Home for Sick Children, Harp Hill—A letter was read from Mr. A. Hullah, lion. See. of the Home for Sick Children, asking that the footpath in front of the Home at Harp Hill, might be repaired. Resolved, That the Chairman, and Councillors Bendall and Parsonage be appointed a Sub-Committee to inspect the same.

3-Bath Road—Read, letter from Mr. T. P. Waite, of 349 High Street, complaining of the condition of Bath Road. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have this road scarified and put in repair.

4-Purchase of Horse—Resolved, That Aldermen Haddon and Skillicorne, and Councillor Handley be appointed to inspect the horse " Boxer " and report as to purchasing same from the Farms and Sewage Disposal Committee. Report of Building Inspector--The monthly report of the Building Inspector was read. Buildings in progress, 39 completed since 14th ult., 6.

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

No. of Plan	Name	Description
48	G. Hall .. ..	Cottage, wash house, &c., between 54, Sherborne Street and Jersey Cottages
50	E. Martin	Two houses in Leighton Road.
52	J. J. L. Oakey	Outbuildings at 40 Brunswick Street
54	Cavendish House Co., Ltd.	New Shop Front, &c., at Brunswick House
55	H. Clark	Additions to rear of Shurdington Cottage, Bath Road
56	Management Committee Loyal Imperial Lodge of Oddfellows....	Additions to rear of 11 Russell Place, Tewkesbury Road
57	W. Burcher	House in Kensington Avenue
58	Mr. Godward	Additions to 261 ½ High Street

Resolved, That all the plans be approved as shown except that Plan No. 54 be approved subject to an indemnity being given in respect of the pavement lights.

Resolved—That notice be given to Mr. C. Haward to show cause why additions at Longmead, Liberian Road, should not be removed as having been erected without complying with the bye-laws.

WILLIAM A. BAKER, Chairman,

**At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 31st August, 1903**—Present The Mayor, Aldermen Haddon and Skillicorne, Councillor Parsonage (Councillor Parsonage in the chair).

7—Chairman—In the absence of the Chairman. Resolved, That Councillor Parsonage be appointed Chairman at thin Meeting.

8—Surveyor's Monthly Report---The Borough Surveyor reported that the work done by the Highway Department, from July 15th to August 27th, both inclusive had been as follows:—

Repaired with Wickwar Stone—Moorend Park Road (proceeding), Imperial Square (350 yards), Christ Church Road (6,800 yards).

Patched with Wickwar Stone—Trafalgar Street, Grosvenor Place South, College Road, Thirlestaine Road, High Street, Oriel Road, St. James' Square, Bath Road, The Park, Lypiatt Terrace, Suffolk Square, Promenade, Pittville Circus Road, Christchurch Road and Well Place.

Repaired with 2-in Clee Hill Stone-Gloucester Road (2,500 yards), Queen's Road (6,500 yards).

Patched with 1 ½-in Clee Hill Stone- High Street, Oriel Road, Norwood Road, Bath Road, Albion Street, The Park.

Repaired with Tar Macadam-Montpellier Spa Road, Regent Street, Henrietta Street, High Street, Parabola Road, St. James' Street, Dunalley Street, Montpellier Street.

Crossings backed up with Tar Macadam—Parabola Road, Montpellier Street, Christchurch Road, High Street.

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Kerbing, Channel filling and Paving—Lansdown Place, King's Road, Well Place, Pittville Circus Road, Marsh Lane, Pittville Circus, Evesham Road, Regent Street, Ormond Terrace, Queen's Road, Montpellier Walk, Christ Church Road, Parabola Road. Promenade and Corpus Street.

Footpaths Repaired with Tar Macadam —Vernon Place, St. James' Square, Manchester Street, Lansdown Place, Portland Place, Montpellier Spa Road.

Trees Pruned—Gloucester Road, Hale's Road, Portmore Lodge, St. George's Road, Marle Hill Road, Overton Place, Leckhampton Road, and Imperial Square.

Hedges Cut—Near River Chelt and in Swindon Road.

New Gulley—Put in, in Pittville Circus Road to replace defective one,

Montpellier Cab Stand—Paving had been repaired.

Slab Factory-551 square yards of slab made during 5 weeks ending 29th inst.

Ashes Collection and Disposal-905 loads collected, 53 tipped outside Borough, 852 loads consumed at Destructor, weight, 765 tons, 3 cwts., 3 qrs.

9—Apportionments of Private Improvement Expenses—The Borough Surveyor reported that the private improvement works ordered to be carried out in Gloucester Road (West side), Lansdown Parade (inner road), and Road back of Royal Well Terrace had been completed at a cost of £452 8s. 8d., £79 4s. 2d., and £4 7s. 6d., respectively, and these amounts he had apportioned amongst the abutting owners according to their respective frontages. Resolved, That the apportionments be approved and that notice thereof and of demand for repayment be served on the respective owners.

10—Exmouth Court—The Borough Surveyor reported that the private improvement works ordered to be done in Exmouth Gannet had been carried out at a cost of £28 15s. 10d., and he submitted for the Committee's approval, an apportionment of this amount amongst the abutting owners, according to the greater or less degree of benefit to be derived by them from the works. Resolved, That the apportionment be approved and adopted, and that notice thereof, and of demand be served on the abutting owners.

11—Park Place and Suffolk Square Surface Water Drainage—Read, report from the Borough Surveyor as to the surface water drainage of Park Place and Suffolk Square. The cost of a new surface water drain, carrying the surface water to the Hatherley Brook, would be £260. If the construction of this was deferred, it would be necessary to put in new pulleys and replace an existing 6-in. drain train the back of Montpellier Terrace with a 9-in. drain, and alter an old culvert near Stratford House at a cost of £104. Resolved, That the recommendation of the Borough Surveyor to construct a new surface water drain at an estimated cost of £260 be approved, and that application be made to the Local Government Board for their sanction to a loan for this purpose.

12—Hewlett Road Surface Water Drainage—The Borough Surveyor reported as to the present arrangements for carrying off the surface water in Hewlett Road, near Pittville Circus Road, and suggesting some improvements which might be made therein at a very small cost. Resolved, That the same be approved and carried out.

13—Bicycles for Road Foremen—On the recommendation of the Borough Surveyor. Resolved, To allow each of the road foremen in the employ of the Corporation £1 per quarter for bicycle allowance for providing a bicycle for use in their work.

14—Road off Albion Street at Side of St. John's Schools—Read, a letter from Mr. W. P. Hume complaining of the damage done to this, a private road, by children attending St. John's Schools. Resolved, That the attention of the School Authorities be called to this.

15—Montpellier Street Roadway—Read, a letter from the Secretary of the Ladies' College, stating that considerable inconvenience and annoyance was caused by the noise of the traffic in Montpellier Street, and that the Town Council had already promised that when the road was repaired it should be with Gore stone. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to give the matter his attention when next repairing the road.

16—Old Bath Road Improvement—The Borough Surveyor submitted an amended plan for the widening of Old Bath Road to 40 feet, the abutting owners having consented to give up the necessary land for a road of this width instead of 50 feet as originally proposed.

The cost of the improvement, including paving One footpaths, would be £2,330, or if asphalt were used for the paths, £1,927.

The cost of removing the hedges and erecting fencing along the new line would be £192 in addition, but this he thought should be defrayed by the owners on either side. Resolved, That the Comity Council be allied whether they will contribute towards the cost of the proposed improvement, oat that in the meantime the further consideration of the matter be adjourned.

17 --College Road Footpaths--With reference to the letters front lie. F. Steel and others, complaining of the condition of the footpaths in College Road, the Borough Surveyor submitted alternative estimates for the repair of the footpaths with concrete slabs, which would cost £660 4s. 10d., or if for a width of 6 feet, £550 17s. 3d. If the paths were only asphalted, the cost would be £362 5s. 7d: The abutting owners would be liable for the cost of the new pay", het the cost of the new kerb awl channelling, amounting to £262 11s. 8d., would have to be paid by the Corporation. Resolved, That the (milers be called upon to pave the footpaths the full width, and that the Borough Surveyor be instructed to submit a specification, &c., for approval accordingly.

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Also Resolved, That application be made to the Local Government Board for sanction to a loan of £262 for the new kerbing and channelling required.

18-Hayward's Road -Read, a letter from the Clerk to the Charlton Rings Urban District Council, stating that his Council had resolved to call upon the abutting owners to carry out private improvements in the portion of Hayward's Road in their district now built upon, but not yet paved, &c., and asking the Town Council to consider the advisability of taking similar action in respect of the part within the Borough. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be directed to prepare a specification of the works required to be done by the abutting owners as regards the part within the Borough not yet paved, &c.

19-Wood Paving in High Street—The Town Clerk reported the receipt of sanctions of the Local Government Board for the wood paving in the High Street, as follows:-

£5390 ... Term: 20 years. £9,057 ... Term 10 years.

On his application the Board had expressed their willingness to issue one sanction for £14,447 for an equated period of 14 years. Resolved, That application be made for one sanction accordingly.

20-Footpaths in Thirlestaine Road and Suffolk Street, and Crossings in Bath Road—Read, a letter from Councillor Stroud calling attention to the footpaths in Thirlestaine Road (South side) and Suffolk Street, and to the state of collie of the crossings in Bath Road. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to report as to the Thirlestaine Road footpath. and the crossings in the Bath Road, and that Mr. Stroud be informed that the foot-paths in Suffolk Street appear to be in good order.

21—Footpath opposite Home for Sick Children, Harp Hill—With reference to a letter from Mr. Hullah read at the last Meeting, the Borough Surveyor reported that the Sub-Committee then appointed recommended that a 3-inch granite sett crossing should be put in, opposite the West gateway and that the present rough cinder path should be well broken and rolled in. Resolved. That this recommendation be approved.

22-Seats near " The Ferns," Gloucester Road--Read, a letter from Mrs. Dighton, the owner of " The Ferns," complaining of the nuisance arising from the proximity of two public seats to her property and asking for their removal. Resolved, That Mrs. Dighton be informed that the Committee will comply with her request if some equally convenient position can be found for the seats.

23-St. George's Place Improvement—The Town Clerk reported that Messrs. Locke now proposed to erect their bakehouse at the back of No. 9 Royal Crescent, and had also purchased No. 10 Royal Crescent, and would be willing to arrange for Nos. 7, 9, and 10 being set back to the line shown on the plan approved by the Council on receiving £100 as compensation for the land to be given.

The Borough Surveyor reported that the cost of re-erecting the wall at the back of the Rectory along the new line would be £25.

Resolved, That an offer be made to Messrs. Locke of the sum of £50 if they will set back Nos. 7, 9, and 10 Royal Crescent to the line shown on the plan proposed by the Borough Surveyor.

24—Paving opposite Pembridge House, Park Place—Resolved, To instruct the Borough Surveyor to repair this paving for a distance of about 15 yards with concrete slabs.

5—New Buildings—The Borough Surveyor laid before the Committee the following notices and plans of intended buildings,

No. of Plan.	Name.	Description.
39	T. W. Smith	Six houses in Langdon Road
59	Fuller & Maylam	Shop and Office, London Road
60	C. Hayward	Store Room, Longmead, St. Mark's
61	G. Loveday	Four houses in Gloucester Road

Resolved, That plan No. 61 be disapproved, and that the remainder of the plans be approved, so far as this Committee is concerned.

Read, a letter from Mr. C. Haward explaining that until his attention had been called to the matter by the Building Inspector he was not aware that it would be necessary to submit a plan of the store room at Longmead, St. Mark's, but he had then instructed an architect to prepare and submit plans.

E. H. PARSONAGE, Chairman.

#### TOWN IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE.

**At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monthly, the 24th August, 1903**—Present The Mayor, Councillors Baker and Bence (Comical, Bence in the Chair).

1-Chairman—In the absence of the Chairman, Resolved, That Councillor Bence be appointed Chairman at this Meeting.

2-Clarence Square Gate—Read, a letter from Mm. Wycherley, of No. 20, Clarence Square, calling attention to the dilapidated condition of the gate and posts at the South-west end of Clarence

Square, and to the nuisance caused by boys climbing and riding the gate. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have the present gate repaired and repainted, or, if necessary to fix a new one.

3-Pittville Estate—With reference to the Report made by the Borough Surveyor at the last meeting as to the conduct of certain youths in Clarence Square Gardens, letters were read from the Guardians of the boys referred to offering an explanation. Resolved, That the same be accepted.

Read, a letter from Col. King-Harman, suggesting that the present tool house near the West end of Pittville Lake should be converted into a W.C. and Urinal, and another tool house erected near the Evesham Road, and that a supply of drinking water should be laid on to the entrance lodge. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to provide for the supply of drinking water at the Lodge, to put up one or two suitable notices directing to the W.C. and Urinal accommodation at present provided at Pittville.

The Borough Surveyor having reported that a dangerous tree near Saxham required lopping, Resolved, That the tree be lopped.

4-Footpath in Clarence Square, near Tyndale House—Resolved, To instruct the Borough Surveyor to replace the grass verge to the footpath near Tyndale House, in Clarence Square.

5—Borough Meteorologist—The Town Clerk submitted draft advertisement inviting applications for this appointment. Resolved, That the same be approved.

6-Outstanding Accounts—As directed by the Council, the Borough .Accountant submitted a list of accounts for the hire of the Winter Garden, more than six months overdue. Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to take the necessary steps to obtain payment.

GEORGE BENCE, Chairman.

#### LIGHTING COMMITTEE.

**At a Meeting of this Committee, held? on Wednesday, the 26th August, 1903**—Present: The Mayor, Alderman Norman, Councillors Baker, Bainbridge, Hayward, Stroud and Parsonage (Alderman Norman in the chair).

1—Electrical Inspector's Report—The Electrical Inspector reported the result of his tests of the Electric supply by the low pressure cables during the past month as follows :—August 1st, 209 volts ; August 25th, 208 volts; Average, 208.5 volts.

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

#### ILLUMINATING POWER.

#### PURITY.

1903			1903	Grains of Sulphur
August 1st	15.91	candles	July 31st-1st	per
" 25th	15.21	"	August	100 cubic ft.
Average	15.56	"		10.21



3—Gas Inspector's Report—The Gas inspector reported that the hourly average consumption of gas per lamp during the month had been as follows—Ordinary Lamps, 4.2636 cubic feet ; Guildhall Lamps, with No. 11 Incandescent burners, 5.040 cubic feet ; Ordinary Lamps with No. 3 Incandescent burners, 3.574 cubic feet.

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1-Lamp Book—This Book was produced and examined. Ordinary Lamps extinguished, 3 metered, 0 burning dimly.

2-Christ Church Sub-station—The Engineer reported that he had designed a Sub-station of 150 kilowatts capacity to be erected in the North corner of Christ Church Churchyard, and the Vicar and Churchwardens had agreed to its erection subject to an agreement being entered into to pay an annual acknowledgment of 1s, and to remove same whenever required by 12 months' notice. He estimated the cost of equipping the Sub-station when erected (exclusive of transformers) at £105. The cost of the Sub-station was provided for in the loan of £18,000 sanctioned by the Board on the 14th November, 1902. Resolved, That an agreement be entered into with the Vicar and Churchwardens accordingly.

The following tenders were received for the construction of the Sub-station at Christ Church, viz:-

Collins & Godfrey ...	£62 0 0
C. H. Channon & Son	£68 10 0
C. Malvern & Son ...	£70 10 0

Resolved, That the tender of Messrs. Collins A Godfrey be accepted, subject to a formal contract being entered into.

6-Purchase of Transformers--Resolved, On the recommendation of the Borough Electrical Engineer, that three 50 kilowatt Transformers required for use this winter, be ordered at a cost of not exceeding £100 each, the cost to be provided for out of the balance of £300 remaining of the sum of £1,300 (included in the loan of £1,800) sanctioned by the Board for purchase of 10 Transformers, subject to the Local Government Board raising no objection to the appropriation of this balance for the purchase of these additional Transformers.

7—Assistant Engineer's Salary—Resolved, That the salary of Mr. Spencer, Assistant Engineer, be raised from 37s 6d per week to 40s per week, until the end of March next, and then be raised to 42s 6d per week.

8—Charges for Electric Energy for Power and Heating Purposes—Resolved, On the recommendation of the Borough Electrical Engineer that the following scale of charges for energy supplied for power and heating purposes be adopted as from the 1st April last, namely :—

The maximum demand (in watts) of a motor to be taken as  $\frac{3}{4}$  of the product of the maximum current (in amperes) recorded by the demand indicator into the declared pressure of supply (in volts) for motors up to and including the 5 brake horse-power size: for larger motors the coefficient  $\frac{4}{5}$  is to be substituted for the coefficient  $\frac{3}{4}$  above mentioned.

Up to an annual consumption equal to 300 hours' supply at the maximum demand rate the price to be 6d. per unit additional annual consumption to be charged at ½ d. per unit. The scale for meter rents to be :—

Maximum current in amperes. Quarterly Meter Rent

	s.	d.
0 to 10	2	0
10 to 50	2	6
50 to 75	3	0
75 to 100	3	6
100 to 200	5	0

9—Report of Borough Electrical Engineer—The monthly Report of the Borough Electrical Engineer was read, from which it appeared that except for two small arc lighting faults, which were repaired on the mornings following their occurrence, all work had progressed satisfactorily during the past month. On the 21st inst. there were 715 customers with the equivalent of about 43,110 eight candlepower lamps connected to the private supply mains.

10—Electric Lighting Accounts—Read, a letter from the Local Government Board enclosing for the observations of the Town Council, copy of a letter addressed to the Board by the hon. Secretary of the Cheltenham Property Owners and Ratepayers' Association, with reference to the accumulated deficit on the Electric Lighting Revenue Account. Resolved, That the letter be referred to the Town Clerk and the Borough Electrical Engineer to consider and report thereon at the next Meeting of the Committee.

11—Insurance of Electric Works—With reference to Minute No. 6 of this Committee, of the 22nd April last, a letter was read from the County Fire Office stating that as the result of their experience the Insurance Offices generally would not for the lower of the alternative rates admit liability for loss or damage to the Dynamos, &c., which might cause a fire through short circuiting, overheating, &c., although any consequential damage to the building or other parts of the plant would be covered. The County Office would abide by their letter dated the 17th April last, referred to in the Minute above mentioned until the next renewal of the present policies. Resolved, That further consideration of the matter be adjourned until the next Meeting.

GEO. NORMAN, Chairman.

#### WATER COMMITTEE.

**At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Thursday, the 22th August, 1903**--Present: The Mayor, Alderman Norman, Councillors Baker, Bendall, King-Harman, H. Waghorne, Packer (Councillor H. Waghorne in the chair).

1—Borough Engineer's Report—The Borough Engineer reported that the average daily yield of springs at Hewletts for 30 days ending 22nd August, was 288,000 gallons. and the average daily yield for the corresponding period during the last three years was 273,600 gallons.

The average daily yield of springs at Dowdeswell for 30 days ended 22nd of August, was 879,472 gallons, and the average daily yield for the corresponding period during the last three years was 458,424 gallons.

On the 22nd instant. the contents of Hewletts and Leckhampton Reservoirs were 29,355,772 gallons, and Dowdeswell Reservoir contained 93,470,014 gallons, giving a total storage of 122,825,786 gallons, or about 100 days' supply. The depth of water in Dowdeswell Reservoir was 31 feet, being only 1 foot below the overflow level, Tewkesbury, as well as Cheltenham, having been supplied from the Cheltenham Reservoir (with the exception of 94,000 gallons pumped for Tewkesbury on the 11th of July) from 1st of May to this date.

He also reported as to the extensions and other works carried out during the month.

With reference to the instructions of the Committee that a paved footpath should be made along the edge of the filter beds at Dowdeswell, the Borough Engineer reported that the cost of doing so with blue bricks would be about £170. Resolved, That for the present paving be put round the sand washers only.

2—New Main from Tewkesbury—The following tenders were received for the laying of this main

J. Riley, Cheltenham	£4081 5 5
Ross & Crabtree, Shipley, Yorks.	£4282 12 0
Mark Williams & Co., Cheltenham	£4423 9 7
J. W. Dean & Co., Margate	£4522 19 11
Ben Firth &- Co., York ...	£4821 3 7
Crnwys & Hobrough, Gloucester	£5287 11 4
G. Holloway, Wolverhampton	£5914 0 0

Resolved, That the tender of Mr. Riley he accepted, the work to be proceeded with immediately after the next meeting of the Council.

The following tenders were received for the supply of lead for jointing, viz:—

	Pig Lead per ton.	Lead Tape per ton.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Rowe Bros. & Co., Bristol...	12 2 6	16 15 0
C. Winn & Co., Birmingham	13 0 0	16 15 0
Victor Stobie, Sheffield ...	13 2 6	15 15 0

Resolved, That the tender of Messrs. Rowe Bros., for the pig lead, and of Mr. Victor Stobie for the lead tape be accepted.

The Borough Engineer reported as to the cost of testing each pipe immediately before laying. Resolved, That the pipes be tested in short lengths after being laid.

The Town Clerk reported that the sum claimed for compensation for grant of the necessary easements, and for damage in laying the proposed main under private property in the Borough of Tewkesbury amounted to £70, and in addition the Solicitor's costs of approving the necessary

agreements would have to be paid. Resolved, That the compensation asked for be agreed to, and that agreements be entered into with the respective owners and tenants accordingly.

3—Painting No. 1 Bath Street—The following tenders were received for the painting required at No. 1 Bath Street.

S. Davis, Hanover House, St. Paul's	£26 0 0
W. C. Channon, St. George's Place	£28 2 6
P. F. Hopson, Hungerford Street	£33 10 0
Dunman & Marshall, Charlton Kings	£35 0 0
J. Yeates, 27 Bennington Street	£37 0 0

Resolved, That the Tender of Mr. W. C. Channon be accepted.

4—Accounts of Water Undertaking—The Town Clerk laid before the Committee the abstract of the accounts for the year ended the 31st March last, prepared for publication by the Borough Accountant. Resolved, That the same be advertised as directed by the Water Act of 1878.

5—Tewkesbury Water Supply—The Town Clerk read a correspondence he had had with the Town Clerk of Tewkesbury, on the subject of the supply of water from Dowdeswell to that Borough. Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to see Mr. Badham on the subject.

6—Fire Hydrants at the Reddings—Read, a letter from the Clerk to the Cheltenham Rural District Council, suggesting that the Corporation should agree with the occupiers of houses at the Reddings for the payments to be made in respect of hydrants the latter desired fixed. Resolved, That the Rural District Council be informed that this Council consider that the agreements should be entered into by the Rural District Council.

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7—Receipts from Badgeworth Parish—Read, a letter from the Assistant Overseer of Badgeworth Parish asking to be informed the amount received by the Corporal on for water from certain properties in his parish, and suggesting that an arrangement should be to be come to between the Overseers and the Corporation as to the assessment of the mains. Resolved, That the letter be referred to the Borough Engineer to report. upon.

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

H. WAGHORNE,

Chairman.

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, the 3rd September, 1903.**—Present: The Mayor, Alderman Norman, Councillors M. Davis, Bendall, King-Harman, and H. Waghorne (Councillor H. Waghorne in the chair.)

9—New Main from Tewkesbury—Read, a letter from Mr. J. Riley, stating that on checking over the quantities as to the laying of the new Main from Tewkesbury, he found that he had over looked an

item for joint holes and requesting that a sum of £63 6s. 6d. should be added to the amount of his tender, as otherwise he must withdraw the same. Resolved, That under the circumstances the tender of Mr. Riley, as amended (£4,144 11s. 11d,) be accepted.

H. WAGHORNE,

Chairman.

#### **GENERAL PURPOSES & WATCH COMMITTEE.**

**At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday. the 25th day of August, 1903.** Present The Mayor; Aldermen Haddon and Norman ; Councillors Baker, Hayward, King-Harman and Parsonage The Mayor in the chair).

1—Disease amongst Animals—Superintendent Hopkins reported that the Borough was free from contagious disease amongst animals

Resolved, That application be made to the Board of Agriculture for a licence authorising the use of the Ash Destructor for the cremation of the bodies of diseased animals, under the Swine Fever Order, 1894, and the Rabies Order, 1897.

2—Fire Brigade—The Captain of the Fire Brigade reported that on the 22nd inst. the Brigade had been called out to a stack fire at Barrow Court Farm, Boddington. Damage, about £150; cost of extinction, £13 8s. 6d.

3—Hackney Carriage Drivers' Licences--Resolved, To accede to applications from George Harper Holtham, of No. 4, Francis Street, and Henry Mansell, of the Swan Hotel, for licences to drive hackney carriages.

4—Hackney Carriage Licence No. 68--Resolved, To accede to applications from William Hammond, of No 6, Tivoli Street, and William Henry Humphries, of 2, The Croft, Leckhampton, for the transfer of hackney carriage licence No. 68 from the former to the latter, subject to the approval of the carriage by the Mayor.

5—Town Clerk's Department—The Town Clerk reported that Mr. S. Poulston, a clerk in his department, had resigned on obtaining an appointment elsewhere. On the recommendation of the Town Clerk. Resolved, That the salary of Mr. Walter Long be increased from 1st proximo, from 20s to 25s per week, and from the 1st January next to 30s per week.

6—Supply of Coal The Borough Surveyor reported that the Corporation should obtain the coal required by them by yearly contracts. Resolved, That tenders be invited by advertisement in the local papers for the supply of coal for 12 months from the 29th proximo.

7—Allotments—The Collector of the Folly Lane Allotments having reported that several tenants were now as on previous occasions in arrear with their rent. Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to obtain payment of the amounts due and to give notice terminating the tenancies.

Applications for tenancy of some vacant allotments at Whaddon Lane were considered. Resolved, That the same be granted.

8—No. 2 Church Street - -The Town Clerk reported that the owners of these Offices were willing to carry out repairs at a cost of about £22, and to allow the Corporation in respect of work already done by them the sum of £11 3s. 11d., and this the Borough Surveyor considered satisfactory. Resolved, That this, offer be accepted and that the premises be taken on a yearly tenancy, as from the 29th September, 1903, at a rent of £25 determinable by either party by six months' notice.

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9- Fruit and Vegetable Market—Read, a letter from Mr. C. C. Castle asking permission to put up in the Market a moveable shed to store empties for one of his buyers, and asking what arrangements could be made for the storage of his own empties, as the accommodation at present provided was altogether insufficient. Resolved, That the letter be referred to the Borough Surveyor to report thereon.

10--Town Hall—Electric Light Fittings. The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that he had accompanied Alderman Norman and Mr. Wailer on their visits to Messrs. Osler and Messrs. Verity, and had subsequently arranged the following terms :—

(1) The Corporation to be allowed discounts of 30 per cent. and 33 1/3 per cent., by Messrs. Osler and Messrs. Verity, respectively, and the usual discount of 2 ½ per cent. for cash within thirty days, fittings to be delivered free to the Town Hall.

(2) Messrs. Handley & Shanks, who have contracted to put up the fittings, a commission of 5 per cent. on the gross value of the fittings, to take all responsibility in regard to damage to fittings, other than such as they can prove to rest with the Manufacturers or the Carriers. Resolved, That the arrangements made by the Borough Electrical Engineer be approved.

Wiring Contract—Mr. Waller and Mr. Hawtayne attended this Meeting and the latter fully explained to the Committee the reasons for the extras incurred on Messrs. Handley & Shanks' Contract for the Wiring of the Town Hall. Mr. Hawtayne stated that it appeared to him on further examination of the account of extras, amounting to £377 6s., a sum of about £150 should be deducted, and as to this he would communicate with the Town Clerk.

Mr. Hawtayne submitted tender from Messrs. Handley & Shanks for the wiring necessary for the entrance gate piers amounting to £34 4s. 1d. Resolved, That the same be accepted and the work put in hand at once.

Architect's Report-Mr. Waller reported as to a visit made by him to Colston Hall, Bristol, and as to the orchestral arrangements there, and asked whether he might obtain some sample seats for the galleries and hall through a local firm. He reported that in order to meet the requirements of the Borough Electrical Engineer, as to the transformer chamber, additional work estimated to cost about £50 would be necessary. Resolved, That the Orchestra and Seats' Sub-Committee be requested to meet on Monday next, at 11 a.m., at the Town Hall, the question of obtaining sample seats to be referred to them, and that the Borough Electrical Engineer be authorized to carry out the work he considers necessary at the transformer chamber.

RICHARD ROGERS, Chairman.

## **MINERAL WATERS AND BATHS COMMITTEE.**

**At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Friday, the 21st August, 1903**--Present: Councillors Bendall, Davies, Parsonage and Stewart (Councillor Davies in the chair).

1-Montpellier Baths—The Borough Accountant reported that the amount received during the present financial year was £304 3s. 10d., and the payments (exclusive of repayment of loan and interest) amounted to £186 3s. 4d.

2—Alstone Baths—The Borough Accountant reported that the receipts at these Baths during the present financial year were £159 0s. 1d., and the expenditure (exclusive of sinking fund payments and interest) was £171 12s. 6d.

3--Swimming Lessons, Alstone Baths—Resolved, That the Superintendent be allowed one-third of all the fees received by him for teaching Swimming, the whole amount to be accounted for monthly with other receipts, and an account of the amount due to the Superintendent as aforesaid, to be passed for payment by the Committee each month, and that no Swimming Class be allowed to be conducted at Alstone Baths, except by the Superintendent.

4-Bicycle Rack—Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have a Bicycle Rack fixed at the Alstone Baths.

5—Visitors—Resolved, That Councillor Bendall be added to the List of Visitors for the Alstone Baths.

RICHARD DAVIES, Chairman.

## **RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE.**

**At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 24th, August, 1903**--Present: The Mayor, Alderman Holliday, Councillors Baker, Bendall, Davies, Stewart, King-Harman (Councillor King-Harman to the chair).

1-Whaddon Lane Recreation Ground--The Superintendent stated that the daily average attendance at this ground for the five weeks ending the 22nd inst., was 549.

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Read, letter, from the Crosby Association Football Club and the Cavendish Football Club, applying for permission to play in the Whaddon Lane Recreation Ground during the next football season.

Resolved, That in view of the state of the turf, the Committee cannot grant the applications this season.

2—Supply of Aerated Waters at Recreation Grounds—Road, an application from the Superintendent of the Agg-Gardner Recreation Ground for permission to sell Aerated Waters there. Resolved, That the application be not acceded to, and that notice be given to the Superintendents of the other Recreation Grounds, that they are not permitted to sell Aerated Waters.

3—Naunton Park—Resolved, That permission be given to hold Athletic Sports at Naunton Park, on the 29th inst.

M. J. KING-HARMAN, Chairman.

### **BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE.**

**At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Friday, the 28th August, 1903**—Present The Mayor, Aldermen Haddon and Holliday, Councillors Baker, Bence, and Strand (Alderman Haddon in the chair).

1—Superintendent's Report—The Superintendent reported that he required a cask of weed killer, and also a large set of grave shield ends. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to obtain the same.

2—Designs—Resolved, That the following designs be approved :—Headstones to John Nunney ; George William, Harriet Film and Elsie Maud Cook ; Catherine Kerr ; Richard William and Hannah Morris Susannah Colton ; James Dicks ; Memorial Crosses to Arthur Wellington Smith ; Luigi Henry Cima; Phoebe Crowther ; and James Charles de Wynter; Tombs to Maria Bullock Webster ; and Alexander Philips.

JOHN HADDON,

Chairman.

### **PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE.**

**At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 25th August, 1903**—Present Alderman Holliday, Councillors Hayward, King-Harman, Bainbridge, Rev, J. A. Owen, The Baron de Ferrieres (Councillor Hayward in the chair).

1—Librarian's Report—The assist Monthly Report of the Librarian was read. Receipts, £6 17s. 9d. Presentations Sir Brook Kay, Bart., 1 vol., The Baron de Ferrieres, 1 vol.

2--Ordnance Survey Maps—Read, a letter from the Ordnance Survey Office, offering free of cost specimens of the ordnance maps of Cheltenham or neighbourhood, on condition that each map would be suitably mounted and bung. up in a convenient place in the Library. Resolved, That the offer be accepted.

3--Cheltenham Medical Library—Read, a letter from Dr. E. T. Wilson stating that the Committee of the Cheltenham Medical Library had resolved to approach the Public Library Committee with a view to forming a Reference Medical Library at the Free Library, the nucleus of which might be formed by the Cheltenham Medical Library at present consisting of about 1,400 vols. If the idea was entertained, tie suggested that a conference should be held between the two Committees, later in the year with a view to arranging the details and discussing the conditions. Resolved, That the Sub-Committee together with the Baron de Ferrieres be appointed to confer with the Medical Library Committee and report to this Committee.

4—Sub-Committee's Report—The Sub-Committee reported that they met on the 25th inst., when there were present .—Col. King Harman and the Rev. J. A. Owen. They recommended :—That the wages of H. Godwin and A. C. Dunn be increased from 8s per week to 10s and that the Librarian be authorised to attend the Annual Conference of the Library Association to be held at Leeds, on the 8th, 9th and 10th proximo. Resolved, That the recommendations of the Sub-Committee be approved and adopted.



Also Resolved, To purchase a complete copy of " Nash's History of Worcestershire " for £7 10s., the amount to be paid out of the Solomon Bequest.

C. HAYWARD, Chairman.

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#### FINANCE COMMITTEE.

**At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 1st September, 1903**—Present: The Mayor, Alderman Skillicorne, Councillors Bence, King-Harman, Parsonage, and Stroud (Councillor Parsonage in the chair).

1—Chairman—In the absence of the Chairman, Resolved, That Councillor Parsonage be appointed Chairman at this Meeting

2—Corporation Stock—The Borough Accountant reported that he had audited the Corporation Stock Accounts at the National Provincial Bank, London, on the 11th and 12th ultimo, and had made the necessary return to the Somerset House Authorities as to stamp duty.

3—Commercial Street Private Improvement Expenses—Resolved, To accede to an application by Mrs. L. Caudle to be allowed to pay the sum of £1 18s. 3d., due from her in respect of Commercial Street Private Improvement Expenses, by instalments of 10s per month, with interest at 5 per cent., per annum.

4—Overdraft at Bank—With reference to this Committee's resolution of the 28th July last, Read, a letter from the Local Manager of Lloyds' Bank stating that the Directors desired to meet the Corporation as to the terms for the overdraft, but they thought that any change in the rate should not be considered until towards the end of October, when the six months arranged for in April last would expire. Resolved, That the Committee must press for a definite answer as to whether the Bank are prepared to give the Corporation equally favourable terms to that obtained by other Corporations from their Bankers.

5—Loans—Read, a letter from Mr. W. P. Hancock, financial broker, London, offering a loan of £18,500 at 3 ¼ per cent. with an inclusive charge to cover all costs, of 15s per cent. Resolved, That the offer be declined.

Resolved, To accept a loan by Mr. E. Lawrence, of Southlands, of £900 with interest at 3½ per cent., subject to three months' notice on either side, the lender agreeing to pay half the stamp duty on the debenture, and that a debenture be sealed on account of the Winter Garden Loan of £9,650 accordingly.

Read, a letter from Mr. James Page requiring repayment of £3,000 (Electric Lighting Loans) on the 29th January next.

The Borough Accountant presented a Report as to the possibility of a further issue of stock, and as to an offer he had obtained when in London last month of a loan up to £200,000 at £3 12s. 6d. per cent. with 5s per cent. commission. Resolved, That a copy of the Report be sent to each member of the Committee and in the meantime the further consideration of the same be adjourned.

6—General District Rate—The Report of the Borough Accountant of date the 1st instant, on the collection of the first instalment of this rate, was read. Amount collected £19,938 8s. 8d., leaving outstanding £3,795 9s. 3 ½ d. Resolved, That the Collector be authorised to receive the General District Rate on licensed houses in the Borough, on the understanding that allowances will be made off the second instalment of the rate in respect of any alteration made in the Valuation List in respect of such properties, appeals in respect of which are now before the -Assessment Committee.

7—Water Rate—The Report of the Borough Accountant of date the lot instant, on the collection of this Rate was read. Amount received £9,163 12s. 6d., leaving outstanding £2,618 0s. 11d.

8---Accounts—The Financial Statement of the Receipts and Expenditure since the last meeting and the Bills and Accounts to be paid were examined, and the latter, amounting to £17,783 12s. 2d., 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 on the 28th July last	£136,979 19 0
Paid since that date	<u>£ 12,929 2 0</u>
	£149,909 1 0
Received since that date (including Loan £900)	<u>£ 28,362 17 0</u>
Overdrawn	£121,516 4 0
Being Ordinary Rates Expenditure	£1,309 2 10
Electric Lighting (Capital and Revenue), Water and other Capital Accounts, (less Sinking Funds)	<u>£120,237 1 2</u>
	£121,546 4 0

E. H. PARSONAGE, Chairman.

**Borough of Cheltenham.**

**MINUTES of the Committees of the Town Council to be submitted for approval at a Monthly Meeting of the Council to be held on Monday, the 5th October, 1903.**

**PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.**

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, the 14th September, 1903**—Present: The Mayor, Alderman Skillicorne, Councillors M. Davis, Lawrence, King-Harman, 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, 5 cases of Scarlet Fever, and 7 of Diphtheria; that 3 cases of Scarlet Fever, and 4 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 6 of Scarlet Fever, 3 of Diphtheria and 1 of Enteric Fever.

2—House without a Proper Water Supply at No. 5, Painswick Parade—It appearing on the Report of the Borough Surveyor dated the 11th instant, that the above premises were without a proper supply

of water, but that such supply could be furnished at a cost not exceeding the Water Rate authorised by the Cheltenham Corporation Water Acts. Resolved, That Notice be given under Section 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 Nos. 2 and 14 Victoria Place, Fairview—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 —Overcrowding at No, 1 Bank Cottages, Arle—The Medical Officer of Health reported that the above premises were so overcrowded as to be dangerous or injurious to the health of the inmates. Resolved, That the Committee being satisfied of the existence of a nuisance on the said premises, Notices under Sec. 94 of the Public Health Act be served on the owners and occupiers thereof requiring them to abate the same.

5-Houses without proper Ash Receptacles—The Medical Officer of Health reported that the following houses had no proper ashpits or ash receptacles, viz :-Bibury, Priory Terrace, 9 Courtenay Villas, 15 Imperial Square, Field View Whaddon Lane, 14 Beaufort Buildings, 20, 26 and 38 St. James' Street. Resolved, That the necessary Notices be given to the respective owners under Sec. 27 of the Public Health Act, 1875, and Sec. 27 of the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1889, requiring them in each case to provide at moveable ash receptacle of such size, pattern, and construction as may be approved by the Borough Surveyor on behalf of the Corporation.

6-- Insanitary Property at Nos. 14, 20 and 28 St. James' Street, 2 and 5 Orchard Place. and 79 to 81 Stanhope 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, we. Resolved, That the Council being satisfied that the said premises were in such a state as to be injurious to health, Notices under Se. 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.

7 --Urinal at The Masonic Arms, Albion Street—The Medical Officer of Health having reported that this urinal was in such a to be a nuisance or injurious to health owing to want of water supply for flushing and defects in structure, Resolved, That the Colima hiring satisfied of the state of the urinal, Notice under

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Sec. 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.

8—Cleansing and Limewashing at No. 10 Victoria Street, Fairview, Nos. 79 to 81 Stanhope Street, No. 5 Painswick Parade, Arle Gardens Cottage, and. No. 28 St. James' Street—The Medical Officer of Health having certified under Sec. 46 of the Public Health Act, that the above-named dwelling houses were in such a filthy and unwholesome condition that the health of the inmates was affected

or endangered thereby. Resolved, That Notice be given to the owners under the said Section requiring the houses to be cleansed and limewashed.

9—Nuisances from Drains, etc., at Nos. 13 and 14 Beaufort Buildings—The Inspector of Nuisances having made written application under Sec. 41 of the Public Health Act, stating that the drains, &c., on or belonging to the above-named houses were in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to health. Resolved, That authority be given to the Inspector of Nuisances to open the ground and examine the drains.

10—Defective Brick Sewer at end of Royal Crescent—The Medical Officer of Health reported that on examination of the sewer to which the drainage of No. 3 Royal Crescent was connected it was found to be defective. The Borough Surveyor reported that when Districts Nos. 1 and 2 had been resewered, a new 9-inch pipe sewer had been put in at the rear of the houses in Royal Crescent, terminating, however, at No. 4. The scorer beyond this was an old defective brick culvert taking the drainage of Nos. 1 to 3 Royal Crescent. This should be taken out and replaced with a cast iron pipe sooner. Resolved, That the defective sewer be replaced accordingly,

11—Gullies in Sandford Road near Entrance to College—With reference to complaints made to the Medical Officer of Health by the College authorities as to the gullies in Sandford Road, near the entrance to the College, the Borough Surveyor reported that the gullies were of brick, trapped with a stone slab and appear to be in good condition. Brick gullies were however very difficult to keep water tight and if the gullies were moved, he recommended the fixing of east iron stoneware gullies. New pits could be fixed at a distance of 3 or 4 yards from the present ones, and the latter removed at a cost of about £12, including the necessary alteration to the channelling, &c. Resolved, That the old gullies be removed and new ones fixed accordingly.

12—Hatherley Place Sewer—The Town Clerk reported that Mr. Winterbotham's permission had been obtained to the opening and examination of the sewer in Hatherley Place near Hatherley Grange for a distance of 100 yards. The Borough Surveyor reported that he had made a partial examination of the sewer and would report fully to the next meeting on the condition of the same. Read, a letter from Mr. Lithgow, the tenant of Hatherley Grange, complaining of the annoyance and injury to health he and his family had suffered owing to the alleged defective state of the sewer. Resolved, to request the Town Clerk to inform Mr. Lithgow of the steps taken by the Committee in the matter and that the same is receiving every attention.

11—Wall at the back of Rainow, St. George's Road—With reference to this Committee's minute No. 28 of the 18th May last, Read, a letter from Messrs. Winterbotham, Gurney & Co., offering on behalf of Mr. Pollock the owner of " Rainow," to contribute £40 payable by four quarterly instalments of £10 each. If this offer was accepted by the Council, they suggested the work had better be put in hand at once. Resolved, That the offer be accepted and that the Borough Surveyor be instructed to proceed with the work of rebuilding the wall as soon as an undertaking satisfactory to the Town Clerk has been given as to the payment of the same by four instalments as offered.

14—Sanitary Institute Congress—With reference to the Report of the Chief Inspector of Nuisances on the Bradford Congress of the Sanitary Institute, a copy of which had been sent to each member of the Committee. Resolved, That the thanks of the Committee be given to Mr. Hudson for the same. Read, a letter from the Glasgow Corporation asking the Town Council to support an appeal made to

the Councils of the Sanitary Institute and the Royal Institute of Public Health, that in future those bodies should arrange to hold a combined Congress instead of independent Congresses. Resolved, That the Colwell support the appeal made by the Glasgow Corporation and that letters be addressed to the Secretaries of the two Institutes accordingly.

15—Nuisance from Wash Tubs—Read, a letter from Councillor King-Harman, calling the attention of the Committee to the nuisance and danger to health arising from the keeping of wash tubs for the reception of scraps, leavings of food, &c., &c., at houses in the Borough. The Medical Officer of Health reported that whenever opportunity offered he had always discouraged the keeping of such receptacles as being very objectionable.

16—New Buildings—The Borough Surveyor laid before the Committee the following plans of intended new buildings:-

No. of Plan.	Name.	Description.
57	W. Burcher	House in Kensington avenue.
61	G. Loveday	Four houses adjoining No. 27 Grange Crescent, Gloucester Road
61	F. Jenkins	Nine cottages in Fairfield Avenue.
63	Miss Cregg	Additions to Bereft Villa, Gloucester Road.
64	H. Singleton	House in Hall Road.

Resolved, That Plan No. 57 be disapproved and that the remainder of the plans be approved as far as matters within the purview of this Committee are concerned.

E. H. PARSONAGE,

Chairman.

**At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 21st September, 1903**—Present: Alderman Skillicorne, Councillors M. Davis, Bence, King-Harman, Parsonage, and Lawrence (Councillor Parsonage in the chair).

17—Zymotic Disease —The Medical Officer of Health reported that there had been notified since the as meeting of the Committee. 2 eases of Scarlet Fever, and 1 of Erysipelas: that 2 cases of Scarlet Fever had been sent into the Delancey Hospital, and that the number of eases then in the Hospital sent in by the Corporation was 9 of Scarlet Fever and 3 of Diphtheria.

18—Insanitary Property—Noe. 12 and 16, Victoria Place, Fairview, Nos. 11 and 12, Greville Terrace and No. 16, Casino Place. 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 Section 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.

19—Manure Receptacle—The Medical Officer of Health reported that at premises in Sandfield Road, no proper manure receptacle had been provided as required by the Byelaw, Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to take the necessary proceedings for penalties if the Byelaw is not forthwith complied with.

20—Water Closets without Flushing Apparatus --The Medical Officer of Health handed in a list of houses having water closets without flushing apparatus, viz :—Cottage at Karenza, Bath Road, 29, St. George's Place, and 28, Clarence Square. Resolved, That Notices under Sec. 28 of the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1889, be given to the owners, requiring them to provide the necessary flushing apparatus, and to the occupiers to lay on a proper supply of water thereto, and that in default of compliance with such notices proceedings be taken for the penalties.

21—Overcrowding at Nos. 8 and 20 St. James' Street—The Medical Officer of Health reported that the above premises were so overcrowded as to be dangerous or injurious to the health of the inmates. Resolved, That the Committee being satisfied of the existence of a nuisance on the said premises, Notices under Section 94 of the Public Health Act be served on the owners and occupiers thereof requiring them to abate the same.

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, viz 10 Greville Terrace, Springfield Cottage, Brandon Place, 2 Montpellier Terrace, 223, High Street, 2 St. John's Villas, and No. 2 Clarence Street. Resolved, That the necessary Notices be given to the respective owners under Section 36 of the Public Health Act, 1875, and Section 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. 12 and 16 Victoria Place, Fairview, and Nos. 1 and 2 Tivoli Cottages—The Medical Officer of Health having certified under Section 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.

24—Nuisances from Drains, etc., at Nos. 351, 352, and 371, High 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 and examine the drains.

25--Sewer at back of Roseleigh, Portland Street—The Borough Surveyor reported that on receipt of a complaint from the occupier of Roseleigh, Portland Street, as to the nuisance arising from rats from the sewer at the back of the house, he had had an examination made which showed that the nuisance arose from the fact that the drains of three houses in North Place were still connected to an old brick sensor at the back, which communicated with a pipe sewer.

The three drains had now been directly connected with the pipe sewer. Resolved, That enquiry be made whether notices to connect with the new sewer were given to the owners of the houses in North Place referred to at the time the pipe sewer was put in.

26—Damage to public Urinals—The Borough Surveyor reported that wilful damage had been done to the fittings in some of the public urinals lately, and he suggested that notices should be posted up therein offering a small reward for information leading to the conviction of any person committing damage. Resolved, 'Mat the Borough Surveyor's suggestion be agreed to, and that the attention of the police be also called to the matter.

27—Wall at Rainow, St. George's Road—The Borough Surveyor having recommended that this work should be carried out by contract, Resolved, That tenders be advertised for.

28—New Streets and Buildings - The Borough Surveyor laid before, : the Committee (the following notices and plans of intended new streets and buildings, viz. :—

No. of Plan.	Name.	Description.
57	W. Burcher	House in Kensington Avenue
65	W. Hulbert	New Bakehouse back of 329, High Street
66	C. Daft	Additions to two cottages, Granley Road
67	F. Jenkins	Three new streets, Fairfield Estate
68	W. Buckle	Shop front corner of Francis Street, Bath Road
69	Mrs. Cookley	Additions to No. 2, Garden Cottages, London Road

Resolved, That Plan. No. 68 be approved, and that the remainder of the plans be disapproved, as regards drainage and other sanitary matters.

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With reference to the letter read at the meeting on the 24th ult., from Mr. F. Jenkins, the Borough Surveyor reported that the pipes put up at the six houses on the Fairfield Estate were quite unsuitable for ventilation shafts, and he recommended that they be sot approved. Resolved, That the recommendation of the Borough Surveyor be approved and that notice be given to Mr. Jenkins to show cause why the pipes in question should not be removed.

29—Regulations as to Drainage—The Borough Surveyor recommended that the Council should make some regulations as to the mode in which the connection of drains with the public sewers should be carried out.

Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be requested to prepare and submit draft of regulations for consideration by this Committee.

E. H. PARSONAGE,

Chairman.

## FARMS AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL COMMITTEE.

**At a Meeting Of this Committee, held on Friday, the 11th September, 1903**—Present:—The Mayor, Alderman Skillicorne, Councillors Bence, M. Davis and King-Harman (Councillor M. Davis in the chair).

1—Farm Manager's Report—The Farm Manager reported that the stock on the farms on the 7th ulto. was 12 horses and 1 cob, 210 cattle and 55 sheep. That during the month 12 heifers, 7 steers and 20 sheep had been purchased for £241, and 14 heifers and 13 bullocks sold for £497 19s., and a roan horse to the Central Depot for £50. The number of livestock on the farms on this date was 11 horses and 1 cob, 202 head of cattle and 75 sheep, the whole being healthy and doing well. As he had required some straw for thatching he had threshed 22 qrs. of wheat and sold 160 bushels of the same to Messrs. Ride & Co. at 3s 6 ½d per bushel. A heap of manure at the Barn Farm had been sold to Mr. Hewlett for £5. He required two new ladders, one of 20 and another of 35 rounds, Resolved, That the action of the Manager be approved and that he be authorized to obtain two new ladders.

2—Insurance—Resolved, To insure the hay, &c., on the farms for the year commencing the 30th instant in the following sums :—On growing crops, hay, &c., &c., £1000, on implements £300. Also Resolved, That the Town Clerk do ascertain on what terms the livestock on the farms can be insured against fire and other accidents.

3—Alteration of Date and Time of Meeting—Resolved, That for the remainder of the year the date and time of the Monthly Meeting of this Committee be altered to the third Friday before the Monthly Council Meetings, at 3 p.m.

4—Inspection Meeting—Resolved, To pay a visit to the Farms, on Wednesday, the 23rd inst.

M. DAVIS,  
Chairman.

**At this Meeting, held on Wednesday, the 23rd September, 1903**—Present Alderman Skillicorne, Councillors Bence, M. Davis, King-Harman and Lawrence (Councillor M. Davis in. the chair).

5---Inspection of Farms—The Committee visited the Farms and inspected the 200 cattle, 75 sheep, and the horses thereon, and also the corn and crops, all being found in a very satisfactory condition. The effluent water was examined and found satisfactory.

M. DAVIS,  
Chairman.



## TRAMWAYS AND STREET & HIGHWAY COMMITTEES.

**At a joint Meeting of these Committees held on Thursday, the 10th September, 1903—Present :**  
Alderman Haddon, Councillors M. Davis, Bendall, Parsonage, and Stroud (Councillor Parsonage in the chair).

1—Chairman—Resolved, That Councillor Parsonage be appointed Chairman at this Meeting.

2—Light Railway Extensions—Read, a letter from Mr. T. A. Nevins stating that, he was now ready to let the contracts for the construction of the extensions, and asking that a meeting of the Committee might be called at as early a date as possible so that he might confer with them and arrange all details as to construction. Mr. McCormick attended this meeting as Mr. Nevins' representative, and stated that he had heard last night from Mr. Nevins, who was in Ireland, that he regretted he found it impossible to attend this Meeting.

Read, a letter from Councillor Packer expressing the hope that everything possible would be done to induce Mr. Nevins to carry out the extensions as originally proposed (i.e., including that portion of the High Street front Tewkesbury Road Bridge to Ambrose Street). The Borough Surveyor laid before the Committee the plans deposited by the Company showing the proposed extensions, design and positions of the poles, method of construction of the track, &c.

High Street and London Road Route—These show a tramway commencing at the existing line near St. Gregory's Church, Manchester street) passing along Ambrose Street, High Street (as far as Cambray), Cambray and Bath Street with a double line, continuing from Bath Street along Bath Road to High Street as far as Grosvenor Street with a single line, and proceeding from this point with a double line to a point between Keynsham Street and Bale's Road. Beyond this to the Borough Boundary at Hayward's Road a single line is shown.

Leckhampton Section—The plans show the tramway to Leckhampton commencing with a double line at Bath Street, along Bath Road to Montpellier Terrace. Beyond this a single line with four short "turn-outs" is shown, the line terminating within about 70 yards of Old Bath Road. Resolved, To approve the plans as regards construction of the line and position of rails, subject to the following amendments being made therein :

1. That the proposed "turn-out" near the Holy Apostles' Church should be brought within the Borough, in sight of the next "turn-out" down the road.
2. The width of the wood block margins in London Road (within the Borough) to be 2 ft. 6 ins. in accordance with the agreement, and not 1 ft. 6 ins. as shown in the plan.
3. Anchor plates to be fixed under the rail joints.
4. The thickness of the concrete foundation to be at least 6 inches, exclusive of the floating, or such greater thickness as the nature of the ground may in the opinion of the Borough Surveyor require.
5. The size of the wood blocks to be 9 x 3 x 4 ½ deep instead of 4 inches deep as proposed.
6. That the Light Railway Company be "required to work to the Borough Surveyor's specifications for the construction of the foundations and the laying of the blocks.

Also Resolved, To disapprove the positions of the standards or poles in the streets, and the design for the same. As to the former, no attention has been paid to the position of trees, lamp posts, house entrances, etc., and with regard to the design, while the Council will not object to the 16ft. arms, the Company be requested to submit an improved and more ornamental design for the standards.

Mr. McCormick, on behalf of Mr. Nevins, asked that, except in the High Street between Ambrose Street and Berkeley Street, Creosoted deal blocks be allowed instead of Jarrah wood. Resolved, That the request be not acceded to.

3—Wood Paving—The Borough surveyor called attention to the desirability of the same contractor carrying out the wood block paving in High Street on behalf of the Corporation and Light Railway Company. Tenders have been obtained for the work, but remain unopened pending the decision of the Light Railway Company in the matter.

Resolved, ask the Light Railway Company if they are prepared to accept the lowest satisfactory tender received as above for the portion of the tramway paving and foundation in High Street between Ambrose Street and Berkeley Street, this being the length of road to be paved its full width.

The Borough Surveyor reported that it would be unsatisfactory to attempt to carry out the wood block paving in High Street during the winter months, and the necessity of suspending the work from time to time on account of the frost would cause considerable delay. The concrete foundation, either in connection with the tramways or the paving, should not, under any circumstances, be laid in frosty weather. He recommended that if the extensions are to be commenced at once, the portion of High Street from Ambrose Street to Berkeley Street be left till last. Resolved, That the recommendation of the Borough Surveyor be adopted, and that a request be made to the Light Company accordingly.

4—Clerk of Works—Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be authorized to appoint a Clerk of Works when the extensions commence, to superintend the tramway work, at a salary not exceeding, four guineas per week, the salary to be paid by the Light Railway Company in accordance with the terms of their agreement.

E. H. PARSONAGE,

Chairman.

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

**At a meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 15th September, 1903--Present:—**The Mayor, Alderman Skillicorne, Councillors Parsonage, Handley, and Bendall (Councillor Parsonage in the chair).

1—Street Projection—Read, an application from Messrs. Boots, Ltd., for permission to put up a shield sign outside Nos. 129 and 130 High Street. Resolved, That the request be not acceded to.

2—Report of Building Inspector—Read, the usual monthly report of the Building Inspector. Buildings in progress, 48; completed since 11th ult., 7.

3—Roseville Cottage—Read, a letter from Mr. T. H. Packer, stating that his father wishes to give up the tenancy of Cottage at the end of the present month, and asking that some allowance should be made to him in respect of ill, trees and shrubs put in by him, Resolved, That the further consideration of the matter be adjourned for the Borough Surveyor to report thereon.

4—Footpath in Front of Brandon Terrace—Read, a letter from Mr. F. J. Comely enclosing a memorial signed by the owners and occupiers of houses in Brandon Terrace calling attention to the bad state of repair of the footpath there, and requesting Council to have the necessary repairs carried out as soon as possible. Resolved, That the Borough Survey, be directed to report at the next meeting as to the cost of repairing the footpath with slabs

5--Footpaths in Painswick and Shurdington Roads—Resolved, To instruct the Borough Surveyor to bring up estimates of the cost of paving with slabs or asphalte the footpaths in the Painswick and Shurdington Roads where required.

6—Seats near " The Ferns," Gloucester Road—Read, a letter from Mrs. Dighton suggesting other positions for the two seats at present near her property, "The Ferns," in Gloucester Road. Resolved, That consideration of the suggestion be adjourned.

7—New Buildings—The Borough Surveyor laid before the Committee, the following notices and plans of intended new buildings, viz.

No. of Plans	Name	Description
61	G. Loveday	Four houses adjoining No. 27 Grange Crescent, Gloucester Road
62	F. Jenkins	Nine cottages in Fairfield Avenue
63	Miss Cregg	Additions to Beech Villa, Gloucester Road
64	H. Singleton	House in Hall Road

Resolved, That all the plans be approved so far as matters within the purview of this Committee are concerned, subject as regards plans Nos. 61 and 62 to an approved pattern of trough across the footpath being fixed to the satisfaction of the Borough Surveyor.

E. H. PARSONAGE,

Chairman.

**At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, 28th September, 1903**—Present Aldermen Haddon and Skillicorne, Councillors Baker, Bendall and Handley (Councillor Baker in the chair).

8—View Meeting—The following members attended the View Meeting on the previous Friday, viz:—Alderman Haddon, and Councillors Baker, Handley and Parsonage.

9—Surveyor's Monthly Report—The Borough Surveyor reported that the work done by the Highway Department, from August 28th to September 24th, both inclusive had been as follows:-

Repaired with Wickwar Stone—St. James' Street (881 yards), and St. George's Road (1055 yards).

Patched with 1 ½-inch Wickwar Stone—Hewlett Street, Hewlett Road, Swindon Road, Princes Street, Worcester Street, Waterloo Street, High Street and Pittville Circus Road.

Repaired With Clee Hill Stone, Lower High street (proceeding), Winchcomb Street (130 yards), Albion Street (400 yards) Promenade (8400 yards), Queen's Circus (844 yards), and Montpellier Walk (3,908 yards).

Patched with 1 ½ -inch Clee Hill Stone--Moorend Road.

Repaired with Tar Macadam—St. George's Road.

Crossings backed up with Tor Macadam—St. James' Street. Lower High Street, and Royal Well Place.

Plugged Brick Crossings-Promenade (4 re-laid), St. George's Road (1 re-laid).

Kerbing, Channelling and Paving-St James' Street, Gloucester Road (Tewkesbury Road end), Lower High Street, Parabola Road, Clarence Square, Christ Church Road, Royal Well Place, and Promenade.

Footpaths repaired with Tar Macadam—Ambrose Street, Waterloo Street, Promenade and Trafalgar Street. Park, Evesham Road, and Gloucester Road.

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Hedges Cut—Pittville and at Sandford.

New Gully—Promenade to replace defective one.

Ashes Collection and Disposal-849 loads collected, 21 tipped away, 828 consumed, weight 771 tons, 14 cwts.

Slab Factory—Slabs made during four weeks ended 24th September, 1903, 829 square yards.

He submitted a satisfactory report from the National Boiler and General Insurance Co., Ltd., dated 17th September the external inspection of Nos. 1 and 2 Road Roll, Boilers.

The National Telephone Company had commenced the work of laying the conduits underground for the telephone wires, and had already completed the portion in High Street, from Gloucester Road to the Grammar School.

10—Purchase of Scarifiers—The Borough Surveyor reported that there had already been a considerable saving in material by the use of the new scantier. In repairing the Promenade, Queen's Road, and Christ Church Road, he estimated that a saving of £500 had been effected. The saving on these time roads was principally due to the quantity of macadam existing on the carriage ways, which had gradually accumulated in thickness. The same rate of saving could not of course be continuous, but it would take place whenever the existing material on the road could be scarified and used in the formation of the new surface.

Resolved, That, on the recommendation of the Borough Surveyor, another scarifier be purchased at a cost of £115.

11—Street Projections—Read, a letter from Mr. E. B. Shenton, lessee of the Victoria Rooms, applying for permission to put up an electric advertising lamp, projecting 3 feet 6 inches over the pavement at the entrance to the Victoria Rooms. Resolved, That permission be granted subject, to no part of the

lamp being less than 8 feet from the pavement, and to the same being kept alight until 10 p.m. each night.

Read, an application from Mr. H. J. Bagett. on behalf of George Oliver, for permission to hang 4 lamps outside No. 119 High Street, and 5 lamps outside 345 High Street. Resolved, That the application be acceded to subject to the le oat conditions.

Read, an application from the Midland Railway District Superintendent for permission to put up a swinging sign at their receiving office at Staffordshire House, Suffolk Road. Resolved, That consideration of the application be adjourned for the Committee to view.

12—Apportionments of Private improvement Expenses—The Borough Surveyor reported, that the works of private improvement ordered in Stoneville Street, Lansdown Crescent (Inner Road), Grove Steed, Workhouse Law, and Russell Place had been carried out at a cost of £125 12s. 3d., £70 4s. 11d., £211 9s. 11d., £15 8s. 4d., and £8 15s. 10d., respectively, and these sums he had apportioned amongst the abutting owners according to frontage. Resolved, That the apportionments be approved and that notice thereof, and demand of repayment be served on the owners.

13—Steam Motors for Street Watering—Resolved, To instruct the Borough Surveyor to enquire and report as to the cost of a steam motor watering van and as to the saving arising from the use of such a van over the vans at present in use.

14—Footpath in front of Brandon Terrace—As instructed at the last meeting, the Borough Surveyor reported that the cost of paving with slabs the footpath in front of Brandon Terrace would be £169. Resolved, That in view of the cost, the matter be adjourned for consideration when the estimates for next year are under consideration by this Committee.

15—Footpaths in Painswick and Shurdington Roads—The Borough Surveyor as instructed submitted estimates of the cost of paving the footpaths in Painswick and Shurdington Roads where required. Resolved, To adjourn further consideration of the matter for the Borough Surveyor to ascertain from the County Surveyor what proportion of the cost he will recommend the County Council to hear.

16—Roseville Cottage—With reference to the letter read at the last meeting, Resolved, To allow Mr. Henry Packer, the present tenant of Roseville Cottage, to give up possession on the 29th instant, and that he be allowed the sum of £2 10s. in respect of the trees and shrubs put in by him.

Also Resolved, That the Chairmen and Councillor Bendall be authorised to instruct the Borough Surveyor as to what repairs should be done to the Cottage to put the same into tenantable condition.

17—New Streets and Buildings surveyor laid before the Committee the following notices and plans of intended new streets and buildings,

No. of Plan.	Name.	Description.
66	C. Daft	Addition, to two cottages, Granley Road, St. Mark's
67	F. Jenkins	Three new streets, Fairfield Estate (near Naunton Lane)
68	W. Buckle	New front to shop in Bath Road, corner of Francis Street
69	Mrs. Cooksey	Additions to No. 2 Garden Cottages, London Road

70	F. Hicks	Two bay windows, Ivymead, Moorend Road
71	T. W. Smith	Twelve Houses in Fairfield Avenue, Leckhampton Road
72	Alfred Yeates	Shop attached to Doverdale, London Road

Resolved, That Plans Nos. 66, 67 and 69 be disapproved and that the other Plans be approved, so far as matters within the purview of this Committee are concerned.

WILLIAM A. BAKER,

Chairman.

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### TOWN IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE.

**At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, 24th, September, 1903**--Present. Councillors Bence, Handley, and Rickerby (Councillor Rickerby in the chair).

1—Borough Meteorologist—The only application for this appointment was from Mr. A. C. Saxby, of 397, High Street, dispensing chemist and ophthalmic optician, the salary he asked being £15 per annum, the Corporation providing all instruments, books, stationery, &c., as at present. Resolved, That Mr. Saxby be appointed Borough Meteorologist at a salary of £15 per annum, the appointment to date from the 6th proximo, and be terminable at any time by three months notice, on either side. The duties of the office are as follows:-

1. To attend at the Montpellier Gardens, at 9 a.m. and 9 p.m., to read Vernier of Barometer to one thousandth of an inch, also to read Thermometer (dry and wet, minimum and maximum) and to take record of Rain Gauge. Also Grass and Sun Thermometer, and at Winter Garden to read Barometer.
2. To calculate and enter daily records of sunshine from Charts brought in daily by the Pittville Caretaker.
3. To send weekly report for publication in local newspapers ("Examiner " and " Echo ") and to the Secretary of the Meteorological Society, and to the Town Clerk.
4. To furnish monthly return to Meteorological Office. 5. To read Wind Gauge at Montpellier.

2—Church Congress—With reference to the Church Congress shortly to be held at Bristol, Resolved, To instruct the Town Clerk to write to the Congress Officials offering to supply copies of the small Guide to Cheltenham for those attending the meeting.

3—Visit of Members of Institute of Journalists--Resolved, That the thanks of the Council be conveyed to the local Committee, and particularly to the Home Secretary, Mr. H. E. Branch, for the invitation they had given to the members of the Institute of Journalists, and the excellent arrangements they had made for their visit to Cheltenham.

4—Advertising—Resolved, To decline offers from " the Hospital," and Walter Hill, Ltd., with reference to advertising Cheltenham.

5—Town Hall and Winter Garden--Read, a letter Irons Col. Graham asking whether the Town Hall, or, if not, the Winter Garden would be available for the Cotswold Ladies' Ball and the Invitation Fancy Dress Ball in January next, and if so on what terms. Resolved, That to inform Col. Graham that the Winter Garden will be available on the same terms as last year.

T. E. RICKERBY,

Chairman.

**At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Thursday, the 1st October, 1903**—Present: Alderman Winterbotham ; Councillors Baker, Bence, Handley and Rickerby (Councillor Rickerby in the chair)

7.—Entertainments---The Entertainments Sub-Committee presented the following Statement of their Income and Expenditure fur the Summer Concert Season, 1903 :—

ENTERTAINMENTS—SUMMER SEASON, 1903. (1st June to 12th September)

EXPENDITURE.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.
Goods in Stock at commencement			15	17 0
Artistes, Bands, &c.	556	11 6		
Fireworks	55	4 5		
Attendants' Wages	101	9 0		
Billposting and Advertising	107	5 10		
Printing and Stationery	71	6 0		
Candles, Lanterns, &c.	11	0 8		
Piano Hire and Pianist	8	4 9		
Hire of Furniture, &c....	2	17 6		
Ironmongery, Hauling, Repairs	20	12 10		
Electric Lighting (Montpellier Garden) ...	30	10 9		
Rent of Winter Garden, including Lighting, &c.	72	9 0		
Moiety of Subscriptions to Managers	89	7 6		
			1137	0 6
Balance (profit)			7	4 9
			£1,160	2 3

INCOME.	£	s. d.
Gate Receipts and Chairs ...	869	2 3
Bicycles (care of) ... ..	5	5 2
Programme Rights ...	70	0 0
Share of Subscriptions	178	15 0
Sundry Receipts, &c., Oddfellows' A.M.C., Union Jack Club, &c.	28	4 10
	1151	7 3
Goods in Stock (end of Season)	8	15 0
	£1,160	2 3

Resolved, That the same be adopted.

8—Presentation of Plants--The Borough Surveyor reported that Messrs. Cypher had offered to the Corporation two fine palms. Resolved, That the same be accepted with the thanks of the Council.

T. E. RICKERBY, Chairman.

#### **TOWN IMPROVEMENT AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEES (JOINT MEETING).**

**At a Meeting of these Committees, held on Wednesday, the 30th, September, 1903** Present : Aldermen Haddon, Norman., Skillicorne, Winterbotham, Councillors Bainbridge, M. Davis, Handley, Hayward, King-Harman, Parsonage and J. Waghorne (Councillor J. Waghorne in the chair).

1--Chairman--Resolved, That Councillor J. Waghorne be appointed Chairman at this Meeting.

2—Town Hall—Orchestra—Mr. Waller reported that the Sob-Committee appointed to consider the question of the orchestra arrangements had held a meeting on the 31st ultimo, and he reported the arrangements proposed after conference with and with the approval of gentlemen connected with local musical societies and firms. Resolved, That the arrangements be approved and carried out.

Electric Light Fittings—The Architect laid before the Meeting drawings of the electric light fittings selected by Alderman Norman and himself, for purchase from Messrs. Osler, the estimated nett cost of which would not exceed £1050. Resolved, That the same be obtained and fixed.

Gas Fittings— Resolved, To authorise the architect to have gas fittings put up at a cost of about £30. Furnishing—Resolved, That Aldermen Haddon and Norman, Councillors Bainbridge, King-Harman, Handley, and Parsonage be appointed a Sub-Committee to consider and report, in conjunction with Mr. Waller, upon the furnishing of the Town Hall.

Colour Decoration—The Architect having reported as to an interview he had had with Mr. Lewis Day, in Cheltenham, on the subject of the decoration of the new building. Resolved, To instruct Mr.



Waller to prepare a scheme for the preliminary interior decoration of the building, and obtain an estimate thereon from Messrs. Collins and Godfrey for the carrying out of the same.

Entrance—On the recommendation of the Architect. Resolved, That no gates or gate piers be placed at the entrances.

J. WAGHORNE,  
Chairman.

#### LIGHTING COMMITTEE.

**At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Wednesday, the 23rd September, 1903**—Present: Alderman Norman, Councillors Baker, Handley, Stroud, Parsonage and Bainbridge (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 ; e: follows :—September 2nd, 209 volts ; September 14th, 209 volts; the legal standard being 200 volts.

3—Gas Examiner's Report--Read, the Monthly Report of the Gas Examiner, as follows:

1903	ILLUMINATING POWER.				PURITY.
	1903				Grams of Sulphur per 100 cubic ft.
August 27th	15.52	candles			
			Sept.	2nd-3rd	11.81
Sept. 2nd	15.86	"			
			"	12th-13th	10.42
" 12th	15.48	"			
" 14th	15.4	"			
Average	15.56	"		Average	11.11

3-Gas Inspector's Report—Read, the Gas Inspector's report. Hourly average consumption of gas per lamp during the previous month:--Ordinary Lamps, 4.159 cubic feet; Guildhall Lamps, with No. 4 Incandescent burners, 5.052 cubic feet ; Ordinary Lamps with No. 3 Incandescent burners, 3.798 cubic feet.

4-- Lamp Book- The Book was produced and examined. Ordinary Lamps extinguished, 4 metered, 5 unmetered, Incandescents extinguished, 5.

5--Purchase of Transformers-Read, a letter from the Local Government Board stating that they had no objection to the purchase of three additional transformers out of the balance of the loan already sanctioned by them for the purchase of ten transformers.

The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that he had received tenders for the supply of the transformers required from ten firms, six of which tenders were in accordance with the

specification. He recommended the acceptance of the tender of The British Westinghouse Co., at £60 4s. each, this being the lowest after taking into consideration bonus &c. allowed. Resolved That the recommendation be approved and adopted.

6-Electric Lighting Accounts-With reference to the letter from the Local Government Board enclosing, for the observations of the Council, a letter from the Ratepayers' Association in regard to the accumulated deficit, the Town Clerk submitted for the approval of the Committee draft of a reply thereto, suggesting that the Board should grant a short extension of the periods for repayment of the various loans so as to enable the Sinking Funds (amounting to £14,435 9s. 3d., on the 31st March last), to be appropriated towards the deficit (£17,163 14s. 1d.), provision to be made for the balance of the latter and any future loss on the undertaking out of the rates. Resolved, That the reply be approved.

Read, the following Report from Major General Babbage, Elective Auditor for the Borough :-

1. The audit of the "Receipts and Payments Account" of this undertaking was finished, together with that of other departments, in the first week of June. The other accounts were not ready for audit till Tuesday, the 11th of August, when my colleague (Mr. Gale) and I began the audit and ended it next day.

2. Having previously audited the Receipts and Payments, it was not necessary to go over the same work again and looking to the conditions under which the audit had been allowed by the Town Council, I did not think it necessary to investigate individual items, but applied a test form to prove the accuracy, as a whole, of the Income and Expenditure account presented to us.

3. The result was not satisfactory: there appeared a discrepancy in the Revenue Account of £131 11s. 3d. It will be observed that in the accounts now audited there is in the General Balance Sheet, an item of £1140 17s. 8d. for "Stores in hand," on 31st March, 1903, but nowhere in these accounts can I find £1272 8s. 11d. for the "stores in hand" at the end of the previous year, so that reference to last year's volume has to be made for it. The continuity of the accounts is thus lost sight of, and to this may be due the discrepancy I found, which is the difference between the two sums last given. Turning to the "Receipts and Payments Revenue Account," I could find no head for "Stores" and see no way of arriving at the above mentioned total of £1140 17s. 8d, in the General Balance Sheet. Applying my form, the account for the year of "Sundry Debtors and Sundry Creditors" proved the capital correct, but the Revenue incorrect, to the extent of the above discrepancy. The Electrical Accountant explained it away by introducing the above balances from the "General Balance Sheet," as shown in the statement which he handed to me. These items do not seem to me to have any place in such a statement and the accountancy seems in fault. I thought at first that the balance of £6778 4s. 3d. for Nett Revenue should be increased, but my colleague, Mr. Gale, whom I have found a man of ripe experience, has suggested that a transfer cheque for £131 11s. 3d. added to the item of £9646 8s. 11d. "cash paid" would adjust the account, The stores themselves are not in question.

4. Another difficulty presented itself regarding a boiler sold for £200 sometime in 1902. I have examined the printed reports of the Electric Lighting Committee, but failed to find the authority for the sale. The item is not included in the General Balance Sheet, nor in the Income and Expenditure Account that I can find, and might have escaped notice altogether.

5. In the Report published in the " Examiner," of 22nd April, of the Public Enquiry, held on the 17th inst., regarding sanction for a loan for Electric lighting purposes, it was stated that some of the Mains for which the loan was required had been already constructed. I wished to know the particulars, but was told that they were not immediately available. Danger to life and limb was not involved, and I can see nothing urgent to warrant the infraction of the law by spending money without sanction, the more especially that the Corporation have more than once been reminded of their obligations.

6. I do not find anything allowed for depreciation of Plant, and I consider that a large provision is necessary. The payment of interest and capital does not cover depreciation. If the insidious ravages of time are not repaired, the plant may be worn out, even before the loan is paid off. There is no reserve fund and with an accumulated loss of £16717 17s. 8d. there is not likely to be any for years.

7. It seems advisable that the "Capital" should be separated under two heads, "Tram line" and "Lighting" the plant is now entirely separate and we should know the profit or loss of each.

8. The consumers of electricity should be grouped, so that the commercial result of each separate main may be easily seen.

9. At the end of each year there is always a very large amount owing, this year it was £3,152 7s. 6d. It gives a wrong impression, in reality most of it will consist of bills made up to 31st March, besides it helps to shelter the debtors in default for previous quarters. Would it not be possible to make up the bills to the 1st March, and so quarterly?

10. I wish to call the attention of the Town Council to the huge overdraft of £16,717 7s. 8d. on Revenue Account, which instead of being allowed to accumulate, should, it is said, have been realized annually in the Rates. Interest on it at 4 per cent. comes to £670 per annum.

11. I beg to suggest that high expert opinion should be sought on the general position of the Electrical undertaking not only in a scientific but also in a commercial view.

HENRY P. BABBAGE, Saturday, 15th August, 1903. Elective Auditor.

Resolved, To inform the Council that the Committee have considered the above report and submit the following observations thereon :-

Paragraph 3. The published accounts show quite correctly that the stores in hand, on the 31st March, 1909, amounted to £1,272 8s. 11d., as against £1,140 17s. 8d. on the 31st March, 1903. The alleged discrepancy of £131 11s. 3d. is the difference between these two amounts. General Babbage at first thought this sum of £131 11s. 3d. should be added to the sum of £6,778 4s. 3d. nett Revenue, but afterwards came to the conclusion that it should be treated as a cash payment, and added to the sum of £9,646 8s. 11d. "Cash Paid." It is true that if the stores had been kept up to exactly the same figure as at the end of the previous year the sum of £9,646 8s. 11d. "Cash Paid." would have been increased by this amount, but an appropriation of stores in hand is not a cash payment, and would be false accountancy to treat such appropriation as a cash transaction.

Paragraph 4. The Minutes of the 24th July, 1901, authorised the sale of three Galloway Boilers, Nos. 1 and 2 to Messrs. Jones & Gilman for £410, and No. 3 to the Rippingill Stove Company at £200. The

sale of No. 3 fell through, and this was sold on the 23rd February, 1903, to Mr. Gilman (one of the purchasers of Nos. 1 and 2) for the amount previously authorized by the Council, namely, £200, payment, to be made within one month of delivery; before payment was due Mr. Gilman made an assignment for the benefit of his creditors, and offered a composition of 15s in the pound. he has, however, been unable to make this offer good, and his estate has not yet been wound up. The purchase money for this boiler is included in the General Balance Sheet under the head of " Sundry Debtors, £376 10s. 0d."

Paragraph 5. With regard to incurring Capital Expenditure before the sanction of the Local Government Board is obtained, it should be pointed out that in the case of small extensions of mains and house connections it is impossible to anticipate what expenditure will be required until the demand for supply is made. The cost of man:- such extensions is under £25 and it would be absurd to expect the Local Government Board to hold an inquiry as to a loan for £25. On the other hand to delay complying with the demand for supply until a loan was sanctioned would in the majority of instances be contrary to the provisions of the Provisional Order, under which the Corporation may be compelled to supply an owner or occupier whose premises are situated within 50 yards of a main, and even if this were not the case delay would in many cases involve the loss of the intending customer.

Paragraph 6. The period of 25 years within which loans sanctioned by the Local Government Board are re-payable has been so fixed by the Board as being well within the equated life of the works and as sufficient to cover depreciation, and it is so regarded by competent authorities. Indeed many of the leading Engineers consider that the period allowed by the Board is shorter than need be and in some cases Parliament and the London County Council have granted considerably longer periods.

Paragraph 7. The plant for the Light Railway supply and Lighting are not separate.

Paragraph 8. This would entail much extra work without any profitable result.

Paragraph 9. The accounts for the quarter ending 31st March obviously cannot be made out until after that date. It is, therefore, inevitable that the accounts for that quarter should be outstanding at the close of the financial year.

Read, a resolution passed by the Cheltenham Property Owners and Ratepayers' Association, suggesting that Sir William Preece or an expert nominated by him should be called in to investigate the Electric lighting of Cheltenham, and to advise how the undertaking can be made to pay its own way and run at a profit. Resolved, That pending the receipt of a Report upon the undertaking generally now in preparation by the Borough Electrical Engineer, the further consideration of the suggestion be adjourned.

7—Stepping Bros.—The Town Clerk reported an offer of 10s in the pound, payable by instalments to the creditors of Stepping Bros., the amount due to the Corporation being £6 18s. 1d. Resolved, That the offer be accepted.

8—Report of the Borough Electrical Engineer—The monthly Report of the Borough Electrical Engineer was read. On the 21st inst. there were 715 customers with the equivalent of about 43,780 eight candlepower lamps connected to the private supply mains.

9—Removal of Partition Wall at Works—Resolved, That the Borough Electrical Engineer be authorised to have the partition wall between the small stores and the workshop removed, so as to enlarge the hitter, at a cost of not exceeding £10.

10—Loan of £4000—Resolved. On the recommendation of the Borough Electrical Engineer, that application be made to the Local Government Board for their sanction to a loan of £4,000 required for the works specified in the following estimate:—

ESTIMATE FOR £4000 LOAN.				
				£ s. d.
Extensions to Works' Plant—as per Schedule 1				723 12 6
"	"	" Mains "	2	1336 0 0
"	"	Street Lighting "	3	18 0 0
House Services—Cable, Boxes, Motors, Labour, &c.				1700 0 0
Contingencies ...				<u>222 7 6</u>
				4000 0 0

SCHEDULE 1.

Wiring Extension at Electric Works	£42 12 6
Rotary Synchronizer	£15 0 0
Boiler Testing Pump	£20 0 0
Two Transformers for Arc Circuits	££80 0 0
Motor Fan for Engine Room	£48 0 0
Motor-driven Lathe for workshop	£98 0 0
Alterations to two 200 k. w. Belliss Engines (converting from compound to Triple)	£420 0 0

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SCHEDULE 2.		
Plan No.		
St. George's Place. Royal Well Place, St. George's Road, and across Promenade to north-		
west corner of Imperial Squat, (Substation)—one high pressure feeder. Imperial		
Square (north side) from Substation to Town Hall Substation—two high pressure		
feeders and one low pressure distributor	Plan No. 290	£380 0 0
London Road (north side) from Hayward's Road to drive leading to Charlton Court—one		
high pressure feeder. London Road (north side) from a point 125 yards east of		
Hayward's Road to drive leading to Charlton Court—one low pressure distributor Plan No. £282 95 0 0		
Overton Road front Substation to existing high pressure feeder on north-east side of		
Malvern Road—one high pressure feeder ; also from Substation to existing low pressure		
main on south west side of Malvern Road—one low pressure distributor. Overton		
Road from Substation to Malvern Road and along the north-cast side of Malvern		
Road in an easterly direction for a total distance of 77 yards one low pressure		
distributor ...	Plan No. 297	£85 0 0
Low PRESSURE DISTRIBUTORS.		
Lansdown Crescent (from end of existing main to a point opposite Douro Road) and along -		
east side of Douro Road to Malvern Place ... Plan No. 275 £90 0 0		
Upper Bath Road (west side) from opposite No. 9 Norwood Terrace to opposite the		
Fountain Inn	Plan No. 288a	£70 0 0
Upper Bath Road (cast side) from a point about 8 yards north of St. Philip's Street to		
Hermitage Street ; thence across the Bath Road to corner of Suffolk Street. Plan No. 274 £40 0 0		
Park Drive (north side) from the south end of Tivoli Road to opposite " Silwood " Plan No. 277 £35 0 0		
Wellington Square (east and north sides) ...	Plan Nos. 276 & 285a	£101 0 0
Montpellier Street from south end to Lansdown Place Substation	Plan No. 279	£45 0 0
Bath Road (east side) from St. Luke's Road for 50 yards northwards ...	Plan No. 283	£20 0 0
High Street and Oxford Parade (No. 7 to No. 12) ...	Plan No. 286	£30 0 0
Clarence Street from existing main on north side across Clarence Street (opposite Clarence		
Parade) and thence along the south side to Crescent Place ; also branch along Clarence		
Parade for about 25 yards. ...	Plan No. 287	£28 0 0
Pittville Lawn (west side) from end of existing main (opposite Clarendon Villas) to		
'Wellington Road and along south side of Wellington Road in a westerly direction to		
opposite east gate of Pittville House ...	Plan No. 289	£45 0 0
Wellington Street (east side) from Oriel Road for about 75 yards	Plan No. 291	£30 0 0
Eldorado Road (north and east sides) from Christ Church Road for about 220 yards	Plan No. 293	£81 0 0
St. George's Road (south side) from Montpellier street in a westerly direction for about 70		
yards ; from Montpellier Street across St. George's Road a branch 43 yards long to		
Imperial Buildings. From Montpellier Street along south side of St. George's Road,		
across Promenade to Imperial Square Substation—substitution of 37/12 for 37/15		
already sanctioned but not laid Plan	Nos. 292 & 294	£86 0 0
Vittoria Walk (east side) from existing main on north side of Oriel Road for 155 yards	Plan No. 295	£ 55 0 0
Hewlett Road from junction with Pittville Circus Road in an easterly direction for 33 yards	Plan No. 296	£20 0 0
Total		£1336 0 0

SCHEDULE 3.	
Kensington Avenue Lighting	£18 0 0

11—Alteration of Engines—Resolved, That the offer of Messrs. Belli, to alter one of the two larger engines to the triple expansion principle as specified in a letter from them, dated the 21st September, 1903, for a sum of not exceeding £200 he accepted, subject is a guarantee being given by them that after the alteration the engine shall have a gain in economy of steam of 15 per cent., and that if the work is satisfactorily carried out, the other engine be altered on the same terms

12 Insurance of Economiser---Resolved. That with a view to consolidating the Insurances, the slier of the Vulcan Boiler Insurance Co., to insure the Economiser for £1000 at an annual premium of £4 4s. be accepted, at the expiration of the existing policy.

GEO. NORMAN,

Chairman.

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#### WATER COMMITTEE.

**At a Meeting of this Committee, told on Thursday, The 24th September, 1903** -Present Alderman Norman, Councillors Baker. M. Davis, King-Harman, Lawrence and H. Waghorne, (Councillor H. Waghorne in the chair).

1—Borough Engineer's Report--The Borough Engineer reported that the average daily yield of the springs at Hewletts for 30 days ended 21st September, was 252,000 gallons, the average for the corresponding period during the last three years being 231,120 gallons.

The average daily yield of the springs at Dowdeswell for 30 days ended 21st September was 605,664 gallons, the average daily yield for the corresponding period during the last three years being 306,432 gallons.

On the 21st instant the contents of Hewletts and Leckhampton Reservoirs were 29,041,726 gallons. On the same date the depth of water in Dowdeswell Reservoir was 29 feet, 5 inches, and the contents were 86,681,246 gallons, giving a total storage of 115,722,972 gallons, or about 99 days' supply. Tewkesbury as well as Cheltenham had been supplied from the Cheltenham Reservoirs (with the exception of 94,000 gallons pumped from the Pumping Station for Tewkesbury, on the 11th July) from the 1st May, to this date. The delivery of pipes in connection with the new water main had commenced, and the Contractor was making the necessary preparations for starting at the Tewkesbury end. The Borough Engineer also reported as to the works of extension and otherwise, carried out by the Department since the last meeting.

2—Supply of Steam Coal--Resolved, To advertise in the " Birmingham Daily Post," and the " Colliery Guardian " for tenders for the supply of steam coal to the Tewkesbury Works.

3—Fire Extinction—Resolved, That the Borough Engineer be directed to report as to the sufficiency of the existing mains and hydrants for extinguishing an outbreak of fire.

4—New Main from Tewkesbury—The Town Clerk reported that the Local Government Board had issued their sanction to a loan of £18,500 for the new main from Tewkesbury, to be repaid within thirty years from the date of borrowing.

5—Assessment of Mains at The Reddings—Read, a notice from the Overseers of Badgeworth Parish, that the water mains at The Reddings had been assessed at £40 gross, and £32 rateable value. Resolved, To authorise the Town Clerk to give notice of appeal if on investigation he is of opinion that the assessment is excessive.

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

H. WAGHORNE,

Chairman.

#### **GENERAL PURPOSES & WATCH COMMITTEE.**

**At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 22nd September, 1903.** Present Aldermen Haddon, and Skillicorne; Councillors Davies, M. Davis, King-Harman, Hayward, and Parsonage (Alderman Haddon in the chair).

1—Chairman—In the absence of the Chairman, Resolved, That Alderman Haddon be appointed Chairman at this Meeting.

2—Diseases of Animals' Acts—Inspector reported that the Borough was entirely free from disease of animals.

3—Markets and Fairs (Weighing of Cattle) Acts—The Town Clerk reported that on his application in view of the small number of rattle brought into the Market, the Board of Agriculture had issued an order renewing for three years, from the 11th inst, the exemption of the Market from the provisions of the above Acts.

4 --Fire Brigade—The Fire Brigade Captain reported that the Brigade had not been called to an outbreak of fire during the Last month. Resolved, That the Water Committee be requested to consider as to the sufficiency of the existing mains and hydrants for dealing with an outbreak of tire.

Also Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to arrange for a test of the water supply at the next Fire Brigade practice on the 3rd October next.

5 --Hackney Carriage Drivers' Licences—Resolved, That licences to drive hackney carriages be granted to Edwin Martin, of 5 Norwood Parade, and Charles Barton, of 14 North Place.

6--Hackney Carriage Licences—Resolved, To accede to an application received from Mr. Albert Smith, of 29 Bloomsbury Street for a transfer of hackney carriage licences, Nos. 82 and 105, to his son James Smith, the latter having taken over the from his father.



7—Licence to Deal in Game—Resolved, To accede to an application from Mr. E. T. Lee, of 1 Winchcomb Street, for a renewal of his licence to deal in Game.

8—Town Hall—Read, a letter from Colonel Graham asking whether the Town Hall will be available for the holding of balls in January next, and if so on what terms. Resolved, To inform Colonel Graham that the new building will be available then. Resolved, also, That the Council be recommended to empower this Committee in conjunction with the Town Improvement Committee to settle the terms for the letting of the Town Hall.

9—Fruit and Vegetable Market—The Borough Surveyor reported that the further accommodation required by Mr. Castle for storing hampers, &c. could be provided at a cost of about £15. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to provide the accommodation.

10—Allotments—Folly Lane—Applications for allotments were considered and granted. Resolved, That the Town Clerk be authorised from time to time to give notice to terminate the tenancy of tenants in arrear with their rent, and to take steps to recover the amounts due.

11—Tenders for Coal—The tenders, seven in number, received in response to the advertisement were considered. Resolved, To accept the following tenders :—

(1) The tender of Messrs. Voile & Co., for birch coppice large house coal at 15s 4d per ton, for the Municipal Offices ; birch coppice (seconds) house coal at 16s 9d per ton, for Dowdeswell Reservoir Lodge ; and Glascote Nutty slack, at 9s 3d per ton, for boiler purposes, at Montpellier Baths and Sandford Pumping Station.

(2) The Tender of Mr. Thomas Fowler, for large bright nuts from the Whateley Colliery Co., Kingsbury, at 14s 6d per ton, for the Superintendents or Caretakers at the Recreation Grounds, Pittville Pump Room, the Cemetery (15s 6d per ton), Fire Station, Montpellier Gardens, the Baths, and Sandford, and for the Winter Garden, and for Bakers' nuts from the same colliery at 14s 6d per ton for the Abattoir.

(3) The tender of Mr. A. H. Nott, for common slack, for use at the Alstone Baths, at 7s 6d per ton.

12—Report of Art Gallery Sub-Committee—The Art Gallery Sub-Committee reported that at a Meeting on the 21st September, 1903, there were present, —Aldermen Winterbotham (in the chair) and Haddon and Councillor Hayward.

Curator's Report—The Curator reported that the number of visits paid to the Art Gallery since the last meeting of the Sub-Committee was 2,899.

Caretaker—In view of the additional use made of the Gallery since the appointment of Mr. Young Caretaker, Resolved, To recommend that his salary be increased from 11s 6d to 13s 6d per week from the 5th proximo.

Purchase of Objects, &c.—In reference to a letter from the Board of Education, asking whether the Council desired any grant next year for the purchase of objects for the Art Gallery and Museum. Resolved, To authorise Councillor Hayward and the Curator to attend at South Kensington, with a view to recommending what purchases should be made and as to another loan of pictures or other objects of interest from the authorities there.

Accounts—The Accounts submitted by the Curator were examined and passed.

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

JOHN HADDON,

Chairman.

#### **MINERAL WATERS AND BATHS COMMITTEE.**

**At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Friday, the 18<sup>th</sup> September 1903.** Present : Councillors Parsonage, Stewart, Hayward and Baker (Councillor Stewart in the chair).

1—Chairman—In the absence of the Chairman, Resolved, That Councillor Stewart be appointed Chairman at this meeting.

2-Montpellier Baths—The Borough Accountant reported that the amount received during the present financial year was £342 17s. 0d., and the payment, (exclusive of repayment of loan and interest) amounted to £278 4s. 4d.

3-Alstone Baths—The Borough Accountant reported that the receipts at these Baths during the present financial year were £190 5s. 7d., and the expenditure (exclusive of sinking fund payments and interest) amounted to £232 0s. 0d.

4-Mineral Water Wells at Pittville—The Borough Surveyor in accordance with the instructions of the Committee presented a report as to the condition of the Mineral Water Wells at Pittville. The pumps and pump rods were in very fair condition. The timber work supporting the pumps was decayed, one shaft, (lately lined) was in good condition, and the second shaft, the pump-well and the passages to the mineral water wells were in a bad state of repair and gradually collapsing. The condition of the brickwork in the mineral water wells themselves could not be ascertained while the water was in, but the domes over them were in fair condition. The

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brickwork of the pump-well could be repaired and made sound without the necessity of lining it, one shaft (built of 4 ½ -inch brickwork) required to be lined throughout, and the pumps should be overhauled and refixed on new timbers. The passages or headings to the wells should be reconstructed with brickwork in cement mortar, and iron bidders fixed in two of the shafts as is the case in the one lately repaired. The probable cost of putting the wells and pumps into proper condition would be not less than £300, and further expenditure would be necessary to trace the wells until lately drawn from, but the positions of which have not yet been located. The estimate given must not be taken with any certainty as it was impossible to foresee what would actually be required to be done until the work was in progress.

The most urgent portion of the work was the repair of the pumps and pump-well, and the reconstruction of the passage to No. 1 Well, as this would enable the mineral waters to be pumped from both wells, but the remainder of the work should not be indefinitely delayed if the waters were to be permanently secured.

Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have the pump-well and one pump repaired, and new timbers fixed for the support of the pumps at a cost of about £100.

JAMES STEWART,

Chairman.

#### **RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE.**

**At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 2st September, 1903**—Present: Alderman Holliday, Councillors Bendall, Bainbridge, King-Harman, and Davies (Councillor King-Harman in the chair).

1—Agg-Gardner Recreation Ground—Resolved, That the thanks of the Committee be tendered to the Central Club, Albion Street, for the gift of 34 tennis balls for use at the Agg-Gardner Recreation Ground.

2—Whaddon Lane Recreation Ground--The Borough Surveyor having reported that there remained unexpended of the loan of £260 for trees and appliances at the Whaddon Lane Recreation Ground about £40. Resolved, That the Boroughs Surveyor be instructed to bring up an estimate of the cost of providing and fixing of one horizontal bar, and two pairs of parallel bars at this ground.

M. J. KING-HARMAN,

Chairman.

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

**At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Friday, the 21th September, 1903**—Present : Aldermen Haddon and Holliday, Councillors Bence and Al. Davis (Alderman Haddon in the chair).

1—Inspection of Cemetery—The Committee paid a visit of inspection to the Cemetery and found the same in good order.

2—Superintendent's Report—The Superintendent reported that there were two dead trees in the Cemetery Road, opposite the entrance to the Cemetery. The stoke-hole door and fire appliances at the Chapel required repair. Resolved, That the Street and Highway Committee be asked to have the trees mentioned removed, and the Superintendent be instructed to get the door, &c., repaired.

3--Fees on Re-Interments—Read, a letter from Mr. Pollard, Manager for Mrs Selim Smith, enquiring what fees would be charged on the re-interment of bodies, and the erection of the monuments, removed from the Old Cemetery in consequence of the construction of the Cheltenham and Honeybourne Railway.

Resolved, That Mr. Pollard be informed that the same fees will be charged as in the case of an ordinary interment, and the ordinary fees on the erection of a stone or other memorial, whether previously erected elsewhere or not, and that thee interment fees will be based upon the number of persons whose remains are re-interred in the Cemetery.

4-- Designs—Resolved, That the following designs be approved :--Headstones to George Haywood, Sarah Aim Fryer, Lily Amelia Gibbins, Jane Whiffen, and Thomas Waine. Memorial Crosses to Mary Ann Barber, Sarah Jane Gaultier, Henry Hall, Charlotte Sherwood Hamilton.

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5--Care of Grave Spaces —With reference to the Resolution of this Committee to undertake the care of grave spaces, 2144 and 21451), graves of the Browne-Clayton family, and the memorials thereon, on payment of the sum of £50, the Town Clerk laid before the Committee the draft agreement. Resolved, That the same as now settled be approved.

The Committee inspected the grave spaces numbered 5164 and 5165 X as to the care of which an enquiry had been received on behalf of the owner of the right of interment therein, from Mr. Hulme, Solicitor, Worcester. Resolved, That he be informed that on payment of the sum of £50 the Burial Board will undertake to keep in repair the monument on the one space and marble bordering and division, and the rest of the ground covered with turf, subject to the condition as to replacement of the memorial, &c., set out in the agreement with Miss Browne Clayton.

Read, letters from Messrs. Mackenzie, Niles & Logan, Edinburgh, stating that Miss Cumine desired to know whether the Burial Board would accept in trust on her death the sum of £50, the interest to be applied by them in maintaining the grave of her parents (Nos. 19383 and 19384 T), and the memorial thereover. The Committee having inspected the grave, Resolved, That Messrs. Mackenzie be informed that the Board are willing to accept the sum of £50 on the condition stated.

JOHN HADDON,

Chairman.

#### PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, the 22nd September, 1903**—Present Alderman Holliday, Councillors King-Harman, Lawrence, Hayward, The Revs. J. Evans, A. Beynon Phillips and J. A. Owen, Messrs. A. Beckingsale, J. G. Carr, W. Cresswell, G. H. Palmer, and T. Mallard (Councillor Hayward in the chair).

1—Librarian's Report—Read, the Monthly Report of the Librarian. Receipts, £5 1s. Od. Presentations: The Barons de Ferrieres, 3 vols., Board of Trade, 1 vol., and the Merchant Venturers' Technical College, 1 vol.

2—Sub-Committee's Report—The Sub-Committee reported that they met on the 22nd inst., when there were present : Councillors King-Harman and Hayward and the Rev. J. Evans. They recommended that the list of new books submitted be purchased at a cost of about £17 and that the list of worn out books be replaced at a cost of about £4. Resolved, That the recommendations of the Sub-Committee be approved and adopted and that the Statutes for 1902 and 1903, and the Report of the War Commission be purchased at a cost of 6s and 18s respectively.

3—Leckhampton Branch-In accordance with the Resolution of this Committee of the 17th February last, the following recommendation of the Sub-Committee was now further considered :—" That they had carefully considered the question of closing the Leckhampton Branch Library, as desired by

the General Committee, and after having gone into the cost of maintenance of the branch, which amounted to nearly £40 per annum, they felt that the present state of the finances of the Library would not allow of its continuance ; they, therefore, very reluctantly recommended that it be closed for the present, at least. Resolved, That the recommendations of the Sub-Committee be approved and adopted.

C. HAYWARD,

Chairman.

#### **FINANCE COMMITTEE.**

**At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Wednesday, the 23<sup>rd</sup> September 1903, :** Present- Alderman Skillicorne, Councillors Bence, King-Harman, Handley, Gurney, J. Waghorne, parsonage and Stroud (Councillor Gurney is the chair).

1—Overdraft at the Bank—Read, a letter from Lloyds Bank intimating that under existing circumstances they could not hold out any prospect of any concession as regards the rate of interest.

A Report by the Borough Accountant with regard to the issue of Stock, and also with reference to an offer he had obtained of a loan of £200,000, on terms stated, from Mr. Mitchell, of 9, Grosvenor Mansions, Victoria Street, S.W. was considered. Resolved, That the Borough Accountant be instructed to interview Mr. Mitchell to ascertain if he could arrange for the loan to be repayable at specified periods if the Corporation did not wish to continue the same for the full term of the sanction.

W. GERALD GURNEY,

Chairman.

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**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, the 29<sup>th</sup> September. 1903—**Present : Alderman Skillicorne, Councillors Pence, Parsonage. Stroud, and King-Harman (Councillor Parsonage in the chair).

2—Chairman--In the absence of the Chairman, Resolved, That Councillor Parsonage be appointed Chairman at this "Meeting.

3—Keeping of Accounts, &c.--The Reports of the Borough Surveyor and the Borough Accountant on the subject of the keeping of the accounts, payment of wages, &c., &c., were considered. Resolved, (1) That Guarantee Bonds be taken out for £50 each in respect of the Superintendents of Montpellier and Alstone Baths, the Abattoir, and the Weighing Machine Attendant and Folly Lane Allotment Rent Collector. (2) That the Town Clerk be instructed to advertise for tenders from local tradesmen for the stationery required by the various departments of the Corporation. (3) That the further consideration of the Borough Surveyor's Report be adjourned, the Street and Highway Committee to be in the meantime asked to consider the recommendations of the Borough Surveyor as to payment of wages and other matter, connected with the Highways Department.

4—Overdraft at the Bank—Read, a letter from Lloyds Bank requesting that the overdraft, so far as sanctioned by the Local Government Board, be transferred to a separate (loan) account. Resolved, That the overdraft be transferred, and Orders on the Borough Treasurer signed accordingly.

5—Excess Expenditure on Sewerage Works (Districts 1 & 2, &c.)—Read, a letter from the Local Government Board enclosing sanction to a loan of £4,379 in respect of excess expenditure on Sewerage Works (Districts 1 & 2, &c.), the period for repayment being 30 years.

6—Loans—The Borough Accountant reported as to a further interview he had had with Mr. Mitchell. Resolved, That the Town Clerk and the Borough Accountant be authorised to interview Mr. Mitchell with a view to the loan being arranged at as early a date as possible.

6—General District Rate—The Report of the Borough Accountant of date the 29th instant, on the collection of the first instalment of this rate, was read. Amount collected £22,073 11s. 7d., leaving outstanding £1,660 6s. 4 ½ d.

7—Water Rate—The Report of the Borough Accountant of date the 29th instant, on the collection of this Rate was read. Amount received £10,493 14s. 9d., leaving outstanding £1,287 18s. 8d.

5—Accounts—The Financial Statement of the Receipts and Expenditure since the last meeting and the Bills and Accounts to be paid were examined, and the latter, amounting to £11529 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.

The following was the General Statement

Overdrawn on the 1st September	£121,546 4 0	
Paid since that date	£ <u>11,125 10 6</u>	
	£132,671 14 6	
Received since that date	£ <u>5,949 13 7</u>	
	£126,722 0 11	
Being Ordinary Rates Expenditure		£2,048 9 3
Electric Lighting (Capital and Revenue), Water and other Capital Accounts, (less Sinking Funds)		<u>£124,673 11</u>
		£126,722 0 11

E. H. PARSONAGE, Chairman.

#### **TOWN IMPROVEMENT AND GENERAL PURPOSES & WATCH COMMITTEES (JOINT MEETING).**

**At a Joint Meeting of these Committees, held at the New Town Hall, on Saturday, the 7th November, 1903**—Present : The Mayor, Aldermen Norman and Winterbotham, Councillors Bainbridge, Baker, Bence, Handley and Packer (The Mayor in the Choir).

1—Chairman—Resolved, That the Mayor be appointed Chairman at this Meeting.

2—Town Hall—Opening—The Mayor reported that the Right Hon. Sir Michael Hicks Beach, Bart., had accepted the invitation extended to him to perform the Opening Ceremony at the New Town Hall.

Resolved, To approve an alteration of the woodwork of the Great Hall as recommended by Mr. Lewis Day and Mr. Waller at a cost of £35.

Colour Decoration—Mr. Waller submitted an estimate from Messrs. Collins & Godfrey of £813 (including £181 already spent on the ceiling, &c., and also the cost of altering the woodwork).

Resolved, That the same be accepted, subject to a deduction to be made in respect of the two Drawing Rooms to be distempered instead of being papered for the present.

Fittings, &c., for Kitchen and Service Boom—Resolved, To accept a tender from Messrs. Collins and Godfrey of £112 17s. 6d. for the necessary tables, sinks, cupboards, racks, etc., for the Kitchen and Service Room, and a tender from Messrs. J. Such and Sons for 3 lifts for £55 10s.

Chairs for Great Hall—Resolved, To invite tenders from local tradesmen by advertisement for chairs for the Great Hall as follows:—

1. Iron framed folding Chairs upholstered in velvet as per sample. To be made in Sections of 3 and 2. 86 sections of 3.

24 sections of 2 for ground floor

156 sections of 3 for galleries

2. 250 armless as per second pattern.

Also Resolved, That the Furnishing Sub-Committee be asked to meet on Wednesday next, and that they be empowered to accept a tender for the chairs and to settle details as to the other furniture, blinds, curtains, etc., for the building, and invite tenders for the same.

### **Borough of Cheltenham**

**MINUTES of the Committees of the Town Council submitted for approval at a Quarterly Meeting of the Council held on Monday, the 9th November, 1903.**

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

**At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 12th October, 1903**—Present Aldermen Norman and Skillicorne, Councillors Bence, M. Doris, 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, and 4 of Diphtheria ; that 7 cases of Scarlet Fever and 1 of Diphtheria had been sent into the Delancey Hospital, and that the number of cases then in the Hospital sent in by the Corporation was 15 of Scarlet Fever and 2 of Diphtheria.

2—Cleansing and Disinfecting at No. 4, Grosvenor Cottages and No. 30, Union 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 house within the time specified in such Notice.

3--Overcrowding at No. 33 Rose & Crown Passage—The Medical Officer of Health reported that the above premises were so overcrowded as to be dangerous or injurious to the health of the inmates. Resolved, That the Committee being satisfied of the existence of a nuisance on the said premises, Notices under Section 94 of the Public Health Act be served on the owners and occupiers thereof requiring them to abate the same.

4--Water Closets without Flushing Apparatus--The Medical Officer of Health handed in a list of houses having water closets without flushing apparatus, viz:-Thornbrook Cottage, Hewlett Road, 5 Montpellier Parade, No. 29 St. James' Street. 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, viz:- Nos. 5 and 40 St. James' Street, 3 Andover Street, Thornbrook Collage, Hewlett Road, 35 Sandford Street, 10, 12 and 44 Upper Norwood Street and 2 Lypiatt Villas, Resolved, That the necessary Notices be given to the respective owners under Section 36 of the Public Health Act, 1875, and Section 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 -Insanitary Property –No. 8, Upper Norwood Street, and Nos. 36, 61, 63, and 65, St. James' Street. The Medical Officer of Health reported that the above-mentioned premise, 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 Section 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.

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7 —Cleansing and Limewashing at Nos. 39, 47, 61, 63, and 65, St. James' Street.—The Medical Officer of Health having certified under Section 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—Nuisances from Drains, etc., at The Royal Oak Hotel and Nos. 382, & 387, High 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 as to the Inspector of Nuisances to open the ground and examine the drains.

9—Destruction of Diseased Meat—The Medical Officer of Health reported that on the 7th inst., the occupier of a slaughter house reported disease in a pig, which being found on examination to be badly affected with tuberculosis, was destroyed at the Ash Destructor.

10—Urinal in Northfield Passage—Resolved, That the attention of the Inspector of Nuisances be called to the condition of this Urinal.

11—Hatherley Brook and Tank—Read, a letter from Dr. Flecker, complaining of the condition of the Hatherley-Brook, and again asking the Council to take into consideration the removal of the Hatherley Tank. Resolved, That Dr. Flecker be informed that the subjects mentioned in his letter are receiving the careful consideration of the Council.

12—Prestbury Sewerage and Sewage Disposal Scheme—The attention of the Committee having been called to the proposals of the Cheltenham Rural District Council for the sewerage of the part of Prestbury Parish. Resolved, To instruct the Town Clerk and the Borough Surveyor to obtain information as to, and report upon the proposed scheme.

13—Hatherley Place Sewer—With reference to Minute No. 12 of this Committee's proceedings of; the 14th ult., the Borough Surveyor reported the result of the examination he had made of the private sewers in St. Stephen's Road. Resolved, That a copy of the Report be sent to the owner of the sewer, for his observations, and in the meantime consideration of the matter be adjourned.

14—New Streets and Buildings—The Borough Surveyor laid before the Committee the following, notices and plans :—

No. of Plan.	Name.	Description.
65	H. Hulbert	New bakery in St. George's Place
70	F. Hicks	Two bay windows to Ivymead, Moorend Road
71	T. W. Smith	Twelve new houses in Fairfield Avenue, Leckhampton Road
73	N. Wynn	New house in Alstone Avenue
75	Mrs. Teague	Additions to No. 22 Park Place

Resolved, That Plan No. 73 be disapproved, and that the remainder of the plans be approved, as regards drainage and other sanitary matters.

E. H. PARSONAGE,

Chairman.

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, the 20th October, 1903**—Present: Flue Mayor, Alderman Norman, Councillors Bence, M. Davis, King-Harman and Parsonage (Councillor Parsonage in the chair).

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

Fever, and 2 of Diphtheria had been sent into the Delancey Hospital, and that the number of cases then in the Hospital, sent in by the Corporation, was 15 of Scarlet Fever and 4 of Diphtheria.

16---Insanitary Property at Nos. 1, 2 and 3 Wood's Court, Sherborne Street,, and Nos. 6 and 8 Sherborne 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 initiates owing to defective roofs, walls, ceilings, floors, &c Resolved, That the Council being satisfied that the acid premises are in such a state as to be injurious to health, Notices under Sec. 94 of the Public Health Act, 1875, be upon the requiring them to put the same into a healthy condition, and for that Purpose to carry out works therein.

17 ----Houses without proper Ash Receptacles—The Medical Officer of Health reported that the following houses had no proper ashpits or ash receptacles viz:- 28 Sandford Street, 7 and 8 Montpellier Grove, 2 Painswick Terrace, 49 and 58 St James' Street, and 3 Chester Walk. 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 approved by the Borough Surveyor on behalf of the Corporation.

18-Notices Not complied with ----The Medical Officer of Health submitted a list of Notices which had been served, but not complied with. Resolved, To instruct the Town Clerk to take the necessary proceeding to compel compliance,

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19—Overcrowding at No. 4 Grosvenor Cottages—The Medical Officer of Health reported that the above premises were no 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.

20—Cleansing and Limewashing at No. 45 St. James' Street, Myrtle Cottage, Malthouse Lane, No. 9 New Street, Nos. 8 and 10 Sherborne Street, and 1 Wood's Court, Sherborne Street—The Medical Officer of Health having certified under Sec. 46 of the Public Health Act, that the above-named dwelling houses were in such a filthy and unwholesome condition that the health of the inmates was affected or endangered thereby. Resolved, That Notice be given to the owners under the said Section requiring the houses to be cleansed and limewashed.

21—Nuisances from Drains, etc., at Nos. 8 and 10 Sherborne Street and No. 7 Rosehill Street—The Inspector of Nuisances having made written application under Sec. 41 of the Public Health Act, stating that the drains, &c., on or belonging to the above-named houses were in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to health. Resolved, That authority be given to the Inspector of Nuisances to open the ground and examine the drains.

22—Northfield Passage—Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to put in such additional gullies in Northfield Passage its he considers necessary.

23—Sewer in Sun Street—The Borough Surveyor reported that the drains of Nos. 18 to 21 Sun Street having been reported blocked, he had had the sewer examined, and the same was found to be full of silt. He had taken steps to relieve the sewer for the time being, but the same would be reported upon with the other sewers in St. Peter's District now under examination. He had received a claim for from Mr. J. Middlemiss in respect of the destruction of a number of artichokes through the opening of the sewer. Resolved, That the sums mentioned be paid.

21—St. Paul's and St. Peter's District—Sewers—Resolved, To authorise the Borough Surveyor to settle any claims not exceeding £1 each he may receive for compensation for damage done to gardens, &c., in opening down to the sewers in the St. Paul's and St. Peter's District, he reporting to the Council each month what action he has taken.

The Borough Surveyor reported that the expenses of investigator were between £10 and £12 per week, which was being charged to a suspense account in anticipation of a loan. Resolved, That this course be approved.

25—Cabmen's Shelters—The Medical Officer of Health reported that he had received complaints as to the nuisance arising from the misuse of the Cabmen's Shelters, particularly those at the Lansdown Station and in Imperial Square, and that there did not appear to be anyone in charge of or responsible for their condition.

Complaint was also made by the cabmen on the Imperial Square stand of the want of a urinal, Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to circularise the licensed cab proprietors of the town, calling their attention to the need for proper arrangements being made to prevent the misuse of the Shelters, as otherwise the Council will be obliged to have them removed from the streets.

Also, That the questions of a suitable site for a urinal in the neighbourhood of Imperial Square be referred to the Borough Surveyor and the Inspector of Nuisances for consideration and report.

26 —Underground Bakehouses (Factory and Workshop Act, 1901)—The Medical Officer of Health reported that in the case of most of the underground bakehouses the improvements required in order to enable certificates to be issued under the Factory and Workshop Act, 1901, were now being effected, and by the first of January next the Corporation would be in a positions to allow their continued use. In three cases, however, nothing had been done, and he recommended that the attention of the owners and the occupiers of the premises should again be called to the fact that the continued use of the premises without certification after the 1st January next will result in proceedings for penalties. Resolved, That the recommendation be approved, and notice given accordingly.

The Medical Officer of Health submitted his specifications of works intended to be carried out by Mr. Locke at his under-ground bakehouse in Thirlestaine Place, Bath Road. He recommended that he be informed that a certificate will be issued upon the works mentioned, and any others which the Medical Officer of Health may think necessary during the carrying out of the work, being carried out to his satisfaction: Resolved, That the recommendation of the Medical Officer of Health be approved and adopted.

27- Sewerage and Sewage Disposal-A report by the Borough Surveyor as to the disposal of sewage was read and considered.

28---House at End of Kensington Avenue—Wad, a letter from Messrs. Winterbotham, Gurney & Co., on behalf of Mr. A. Hill, the owner of Glencairn Park Estate, and Mr. William Burcher, with reference to the disapproval of the Building Plans recently submitted by the latter for a house at the end of Kensington Avenue, owing to the same being over a sewer.

The Boroughs Surveyor submitted amended plans now sent in by Mr. Burcher, on which the size of the house was so reduced its to avoid any part of the same being placed over the sensor. Resolved, That subject to no part of the house or its foundations or wall fittings being over the sewer, the amended plans be approved.

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29—New Streets and Buildings—The Borough Surveyor laid before the Committee the following notices and plans of intended new streets and buildings, viz:—

No. of Plan.	Name.	Description.
66	C. Daft	Additions to two cottages, Granley Road, St. Marks
67	F. Jenkins	Three new streets, &c., Fairfield Estate (near Naunton Lane)
74	Webb Bros., Ltd.	Two houses in Hale's Road
76	Colonel Burlton Bennett	Additions to Ivanhoe, Wellington Street
77	Webb Bros., Ltd.	Two workmen's w.c.'s, Battledown Brick Works, Hales Road
78	F. H. Collins	Two houses in Hewlett Road
79	Miss Hailes	Additions to Mercara, Hewlett Road
80	Miss Humby	Additions to Collipriest, Hewlett Road
81	Trustees of Hay Cottage Homes	Two new cottages and additions to existing cottages, Naunton Park

Resolved, That Plans numbered 66, 67 and 81 be disapproved, and that the remainder of the plans be approved so far as drainage and other sanitary matters are concerned.

E. H. PARSONAGE, Chairman.

#### **FARMS AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL COMMITTEE.**

**At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Friday, the 16th October, 1903**—Present :—Aldermen Norman and Skillicorne, Councillors Bence, M. Davis, King-Harman and Parsonage (Councillor h1. Davis in the chair).

1—Farm Manager's Report—The Farm Manager reported that the stock on the farms on the 11th ulto. was 11 horses and 1 cob, 202 head of cattle and 75 sheep. That during the month 14 heifers, 7 steers and 1 bull had been purchased for £222 2s. 6d., and a sow and 7 pigs for £6 10s., 14 heifers and 9 bullocks had been sold for £405 11s. One old horse had been sent to the Kennels, and it had been necessary to slaughter a bullock. The number of livestock on the farms on this date was 10 horses and 1 cob, 200 head of cattle, 75 sheep and 8 pigs, the whole doing fairly well having regard to the unfavourable weather. 4 tons 11 cwts. of hay had been delivered to the Central Depot. A small heap of manure at Hayden had been sold for £2 5s.

He recommended that 6 yearling, or two-year old cart colts be purchased when opportunity offered. Resolved, That the recommendation of the Manager be approved and adopted.

2—Insurance of Cattle and Horses—Resolved, To insure 50 cattle and 5 horses (the number that can be housed in the cattle sheds and stables at the Farms) with the County Fire Office in the sum of £1000, against loss by fire or lightning.

3--Additional Shedding—Resolved, To instruct the Borough Surveyor to bring up a plan and estimate for additional shedding required at the farms, the roof to be of corrugated iron.

4-Treatment of sewage, &c.--In accordance with the instructions of the Committee the Borough Surveyor presented a Report dealing generally with the subject of sewage treatment. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to report as to the cost of laying an additional outfall sewer to Hayden Knoll Farm, and that he be authorised to obtain the necessary assistance to enable him to do this.

M. DAVIS, Chairman.

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#### **TRAMWAYS AND STREET & HIGHWAY COMMITTEES.**

**At a Meeting of these Committees held on Wednesday, the 28th October, 1903**—Present The Mayor, Councillors Baker, Bendall, M. Davis, Handley, Hayward, Parsonage, Stroud, Packer and J. Waghorne (Councillor Parsonage in the chair).

1—Chairman—Resolved, That Councillor Parsonage be appointed Chairman at this Meeting.

2—Light Railway Extensions—Read, a letter from Mr. McCormick, Manager of the Cheltenham & District Light Railway, stating that he had heard from Mr. Nevins who was anxious to proceed with the proposed extensions, if the Council would meet him as to the use of creosoted wood The blocks would be put in of the size and the concrete of the thickness required by the Council. He was willing to put in Jarrah wood Irons the Great Western Station along High Street to the end of the double track in High Street, and from there he wished to use creosoted deal, and to pave the 2 foot 6 inches outside the rails. The poles would be placed to the satisfaction of the Borough Surveyor, and he had no objection to the appointment of an Inspector.

The Borough Surveyor having reported upon the matter, Resolved, That the Council agree to best creosoted red deal blocks with a granite edge margin being used for the extensions except from the junction with the existing line near the G.W.R. Station, along Ambrose Street and High Street, to a point midway between Keynsham Street and Hales Road (being the end of the proposed double track), where Jarrah wood blocks are to be used, provided that the Company will agree to substitute similar creosoted deal blocks for the existing paving of the present lines in the Borough, within 12 months from the 9th November, 1903, to the satisfaction of, and under the supervision of the Borough Surveyor, and that the other conditions and stipulations specified in the resolutions passed at the Joint Meeting, on the 10th September last, are complied with.

E. H. PARSONAGE, Chairman.

## STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE.

**At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 13th October, 1903**—Present: Aldermen Haddon and Skillicorne, Councillors Baker, Bendall, Parsonage and Handley (Councillor Baker in the chair).

1—Building Inspector's Report—The monthly report of the Building Inspector was read. Buildings in progress, 50; completed since 15th ult., 11.

2—Repair of High Street and London Road—The Borough Surveyor having requested the instructions of the Committee as to the repair of the High Street and London Road—now in a very bad condition—and stated that the High Street could be scarified and little new material need be used, but that the London Road would require a coating of new material, Resolved, To instruct the Borough Surveyor to have the roads repaired as he suggests.

3—Motor Act, 1903—Read, a letter from the County Surveyor asking the opinion of the Committee as to the extent of the zone round Cheltenham for the limitation of speed under the Motor Car Act, 1903, to 10 miles an hour. Resolved, That the Committee are not prepared to offer any opinion on the matter.

4--College Road Private Improvement Works--With reference to the private improvement works proposed in College Road, a letter was read from Mrs. Slade, owner of Mayville and Myrtleville, College Road, asking that the pathway in front of her houses should be put in order at once, she admitting her liability to pay the cost of so doing. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to comply with the request.

5—St. George's Place Improvement—With reference to Minute No. 23 of this Committee of the 31st August last, Read, a letter from Messrs, Locke A Sons stating that they were prepared to set back Nos. 9 and 10, Royal Crescent and arrange for the setting back of No. 7 (when disposed of) on payment of £100, and they could not see their way to accept the offer of £50 made by the Council. Resolved, to inform Messrs. Locke that the Council are not prepared to increase their offer.

6-- Seat near Moorend Park Lawn—Read, a letter from Mrs. Maitland Reid, asking for the removal of a seat at present near her house on account of the nuisance caused thereby. Resolved, To refer the matter to the Borough Surveyor.

7-Leckhampton Lane--With reference to Minute No. 17 of this Committee of the 27th July last, Read, a letter from the Cheltenham Rural District Council that Isis Council were still of opinion that it was the duty of the Town Council to keep in order and unobstructed the drain in Leckhampton Lane within the Borough. Resolved, To adjourn consideration of the matter.

8—Wood Paving in High Street—Read, a letter from the Local Government Board enclosing one sanction for £14,447 for an equated period of 14 years, for the wood paving in High Street.

9—Volunteer Employees—Read, a letter from Councillor Rickerby asking that employees of the Corporation, who are members of a volunteer corps, be allowed to attend parades or musketry practice without having any portion of their wages deducted, should such attendances take place

during ordinary working hours, provided that in ease a certificate is produced by the employee from his Commanding Officer stating that such attendance is necessary or proper. The occasions on which this would arise would be very few as most parades, &c., took place outside working hours.

Resolved, That the request be acceded to, subject to the permission in each case of the Borough Surveyor being obtained.

10—New Buildings—The Borough Surveyor laid before the Committee, the following notices and plans of intended new buildings, viz. :—

No. of Plan.	Name.	Description.
65	W. Hulbert	New bakery, etc., St. George's Place
73	E. Wynn	House in Alstone Avenue
75	Mrs. Teague	Additions to 22 Park Place
76	Col. Burlton	Bennett Additions to Ivanhoe, Wellington Street

Resolved, That Plan No. 73 be disapproved and that the other plans be approved as regards matters within the purview of this Committee.

WILLIAM A. BAKER,

Chairman.

**At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 26th October, 1903**—Present:—The Mayor, Aldermen Haddon and Skillicorne, Councillors Baker, Bendall, Parsonage, and Handley (Councillor Baker in the chair).

11—View--The following members of the Committee attended the View Meeting, on Friday last, viz :—Aldermen Haddon and Skillicorne, and 2 Councillor Parsonage.

12—Street Projections—Read, a letter from Messrs. Steel Bros., applying for permission to put up three brackets for electric lights, from the front of 250, High Street, the same to be 8 feet 6 inches high, and not to project more than 2 feet 6 inches. Resolved, That permission be granted subject to the projection not exceeding 2 feet. Resolved, To grant permission to the District Superintendent of the Midland Railway to put up a sign from the front of Staffordshire House, Suffolk Road, subject to the same being a fined and not a swing sign, and being placed between the windows of the first floor, the projection not to exceed 2 feet,

13—Borough Surveyor's Monthly Report—The Borough Surveyor reported that the work done by the Highways' Department from the 25th ultimo, to the 22nd instant, had been as follows:

Repaired with Glee Hill Stone—Lower High Street (5190 super yards, completed), Ambrose Street (1900 super yards), and London Road (proceeding).

Patched with Glee Hill Stone—Bath Road, Gloucester Road, Sandfield Road, and Leckhampton Road.

Repaired with Wickwar Stone—New Street (1760 super Yards).

Repaired with Tar Macadam—Ormond Place (back of), North Place (back of), and Imperial Square.

Crossings backed up with Tar Macadam—Trafalgar Square.

Plugged Brick Crossings Relaid—Queen's Circus (3), Lower High Street (3), two of which are gateway crossings).

New Granite Cube Crossing—Harp Hill (near Home for Sick Children).

Kerbing, Channelling and Paving—(Small repairs)—St. Stephen's Road, All Saints' Road, Queen's Circus, Suffolk Road, Portland Street, Hatherley Street, Park Street and Bath Road.

Footpaths repaired with Tar Macadam—Church Street, College Lane, Rose and Crown Passage, and Promenade.

Cabstand Relaid—Montpellier Walk

Trees Pruned—Parabola Road, London Road, and Princes Road

Trees cut down—Oriel Road (1), and Albert Road (1)

Hedges Cut—Hatherley Road

Ashes collection and Disposal—937 loads collected, 37 tipped, 900 consumed at Destructor (weight, 856 tons 16 cwts.) ---

Slab Factory—Slabs made during four weeks ended 22nd October, 508  $\frac{1}{3}$  square yards. Channelling made, 1512 lineal feet.

11 -Crossings over Footways for Carriages in Montpellier Parade --The Borough Surveyor reported that the cost of providing and over footways to five houses in Montpellier Parade had amounted to £74 19s. 10d. was now due from the owners in accordance with the list now submitted. Resolved, That the above cost be declared to be private improvement expenses, and that the Town Clock be instructed to serve notices of demand upon the respective owners.

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15—Light Railway—Read, a letter from the Manager of the Cheltenham and District Light Railway Company, with regard to the paving for the extensions and the supervision of the work. He also asked whether as regards the existing track, an allowance could be made to the Company for taking up the blue bricks through the town and substituting wood blocks or granite.

The Borough Surveyor recommended that the Company should be allowed to substitute best creosoted red deal blocks with a granite edge margin for the present blue bricks in preference to the granite previously suggested. Resolved, That the recommendation of the Borough Surveyor be approved, but that the Company be informed that no allowance can be made to them in respect of the blue bricks taken up, and that the questions as to the extensions arising in Mr. McCormick's letter, be referred to a Joint Meeting of the Tramways and Street and Highway Committees, such meeting to be informed that this Committee sees no objection to the use of creosoted red deal blocks as requested by the Company.



16—Leckhampton Lane Surface Water Drain—Read, a letter from the Clerk to the Rural District Council, with reference to the flooding of some new houses now being erected by Mr. Chick in Leckhampton Lane, and requesting that the Town Council should at once restore to a proper condition the drain so far as it lies within the Borough, as until this was done it was useless for the Rural District Council to put the part within their district in proper order. The Town Clerk read a letter he had written in reply, calling attention to the fact that up to the point where the surface drain was stopped, there were no connections therewith from land in the Borough, and that the stoppage, therefore, arose from road detritus, through galleys in the Rural District. Letters on the subject were also read from the Rev. Clifford Aston and Mr. Chick. Resolved, That the Town Clerk's reply be approved.

17—Shelburne Road—Read, a letter from Dr. Flecker calling attention to the very unsatisfactory condition of the asphalt path on the West side of Shelburne Road and asking for its repair. Resolved, To adjourn consideration of the matter for the Committee to view.

18—Footpaths in Lansdown Place, Bayshill and Bath Road—Read, a memorial, signed by Mr. G. H. Bendy and 21 other Bath-chair men, calling attention to the condition of the pavements of the town, more especially those in Lansdown Place, Bayshill and Bath Road, as to which the memorialists constantly received complaints, the curbing in many parts being inconveniently high, and the pavements uneven. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to remove from time to time, as far as possible, the causes of complaint.

19—Footpath opposite New Town Hall—The Borough Surveyor having called the attention of the Committee to the fact that the footpath in front of the New Town Hall will need relaying. Resolved, That the matter be brought to the notice of the Town Improvement and General Purposes Committees at their next Joint Meeting, with a view to their giving instructions for the work to be carried out.

20—Naunton Park Road-----Read, a letter from Mr. E. C. Walmsley, complaining that the footpaths were not yet properly paved. Resolved, To inform Mr. Walmsley that as soon as the building operations in the road are completed, attention will be given to the matter.

21—Roseville Cottage—The Committee considered the question of the letting of Roseville Cottage now vacant. Resolved, That the Chairman and Councillor Bendall be authorised to arrange for the occupation of the cottage by the Depot Horsekeeper (Legge), he to be paid in future 1s per week, with rent and rates free, the tenancy of the cottage to terminate with his employment as horse keeper by the Corporation.

22---Telephone Poles in Shurdington Road—Read, an application from the National Telephone Company, for permission to erect twelve telephone poles in Shurdington Road in order to enable them to supply exchange lines to a few subscribers in the neighbourhood. In the event of the number increasing the Company would probably apply to put the wires underground but at present the expense would not be justified. The permission would be subject to 6 months' notice on either side, and the Company would pay 1s per pole, per annum. Resolved, That permission be given for the erection of painted poles, subject to the terms of agreement to be approved by the Town Clerk.

23—New Streets and Buildings—The Borough Surveyor laid before the Committee the following notices and plans of intended new streets and buildings, viz:—

No. of Plan.	Name.	Description.
66	C. Daft	Additions to two cottages, Granley Road, St. Marks
67	F. Jenkins	Three new streets, &c., Fairfield Estate (near Naunton Lane)
74	Webb Bros., Ltd.	Two houses in Hale's Road
77	Webb Bros., Ltd.	Two workmen's w.c's, Battledown Brick Works, Hales Road
78	F. H. Collins	Two houses in Hewlett Road
79	Miss Hailes	Additions to Mercara, Hewlett Road
80	Miss Humby	Additions to Collipriest, Hewlett Road
81	Trustees of Hay Cottage Homes	Two new cottages and additions to existing cottages, Naunton Park
82	W. Buckle	Shed in Bath Road, near Francis Street
83	H. G. Adams & J. Wilding	Four houses in Fairfield Road
84	J. T. Ireland	Additions to Gloucester House, Lansdown Place

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No. of Plan	Name	Description
85	R. E. Steel Bay	Window to Brentwood, King's Road
42	Powell Gwinnell & Co., Ltd.	Stables, cottages, &c., in Grove Street

Resolved, That Plans Nos. 67 and 82 be disapproved, and that the other Plans be approved, so far as matters within the purview of this Committee are concerned.

WILLIAM A. BAKER,

Chairman.

#### TOWN IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE.

**At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 19th October, 1903**—Present : The Mayor, Aldermen Norman and Winterbotham ; Councillors Bainbridge, Bence, Handley, Packer and Rickerby (Councillor Rickerby in the chair).

1—Promenade Fountain—The Borough Surveyor reported that the Promenade Fountain would require overhauling in the Spring, as it had sunk, and the stonework was somewhat damaged. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be authorised to have the necessary work done when he thinks best.

2—Water Fowl at Pittville—Read, a letter from Mr. W. L. Mellersh, stating that he would be unable to assist in future in the management of the water fowl at Pittville, and nothing certain suggestions as to what steps were now necessary in connection with them. Resolved, That the thanks of the Council be tendered to Mr. Mellersh for his assistance in the past, and that the Borough Surveyor be instructed to carry out the suggestions contained in his letter.

3—Trees on Pittville Estate--The Borough Surveyor suggested that several trees in Pittville Lawn would be improved by topping. Read, a letter from Miss Peacey with reference to the lopping of trees opposite her house. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be authorised to do what he considers necessary in the way of lopping and topping the trees on the Pittville Estate.

Read, letters from Mr. O. J. Williams, of Wellington Court, on behalf of his landlord, Mr. W. Heath, stating that during a recent gale a large tree in Wellington Road had been blown down, and damaged the palings and trees in front of his house. He was informed that the tree was rotten, and he understood that the Council in such circumstances made good the damage done. Resolved, That the application for compensation be not entertained.

4—Presentation of Bird--The Borough Surveyor reported that Mr. E. E. Bourne had offered for the acceptance of the Corporation a purple gallinule for Pittville. Resolved, To accept the same with the thanks of the Council therefor.

5—Presentation of Iris--The Borough Surveyor reported that Mr. Gatacre, of Pittville, had presented to Pittville quantity of Iris. Resolved, That the thanks of the Council be tendered to him for time same.

6—Winter Garden—The Borough Surveyor reported that two heating coils now out of use could be advantageously fitted in the Winter Garden at a cost of £5. Resolved, That this be done.

He also reported that portions of the floor now laid with quarries were broken, and he recommended that it should be relaid with ordinary floor boards. Resolved, That the recommendation be approved, and that the Borough Surveyor be instructed to bring up an estimate of the cost.

7--Management of Pittville, Montpellier and Winter Gardens--The Borough Surveyor reported in detail as to the economics effected or proposed in connection with the labour employed at Pittville, Montpellier and the Winter Gardens. Resolved, That the action and proposals of the Borough Surveyor be approved.

Also Resolved, That Mrs. Davis, the wife of the head gardener at Pittville, be paid the sum of 5s per week, and five per cent. on the gross receipts for refreshments at the Pittville Pump Room.

8—Surface Water Drainage outside Drumholm—The Borough Surveyor made a report in regard to the state of the surfer, water drainage near Drumholm. Resolved, That the owner and occupier be informed that their complaints are receiving attention.

9-Borough Meteorologist's Report-Read, a letter from Mr. A. Saxby, the Borough Meteorologist, thanking the Council for his appointment, and stating that he found the anemometer required to be put in proper working order and tested, at a cost of about £1. He asked permission to keep the barometer on his own premises, instead of at the Winter Garden entrance office. Resolved, That the anemometer be repaired and tested, and that permission for the removal of the barometer.

10-Rainfall Association—On the recommendation of the Borough Surveyor, Resolved, To continue a subscription to the Association of £1 1s. 0d. per annum.

T. E. RICKERBY, Chairman.

**TOWN IMPROVEMENT AND GENERAL PURPOSES & WATCH COMMITTEES (JOINT MEETING).**

**At a Joint Meeting these Committees, held on Tuesday, the 20th October, 1903**—Present The Mayor, Aldermen Haddon, Norman, Skillicorne, Winterbotham, Councillors Bainbridge, Baker, Bence, M. Davis, Gurney, Handley, King-Haman, Rickerby and J. Waghorne (The Mayor in the chair).

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

2—Town Hall—Electric Light Fittings—Mr. Waller reported that he found on enquiry that from the sum of £1,042 0s. 6d. (the amount mentioned at the last joint meeting as the cost of the fittings to be obtained from Messrs. Osler) discount as agreed had to be deducted, amounting to £331, leaving the nett amount at £711 only.

On the application of Mr. Waller, Resolved, To sanction the expenditure of £41 for lamps, and £10 for plugs, &c.

To accept an estimate of £23 7s. 6d. from Messrs. Handley and Shanks for alterations to wiring at entrances and orchestra, and connecting wires to ventilating apparatus.

Insurance—Resolved, that the building be insured in the name of the Corporation from December 1st next, in the sum of £35,000, and £5,000 for furnishing.

Furniture—The Furnishing Sub-Committee reported that they had held one meeting, but were not yet in a position to make any definite recommendations to the Committee, but would do so shortly.

Colour Decoration, &c.—Mr. Waller reported that the specification for this work was now ready, and he would obtain an estimate from Messrs. Collins and Godfrey as already instructed.

He recommended that a Mall employed by Mr. Lewis Day should be engaged to supervise the work when in progress. Resolved, That this recommendation be agreed to.

3—Hire of Town Hall for Balls, &c.—Read, a letter from Col. Graham applying for terms for the use of the Town Hall in January next for the Cotswold Ladies' Ball and Fancy Dress Ball. Resolved, That Col. Graham be informed that he can have the use of the building on payment of 30 guineas for one day (12 noon to 12 noon) or 50 guineas for two consecutive days for each ball, lighting to be paid for in addition, and no nails or pegs, &c., to be driven into any part of the building for decorative or other purposes.

Also Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to obtain information from other towns as to the charges made for the use of similar buildings, and report to this Committee.

RICHARD ROGERS,

Chairman.

**At a Joint Meeting of these Committees, held on Friday, the 30th October, 1903**—Present The Mayor, Aldermen Norman and Skill-ionic, Councillors Baker, Bence, Handley, King-Harman, Parsonage and Rickerby (The Mayor in the chair).

4—Town Hall—A deputation, including Mrs. Landale, Mrs. Brett and Colonel Graham, attended on behalf of the Ball Committee, and stated that the terms asked, for the hire of the Town Hall were prohibitive, and requested that these might be modified.

Resolved, That the Town Hall be let for the Cotswold Ladies' Ball and the Invitation Fancy Dress Ball, on the 13th and 15th January next, for £80 including the use of the Electric Light on those days, and possession of the building from Tuesday, the 12th, to Saturday, the 16th, so far as may be necessary for preparation and clearance, subject to the following conditions:

The light to be under the control of an official of the Corporation and care to be taken by the Hirers to avoid unnecessary use of the light. Nothing to be done which may in any way tend to damage the interior of the building, or its furniture, such as driving nails, hooks or screws into the walls, floors, etc. The Town Council to proceed as quickly as possible with the furnishing of the building, but not to be responsible or under any liability if this is not completed before the date of the Balls.

Read, letter from Mr. C. E. Rainger, applying for the use of the Town Hall, on the 28th January next, for the Cheltenham Philharmonic Society, and enquiring terms. Resolved, That Mr. Rainger be informed that the Hall will be available on that date, but that the scale of charges has not yet been settled.

RICHARD ROGERS.

Chairman.

#### LIGHTING COMMITTEE.

**At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Wednesday, the 28th October, 1903**—Present: The Mayor, Alderman Norman, Councillors Baker, Handley 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 :—On the 7th, 17th and 24th inst., 210 volts.

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

ILLUMINATING POWER.		PURITY.	
1903		1903	Grains of Sulphur per 100 cubic ft.
Sept. 24th	15.65 candles		
„ 28th	15.67 “	Oct. 7th-8th	11.44
Oct. 7th	16.09 “		
8th	15.93 “		
17th	16.06 “		
24th	<u>14.61</u> “		
	Average 15.67 “		

Resolved, That the attention of the Gas Company be called to the low illuminating power of the gas supplied during the month, and especially on the 24th inst., when the power was below the minimum prescribed by the Company's acts.

3—Gas Inspector's Report—The Gas Inspector reported that the hourly average consumption of gas per lamp during the previous month had been as follows --Ordinary, 4.2503 cubic feet ; Guildhall Lamps, with No. 4 Incandescent burners, 4.782 cubic feet ; Ordinary Lamps with No. 3 Incandescent burners, 3.8075 cubic feet.

4—Lamp Book—This book was produced and examined. Ordinary Lamps extinguished-1 metered, 2 unmetered; burning dimly 1 ; Incandescents extinguished 3.

5—Passage at Lansdown Terrace—Read, a letter from Mrs. Ringer, asking for an additional lamp to be provided in the narrow passage leading into Lansdown Terrace. Resolved, That the consideration of the matter be adjourned for the Committee to view.

6—Footpath from Cambray into Rodney Road.—Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to write the owner, requiring her to cut back the overhanging trees on her property adjoining this footpath, which at present obscure the light.

7—Special Report of the Borough Electrical Engineer—A special Report of the Borough Electrical Engineer was read and considered. Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to have the same printed, and that the same be further considered at a special meeting of the Committee to be called for Wednesday, the 4th prox.

8—Sub-stations, Overton Road and Town Hall—The Town Clerk reported that the Board of Trade had consented to a maximum power of not exceeding 150 kilowatts being given to the Overton Road Sub-station, and to a maximum power of not exceeding 200 kilowatts to the Town Hall Sub-station.

9—Electric Lighting Accounts—A Resolution passed at a meeting of the Association of Free Lances (Cheltenham Branch) was read.

10—Extension of Mains—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that the following applications for electric supply had been received, viz:—

(1) From Messrs. Biggin & Co., of Bennington Street, for supply to the equivalent of twenty 8 candlepower lamps.

(2) From Mr. George Lewis, of 4, Winchcombe Place, for supply to the equivalent of fifteen 8 candlepower lamps.

(3) From Mrs. Cave-Moyles, of Victoria Villa, Priory Street, for supply to the equivalent of twenty-seven 8 candlepower lamps.

(4) From Mr. Arthur Cockshott, of 7, Pittville Crescent, for supply to the equivalent of twenty-six 8 candle-power lamps.

(5) From Mr. F. W. Strange for two houses in Battledown Approach, who had agreed to pay £5 for the extra length of cable required (owing to the house being set back some distance from the road).

That an extrusion along Bennington Street for a distance of 101) yards from High Street had been included in the £16,600 Loan already sanctioned, mid that the present application, if acceded to, would entail an expenditure of about £15, out of the £40 sanctioned.

That No. 4, Winchcomb Place could be supplied by a service from the west side of Winchcombe Street ; but that, having regard to the cost of breaking up the wood paving in the roadway (if this were done) and to the probability of a supply being required by other occupiers in Winchcombe Place, it would be better, and in the end in the end cheaper, to lay a main along the east side of Winchcombe Street, from the existing main at No. 5, Leamington Place, to No. 4, Winchcombe Place, and that the cost of this extension would be £30

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That an extension of about 37 yards from the Carlton Street main would be required to supply Victoria Villa, and that this extension would cost £18.

That an extension of about 175 yards would be required to supply 7, Pittville Crescent, and that this extension would cost £84 or £77 (according as the bitumen easing was or was not required).

Resolved, That Nos. 2 and 3 extensions be carried out at costs of £30 and £18, respectively ; that Nos. 1 and 4 extensions be carried out provided that the intending customers will guarantee to pay at least £3 and £10 8s. per annum, respectively for 3 years ; and that application be made to the Local Government Board for sanction to borrow £132 to provide for extensions Nos. 2, 3 and 4, and that the application of Mr. F. W. Strange be complied with on payment of the sum agreed.

GEORGE NORMAN, Chairman.

**At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Wednesday, the 4th November, 1903**—Present: Alderman Norman, Councillors Baker and Handley (Alderman Norman in the chair).

11—Borough Electrical Engineer's Report re Undertaking—The Special Report as now completed of the Borough Electrical Engineer, upon the Electric Light Undertaking was further considered, Resolved, That the same be printed for the information of the Council,

GEO. NORMAN,

Chairman.

#### **WATER COMMITTEE.**

**At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Thursday, the 22nd October, 1903**—Present The Mayor, Alderman Norman, Councillors Bendall, King-Harman, H. Waghorne, M. Davis and Packer (Councillor H. Waghorne in the chair).

1—Borough Engineer's Report—The Borough Engineer reported that the average daily yield of the springs at Hewletts for 30 days ended the 20th inst., was 309,600 gallons, the average daily yield for the corresponding period during the last three years being 163,680 gallons.

The average daily yield of the springs at Dowdeswell for 30 days ended the 20th inst., was 2,150,424 gallons, the average daily yield for the corresponding period during the last three years being 837,578 gallons.

On the 20th inst. the contents of Hewletts and Leckhampton Reservoirs' were 30,597,359 gallons. On the same date the depth of water in Dowdeswell Reservoir was 32 feet, the Reservoir being full, and the contents were 100,023,701 gallons, giving a total storage of 130,621,060 gallons, or about 112 days' supply.

Four hydrants in High Street, which were very shallow, have been placed at a greater depth –

2—Additional Main from Tewkesbury—Tho Borough Engineer reported that the Contractor for the new pumping main had commenced work and had laid about half-a-mile of pipes at the Tewkesbury end. A letter was read from Mr. Riley, the Contractor, asking permission to postpone the crossing of the Avon, as the river was now in flood. Any additional damage occasioned by deferring this part of the work he would bear. On the recommendation of the Borough Surveyor, Resolved, That permission be given to the Contractor to defer the work of crossing the Avon until the other portion of the main has been laid, on the understanding as to damage mentioned in Mr. Riley's letter.

3—Tewkesbury Water Supply--A further letter was read from the Town Clerk of Tewkesbury on the subject of the neater supply to that Borough, and a reply thereto from the Town Cleric, that the Council did not admit the contention of the Tewkesbury Corporation, that the latter has a right to be supplied with Severn water. Resolved, That the Town Clerk's reply be approved.

4--Fire Hydrants at the Reddings Read, a letter from the Clerk to the Cheltenham Rural District Council, that the question of the hydrants required at the Reddings had been referred for consideration to the Badgeworth Parish Council.

5--Land at Sandford--Resolved, To accept Mr. A. E. Lloyd, of the Mitre Inn, Sandford Street, as tenant of a piece of lend at Sandford, in the place of Mr. H. Watson, of Edward Street.

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

7—Water Supply from Well at Montpellier Baths—Read, a letter from Mr. Joseph Hall. M. Inst. C.E., asking on what terms the Council would sell the water formerly used at Montpellier Baths, for use in connection with a business which a client of his wished to introduce. His client would pay the cost of laying down and maintaining the pipe, the length of which would not exceed three-quarters of a mile along the streets. Resolved, That consideration of the matter be adjourned for the Borough Surveyor to obtain further information.

8-Water Supply to Ashley Manor—Read, a letter from Mr. H. Ripley, the tenant of Ashley Manor, offering to pay for the supply of water to Ashley Manor, and to Oaklands Farm house, on the terms



of the Agreement entered into with Sir Frederick Dixon-Hartland with an additional payment of 10s per annum, in respect of a second bath put in by him. Resolved, That the terms mentioned be agreed to as from 25th March, 1902.

H. WAGHORNE, Chairman.

#### **GENERAL PURPOSES & WATCH COMMITTEE.**

**At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 20th October, 1903.** Present : The Mayor, Aldermen Skillicorne and Winterbotham ; Councillors Baker, M. Doris, Gurney, King-Harmon, Rickerby and J. Waghorne (The Mayor in the chair).

1—Diseases of Animals—Superintendent Hopkins reported that the Borough was free from contagious diseases of animals. The Town Clerk reported that the Board of Agriculture had issued licences under the Rabies Order, 1897, and the Swine Fever Order, 1894, for the destruction of bodies of diseased animals in the Refuse Destructor.

2—Fire Brigade—The Captain of the Fire Brigade reported that on the 12th inst., the Brigade had been called out to extinguish a serious outbreak of fire at the Light Railways Company's Depot, at St. Mark's, Cheltenham. An excellent supply of water with fair pressure enabled the buildings to be saved. Damage, £1000.

3—Hackney Carriage Licence—Resolved, To accede to an application for the transfer of Hackney Carriage Licence, No. 45, from Joseph Stroud, of 9 Chapel Street, to Frank Stevens, of 41, Fairview Street, subject to the approval of the carriage by the Mayor.

4—Hackney Carriage Driver's Licence—Resolved, To accede to an application from Frank Stevens, of 41, Fairview Street, for a licence to drive a Hackney Carriage.

5—Town Clock—Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to obtain estimates from Mr. Holder and Mr. Howlett, for putting the Town Clock in proper repair.

6—Street Inspector—The Town Clerk reported that the post of Street Inspector was vacant, owing to the removal of Constable Goulder to another part of the County. Resolved, That Superintendent Hopkins be appointed Street Inspector at a salary of £20 a year.

7--Leckhampton Reading Room—Read, a letter from Mr. W. Mann, stating that a Local Committee had been formed consisting of Messrs. Charles Hall, T. Wilkins, N. Smith, G. H. Palmer, J. Barrell, H. Betham, J. Short and W. Mann, who were prepared to carry on the Room given up by the Library Committee as a Public Reading Room.

Resolved, That (subject to the tenancy of the Board of Guardians), the Local Committee be allowed the use of the room for a Public Reading Room, free of rent, rates, and taxes, and with the benefit of the rent paid by the Board of Guardians, the tenancy to be terminable by the Town Council at any time by 14 days' notice.

8—Allotments—Resolved, To approve of the following transfers of allotments, subject to the new tenants entering into the usual agreement for tenancy, and to the Town Clerk being satisfied as to their suitability.

	Present Holder	New Tenant.
Folly Lane, No. 18	F. Penley	Lloyd Newcombe, of 2, College Terrace
“ Nos. 211 & 212	Geo. James	C. Hart, of 5 Elm Street
“ No. 51	H. W. G. Cox	Geo. Webb, Melrose, Swindon Road
Whaddon Lane, No. 18	J. Bond	Wm. Febery, of 47 Fairview Street
“ No 31	E. Eager	Wm. Langsbury, Holy Trinity Coffee Tavern

Resolved, That the Town Clerk be empowered to deal with applications for allotments.

9—Petroleum Licences—Resolved, That the following applications for Licences to store petroleum for sale at the undermentioned premises be granted, subject to the requirements of the Borough Surveyor being complied with.

David Davies 149, High Street	50 gallons
John Fisher's Executors Back of 34 Winchcomb Street	100 gallons
A. Lusty 196 High Street	40 gallons
G. Tillott 1 Queen Street	80 gallons
T. W. Harvey 180 & 181 High Street	100 gallons
Saunders, Morgan A Co. 11 Clarence Street	80 gallons
H. O. Norton A Co. 416 High Street	100 gallons
E. A. Stretton Bath Road	100 gallons
A. Lusty 7, 8 & 9 Larput Place	50 gallons
L. Baughan 2 Exchange Buildings, Bath Road	50 gallons

Resolved, That the application of Mr. M. Bellamy, of 251 High Street, be not granted, as the premises are not suitable for the purpose.

RICHARD ROGERS,

Chairman.

#### LECKHAMPTON HILL COMMITTEE.

**At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Wednesday, the 4th November, 1903**—Present : Alderman Norman, Councillors Baker and Stroud (Councillor Stroud in the chair).

1.—Chairman--Resolved, That Councillor Stroud be appointed Chairman at this Meeting.

2—Leckhampton Hill—Read, a letter from the Clerk of the Cheltenham Rural District Council, setting out the terms on which the Rural District Council considered the Town Council should join in defending the action. Resolved, That in view of the importance of the matter and the small

attendance at the Committee, the proposals made by the Rural District Council be left for consideration by the Town Council, and that the Council be recommended to consider these in Committee.

H. STROUD,

Chairman.

#### **MINERAL WATERS AND BATHS COMMITTEE.**

**At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Friday, the 16th October, 1903**—Present : Alderman Norman, Councillors Baker, Bendall, Davies, Stewart and Parsonage (Councillor Davies in the chair).

1—Montpellier Baths—The Borough Accountant reported that the amount received during the present financial year was £391 11s. 6d., and the payments (exclusive of repayment of loan and interest) amounted to £319 11s. 4d. Resolved, That the Swimming Baths at Montpellier be closed for the winter months on the 1st proximo.

2--Alstone Baths—The Borough Accountant reported that the receipts at these Baths during the present financial year were £215 4s. 6d., and the payments £281 4s. 2d.

The Chairman reported that he had authorised the closing of the Swimming Bath at Alstone, for the winter season, on the 12th inst. —Resolved, That the action of the Chairman be approved.

The Borough Surveyor reported that the boilers at these Baths had been externally inspected by an Inspector of the Vulcan Boiler Insurance Company, and no repairs were required.

3—Mineral Water Wells at Pittville- -The Borough Surveyor's report made at the last meeting with regard to the Mineral Water Wells at Pittville and the works necessary to put the same into a proper state of repair, and the pumps, &c., into working order, was further considered. The estimated cost of the work would be £900. The Borough Surveyor explained that the work required to be done did not include any work to the shaft repaired last year. The Resolution of the Committee at its last meeting, to instruct the Surveyor to have the pump well and one pump repaired and the passage to No. 1 Well, at a cost of £100 was further reconsidered. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to carry out the whole of the work mentioned in his report, at an estimated cost of £300.

RICHARD DAVIES,

Chairman.

#### **RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE.**

**At a of this Committee, held on Monday, the 19th October, 1903**-Present : The Mayor, Alderman Holliday, Councillors Bainbridge, and Stewart (Councillor King-Harman in the chair).

1-Whaddon Lane Recreation Ground The Borough Surveyor submitted drawings of two sets of parallel bars and one horizontal bar. Estimated cost, £10 to £12. Resolved, That the same be provided, the exact positions for the same on the ground to be settled by the Chairman and Councillor Stewart.

Superintendent---Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to employ the Superintendent of this ground on any work requiring to be done there.

M. J. KING-HARMAN,

Chairman.

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**At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 26th October, 1903**—Present : Alderman Holliday, Councillors Baker, King-Harman and Stewart (Councillor King-Harman in the chair).

2-Whaddon Lane Recreation Ground—The Chairman and Councillor Stewart, as visitors for this ground, recommended that some of the trees and shrubs be moved from near the entrance lodge to other parts of the ground where they were more required as now indicated to the Committee. At the request of the visitors, the Borough Surveyor reported that the cost of material for forming a bank of rockwork, 17 yards by 1 yard high, near the lodge would be about £3, exclusive of building up, which could be done by the Superintendent.

In order to protect proposed flower beds alongside the gravel path, it was desirable to put a fence across the ground as shown on the plan now submitted. Enough fencing was in hand to do this, and the cost of carting and fixing, including two bow gates, would be about £3. This fence would prevent sheep straying over the beds and path. Resolved, That the recommendations of the visitors be approved, and the fencing, &c., erected.

M. J. KING-HARMAN,

Chairman.

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

**At Meeting of this Committee, held on Friday, the 23rd October, 1903**—Present The Mayor, Aldermen Haddon and Holliday, Councillors Bence and M. Davis (Alderman Haddon in the chair).

1— Superintendent's Report—The Superintendent reported a subsidence in one of the paths in the Cemetery, to which the Borough Surveyor was now giving attention.

2—Designs—Resolved, That the following designs be approved : —Memorial to Henry Walford Stubbin ; Memorial Crosses to Anne Dawson Tagart and Louisa Reed ; Headstone to Harriett Cook ; A design for a Memorial to Timothy Neems was not approved, the exclusive right of burial in the grave not having been purchased. Proposed kerbing and inscription round the grave of Mary Barnes was not approved, no proper design having been furnished.

JOHN HADDON, Chairman.

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

**At a meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 20<sup>th</sup> October, 1903**- Present: Alderman Holliday, Councillors Hayward, King-Harman, Revs. J. Evans and A. Beynon Phillips, Messrs. A. Beckingsale and W. Cresswell (Councillor Hayward in the chair).

1—Librarian's Report thy' Monthly Report of the Librarian. Receipts, £5 1s. 0d. Presentations: The Baron de Ferrieres, 3 vols., Rev. W. L. Lang, 1 vol., the Secretary, University Correspondence College, 1 vol., Agent General for Natal, 1 vol.

2—Sub-Committee's Report —The Sub-Committee reported that they met on the 17th inst., when there were present : Councillors Hayward and King-Harman, and the Rev. J. A. Owen. They recommended that Evans' History of Birds be purchased for 14s. Resolved, That the recommendation of the Sub-Committee be approved.

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3—Cheltenham Medical Library—The Chairman reported that at the meeting of the Sub-Committee on the 17th inst., a deputation of the Subscribers of the Medical Library, consisting of Drs. E. T. Wilson, Ferguson, Prom and Johns, attended to discuss the question of the housing of the Medical Library, of some 1,400 volumes.

Dr. Wilson explained the object of the interview, which was to enquire whether it would be possible for the Public Library to take over their Library as a permanent loan, and wished to know upon what terms it could be housed and looked after.

There were some fourteen subscribers at 10s a year but with greater facilities and better attention, it was thought the subscribers might be greatly increased. They had no wish to burden the Public Library with expense, and thought that arrangements might be made which would be of benefit to both parties. The conditions suggested were as follows :—

- (1) That the books be handed over to the Public Library as a permanent loan.
- (2) That the subscribers should have ready and immediate access to the books.
- (3) That the cost of maintenance be met by the Subscriptions.
- (4) That the books would be available for reference by the general public.
- (5) That subscribers only be allowed to take any books away from the building.
- (6) That a certain proportion of the subscriptions should be available for the purchase of new books and for subscribing to medical lending libraries.

The Sub-Committee recommend :—

That the Medical Library be taken over as an addition to the Reference Library.

That the conditions as stated in Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 be accepted and

That the whole of the Subscriptions should be received by the Library.

That any balance after the expenses of binding and maintenance have been met, should be expended in new books to be proposed by the subscribers.

That the books be available during the hours the Public Library is open.

That the books should be available for reference to the general public, and issued according to the rules already in force in the Reference Library.

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

4—Leckhampton Branch--Read, a letter from Mr. G. H. Palmer, urging that the Committee should now reconsider its decision to close the Branch Library at Leckhampton. The Chairman reported that the Town Council at its last meeting resolved to grant to a responsible Committee the free use of the building until recently used as a Branch Library for Leckhampton, for use as a Library and Reading Room, and had requested the Public Library Committee to afford all possible help and facilities. Resolved, That the Librarian be instructed to continue to send to the Reading Room the weekly periodicals from the Library, that the 150 books now at Leckhampton, the property of this Committee be allowed to remain there for the present, and that the Librarian be authorised to afford facilities for the collections and distribution of books from the Library at Leckhampton Reading Room.

5—Chairman—Resolved, unanimously, That this Committee desires to record its best thanks to Councillor Hayward for the able and efficient services he has rendered to the Library, during his six years Chairmanship of this Committee, and its regret that one his shortly ceasing to be a member of the Council, his services will be no longer available in that capacity.

CHARLES HAYWARD,

Chairman.

#### **FINANCE COMMITTEE.**

**At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Thursday, the 6th of October, 1903**—Present : The Mayor, Alderman Skillicorne, Councillors Bence, King-Harman, Stroud, J. Waghorne and Parsonage (Councillor Parsonage in the chair).

1-Chairman In the absence of the Chairman, Resolved, That Councillor Parsonage be appointed Chairman at this Mooting.

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2-Overdraft at Bank—The question of the overdraft was carefully considered by the Committee. The Town Clerk reported as to the communications which had passed between the Local Manager of Lloyds' Bank and himself on the subject. Resolved, That Councillors Parsonage, Bence and J. Waghorne be appointed a deputation to interview the General Managers of Lloyd's' Bank, with a view to arranging terms for the continuance of the overdraft for a further period of six months.

E. H. PARSONAGE,

Chairman.

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, the 27th October, .1903**—Present The Mayor, Alderman Skillicorne, Councillors Bence, Gurney, Handley, King-Harman, Stroud and J. Waghorne (Councillor Gurney in the chair).

3—Overdraft at the Bank—The Sub-Committee appointed at the previous meeting to interview the General Managers of Lloyds' Bank at Birmingham, reported that the Bank were willing if required to continue the overdraft for a further period of six mouths, ending the 31st March next, at 4 per cent. interest, with a limit of £201,485 (which includes the sum of £52,485 secured by Debentures), but

the Bank required that the amount of the overdraft secured by Debentures, the amount representing loans, sanctioned by the Local Government Board, and the amount overdrawn in respect of the Electric Light Undertaking should be transferred to three separate accounts. Resolved, That the Corporation hereby undertake to give the Bank an effectual and sufficient security on the rates sinking funds or other available assets of the Corporation, for the repayment of the overdraft on account of Capital Expenditure for the time being with interest thereon as above mentioned, whenever required by the Bank so to do.

Read, a letter from Mr. Leaver, the Manager of Lloyds' Bank, as to the limit of the overdraft and intimating that the Bank would not be able to set off the amount to the credit of the sinking fund, against the overdraft, but could only allow interest on this at the current deposit rate (now  $2\frac{1}{2}$  per cent.)

Resolved, That the amount to the credit of the sinking fund be invested as soon as satisfactory investments can be found for the same.

Read, a report of the Borough Accountant, showing present position of the accounts at the Bank. He also reported that he had arranged loans for £1,300 at  $3\frac{5}{8}$  and £400 at  $3\frac{3}{4}$ .

Resolved, That Debentures numbered 184, 185, 344 and 345 under the common seal be issued accordingly- for these loans, on account of the Winter Gardens and Waterworks loans, respectively.

Read, aa, letter from Mr. W. P. Hancock, of Copthall House, Copthall Avenue, London, offering a loan of £18,500, for the new water main, at  $3\frac{3}{4}$  per cent. interest, with an inclusive charge to cover all lender's costs, including stamp duty of 15s per cent.

Resolved, That this offer be accepted, the loan to be repayable by equal instalments of principal and interest within thirty years.

Resolved also, That the Council be asked to empower this Committee to negotiate for a loan, to replace the loan advanced on overdraft by the Bank.

4—Loans, Increase of Interest—Read, a letter from the Clerk of the Trustees of the Walker Memorial Fund, asking the Council to increase the rate of interest on the Waterworks loan of £2,500 from  $3\frac{1}{2}$  per cent. to  $3\frac{5}{8}$  per cent., and offering to allow the loan to remain for a fixed term of years at this rate of interest.

Resolved, That the increased rate of interest asked for be agreed to, the increase to commence as from the 8th day of April next.

Read also, a letter from the Secretary of the Loyal Beaufort Lodge of Oddfellows, requiring repayment of the existing loan to the Corporation of .43,000, now at  $3\frac{1}{4}$  per cent., and the loan of £400 now at  $3\frac{1}{2}$  per cent., at the expiration of three months, unless the Corporation were willing to increase the rate of interest. Resolved, That the rate of interest be increased to  $3\frac{5}{8}$  per cent.

5-Auditor's Report—Read, Report of Major General Babbage of his Audit of the Accounts of the Corporation for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March last. Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to write General Babbage, thanking him for his report, and for the trouble and attention he has given to the investigation of the accounts.

6—General District Rate—The report of the Borough Accountant, dated the 27th inst., on the collection of the second instalment of this rate was read. Amount collected £63 9s. 9d., leaving outstanding, £23,820 15s. 2 ½ d.

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 £ 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 September last	£126,722 0 11
Paid since that date	£ <u>17,830 2 1</u>
	£144,552 3 0
Received since that date (including Loans £1,700)	£ <u>6,335 8 0</u>
Overdrawn	£138,216 15 0
Being Ordinary Rates Expenditure	£ 8,269 9 6
Electric Lighting (Capital and Revenue), Water and other Capital Accounts, (less Sinking Funds)	£ <u>129,947 5 6</u>
	£138,216 15 0

W. GERALD GURNEY, Chairman.

### Borough of Cheltenham

**MINUTES of the Committees of the Town Council to be submitted for approval at a Monthly Meeting of the Council to be held on Monday, the 7th December, 1903.**

#### PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.

**At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 16th November, 1903**—Present The Mayor, the Deputy-Mayor, Aldermen Norman and Skillicorne, and Councillors Bence, M. Davis, King-Harman, Lawrence and Waghorne.

1—Chairman—Resolved, That Councillor Parsonage (Deputy-Mayor) be appointed Chairman of this Committee for the ensuing year. The Deputy-Mayor thereupon took the chair.

2—Zymotic Disease—The Medical Officer of Health reported that there had been notified since the last emoting of the Committee, 10 cases of Scarlet Fever, 2 of Enteric Fever, 1 of Erysipelas, and 3 of Diphtheria ; that 10 cases of Scarlet Fever, 2 of Diphtheria, and 2 of Enteric Fever had been sent into the Delancey Hospital, and that the number of cases then in the Hospital sent in by the Corporation was 11 of Scarlet Fever, 2 of Enteric, and 2 of Diphtheria.

3—Insanitary Property—No. 11, St. George's Street, Nos. 403 and 409, High Street, No. 33, Gloucester Place, and No. 55, Tewkesbury Road. The Medical Officer of Health reported that the above-mentioned premises were in such is 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 Section 94 of the Public Health Act, 1875, be served upon the owners requiring them to put the same into its healthy condition, and for that purpose to carry out the works specified therein.

4—Cleansing and Limewashing at 2 and 3 Garden Cottages, 1 and 15 St. Paul's Street South, and 54 St. George's Place. --The Medical Officer of Health having certified under Sections 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 effected or endangered thereby. Resolved, That Notice be given to the owners under the said Section requiring the houses to be cleansed and limewashed.

5—Nuisances front Drains, etc., at 402, 417, and 402 High Street, 6 Beaufort Cottages, and 3 Bath Terrace—The Inspector of Nuisances having made written application under Section 41 of the Public Health Act, stating that the drains, &c., on or belonging to the above-named houses were in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to health. Resolved, That authority be given to the Inspector of Nuisances to open the ground and examine the drains, and report to the Committee.

6--Houses without proper Ash Receptacles—The Medical Officer of Health reported that 23 Commercial Street, 13 and 13a Hermitage street, 3 Garden Cottages, 38 Worcester Street, 15 Great Western Terrace, and 34 St. George's Place, had no proper ashpits or ash receptacles. Resolved, That the necessary Notices be given to the respective owners under Section 80 of the Public Health Act, 1875, and Section 27 of the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1889, requiring them in each case to provide a moveable ash receptacles of such size and construction as may be approved by the Borough Surveyor on behalf of the Corporation.

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7-Cleansing and Disinfecting at 52 St. Paul's Street North, Ampney Cottage, Shurdington Road, and 8 Townsend 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 Notices be served on the owners and occupiers to cleanse and disinfect the houses within the time specified in such Notices.

8-Overcrowding at 3 Gunnell's Court—The Medical Officer of Health reported that the above premises were so overcrowded as to be dangerous or injurious to the health of the inmates. Resolved, That the Committee being satisfied of the existence of a nuisance on the said premises, Notices under Section 94 of the Public Health Act be served on the owners and occupiers thereof requiring them to abate the same.

9--Underground Bakehouses—The Medical Officer of Health reported that he had carefully considered the specification of alterations proposed to be made by Me. Cima at his bakehouse in High Street, and recommended that this be approved. Resolved, That Mr. Cima be informed that a certificate under the Factory and Workshop Act, 1901, will be granted on completion of the proposed alterations to the satisfaction of the Medical Officer of Health.

Read, a letter from Messrs. Locke & Sons, asking for an extension of time for use of their underground bakehouse until the completion of their new bakehouse, which was in course of erection. Resolved, That Messrs. Locke & Sons be informed that the Council will not object to their

existing bakehouse being used until the new building is completed provided this is proceeded with without delay.

10—Houses Unfit for Human Habitation, 3, 4, 6 and 8 Gunnell's Court—The Medical Officer of Health having certified that these houses were in such a state as to be a nuisance and injurious to health, and unfit for human habitation, Resolved, That proceedings under Sec. 32 of the Housing of the Working Classes Act, 1890, be taken to obtain an order for them to be closed.

11—Extensions to Abattoir—Resolved, That consideration of the tenders for the extensions to the abattoir be deferred for present.

12—Drainage of Maud's Elm Gardens, Swindon Road—Read, a letter from Messrs—Young & Gilling, enquiring whether the Council would provide a sewer if houses are erected along the frontage of Maud's Elm Gardens, or whether cesspits would be allowed.. Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to ascertain further particulars from Messrs. Young & Gilling of their proposals.

13—Sewer in Winchcomb Street—The Borough Surveyor reported that he had inspected the sewer in Winchcomb Street, and found this had a very poor gradient, and he was having a small inspection chamber constructed to facilitate the flushing of the sewer. Resolved, That the action of the Borough Surveyor be approved, and that the sewer be flushed regularly.

14—Sewer in Warwick Place—The Surveyor reported that he had examined the sewer in Warwick Place, and found that this had a satisfactory gradient and was free from obstruction. The flooding of the basement of North Place Church was due to the level of the floor having been lowered to within 12 inches of the soffit of the sewer. Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to write the Rev. Jas. Foster calling his attention to this.

15—Wall at back of Rainow—The following tenders were received for re-building the wall at back of Raison, viz., Messrs. Collins & Godfrey, £177 8s. 9d.; and Messrs. Mark Williams & Co., £127 10s. Resolved, That the tender of Messrs. Mark Williams & Co. be accepted, subject to a formal contract being entered into, to be prepared by the Town Clerk.

16—New Buildings—The Borough Surveyor submitted the following notices and plans of intended new buildings, viz. :—

No. of Plan.	Name.	Description.
39	T. W. Smith	Six houses in Langdon Road
42	Powell, Gwinnell & Co., Ltd.,	Stables and cottage in Grove Street
66	C. Daft	Additions to 2 cottages in Granley Road, St. Mark's
78	E Wynn	House in Alstone Avenue .
82	W. Buckle	Shed in Bath Road (adjoining Francis Street)
83	H. G. Adams and J. Wilding	Four houses in Fairfield Road Isles.
86	Mrs. Hicks	Bath room at Stradacona, Moorend Park Road
87	T. W. Smith	Stables and storehouses in Exmouth Street
89	H. Packer	Water closet and urinal, White Horse Inn, Tewkesbury Road
90	C Williams	Additions to 1 Rodney Road.

91	Joseph E. Bolden	Eight houses in New Road on Fairfield Estate (Naunton Lane end).
92	Locke & Sons.	Bakery, shop, &c., in St. George's Place
93	Vicar and Churchwardens, SS. Phillip and James	New School for Boys in Grafton Road

Resolved, That Plans Nos. 39, 82 and 93 be disapproved ; that Plan No. 90 be approved subject to a disused sewer being removed and the space filled ; that Plan No. 91 be approved, subject to an additional manhole being provided as now indicated on the plan, and that the remainder of the plans be approved as regards drainage and other sanitary matters.

E. H. PARSONAGE,

Chairman.

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**At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 23rd November, 1903**—Present : The Mayor, Aldermen Norman and Skillicorne, Councillors Bence, M. Davis, 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 Enteric Fever, and 4 of Diphtheria; that 6 cases of Scarlet Fever, 5 of Diphtheria, and 1 of Enteric Fever had been sent into the Delancey Hospital, and that the number of cases then in the Hospital, sent in by the Corporation, was 15 of Scarlet Fever, 4 of Diphtheria, and 3 of Enteric Fever.

18—Insanitary Property at No. 12, Hungerford Street, and Nos. 25, 37, 39, 44 and 48 Duke Street—The Medical Officer of Health reported that the above-mentioned premises were in such a stale 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.

19—Houses without proper Ash Receptacles—The Medical Officer of Health reported that the following houses had no proper ashpits or ash receptacles, viz :—Nos. 19, Gloucester Place, 15, St. Paul's Street S., 16, Promenade Villas, 2 and 3, Clare Garden Cottages, 6, Duke Street, Talbot Inn, Duke Street, 22, 24, 26, 28 and 36 Duke Street. Resolved, That the necessary Notices be given to the respective owners under Sec. 36 of the Public Health Act, 1875, and Sec. 27 of the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1889, requiring them in each case to provide a moveable ash receptacle of such size, pattern, and construction as may be approved by the Borough Surveyor on behalf of the Corporation.

20—Cleansing and Disinfecting at No, 37, Upper Norwood- Street.—The Medical Officer of Health having certified that the cleansing, disinfecting and purifying of this house 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.

21—Overcrowding at No. 27, Sun Street—The Medical Officer of Health reported that the above premises were so overcrowded as to be dangerous or injurious to the health of the inmates. Resolved, That the Committee being satisfied of the existence of a nuisance on the said premises, Notices under Sec. 94 of the Public Health Act be served on the owners and occupiers thereof requiring them. to abate the same.

22—Cleansing and Limewashing at Kingston Cottage, St. Paul's Bowl, Nos. 5, 51 and 32 Duke 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.

23—Nuisances from Drains, etc., at No. 15, St. Paul's Street South, and Motor Works, Ormond Place—The Inspector of Nuisances having made written application under Sec. 41 of the Public Health Act, stating that the drains, &c., on or belonging to the above-named houses were in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to health. Resolved, That authority be given to the Inspector of Nuisances to open the ground, examine the drains, and report to the Committee.

24—Notices not complied with—The Medical Officer of Health submitted a list of notices which had been served to remedy sanitary defects, but which had not been complied with. Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to take proceedings (if necessary) to compel compliance.

25—Sanitary Accommodation for Employees at Destructor, &c.—On the report of the Medical Officer of Health, Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to report as to the best means of improving the urinal and w.c. accommodation for the employees at the Ash Destructor and Slab Factory.

26—Private Sewers—As instructed by the Committee at its last meeting the Town Clerk submitted draft letter to the Local Government Board, on the subject of the Private Sowers in time Borough, asking the Board to make provision in any Bill introduced by them for the consolidation and amendment of the Public Health Acts, empowering the Corporation to deal with private sewers in a defective state as a nuisance. Resolved, That the letter as now settled be approved and forwarded to the Board.

27— Sanitary Congresses –With reference to Minute No. 14 of this Committee of the 14th September last, Read, a letter from the Royal Institute of Public Health, stating that they had appointed delegates to confer with delegates of the Sanitary Institute, but that the latter body had not appointed any representatives, but had arranged to hold a separate Congress next year at Glasgow. Resolved, That no further action be takes on the subject.

28 Sewer in Naunton Lane - Read, a letter from Mr. J. E. Bendall, applying for an extension of the sewer in Naunton Lane, to take the drainage of some lenses to be erected by him. Resolved, That the extension be made, the estimated cost being £50.

29-New Streets and Buildings—The Borough Surveyor laid before the Committee the following notices and plans of intended new streets and buildings, viz :—

No. of Plan.	Name	Description.
67	F. Jenkins	3 new streets, &c., on Fairfield Estate
76	Col. Burlton Bennett	Additions to Ivanhoe, Wellington Street
81	Hay Cottage Homes Trustees	2 cottages and wash-houses, Naunton Park
82	W. Buckle	Shed in Bath Road, near Francis Street
91	J. E. Bendall	12 houses on Fairfield Estate, Naunton Lane
94	W. J. Worthing	House in Upper Norwood Street

Resolved, That Plans Numbered 67, 81 and 94 be disapproved, and that the other Plans be approved, so far as drainage and other sanitary matters are concerned.

30-Surface Water Drainage—Resolved, That with regard to new streets in the future the Council will require provision to be made for the carrying off of surface water separately from the ordinary house drainage and sewers, wherever this is practicable, and that notice of this requirement be given to all the local architects and builders.

E. H. PARSONAGE,

Chairman.

#### **FARMS MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE.**

**At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Friday, the 20th November, 1903—Present The Mayor, Alderman Councillors Bainbridge, Bence, M. Davis, Packer and Steel.**

1—Chairman—Resolved, That Councillor M. Davis be appointed Chairman of this Committee for the ensuing year.

2—Repent of Farms Manager—The Farms Manager reported that since the last meeting 13 bullocks, 2 heifers, and 20 sheep had been sold for £318 6s. The old roan horse, " Kruger," had been sent to the kennels. The number of livestock on the farms on the 20th instant, was 9 horses and 1 cob, 185 head of cattle, 55 sheep, and 8 pigs, the whole being healthy. 50 sacks of wheat and 45 sacks of oats had been threshed at the Barn Farm. 20 tons of mangolds had been sold, 12 at 14s per ton, and 10 tons at 15s per ton on the ground, and 1 ton of straw, at 50s per ton.

He recommended that 8 sacks of wheat for seed should be purchased. Resolved, That the recommendation be agreed to.

3—Shedding at Hayden Knoll Farm—The Borough Surveyor laid before the Committee plan of shedding required at the Haydon Knoll Farm, the position for which had been selected by the Chairman and the Farms Manager. Estimated cost, £30. Resolved, That the work be carried out.

M. DAVIS,

Chairman.

**At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Wednesday, the 2nd day of December, 1903**—Present : Councillors M. Davis, King Harman and Packer (Councillor M. Davis in the chair).

1--Inspection of Farms— The Committee visited the Farms, inspected the cattle, sheep, horses and pigs, and examined the effluent, everything being found satisfactory.

M. DAVIS,

Chairman.

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

**At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 17th November, 1903**—Present : The Mayor, The Deputy Mayor, Alderman Skillicorne, Councillors Baker, Bendall, Gridley, Ley Wood, Packer and Parsonage.

1—Chairman—Resolved, That Councillor Bendall be appointed Chairman of this Committee for the ensuing year.

2—Crossings in High Street—Read, a letter from Mr. W. H. Horsley asking for a crossing to be placed in High Street, near: Sydenham Villas Road. Resolved, To inform Mr. Horsley that his suggestion will be considered after the Light Railway Extension to Charlton Kings has been carried out.

3—Building Inspector's Report—Read, the monthly report of the Building Inspector. Buildings completed since the 13th ultimo, 11 in progress, 52.

4—Widening of Alstone Lane—Read, a letter from Mr. R. R. Pearce, asking to be informed whether the Council accepted his offer, made on behalf of himself and his brothers, of land, part of the Alstone Grange Estate, necessary to widen the Alstone Lane to 36 feet, subject to the owner not being called upon to pay for the paving, &c., Resolved, That Mr. Pearce be informed that his offer is accepted.

5—College Road Footpaths—Read, a letter from Mr. F. Steel asking when the repaving, &c., of the footpaths in the College Road would be commenced. Resolved, That Mr. Steel be informed that an application is now before the Local Government for sanction to a loan for part of the work, and pending the receipt of this the works cannot be commenced.

6—Veterinary Surgeon—Read, a letter from Mr. T. A. Huband asking that he should be given a turn as Veterinary Surgeon to the Corporation. Resolved, That Mr. Huband be informed that the Committee think the present appointment should run for another year.

7—Street Channelling—On the recommendation of the Borough Surveyor, Resolved, To authorise him to renew defective channelling in streets, when under repair, with concrete slabs where this will be satisfactory.

8—Road Repairs—The Borough Surveyor asked for authority to hire an additional steam roller for a short time if he should find it necessary, having regard the road repairs necessary, and to the fact

that during the first two months of the present financial year very little of such work was carried out. Resolved, That this be authorised.

9—Eldorado Crescent—Resolved, To instruct the Borough Surveyor to prepare a plan, specifications and estimate of the works required to be done to parts of the above road, by the abutting owners to put it into a proper condition.

10—Wooden Erections—The Borough Surveyor having called attention to the fact that a practice appeared to have grown up in the Borough of erecting wooden buildings, without notice to, or deposit of plans with the Surveyor, although the byelaws absolutely prohibited such erections. Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to give notice to the local architects and builders that plans of all proposed buildings must be deposited before such buildings are erected, and that wooden buildings are contrary to the byelaws and will only be allowed to be erected under special circumstances and conditions.

11—New Streets and Buildings—The Borough Surveyor laid before the Committee the following notices and plans of intended new streets and buildings, viz.:

No. of Plan.	Name.	Description.
82	W. Buckle	Shed in Bath Road (near Francis Street)
86	Mrs. Hicks	Bath Road at Stradacona, Moorend Park Road
86	T. W. Smith	Stables and storerooms, Exmouth Street
88	Showells Brewery Co., Ltd.	Stables in Great Western Road (Wooden Building)
89	H. Packer	W.C. and Urinal, at White Home Inn, Tewkesbury Road
90	C. Williams	Additions to 1, Rodney Road
91	Joseph E. Bendall	Eight houses on Fairfield Estate (Naunton Lane End)
93	Vicar and Churchwardens SS. Philip and James' ... ..	Boys' School in Grafton Road
94	W. J. Worthing	House in Upper Norwood Street

Resolved, That Plan No. 93 be disapproved, that Plan No. 88 be approved, subject to the Company entering into an agreement, to be prepared by the Town Clerk, undertaking to remove the building if required, in three months notice and that the remainder of the plans be approved, as regards matters within the purview of this Committee.

JOHN D. BENDALL, Chairman.

**At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 30th November, 1903**—Present The Mayor, Alderman Skillicorne, Bendall, Gridley, Ley Wood, Packer (Councillor Bendall in the chair).

12— Borough Surveyor's Report re Highways--The Borough Surveyor reported that the work done by the Highways Department from the 23rd October to 26th November (both inclusive) had been as follows :—

Repaired with Clee Hill Stone, 2in.-London Road, 6,760 super yards; High Street, 6,677 super yards; Hewlett Street, 2,022 super yards ; Hewlett Road, 1,734 super, yards, and Suffolk Road (proceeding).

Repaired with Wickwar Stone, 2in.—Moorend Park Road, 5,834 super yards.

Repaired with Tar Macadam—County Court Road, 500 super yards; Swindon Road, Clarence Street, Knapp Road, Luke's Place, St. George's Place, and St. George's Square.

Patched with Clee Hill, Stone 1 ½ in.—Montpellier Walk, Bennington Street, Leamington Place, Imperial Square, back Montpellier Terrace, Sandford Road, Lansdown Crescent, Bayshill Road, Prestbury Road, and Winchcomb Street.

Patched with Wickwar Stone, 1 ½ in.—St. James' Square, Bath Parade, The Park, Sherborne Street, Collum End, and Old Bath Road.

Crossings backed up with Tar Macadam—Hewlett Street and St. George's Road.

Crossings Renewed—Queen's Road, Hewlett Street, Hewlett Road, Shurdington Road.

Crossings Re-laid—Lower High Street, Lansdown Road, and Douro Road.

Repairs to Channelling—Lower High Street, Shurdington Road, Sandford Road, and Lansdown Terrace.

Repairs to Paving—Malvern Road, Leckhampton Road, High Street, Hatherley Road, Imperial Lane, Warwick Place, Lansdown Crescent, Lansdown Terrace, and Clarence Parade.

Footpaths Repaired with Tar Macadam—Ambrose Street and Hatherly Road. Trees Pruned—Promenade, Gloucester Road, Keynsham Road, St. Luke's Place, Rodney Road, Queen's Road, Orrisdale Terrace, and Imperial Square.

Trees Cut Down—Upper High Street (1), Orrisdale Terrace (1).

Young Trees Planted (Renewals)-44

Defective Gullies Repaired—London Road, Bath Road, Ashford Road, Dagmar Road, Sandford Road, and Hewlett Street.

Private Improvement Works—College Road (portion of), Kensington Avenue (proceeding).

New Granite Kerb and Concrete Slab Pavement—Imperial Square, in front of Town Hall (in accordance with instructions of the Town Improvement Committee).

Ashes Collection and Disposal-1,287 loads collected, 75 loads tipped away, 1,212 loads consumed ; weight, 1,207 tons, 9 cwts., 3 qrs.

Slab Factory—Number of square yards of slabs made during 5 weeks ended 26th November, 1903, 699 kerbs made, 2,049 feet.

13—Eldorado Crescent—A specification, with plans and estimates, from the Borough Surveyor, of the works required to be done to the above street, was read and approved. The footpath to be paved 5 feet wide with concrete slabs, and the remainder with asphalt. Resolved, That notices be given under Section 150 of the Public Health Act, 1875, to the owners of the premises fronting, adjoining, or abutting upon the parts of the said street, requiring to be sewered, levelled, paved,



metalled, flagged, channelled, or made good ; requiring them to do the specified works within 28 days; and that, if such notice is not complied with, the Surveyor do proceed to execute the works mentioned or referred to therein ; and that the expenses thereof be recovered in the manner provided by the Act, and the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1889.

Read, a letter from Mr. H. W. Chatters, expressing the views of himself and other owners of property in the Crescent as to the character of the paving which should be required.

14—Purchase of Carts—On the recommendation of the Borough Surveyor, Resolved, To purchase two sloop carts, of a pattern now approved by the Council, at a cost of about £44 each.

15—Malvern Road—Edging and Channelling—Resolved, To instruct the Borough Surveyor to renew the edging and channelling in Malvern Road, in sections, from time to time.

16—Gloucester Road—Footpath on East Side from Malvern Road to the Queen's Road—Glencairn Park Road—Resolved, To instruct the Borough Surveyor to bring up plans, specifications, and estimates as to the works required to be done by the abutting owners to the footpath and road.

17—Shelburne Road—Read, a letter from Dr. Flecker, calling attention to the condition of the footpaths in this road. Resolved, That provision be made in the next estimates for the proper paving, &c., of these footpaths.

18—Eldorado Road—In reply to a letter from Mr. R. R. Skemp, asking that this road should be taken over as a highway, repairable by the inhabitants at large, Resolved, To inform him that the paving, edging, and channelling of the footpath is not satisfactory, and also that before the Council can consider his application all the expenses recently incurred by them must be paid by the abutting owners.

19—Adjournment—Resolved, That consideration of the remainder of the business on the agenda be adjourned to Wednesday next.

JOHN D. BENDALL, Chairman.

**At, Meeting of this Committee, held on Wednesday, the 2nd December, 1903**—Present : The Mayor, Alderman Skillicorne, Councillors Baker, Bendall, Gridley, and Ley Wood (Councillor Bendall in the chair).

20—Payment of Wages—Resolved, To approve of the recommendation of the Borough Surveyor in his Report to the Finance Committee that the workmen employed by the Highways Department be paid on Saturday at 1 p.m. at four centres, viz.:—The Central Depot, the Leckhampton Depot, the Destructor, and Pittville, the men being allotted for payment to the respective centres according to the part of the town in which they may be working on the day of payment.

21—Purchase of Horses—Resolved, That the Committee be authorised to purchase 5 horses from Mr. Harvey at a price not exceeding £300, subject to them being passed by the Veterinary Surgeon.

22—Evelyn Road Private Improvement Works Expenses—With reference to the dispute between the Corporation and Mr. S. B. Dix as to the amount due from him in respect of the Evelyn Road Private Improvement Works, and as to his counter-claim for loads of rubble removed from the road, which it had been agreed to refer to arbitration, the Town Clerk reported that Mr. Dix was now willing to accept the terms previously offered to him. Resolved, That the settlement be approved.

23—Pillar Letter Box in the Park—Read, a letter from the Postmaster, asking permission to place a pillar letter box in the Park, opposite the entrance to " Redesdale," in substitution for the present wall letter box near there. Resolved, That permission be granted, the exact position to be subject to the approval of the Borough Surveyor.

24—Telephone Connection to Destructor—On the recommendation of the Borough Surveyor, Resolved, To authorise a telephone extension line to the Ash Destructor from the Electric Light Works, at a rent of £2 per annum, and that the necessary agreement be entered into.

25—Cheltenham and District Light Railway—The Town Clerk reported that notice had been given, and plans, &c., deposited, in connection with the application of the Cheltenham and District Light Railway Company for an Order empowering them to lay down a double line in High Street from Cambray Place to Bath Road. Read, letters from Mr. T. A. Nevins, agreeing to the requirements of the Council as regards the extensions authorised, except that he did not see his way to put sole plates under the rails, as this was not required in other towns, and that he could not undertake to relay the whole of the existing track within 12 months with creosoted red deal, but would do so as this was required from time to time. Resolved, That the Council waive their requirements as to anchor plates, and also as to re-laying the paving of the existing track in the Borough within 12 months, provided the Company will agree to at once re-lay such portions thereof as the Borough Surveyor considers necessary, and the remainder from time to time as, in the opinion of the Borough Surveyor, is required.

26—Winstonian Road Private Improvement Works—The Borough Surveyor reported that the private improvement works ordered to be carried out in Winstonian Road had been completed at a cost of £274 15s. 9d., and he had apportioned this sum amongst the abutting owners according to frontage. Resolved, That the apportionment be approved, and that notice thereof and of demand be served on the abutting owners.

27—New Streets and Buildings—The Borough Surveyor laid before the Committee the following, notices and plans of intended new streets and buildings, viz:—

No. of Plan	Name	Description
67	F. Jenkins	3 new streets on Fairfield Estate (near Naunton Lane)
76	Col. Burlton Bennett	Additions to Ivanhoe, Wellington Street
73	E. Wynn	House in Alstone Avenue
91	Joseph E. Bendall	4 houses in Naunton Lane (Fairfield Estate)
92	Locke A Sons	New Bakery, &c., St. George's Place
96	J. Middlemiss	New roads and 9 cottages, off Tewkesbury Road

Resolved, That plan No. 67 be disapproved and that the remainder of the plans be approved, as regards matters within the purview of this Committee.

Read, letter from Mr. H. A. Prothero appealing to the Committee to reconsider their decision not to approve the plan submitted for a new Boys' School in Grafton Road, by the Vicar and Churchwardens of SS. Philip and James'. Resolved, That the Committee cannot see their way to approve the plan submitted.

JOHN D. BENDALL,

Chairman.

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

**At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 23rd of November, 1903**—Present : The Mayor, Alderman Norman ; Councillors Baker, Bence, Handley and Rickerby.

1-Chairman—Resolved, That Councillor Rickerby be appointed Chairman of this Committee for the ensuing year.

2-Entertainments Sub-Committee—Resolved, To re-appoint as the Entertainments Sub-Committee, Councillors Bainbridge, Baker, Packer and Rickerby.

3—Bowling Green at Winter Garden—Read, a letter from the Hon. Sec. of the Cheltenham Bowling Club, applying for the use of the Bowling Green at the Winter Garden next year on the same terms and conditions as this year. Resolved, that the application be acceded to.

4—Advertising Cheltenham—Read, a letter from Mr. E. J. Burrow, stating that he had been successful in placing the Cheltenham Guide Books in the saloons of the Cunard, P. and O. Dominion and Allen lines of steamers. Resolved, That Mr. Burrow be thanked for his efforts to advertise the town.

5—Winter Garden—Read, a letter from Lt.-General Morton, applying for terms for the use of the Winter Garden, on Sunday Evenings, for one hour for religious services. Resolved, That the use of the Winter Garden be allowed, on payment of £2 10s. 0d. plus the cost of lighting for each occasion, provided it is not required or engaged for a weekly or fortnightly hiring.

T. E. RICKERBY, Chairman.

#### **LIGHTING COMMITTEE.**

**At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Wednesday, the 25th November, 1903**—Present: The Mayor, Aldermen Norman, Rogers and Waghorne, Councillors Gridley, Handley, Ley Wood, Steel and Stroud.

1-Chairman—Resolved, That Alderman Norman be appointed Chairman of this Committee for the ensuing year.

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, November 11th and 21st, 210 volts.

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

ILLUMINATING POWER.			PURITY.		
1903 Nov. 7th	15.80	Candles	Nov.	1903	Grains of Sulphur per 100 cubic ft.
14th	16.18	"	"	7th—8th	9.71
18th	15.05	" "		18th-19th	8.98
21st	17.04			Average	9.34
Average	16.02				

Read a letter from the Manager of the Gas Company explaining that the low illumination of the gas as tested on the 24th ultimo, had been found to be due to a leakage of gas in the pipe under the test burner pillar.

4— Gas Inspector's Report—The Gas Inspector reported that the hourly average consumption of gas per lamp during the previous had been as follows :—Ordinary Lamps, 4.1803 cubic feet; Guildhall Lamps, with No. 4 Incandescent burners, 4.533 cubic feet ; Ordinary Lamps with No. 3 Incandescent burners, 3.673 cubic feet.

5—Lamp Book hook was produced and examined. Ordinary Lamps extinguished-4 metered, 7 unmetered and Incandescents; burning dimly--Ordinary, 0 metered, 2 unmetered, Incandescents, 8.

6---Public Lighting-- Read, a letter from Councillor. Stroud, asking that the lighting of Naunton Park Terrace, Upper Pilley and Wellington Street might be improved. Also from Mrs. Thornton, asking for an additional lamp in Lansdown Resolved, To adjourn consideration of the letters for the Committee to view,

7--Extension of Electric Lighting Mains —With reference to the resolutions passed at the last meeting, read a letter loses Mr. A. Cockshott, stating that he could not give the guarantee required.

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Read, a letter from Messrs. Biggin & Co., agreeing to guarantee the necessary return for the extension to supply them. The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that an application had been received for supply to two new houses in Sydenham Road, and as each house would require about 60 feet of service cable within the property, he had written the wiring contractors that the owners would be required to pay £2 15s., half the cost of this for each house.

Read, a letter from Mr. R. J. Webb, the owner of the houses, objecting to this requirement. Resolved, That the requirement mace by the Borough Electrical Engineer be approved.

8—Number of Customers—The monthly report of the Borough Electrical Engineer stated that on the 21st instant, there were 744 customers with the equivalent of about 45,480 eight c.p. lamps connected to the private supply mains.

9—Transformers—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that he had tested the three 50 K.W. transformers at the Westinghouse Co.'s Works, on the 18th instant, and the results obtained were very good.

10—Meters—Resolved, To authorise the Borough Electrical Engineer to obtain tenders for the supply of the meters required during the next twelve months.

GEO. NORMAN,

Chairman.

#### WATER COMMITTEE.

**At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Thursday, the 26th November, 1903**—Present The Mayor, Alderman Norman, Councillors Baker, Bendall, M. Davis, King Harman, Lawrence and Waghorne

1—Chairman—Resolved, That Councillor Waghorne be appointed Chairman of this Committee for the ensuing year.

2—Borough Engineer's Report—The monthly report of the Borough Engineer was read:

#### DAILY YIELD OF SPRINGS.

For 31 days, ended November 20 <sup>th</sup> 1903		Average for corresponding period during last 3 years	
Hewletts Springs	465,120 gallons	210,240 gallons	
Dowdeswell Springs	2,338,480 “	938,400 “	

#### CONTENTS OF RESERVOIRS.

[Reservoir]	November 20th, 1903.		November 20th, 1902.	
	Depth	Contents	Depth	Contents
Hewletts	-	27,741,769 gallons		11,241,779 gallons
Leckhampton	8 ft.4 in.	1,091,872 “	4ft. 9 in.	641,612 “
Dowdeswell	31 ft.11 in.	99,581,742 “	16 ft. 1 in.	30,631,760 “
Total Storage		128,418,383 “		42,515,160 “
No. of days supply	108		44	

He reported the extensions and repairs carried out during the past month. During the month about 600 of the fire hydrants had been tested as regards their discharging capacity, and he hoped to report upon these at the next meeting.

3—Tewkesbury Water Supply—read, is letter from the Borough Surveyor of Tewkesbury asking for a connection to be made between the pumping main and the mains in Church Street and Gloucester Road, Tewkesbury, in order to increase the pressure in the district, the Tewkesbury Corporation paying the usual 6% per annum on the outlay, and also the rent of the necessary meter. On the recommendation of the Borough Engineer, Resolved, That the request be acceded to.

4—Salts Farm—Mr. Edwards, the tenant of Salts Farm, called attention to the fact that the promised repairs to the Barn roof had not been carried out, and the gates put in order. He also asked to be

supplied with about 300 pales to make good the rail fences, he doing the work himself. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to report as to the repairs necessary to the roof and gates, and to supply Mr. Edwards with the material he required for the fences.

5—Appeals—The cases entered in the appeal book were considered and the rules settled and adjusted.

H. WAGHORNE,

Chairman.

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### GENERAL PURPOSES & WATCH COMMITTEE.

**At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Friday, the 27th November 1903**—Present : The Mayor, Aldermen Norman, Rogers and Waghorne, Councillors Bendall, K. Davis, King-Harmon, Parsonage and Waghorne (The Mayor in the chair).

1—Chairman—Resolved, That Alderman Colonel Rogers be appointed Chairman of this Committee for the ensuing year. Alderman Colonel Rogers having to leave, Resolved, That the Mayor be appointed Chairman as this Meeting.

2—Art Gallery Sub-Committee—Resolved, That the following be appointed to constitute the Art Gallery Sub-Committee for the ensuing year, viz. Aldermen Haddon, Norman and Winterbotham; Councillor King Harman ; the Baron de Ferrieres and Dr. E. T. Wilson.

3—Committee Fixtures for 1904—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 ...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 Farms Management	3 p.m.
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##### 2nd Week.

Monday Public Health (Second Meeting)	11 a.m.
Mineral Waters, Baths and Recreation Grounds ..	3 p.m.
Town Improvement	4 p.m.
Tuesday Public Library	12 noon.
General Purposes and Watch	4 p.m.
Wednesday Lighting	3.30 p.m.
Thursday Water	3.30 p.m.
Friday Burial Board	11.30 a.m.
Street and Highway (View)	3 p.m.

3rd Week.

Monday Street and Highway (Second Meeting)	2.30 p.m.
Tuesday Finance	3.30 p.m.

WEEK FOLLOWING COUNCIL MEETING WEEK.

Monday Public Health	3 p.m.
Tuesday Street and Highway	3 p.m.

4—Employment of Children Act, 1903—The Town Clerk submitted a letter from the Home Office with reference to the powers and duties of the Council, under the Employment of Children Act, 1903, which comes into operation on the 1st January next. Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to report upon the matter at the next Monthly Meeting.

5—Typewriter for Borough Surveyor's Department—On the application of the Borough Surveyor, Resolved, To authorise him to purchase a HOW typewriter for use in his department, an allowance to be made in the price for the old one it replaces.

6—Diseases of Animals Acts—Superintendent Hopkins reported that the Borough was entirely free from contagious disease amongst animals.

7—Fire Brigade—The Fire Brigade Captain reported that on the 1st instant, the Brigade was called out to a fire at 6 Victoria Street, St. Paul's. Damage £5. Buildings only insured. Expenses, £1 12s. 3d.

On the 16th instant, to a fire in a temporary building at the new Town Hall. Damage, £2. Extinction expenses, £3 1s.

On the 25th instant, to a building in New Street, at the rear of the Royal Oak Inn. Damage, £150, Extinction expenses, £3. 6s. 6d. Buildings and contents insured.

On the recommendation of the Water Committee, Resolved, That all matters relating to the Fire Brigade be transferred to and dealt with in future by the Water Committee.

8—Hackney Carriage Driver's Licence--Resolved, To accede to an application from Mr. Henry Widdows, of No. 19, Edward Street, for a licence to drive a hackney carriage.

9--Hackney Carriages—Resolved, To accede to applications received from Mr. Frederick Jones, of Clarence Mews, and Mr. W. Hammond, of No. 6, Tivoli Street, for a transfer of Hackney Carriage licence No 2, from the former to the latter

10---Church Street Offices --On the recommendation of the Borough Surveyor, Resolved, To authorise him to make some improvements in the lighting of the rooms in Church Street, used by the Depot Clerks, and also to enlarge the Window in his own room with the same object.

11-Numbering of Winchcomb Street—The Borough Surveyor submitted a plan for the re-numbering of the houses in Winchcomb Street, Resolved, The same be approved and that notices requiring such re-numbering be given to the owners and occupiers.

12—Town Hall—Read a letter from Mr. A. Brome Wilson, Secretary of the New Club Ball Committee, enquiring terms for the new Town Hall, for a Ball, on the 20th January, 1904, and for the Cotswold Hunt Ball, on the 22nd January. Resolved, That Mr. Wilson be informed that the new Town Hall can be used on the two dates mentioned, viz. from 12 noon on the 20th to 12 noon on the 21st, and from 12 noon on the 22nd to 12 noon on the following clay, on payment of £250 for each ball, including lighting, subject to the other terms and conditions as to furniture, lighting, &c., attached to the letting for the Cotswold Ladies' and Invitation Fancy Dress Balls.

Read, letters from Mr. C. E. Rainger, Hon. Secretary of the Cheltenham Philharmonic Society, applying for the use of the Town Hall, on 28th January next, for a concert ; ale, from Mr. J. A. Matthews, enquiring the terms for the use of the building for concerts. Resolved, That Mr. Rainer and Mr. Matthews be informed that they can have the Town Hall for is concert on payment of £15 15s., inclusive of lighting and the use of such chairs as may be delivered.

An application was received from the Cheltenham Entre Nous Society for the use of the Refreshment Room, for a dinner, on the 10th proximo. Resolved, That the applications be acceded to on payment of £3 3s. 0d., including use of kitchen (for warming), lighting, and necessary cloak room accommodation.

Read a letter from the Hon. Secretary of the Central Club, asking for the use of the Town Hall for a Ball, on one day in January, next, Resolved, That Mr. Pates be informed that the charge for the large hall, from 12 noon on one day to 12 noon out the following day, with use of the rooms on one side of the building only, is £40, or for the Drawing Room, with other rooms on the same side of the Great Hall, £15, including lighting.

Custodian—Resolved, That applications be invited by advertisement in the local papers for a Custodian for the new Town Hall and Winter Gardens, at a salary of £80 per annum, he to give his whole time to the duties of the office, and to take entire charge of the buildings, including the charge of the letting of the same,

13—Volunteer Employees—Read the letter from Councillor Rickerby asking that employees of the Corporation, who are members of a volunteer corps, be allowed to attend parades or musketry practice, without having any portion of their salaries or wages deducted, should such attendances take place in ordinary working hours, subject to the production of a certificate from the Commanding Officer. Resolved, That the request be acceded to, subject to the permission, in each case, of the chief officer of the department being obtained, and to the certificate mentioned of the Commanding Officer.

14—Collection of Fossils—Read letters from Mr. S. S. Buckman, Hon. Secretary of the Cotteswold Field Club, offering for the acceptance of the Council a cabinet of Fossils, for placing in the Library or Art Gallery, subject to a small tablet being placed thereon, notifying the presentation, and that the collection was made by the late Rev. Edward Cornford. On the recommendation of the Art Gallery Committee, Resolved, That this offer be accepted with thanks.

J. C. GRIFFITH,

Chairman.



### **LECKHAMPTON HILL RIGHTS COMMITTEE.**

**At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Thursday, the 26th November, 1903**—Present: The Mayor, Aldermen Norman and Waghorne, Councillors Baker, Dunce, Bendall, Parsonage, Rickerby and Stroud.

1 --Chairman Resolved, That Councillor Stroud be appointed Chairman of this Committee

2- Leckhampton Committee considered this matt, and Resolved to report thereon to the Council at their next meeting.

HERBERT STROUD,

Chairman.

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### **MINERAL WATERS, BATHS AND RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE.**

**At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 23rd November, 1903**—Present The Mayor, Alderman Norman, Councillors Beaker, Bendall, King-Harman, Stewart and Stroud.

1—Chairman—Resolved, That Councillor Davies be appointed Chairman of this Committee for the ensuing year. In the absence of the Chairman, Resolved, That Councillor King-Harman be appointed Chairman at this Meeting.

2—Montpellier Baths—The Borough Accountant reported that the amount received during the present financial year, was £420 4s. 7d., and the payments (exclusive of repayment of loan and interest) amounted to £374 17s. 11d.

3—Alstone Baths—The Borough Accountant reported that the receipts at these Baths, during the present financial year, were £223 0s. 11d., and the expenditure (exclusive of sinking fund repayments and interest) amounted to £316 1s. 3d.

The Borough Surveyor reported that he had received a satisfactory report from the Vulcan Boiler Insurance Company, on the external and internal examination of the two boilers at Alstone. Resolved, To instruct the Borough Surveyor to report as to the best means of improving the lighting of the Swimming Bath at Alstone.

Cheltenham and Honeybourne Railway—With reference to the alterations which will be necessitated at the Alstone Baths by the construction of the Cheltenham and Honeybourne Railway, and as to which an arrangement was came to last year, that the G.W.R. Company should carry out the works according to a plan and specification prepared by the Borough Surveyor, Read, a letter from the Company's Surveyor suggesting that it would be more satisfactory to the Corporation as well as to the Company if the latter paid the Corporation the estimated cost of carrying out the work instead of the Company doing it themselves. Resolved, That the arrangement already come to between the Council and the Company be adhered to.

4—Mineral Water Wells at Pittville—The Borough Surveyor reported that be thought it desirable that the works necessary to be done to the wells, &c., at Pittville, should be carried out by him and

not by contract. Resolved, That this course be approved, and that the men employed on the work be insured against accident while so employed in such sums as the Borough Surveyor thinks necessary.

M. J. KING-HARMAN, Chairman.

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

**At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Friday, the 27th November, 1903**—Present The Mayor, Alderman Col. Rogers, Councillors Baker, Bence, Gridley, Ley Wood and Steel (Alderman Col. Rogers in the chair).

1—Chairman Resolved, That Alderman Col. Rogers be appointed Chairman of this Committee for the ensuing year.

2—Superintendent's Report—The Superintendent asked the Committee to consider the advisability of planting some trees on the South and East sides of the new ground at the Cemetery. Resolved, To adjourn consideration of the matter for a meeting to be held at the Cemetery, on Wednesday next.

3--Designs— Resolved, That the following designs be approved, viz:- Memorial Cross to Emma Jane and Elizabeth Anna Kemp ; Kerbings and inscriptions to Henry Short and Mary Barnes; Memorial to Timothy Neems

4—Browne Clayton Graves--Read, a letter from Messrs. Hopwood & Sons, asking whether they might continue to keep these graves in order for 30s per annum, as they had done for many years past. Resolved, That Messrs. Hopwood be instructed accordingly.

RICHARD ROGERS,  
Chairman.

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**At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Wednesday, the 2nd December, 1903**—Present Alderman Rogers, Councillors Baker, Gridley, Ley Wood and Steel (Alderman Rogers in the chair).

5-Trees—The Committee visited the Cemetery. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have 30 trees of various suitable sorts (to be selected by the Chairman and Councillor Ley Wood) planted round the South and East boundaries of the land last added to the Cemetery and to have the almond tree, damaged in the recent ales replaced by another of a similar kind.

RICHARD ROGERS,  
Chairman.

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

**At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 24th November, 1903**—Present The Mayor, Alderman Colonel Rogers, Councillors King-Harman, Laurence, Stewart, Stroud, The Baron de Ferrieres, The Revs. J. Evans, J. A. Owen, A. C. Turberville, and A. Beynon-Phillips, Messrs. A. Beckingsale, J. G. Carr, C. Hayward, E. C. Rogers, G. H. Palmer, and A. Mann (Councillor King-Harman in the chair).

1—Chairman—Resolved, That Councillor King-Harman be appointed Chairman of this Committee for the ensuing year.

2—Librarian's Report—The Monthly Report of the Librarian was read. Receipts, £7 1s. 2d. Presentations to the Library :—Major-General Babbage, 5 vols. ; Agent-General for Natal, 1 vol. ; Hampton's Directory Co., 1 vol.

3—Appointment of Sub-Committee—Resolved, That the following be appointed to act as the Sub-Committee for the ensuing year :—Alderman Colonel Rogers, Councillors King-Harman and Lawrence, Rev. J. Evans, and Messrs. C. Hayward and G. H. Palmer.

4—Medical Library—Read, a letter from Dr. Johns accepting, on behalf of the Medical Library Committee, the terms offered by this Committee for the provision of accommodation for the Medical Library at the Public Library.

5—Librarian—Resolved, To accede to an application from Mr. Jones, the Librarian, for three weeks' leave of absence on account of his health.

M. J. KING-HARMAN,

Chairman.

#### FINANCE COMMITTEE.

**At a meeting of this Committee, held on Friday, the 27th November, 1903**—Present The Mayor, Alderman Waghorne, Pence, King-Harman, Handley, Rickerby, Steel and Stroud (Alderman Waghorne in the chair).

1—Chairman, Resolved, That Alderman Waghorne be appointed Chairman of this Committee for the ensuing year.

2 -- Loans—The Town Clerk and Borough Accountant reported as to the steps they had taken to obtain the loans required.

Read, a letter from the Secretary of the Cheltenham and Gloucestershire Permanent Mutual Benefit Building Society, asking for an increase in the rate of interest, on the sum of £8,000 lent to the Corporation. Resolved, That interest be increased from 3 ½ per cent. to 3 5/8 per cent.

Read, a letter from the Rev. R. N. Bricknell and Mr. W. N. Skillicorne, requiring repayment of the sum of £700, secured by Corporation Debenture.

JOHN WAGHORNE, Chairman.

**At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 1st December, 1903**—Present : The Mayor, Aldermen Skillicorne and Waghorne, Councillors Bence, King-Harman Handley, Steel, Stroud, Alderman Waghorne in the chair).

3—General District Rate —The Report Borough Accountant, dated the 1st inst., on the collection of the second instalment of this rate, was read. Amount collected, £5,589 4s. 7d., leaving outstanding £18,295 0s. 4 ½ d.

4—Water Rate—The Report of the Borough Accountant on the collection of this rate was read. Amount received, £3,163 3s. 3d., leaving outstanding £7,795 10s. 2d.

5—Loans—Resolved, That the Common Seal be affixed to a Mortgage to the Royal Liver Friendly Society for securing the repayment of £18,500 by 30 equal annual instalments of principal and interest combined. Resolved, That the Trustees of the Royal Liver be and they are hereby authorised to pay the sum of £18,500 (being the amount to be advanced by them to the Town Council) to Lloyds Bank, Limited, Exchange Branch, Liverpool, the agents for Francis Frederick Leaver, Esq., Treasurer of the Borough of Cheltenham, in exchange for a Mortgage under the Common Seal of the said Borough to secure the said sum of £18,500 and interest.

6--Accounts—The financial statement of the Receipts and Expenditure since the last meeting, and the bills and accounts to be paid were examined and the latter amounting to £13,868 15s. 10d. ordered to be paid by the Borough Treasurer.

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

The following was the General Statement

Overdrawn on the 27th October	£138,216 15 0
Paid since that date	£ <u>10,217 12 11</u>
	£148,434 7 11
Received since that date	£ <u>15,606 17 10</u>
Overdrawn	£132,767 10 1
Being Bank Loan Account No. 2	£132,485 15 1
Do. No. 3	£ <u>23,000 0 0</u>
	£155,485 15 1
Less Balance General Account in hand	£ <u>5,651 16 8</u>
	£149,832 18 5
Less Sinking Funds in hand	£ <u>17,065 8 4</u>
	£132,767 10 1

7—Loan for Working Balance for Education—Resolved, That the recommendation of the Education Committee that application be made to the Local Government Board under the provisions of the Education (Provision of Working Balances) Act, 1903, for sanction to borrow a loan of £2,000, under Section 19 of the Education Act, 1902, be approved.

8—Coltham Fields Infants' School—Resolved, That the resolution of the Education Committee, that a provisional contract be made for the purchase from Messrs. Webb Brothers, Ltd., of a piece of land in Hales Road, having 80 feet frontage and a depth of 125 feet, for the sum of £300, to provide a site for a new Infants' School be approved.

JOHN WAGHORNE, Chairman.

## Borough of Cheltenham

### Report of the Borough Electrical Engineer on the Electrical Undertaking.

MUNICIPAL OFFICES, 28TH OCTOBER, 1903.

To the Chairman and Members of the Lighting- Committee.

GENTLEMEN, In considering whether an Electric Supply Undertaking has been economically laid down and is economically run, the usual criteria are the capital cost per kilowatt capacity and the revenue cost per unit sold. From table I., which accompanies this report, and which gives a large number of data for the 54 High Pressure Stations included in the cost sheets of " The Electrical Times " of the 24th ult., it will be seen that the average value of the capital cost per kilowatt was £86.0, and the average value of the revenue cost per unit sold was 2.08 pence the corresponding figures for Cheltenham are £74.8 and 1.57 pence.

The total capital expenditure of the 54 Stations was £8,756,697 and the total capacity in kilowatts was 111,634, giving a capital cost per kilowatt of £78.4 ; the total revenue cost was £488,420 and the total quantity of energy sold was 72,683,043 units, giving a revenue cost per unit of 1.61 pence. These figures represent what may be called the weighted averages—that is to say, they are figures influenced by Stations in proportion to their sizes. It will be seen, however, that the Cheltenham figures are better than the average figures of the 54 Stations in whichever way the average figures are calculated.

The " capital cost per kilowatt capacity " of an undertaking is obtained by dividing the sum of the capital costs of the Station proper and of the Outside Works by the capacity of the Station: it will be obvious that the larger the amount spent on Outside Works in comparison with that spent on the Station the higher must be the " capital cost per kilowatt capacity " and the more unfavourable must be the position of the undertaking in any table giving comparative " capital costs per kilowatt capacity." In Cheltenham the Outside Works cost approximately £83,800 out of the total capital expenditure of £148,000 : I believe that this is an unusually large proportion of the total ; but, notwithstanding it, the £74.8 for this town is below the average.

The large expenditure of £83,800 upon Outside Works is, of course, due partly to the street lighting and partly to the very large and scattered area we have to supply : this expenditure on Outside Works may be divided as follows, viz. :—

Private Supply ...	£48,500
Public Lighting ...	£32,700
Traction ...	£2,625

the revenue earning capacity (rates of charge being assumed constant) of the Private Supply Outside Works is much greater than the revenue earned—i.e., we have yet to realize the full benefit

of this expenditure : the revenue earning capacity of the Public Lighting Outside Works is more than the revenue earned but not to a large extent so: the Traction Outside Works are sufficient to supply the contemplated Traction Extensions in addition to the present line so that the revenue earning capacity of the Traction Outside Works is about double the revenue at present earned. The following small Table is an extract from Table I. and gives the revenue costs per unit sold for the six High Pressure Stations with outputs between one and one-and-a-half million units per annum.

Town.	Units Sold.	Cost per Unit. Pence.
Cardiff ...	1,005,763	0.967
Derby ...	1,287,619	1.564
Huddersfield	1,298,255	1.435
Hull ...	1,490,099	2.353
Leicester ...	1,425,713	1.455
South Shields	1,148,965	1.162
Averages	1,276,069	1.656
Cheltenham ...	1,287,421	1.569

I think that the foregoing data afford an effective answer to the allegations frequently made that this Undertaking has been badly managed both as regards capital and revenue.

Tables II. & III., which accompany this Report, give some additional data regarding the 54 Stations before referred to: here I will only mention that for Cheltenham the charges for interest and sinking fund for last year were 6.73 per cent. on the average capital of the year, whereas the average of the corresponding values for the other Stations was 5.70 per cent. and the average value for the total capital was 5.59 per cent. For a 25-year loan the sinking fund rate is £2 14s. 10d. or £2 11s. 4d. according as the rate of interest obtainable is 3 or 3 ½ per cent. : if we borrow at an average rate of interest of 3 ½ and lend at an average rate of 3 7/8 per cent. the total capital charges will be £6.44 per cent. as compared with the 6.73 per cent. actually charged.

At March 31, 1902, the capital raised by loan (other than overdraft) was £44,261, and the average rate of interest upon it was 2.94 per cent the corresponding figures for March 31, 1903, were £67,931. and 3.11 per cent. : even if we assume that the loan account stood at £44,261 till practically the end of the year under consideration, the total interest payable upon this and upon the balance of the year's average capital (borrowed by overdraft at 4 per cent.) would be £5,294 as against the £5,498 charged, and, of course, the earlier in the year was the further borrowing on loan made the lower would be the interest to be paid.

Again, as regards the interest charged on the revenue deficit, the amount actually invested for Sinking Fund at March 31 last was £10,010 and, since no interest on the balance was credited to Sinking Fund Account, it would appear that the balance was not actually raised or obtained from the Bank : under these circumstances the £777 charged for interest on the deficit appears to me to require explanation.

In Table IV. I have given the detailed allocation of capital between :

Private Supply Works ...	£88,145
Public Lighting Works ...	£47,771
Traction Works	£12,112

and, as particular interest has been shown as regards our expenditure in connection with traction supply, I have supplemented this Table with a memorandum dealing fully with the capital expenditure upon this part of our work. In the following Table I give the gross annual amounts to be paid as charges upon capital and the corresponding values per unit sold for the quantities sold in the year ending March 31<sup>st</sup>. last :

Capital.	At 6 ¾ per cent.		At 6/9/- per cent	
	Amount	Pence	Amount	Pence
		per Unit		per Unit
Private Supply ... 88,145	5,950	3.28	5,685	3.14
Public Lighting 47,771	3,225	1.25	3,081	1.2
Traction... 12,112	818	0.83	781	0.8

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In Table V. I have set out a detailed Statement showing the quantity of energy generated, the quantities sold for different purposes, the quantity used in the Works, Office, &c., and the allocation of this quantity in respect to its use in production of the quantities sold ; from this Statement it will be seen that the total quantity generated must be allocated as follows, viz :—

	UNITS.
Private Supply ...	717,267
Public Lighting ... ..	687,427
Traction ..	<u>249,540</u>
	1,654,234

The actual losses in distribution for Public Lighting and Traction were about 70,000 units and 6,000 units respectively: these quantities are included in the "quantities sold" because the Public Lighting energy is metered at the Works and because the Light Railway Company paid (last year) for both the energy received and the energy lost in the feeders between the Works and the meters in Manchester Street Substation. The distribution loss for Private Supply is relatively large because, supply being continuous throughout day and night, the transformers are magnetized for about 8,700 hours per annum, and because the very scattered area of supply necessitates the use of a large number of transformers.

With reference to the quantity of energy used in the Works, &c., I may remark that most of our auxiliary plant is driven by electric motors in order to avoid the use of small (and inefficient) steam-driven plant as much as possible.

Now as to the cost of the energy generated—the total Works' cost for the year ending on 31<sup>st</sup> March last was £5,986, or 0.875 pence per unit generated : as is well known, however, the cost of producing energy depends on, and varies with, the ratio of the quantity generated to the maximum

rate at which supply is demanded and to discriminate between costs of supply for different purposes it is necessary to divide the total cost of generation into two parts, viz :--

1.—Constant or Stand-By Cost. 2.-Variable or Running Cost.

The former is the total cost of running the Works' machinery under precisely the same conditions as obtain when giving supply except for the important difference that no supply is actually given —it represents the cost of being always ready to give supply required; the latter is the additional cost of actually giving the supply required.

Analysis of the Works' costs for the two light-load and two heavy-load quarters of last year proves that our Stand-By Cost was £4,263 for the year and that our Running Cost was 0.25 pence per unit generated : the graphical mode of obtaining these figures, which I have carefully checked means of the Works' weekly revenue sheets, is shown on the wall diagram.

This Stand-By Cost, though virtually due for the most part to Private Supply (the original, and still principal, reason for the Corporation being Undertakers for Electric Supply), may be allocated pro rata with the maximum loads thrown on the Works by the three different classes of supply, viz:-

	Maximum Load Kilovolt-Amperes	Stand-By Cost
Private Supply ...	556 ... ..	£2,310
Public Lighting... ..	310 ... ..	£1,288
Traction ... ..	160 ... ..	<u>£ 665</u>
		£4,263

The total Distribution Costs were £651, of which about £322 was on account of Private Supply and about £329 on account of Public Lighting : no expenditure was incurred for Distribution on account of Traction.

The total Costs for Management, Rents, Rates, Taxes, Insurances, &c. was £1,782 : these expenses are influenced more by variation in the number of customers to be dealt with than by

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the quantities of energy sold. I consider that a fair allocation will result from division of this cost pro rata with the numbers of customers in the different classes, taking Public Lighting (which entails a good deal of work) as equivalent to 200 customers and Traction (which entails little work) as equivalent to 100customers : this allocation results as follows, viz :—

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	Management, &c.
Customers	Cost.
Private Supply _ . ... 700	£1,248
Public Lighting .. 200 ... ..	£ 356
Traction . _ _ . ... 100 ...	£ 178
	£1,782
Summarising, the total Stand-By Costs allocation is	
Private Supply ...	£3880
Public Lighting ..	£1973
Traction ...	£ 843
	£6696
The total Running Costs for the year were as follows, viz. :—	
Units	Cost at 1d. per
Generated.	Unit Generated.
Private Supply _ 717,267	747
Public Lighting 687,427	716
Traction 249,540	260
	Cost per Unit Sold
Total Cost.	Pence
Private Supply ... £4,627	2.55
Public Lighting ...£2,689	1.05
Traction ... £1,103	1.12
Adding the actual Capital Charges for the year, the total costs become—	
	Per Unit Sold.
	Pence.
Private Supply ... £10,429	5.76
Public Lighting ... £5,834	2.27
Traction ... £1,900	1.94
The total receipts for energy sold were-	
	Per Unit Sold.
£	Pence.
Private Supply ... £8,428	4.65
Public Lighting ... £4,906	1.91
Traction ... £1,863	1.90
hence, upon the allocations hereinbefore specified in detail, the actual losses upon last year's working were—	
Private Supply £2,001	
Public Lighting £ 928	
Traction £ 37	

these allocations favour Private Supply and Public Lighting at the expense of Traction. The total loss on last year's working, excluding interest on the deficit, was £2,966 this would have been £1,475 had our capital charges been 5 70 (the average for the Stations dealt with in my Tables) per cent. on the average capital of the year.

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In connection with the annual loss and the accumulated deficit, it should be remembered that it has always been the policy of the Council, rightly as I think, to do the Public Lighting at practically cost price and ultimately at less than cost price; that within the last year or two, our capital charges have increased nearly 1 per cent. ; that the cost of coal is now about 35 per cent. higher than when we started work ; that we have supplied the Public Library from the start at a loss-29,347 units having been supplied in the last five years for £240, or at 1.96d. per unit ; and, finally, that our large network of private supply mains has entailed a large amount of only partially reproductive expenditure.

I think it is clear that, since there is no immediate prospect of a fall in the cost of money and since coal is unlikely to become cheaper, an increased charge should be made for Public Lighting—an increase of £1,000 per annum would give us a profit and still leave the price per lamp much lower than is usual.

I do not now recommend an increase in the charge for Traction Supply, because a new Agreement will be required directly the extensions have been completed, but notice should be given to the Company that we shall require a revised agreement about next May. With regard to Private Supply, I recommend that our present Sliding Scale of Charges for energy be charged to the following Scale, viz :—

- 1.—The price of energy to any customer to be 6d. per unit for any quantity not exceeding that corresponding to 400 hours' supply per annum at his maximum demand rate.
- 2.—The price of energy to be 2d. per unit for any additional quantity up to that corresponding to a further 200 hours' supply per annum at his maximum demand rate.
- 3.—The price of energy to be 1d. per unit for any additional quantity supplied per annum.

Experience has shown that many of our customers find considerable difficulty in understanding both the basis and the operation of our present Scale ; I hope that this Report will make clear the rational principle, upon which all Maximum Demand Systems of Charging are based, and that the new Scale will be easily understood as regards its operation.

I recommend also that we use our power (under the Provisional Order and the Confirming Act) of charging 13s 4d as a minimum per quarter to all future customers.

These recommendations will involve some notice, say till March, being given to the customers concerned ; and, if Sir William Preece is called in as Consultant, I shall be glad to discuss the matter fully with him and to lay before him technical data, with which I cannot deal in this Report, regarding the Undertaking.

In conclusion I may say that I shall be very pleased if an Engineer of eminence—as Sir William Preece—is called in.

Yours faithfully,

HAMILTON KILGOUR.

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#### CAPITAL EXPENDITURE re TRACTION.

The value of the Works' Buildings is £15,170: the buildings will hold the following additional plant, viz.:—

2 550 K.W. Turbo-Alternators.

2 Babcock Boilers.

2 Galloway Boilers.

Condensing Plant for 3 Turbo-Alternators.

1 Battery of Accumulators.

When this plant is installed the total plant capacity will be 3,200 Kilowatts, of which 320 will be the full load capacity of the traction plant hence, allocating pro rata with plant capacity, the value of the buildings to be debited against the traction plant is £1,517.

The value of the Boiler House Plant is £8,470 : the capacity of this plant is 47,000 lbs. of steam per hour, and the maximum demand for steam by the traction plant, of which—under the present Agreement only one set is to run except on special holidays—is 5,300 lbs. per hour. Assuming that spare boiler power to the extent of 50 per cent. is to be debited against the traction plant the total value of Boiler House Plant to be charged is, allocating pro rata to capacity,

The value of the Engine Room Plant for traction is £4,130 this allocation takes no account of the fact that the engines had had about 4 years' use prior to conversion for traction, but debits traction with the costs of all plant as new and, in addition, with all costs of conversion and alteration. The value of the Engine Room Plant for exciting, charging the accumulators, supplying the motors, &c., is £2,890 the traction sets are self-exciting but may be debited with £300 on the other grounds. The total Engine-Room debit is, therefore, £4,430.

The value of Condensing Plant No. 1 is £3,386: this plant deals with the exhaust steam from engines of 970 kilowatts total capacity, of which the traction sets represent 320, hence allocating pro rata with capacity traction must be debited with £1,120.

The value of Condensing Plant No. 2 is £2,704: this plant is, and can only be, used for the turbines.

The value of the pipe-work, valves, &c., is £2,920: allocating pro rata to the present total capacities of the plants £420 must be debited against traction.

The value of the accumulators is £1,664: this plant is mainly used in connection with the alternating current plant; but, continuing to allocate pro rata with capacity of plant installed, £240 may be debited against traction.

The value of the overhead cranes, cables, &c., is £1,745: allocating as before, £250 may be charged against traction.

For office furniture, Works and Town Offices, &c., a maximum allocation will be £100,

The actual expenditure on mains, substations, meters, &c., was £2,625.

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Capital Expenditure re Traction (continued).

SUMMARY OF EXPENDITURE AND ALLOCATIONS.

Buildings	£1,517
Boiler-House Plant	£1,410
Engine-Room Plant	£4,430
Condensing Plant	£1,120
Pipe-Work, &c.	£ 420
Accumulators ..	£ 240
Cranes, &c.	£ 250
Furniture, &c.	£ 100
Mains, Substation, &c. ...	<u>£2,625</u>
	£12,112

In my opinion the foregoing total, .viz.: £12,112, is at least £800 too large ; but, since in my original estimates (upon which the present Agreement is based) I took £12,100 as the total capital expenditure (including larger mains than actually laid) in connection with supply for traction I will use this value in calculating interest and sinking fund charges.

Before leaving the subject of capital expenditure I may add that the total actual expenditure incurred for the specific purpose of traction supply was less than £4,600.

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TABLE 1

Town.	Year.	Reference to "Lightning"		Capital Expenditure at end of year.	Capacity in K.W. at end of year.
		Vol.	Page.	£	
Ayr ...	1901-2	23	141	78999	1125
Barrow	1902-3	24	383	67373	525
Bath ..	1901-2	24	384	109428	1,500
Beckenham ..		23	262	62279	300
5 Bedford (a) ...	1901-2	23	263	88,475	860
Birmingham ...	1902-3	24	61	588,323	4,760
Blackburn	1901-2	22	96	143,521	2,293
Blackpool	1902-3	23	951	177,766	3,050
Bolton	1902-3	24	60	207,482	3,700
10 Bristol	1902-3	23	880	453,290	5,036
Burton	1902-3	23	1,030	57,981	810
Cardiff	1901-2	22	795	119,566	1,310
Cheltenham	1902-3			148,028	1,980
Coventry	1901-2	22	868	78,442	550
15 Croydon	1901-2	22	500	212,389	3,215
Derby	1902-3	24	419	159,657	2,350
Dublin	1901	22	573	110,742	990
Ealing	1902-3	24	320	137,549	1,196
Eastbourne	1901-2	23	181	135,705	1,200
20 Eccles	1902-3	24	384	22,862	305
Edinburgh	1901-2	22	608	765,612	10,477
Exeter	1901	23	153	33,559	675
Halifax	1901-2	22	722	200,466	3,000
Hanley	1901	22	372	79,882	1,224
25 Harrogate	1901-2	22	646	85,523	1,150
Hastings ...	1902	23	653	128,944	1,235
Huddersfield ...	1902	23	652	164,597	3,290
Hull	1901-2	21	916	206,246	2,830
Kingston ...	1902-3	24	177	83,284	665
30 Leeds	1902-3	23	990	671,412	8,740
Leicester ...	1902	23	652	216,232	3,400
Monmouth (a)	1901-2	22	951	14,627	63
Morecambe ...	1901-2	22	722	59,747	700
Morley	1902-3	24	101	25,312	228
35 Newport ...	1901-2	22	795	102,827	1,050
Plymouth ...	1901-2	22	830	110,953	1,800
Portsmouth	1901-2	22	760	202,062	2,336
Redditch	1902	23	917	19,976	335

Salford	1902-3	24	140	490,961	6,400
40 Sheffield	1901-2	22	438	538,502	4,750
Southampton ...	1902-3	24	212	138,259	1,360
Southport ...	1902-3	24	14	172,832	2,350
South Shields	1902-3	23	1,029	145,815	1,600
Sunderland ...	1902-3	24	284	225,997	3,100
45 Taunton (a)...	1902-3	23	804	62,174	1,080
Torquay	1902	24	520	44,946	665
Tunbridge Wells	1901-2	22	20	65,934	1,170
Wakefield	1901-2	22	867	43,581	736
Wallasey	1901-2	23	262	54,637	950
50 Walsall	1902	23	437	56,541	600
West Ham	1901-2	22	181	131,312	3,100
Wimbledon	1901-2	22	257	85,964	1,060
Worcester	1902	23	615	114,815	1,725
Yarmouth	1901-2	23	182	53,309	735
				8,756,697	111,634

ENERGY (in Thousands of Units) SOLD PER ANNUM.						
At end of year. Capital Expenditure in K.W.	Private Supply.					
Capacity						
	Lighting.		Power, &c.		Total.	
		% of		% of		% of
	Quantity	Total.	Quantity	Total.	Quantity	Total.
Ayr	70.2	163	24.9	30	4.6	193
Barrow	128.3	282	69.8	90	22.4	372
Bath	73	...	...	...	...	493
Beckenham	207.6	138	69.3	35	17.3	173
5 Bedford (a) ...	102.9	383	52.6	134	18.5	517
Birmingham ...	123.6	...	...	...	...	3737
Blackburn	62.6	...	...	...	...	654
Blackpool	58.3	...	...	...	...	965
Bolton	56.1	...	...	...	..	1344
10 Bristol	90	2245	65.8	689	20.2	2,934
Burton	71.5	...	...	...	...	259
Cardiff	91.3	...	...	...	...	846
Cheltenham	74.8	429	33.3	6	0.4	435
Coventry .	142.6	...	...	...	...	340
15 Croydon	66.1	...	...	...	...	988

Derby	67.9	...	...	...	...	995
Dublin	111.9	...	...	...	...	473
Ealing	115	...	...	...	...	586
Eastbourne	113.1	...	...	...	...	517
20 Eccles	75	...	...	...	...	112
Edinburgh	73.1	5126	66.1	1320	17	6446
Exeter	49.7	...	...	...	...	296
Halifax	66.8	...	...	...	...	620
Hanley	65.3	...	...	...	...	547
25 Harrogate	74.4	...	...	...	...	559
Hastings ...	104.4	...	...	...	...	576
Huddersfield ...	50	...	...	...	...	1208
Hull	72.9	...	...	...	...	...
Kingston ...	125.2	...	...	...	...	313
30 Leeds	76.8	...	...	...	...	4324
Leicester ...	63.6	1334	93 .6	92	6 .4	1426
Monmouth (a)	232.2	16	24	4	5.8	19
Morecambe ...	85.4	...	...	...	...	133
Morley	111	48	42.7	31	27.4	79
35 Newport ...	97.9	...	...	...	...	446
Plymouth ...	61.6	...	...	...	...	243
Portsmouth	86.5	...	...	...	...	1410
Redditch	59.6	...	...	...	...	138
Salford	76.7	...	...	...	...	1243
40 Sheffield	113.4	2,049	82.4	439	17.6	2488
Southampton ...	101.7	...	...	...	...	624
Southport ...	73.5	...	...	...	...	846
South Shields	91.1	...	...	...	...	760
Sunderland ...	72.9	...	...	...	...	1217
45 Taunton (a)...	57.6	...	...	...	...	272
Torquay	67.6	...	...	...	...	188
Tunbridge Wells	56.4	...	...	...	...	447
Wakefield	59.2	...	...	...	...	253
Wallasey	57.5	...	...	...	...	314
50 Walsall ●●●	94.2	...	...	...	...	328
West Ham	42.4	...	...	...	...	1319
Wimbledon	81.1	...	...	...	...	360
Worcester	66.6	...	...	...	...	524
Yarmouth	72.5	...	...	...	...	359
	4642.6					

Table 1 cont.

ENERGY (in Thousands of Units) SOLD PER ANNUM.						
At end of year. Capital Expenditure in K.W.	Street Lighting.		Traction.			
Capacity					Total.	
		% of		% of		
	Quantity	Total,	Quantity	Total.		
Ayr	29.5	330	50.3	132	20.2	656
Barrow	92.2	31	7.8	...	...	403
Bath	56.1	385	43.9	...	...	878
Beckenham	86.7	27	13.3	...	...	199
5 Bedford (a) ...	71.1	211	28.9	...	...	728
Birmingham ...	100	...	...	...	...	3737
Blackburn	32.6	172	8.6	1,176	58.8	2002
Blackpool	44.5	266	12.3	938	43.2	2169
Bolton	35.3	11	0.3	2448	64.4	3803
10 Bristol	86	476	14	...	...	3410
Burton	100	...	...	...	...	259
Cardiff	84.1	160	15.9	...	...	1006
Cheltenham	33.8	617	47.9	235	18.3	1287
Coventry .	84	65	16	...	...	405
15 Croydon	54.6	479	26.5	343	18.9	1810
Derby	77.3	293	22.7	...	...	1288
Dublin	75.6	153	24.4	..	...	626
Ealing	67.8	279	32.2	...	...	865
Eastbourne	96.7	18	3.3	...	...	534
20 Eccles	65.9	58	34.1	...	...	170
Edinburgh	83.1	1314	16.9	...	...	7760
Exeter	81	69	19	...	..	365
Halifax	24.2	73	2.9	1864	72.9	2558
Hanley	78.4	151	21.6	...	...	698
25 Harrogate	86.2	90	13.8	...	...	649
Hastings ...	71.6	228	28.4	...	...	804
Huddersfield ...	93	91	7	...	...	1298
Hull	...	...	...	...	...	1490
Kingston ...	79.6	80	20.4	...	...	393
30 Leeds	97.2	125	2.8	...	...	4449
Leicester ...	100	...	...	...	...	1426
Monmouth (a)	29.8	46	70.2	...	...	65
Morecambe ...	65.3	70	34.7	...	...	203
Morley	70.1	34	29.9	...	...	113
35 Newport ...	77	133	23	--		578



Plymouth ...	29.2	115	13.8	474	.. 57.0	832
Portsmouth	76.3	438	23.7	...	...	1848
Redditch	614	87	38.6			225
Salford	26.1	150	3.2	3,370	70.8	4764
40 Sheffield	100	...	...	...	...	2488
Southampton ...	36	130	7.5	977	56.4	1732
Southport ...	51.3	133	8	672	40.7	1651
South Shields	66.1	389	33.9	...	...	1149
Sunderland ...	42.7	295	10.4	1,336	46.9	2848
45 Taunton (a)...	52.7	152	29.3	93	18	517
Torquay	71.5	75	28.5	...	...	263
Tunbridge Wells	67.9	212	32.1	...	...	659
Wakefield	76.3	78	23.7	...	...	331
Wallasey	85.7	52	14.3	...	...	366
50 Walsall	73.7	29	6.6	87	1.9.7	444
West Ham	83.3	264	16.7	...	...	1583
Wimbledon	44.6	446	55.4	...	...	806
Worcester	77.9	149	22.1	...	...	673
Yarmouth	86	59	14	...	...	418

Table 1 cont.

	Revenue per unit sold (pence)					
	Load Factor.	Cost per unit sold (pence)	Private Supply.	Street Lighting.	Traction	Average
Ayr	18.3	1.55	4.69	1.4	1.5	2.39
Barrow	10.4	2.09	4.27	3	...	4.17
Bath	12.8	212	4.82	2.41	...	3.77
Beckenham	12.5	3.16	5.2	1.42	...	4.7
5 Bedford (a) ...	14.4	2.74	4.48	3.09	...	4.08
Birmingham ...	10.2	2.1	4.15		...	4.15
Blackburn	16.3	1.48	3.83	1.18	1.5	2.24
Blackpool	14.3	1.76	413	4.16	1.82	3.13
Bolton	18.9	0.81	315	3.26	1.4	2.02
10 Bristol	13.8	1.7	3.53	2.89	...	3.44
Burton	9.3	2.53	4.78		...	4.78

Cardiff	12.1	1.97	3.76	2.22	...	3.52
Cheltenham	14.3	1.57	4.65	1.91	1.9	2.83
Coventry .	12	2.44	3.99	2.43	...	3.74
15 Croydon	14	1.82	4.39	2.48	2	3.43
Derby	13.4	1.56	3.61	1.77	...	3.19
Dublin	9.9	3.83	5.7	2.49	...	4.92
Ealing	14.3	2.06	5.61	2.69	...	4.67
Eastbourne	11.9	2.71	6.78	8.33	...	6.83
20 Eccles	13	2.82	4.34	1.96	...	3.53
Edinburgh	14.8	107	2.96	1.25	...	2.67
Exeter	10	3.49	5.76	2.57	...	5.15
Halifax	16.4	1.47	3.44	3	1.88	2.29
Hanley	11.8	2.75	4.63	2.37	...	4.14
25 Harrogate	141	2.06	4.35	1.5	...	3.96
Hastings ...	15.2	2.49	5	3.55	...	4.59
Huddersfield ...	10.5	1.43	3.89	1.43	...	3.72
Hull	8.3	2.35	3.83		...	3.78
Kingston ...	12.4	2.84	5.43	1.96	...	4.72
30 Leeds	12.3	0.89	3.06	1.51	...	3.02
Leicester ...	9.1	1.45	3.87		...	3.87
Monmouth (a)	16.9	2.65	5.42	1.5	...	2.67
Morecambe ...	71	3.31	4.89	5.89	...	5.24
Morley	10.8	3.33	4.13	2.11	...	3.53
35 Newport ...	10.2	1.84	5.1	1.76	...	4.33
Plymouth ...	13.8	2.19	4.51	2.43	3.37	3.57
Portsmouth	12.3	2.11	4.25	2	...	3.72
Redditch	13.7	2.52	2.92	2.25	...	2.66
Salford	21.8	0.93	3.09	1.35	1.95	2.23
40 Sheffield	12.3	1.31	3.65	...	...	3.65
Southampton ...	15.7	1.6	5.19	2.62	2	3.2
Southport ...	15.3	1.1	4.05	1.62	1.69	2.89
South Shields	15.8	116	3.94	1.42	...	3.09
Sunderland ...	17.9	1.5	3.46	1.21	2	2.54
45 Taunton (a)...	12.8	1.54	4.17	3.24	1.92	3.49
Torquay	12	311	5.33	3.98	...	4.95
Tunbridge Wells	13.4	2.53	4.73	1.75	...	3.77
Wakefield	12.2	1.65	4.32	0.65	...	3.45
Wallasey	13.5	2.38	4.35	2.97	...	4.15
50 Walsall	12.9	2.33	3.85	3.28	2	3.44
West Ham	12.8	1.92	3.41	1.15	...	3.03
Wimbledon	18.1	2.13	5.52	2.11	...	3.63
Worcester	15.1	1.59	4.03	1.98	...	3.58
Yarmouth	9.7	2.72	4.99	2.25	...	4.61

	Table II.					
	Data re Municipal High Pressure Stations, from "The Electrical Times," Sept. 24, 1903.					
				Revenue Received in Year		
TOWN.	Energy Sold in	Total Cost of	Cost per Unit	For Energy	For Meter	-
	Year.	Energy Sold	Sold.	Sold £	Rents, &c. £	100 (2) (1)
	Units.	£	Pence	(1)	(2)	
Ayr	655518	4227	1.548	6527	191	
Barrow	403396	3513	2.09	7012	87	
Bath	878400	7772	2.123	13785	754	
Beckenham	199461	2631	3.166	3903	534	
Bedford (a)	727523	8311	2.742	12361	313	
Birmingham	3737419	32649	2.097	64596	2682	
Blackburn	2002141	12371	1.483	18,647	654	
Blackpool	2169463	15889	1.758	28319	40	
Bolton ...	3802598	12885	0.813	32057	1635	
10 Bristol	3409758	24208	1.704	48844	2529	
Burton ...	258982	2726	2.526	5153	408	
Cardiff ...	1005763	8245	1.967	14733	322	
Cheltenham	1287421	8419	1.569	15188	9	
Coventry	404968	4115	2.439	6312	155	
Croydon	1810387	13738	1.821	25885	672	
Derby ...	1287619	8389	1.564	17137	1319	
Dublin ...	625580	9984	3.83	12816	301	
Ealing ...	865430	7411	2.055	16835	716	
Eastbourne	534431	6032	2.709	15212	859	
Eccles ...	170179	1998	2.818	2505	86	
Edinburgh	7760307	34555	1.069	86348	261	
Exeter ...	365000	5302	3.486	7838	359	
Halifax ...	2557548	15692	1.473	24368	363	
Hanley ...	697602	7990	2.749	12039	303	
Harrogate	648677	5576	2.063	10693	680	
Hastings	803761	8331	2.488	15358	631	
Huddersfield	1298255	7760	1.435	20100	1815	
Hull ...	1490099	14610	2.353	23488	949	
Kingston	392962	4648	2.839	7730	329	
Leeds ...	4448650	16466	0.888	55972	684	
Leicester ...	1425713	8641	1.455	22996	1380	
Monmouth (a)	65051	717	2.645	723	29	
Morcambe	202967	2803	3.314	4429	91	
Morley ...	113102	1569	3.329	1662	61	
35 Newport	578275	4430	1.839	10441	420	

Plymouth	832435	7590	2.188	12393	86	
Portsmouth	1847790	16272	2.113	28619	2295	
Redditch	225143	2363	2.519	2496	77	
Salford ...	4763623	18496	0.932	44224	1000	
Sheffield	2487584	13586	1.311	37802	2029	
Southampton	1732013	11576	1.604	23064	450	
Southport ...	1651456	7597	1.104	19908	52	
South Shields	1148965	5564	1.162	14776	888	
Sunderland	2848283	17841	1.503	30168	489	
Taunton (a)	517018	3316	1.539	7519	416	
Torquay	262981	3412	3.114	5419	262	
Tunbridge Wells	659000	6935	2.526	10358	51	
Wakefield	331183	2278	1.651	4761	189	
Wallasey	366031	3632	2.381	6333	588	
Walsall...	444356	4323	2.335	6378	120	
West Ham	1583421	12692	1.924	20012	110	
Wimbledon	806280	7141	2.126	12203	302	
Worcester	673054	4470	1.594	10035	495	
Yarmouth	<u>418021</u>	<u>4731</u>	<u>2.716</u>	<u>7741</u>	<u>282</u>	
	72683043	488420	1.61	976221	33269	3.41
			112.589			
		<u>112.589</u>				
		54	= 2.085			

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Table IV.				
Capital Allocation at March 31st, 1903.				
	Private.	Public.	Traction	Total
Works' Buildings ...	11,469	2,184	1,517	15,170
Boiler House Plant ...	4,707	2,353	1,410	8,470
Engine Room Plant (directly allocated)	9,794	5,040	4,130	} 26,220
...				
(proportionately allocated) ...	4,969	1,987	300	
Condensing Plant, No.	650	1,616	1,120	3,386
No. 2	2,704	...		2,704
Pipe Work, Valves, &c.	1,786	714	420	2,920
Accumulators... ..	1,017	407	240	1,664
Instruments ...	307	123		430
Cranes, Cable, &c.	1,068	427	250	1,745
Furniture, Tools and Miscellaneous	224	220	100	544
	38,695	15,071	9,487	63,253

Mains, Services, Transformers, Meters, Arc Lamps, Pillars, &c...	48,500	32,700	2,625	83,825
Preliminary Expenses and Expenses re Extension of Area	950			950
	88,145	47,771	12,112	148,028

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Table V.				
STATEMENT OF ENERGY GENERATED, SOLD, &c., IN YEAR ENDING				
MARCH 31ST, 1903.				
Units.	Units.			
I. Quantity used in Works, Offices, &c. 168,800				
(a) Turbo-Alternator Condensing Plant . 89,300				
(b) Reciprocating Engine Condensing Plant 13,700				
(c) Excitation of Alternators 21,500				
(d) Lighting, Testing, &c.... 44,300				
II. Quantity Delivered by Works--				
I. Private Supply ... 632,867				
(a) Sold .. 434,854				
(b) Magnetization Losses, &c. 198,013				
2. Public Lighting ... 617,227				
3. Traction ... 235,340				
Total Energy Generated 1,654,234				
ALLOCATION OF QUANTITY USED IN WORKS, &c.				
		Private Supply.	Public Lighting.	Traction.
I.	(a)	44,650	44,650	6,850
	(b)	6,850		
	(c)	10,750	10,750	
	(d)	22,150	14,800	7,350
		84,400	70,200	11,200