

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 4th January, 1904.

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 14th December, 1903—Present: The Mayor, Aldermen Norman and Skillicorne, Councillors Bence, 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, 8 cases of Scarlet Fever, 3 of Enteric Fever, 8 of Diphtheria and 1 of Erysipelas ; that 6 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 Hospital sent in by the Corporation was 17 of Scarlet Fever, 5 of Diphtheria, 3 of Enteric Fever, and 3 in Quarantine.

2—Insanitary Property—Nos. 94, Tewkesbury Road, 29 and 45, Duke Street, 14, Glenfall Street, and Box Cottage, Pilley Lane. 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.

3—Urinal at The Black Horse Inn, Rosehill Street—The Medical Officer of Health having 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 the urinal, Notice under 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 urinals and execute such structural works of amendment as shall be specified.

4 —Houses without proper Ash Receptacles—The Medical Officer of Health reported that the following houses had no proper ashpits or ash receptacles, viz :—Nos. 8, 9 and 17 Rotunda Terrace, Box Cottage, Pilley Lane and Nos. 30 and 51 Upper Park 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.

5—Cleansing and Disinfecting at No. 14, Glenfall 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 or parts thereof within the time specified in such Notice.

6—Underground Bakehouses—The Medical Officer of Health reported that the whole of the works required to be done to the underground bakehouses of Mr. B. Sims, at No. 1 Northwick Terrace, and Mr. J. Sims, at No. 16 Suffolk Parade, had been carried out to his satisfaction, and he recommended that certificates should be granted enabling the premises to be used as bakehouses after the 1st proximo. Resolved, That the recommendation be approved and certificates issued accordingly.

7—Cleansing and Limewashing at Raymond Cottage, Upper Park Street, and Nos. 13,15, 17, and 23 Upper Park 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 Nos. 24 and 30 Upper Park Street and No. 6 Rosehill 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, and report to the Committee.

9—Water Supply to Water Closet—The Medical Officer of Health reported that the occupier of Caxton House, Grosvenor Street, failed to keep a good supply of water to the flushing apparatus and water closet there. Resolved, That notice be given to the occupier under Sec. 28 of the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1889, requiring him to lay on and keep a good supply of water to such water closet, &c.

10—Seizure and Destruction of Diseased Meat—The Medical Officer of Health reported that on the 28th ultimo, he had seized the carcase of a heifer at the Abattoir, which was found to be affected with tuberculosis and the same was destroyed with the consent of the owner. On the 7th instant, he had seized at the Abattoir and destroyed with the consent of the owner a carcase of mutton which had been affected by malignant disease and was very emaciated.

11—Delancey Hospital—Resolved, That Councillor Bence be nominated one of the representatives of the Council for election as a Trustee of the Delancey Hospital and as a member of the Management Committee of that Institution in place of Councillor Davies, who is no longer a member of this Committee.

12—New Streets and Buildings—The Borough Surveyor laid before the Committee the following notices and plans of intended new buildings, viz :—

No. of Plan.	Name.	Description.
39	T. W. Smith	Six houses in Langdon Road (amended plans)
75	Mrs. J. Teague	Additions to 22 Park Place (amended plans)
96	C. Young	House in Langdon Road
97	T. W. Smith	24 houses in Naunton Lane
98	E. Thomas	Pig Stye in Gloucester Road
99	G. Ballinger	House near Great Western Road

Resolved, That Plan No. 99 be disapproved, that Plan No. 96 be approved, subject to the manure pit in the yard being properly covered, and that the remainder of the 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 21st December, 1903—Present: Aldermen Norman and Skillicorne, Councillors Bence, M. Davis, King-Harman, Lawrence, Parsonage, and Waghorne (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, 4 cases of Scarlet Fever, 1 of Erysipelas, and 2 of Diphtheria; that 4 cases of Scarlet Fever and 1 of Diphtheria had been sent into the Delancey Hospital, and that the number of cases then in the Hospital sent in by the Corporation was 16 of Scarlet Fever, 3 of Diphtheria, and 2 of Enteric Fever.

14—Insanitary Property—Nos. 3, 4, and 5, Kew Place, Bath Road, and Nos. 4, 10, 19, and 23, Rosehill Street—The Medical Officer of Health reported that the above-mentioned premises wore 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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15—Houses without proper Ash Receptacles—The Medical Officer of Health reported that the following houses had no proper ashpits or ash receptacles, viz :-11, 12, and 16, Kew Place, No. 3, Bath Terrace, and 19, Rosehill 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.

16--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.

17—Cleansing and Disinfecting at No. 26, Townsend 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 or part thereof within the time specified in such Notice.

18—Licensed Slaughter-houses—Read, applications from Messrs. Storr & Co., J. Hastings, and E. C. Davis for the renewal of their slaughter-house licenses. In regard to these applications, the Medical

Officer of Health recommended that these licenses should not be renewed, as the Corporation had provided a public abattoir with the idea of abolishing private slaughter-houses ; and at the present time this most useful public institution was not a success financially on account of its very limited use. Most of the private slaughter-houses being registered in perpetuity could only be put out of use by paying compensation to the owners and occupiers, but these three slaughter-houses being held on annual licence could be extinguished at once. The Corporation had actually paid some hundreds of pounds in closing a few of the registered places, whilst allowing these licensed places to remain in use. The only possible excuse, in his opinion, for this was that there was not room at the abattoir to accommodate the butchers using these licensed places. For some years Messrs. Waghorne Bros. had recited one of the apartments at the abattoir for their sole use, but had now relinquished this, having purchased a registered slaughter-house, and owing to this the abattoir would now easily accommodate the three persons who use the private licensed slaughter-houses. In the interest of the public these licenses should consequently be withdrawn, and the list of private slaughter-houses, which was unfortunately large, would thereby be reduced by three.

It was quite impossible to inspect all meat killed in the private slaughter-houses, and the seizures of diseased meat were practically limited to the public abattoir.

Resolved, That the licences be renewed for one year from the 31st instant.

19—Cleansing and Limewashing at Nos. 40 and 59, Upper Park Street, and 10 and 11, Rosehill 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.

20--Nuisances from Drains, etc., at No. 3, St. Paul's Street South, and 287, High Street—The Inspector of Nuisances having made written application under Sec. 41 of the Public Health Act, stating that the drains, &c., on or belonging to the above-named houses were in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to health. Resolved, That authority be given to the Inspector of Nuisances to open the ground, examine the drains, and report to the Committee.

21—Overcrowding at No. 42, Upper Park 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—Underground Bakehouses—The Medical Officer of Health reported, as requested, as to the position of affairs in regard to all the existing underground bakehouses in the Borough. Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to again write Mr. Cima, of 77, High Street, and Mr. Giles, of 76, Tewkesbury Road, cases in which no action has been taken towards obtaining a certificate under the Factory and Workshop Act 1901, that on and after the 1st proximo they will render themselves liable to penalties if they use their underground bakehouses without a certificate.

Read, a letter from Messrs. Winterbotham, Gurney & Co., on behalf of Mr. Edwards, the present occupier of No. 120, High Street, stating that he had agreed to sell his business, but that the new

tenant would not enter into possession until the end of January next, after which date the underground bakehouse would no longer be used as such. Under the circumstances, they hoped that Mr. Edwards would be allowed to continue to use the bakehouse until the end of January without having to bring the same up to the requirements of the Act of 1901 for such a short period, on he and the purchaser undertaking to close the bakehouse at the end of next month. Resolved, That Messrs. Winterbotham, Gurney & Co., be informed that the Council has no power to accede to their request.

23—Garden at back of Gresham Villa, St. George's Road—Read, a letter from Mrs. Hipwood, of Gresham Villa, St. George's Road, claiming £5 compensation for alleged damage to her garden through the lowering of the bed of the Chelt, the sum named being the expense necessary to shore the bank up with piles. The Borough Surveyor having inspected and reported that there was no evidence of any damage at all, Resolved, That Mrs. Hipwood be informed that the Council cannot admit any liability.

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24—New Streets and Buildings--The Borough Surveyor laid before the Committee the following notices and plans of intended new buildings, viz. :—

No. of Plan	Name	Description
81	Hay Cottage Homes Trustees ..	Two cottages and additions to existing houses, Naunton Park.
94	W. J. Worthing	House in Upper Norwood Street.
95	J. Middlemiss	New roads and nine cottages off Tewkesbury Road.
100	J. Warren	Wooden sheds in Knapp road.
101	W. Burcher	Four villas in Hatherley road.
102	Cheltenham College Council	Latrines to Teighmore, Sandford Road.
103	Ditto	Latrines to Leconfield, College Road.
104	Feoffees of Elmstone Church	House and Shop in New Street.
105	Original Brewery Co.	Additions to " Ten Bells," Bath Road.
106	H. Cousins	Cottage and Stables, Waterloo Street.
107	W. G. Earengy	Thirty-six houses in Swindon Road.
108	Harvey & Healing	Additional W.C. to workroom, Manchester Street.

Resolved, That plans numbered 95, 100, 104, 106, and 107 be disapproved ; that No. 101 be approved subject to the footings of all work being at least three feet clear of the sewer ; and that the other plans be approved so far as drainage and other sanitary matters are concerned.

E. H. PARSONAGE, Chairman.

FARMS MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Friday, the 18th December, 1903—Present : Alderman Skillicorne, Councillors Bence, Bainbridge, M. Davis, King-Harman and Steel (Councillor M. Davis in the chair).

1—Report of Sewage Farms Manager—The monthly report of the Sewage Farms Manager was read. Since the last meeting 45 sheep, 5 heifers, and 11 bullocks had been sold for £398 7s. 7d., and the number of livestock on the farm on the 18th instant was 9 horses and 1 cob, 169 head of cattle, 10 sheep and 8 pigs, the whole doing well. 8 sacks of wheat for seed had been purchased at 3s 11d per bushel.

2 tons, 14 cwts., 3 qrs. of clover had been sold at 65s per ton. 1 ton, 16 cwts., 3 qrs. of hay had been delivered to the Central Depot.

M. DAVIS,

Chairman.

STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 15th December, 1903—Present The Mayor, Alderman Skillicorne, Councillors Baker, Bendall, Gridley, Ley Wood and Parsonage (Councillor Bendall in the chair).

1—Exmouth Court Private Improvement Expenses—Read, a letter from Messrs. Caudle & Sons, objecting to the amount apportioned to be paid by them in respect of Exmouth Court private improvement expenses. Resolved, That the Council see no reason to vary the apportionment which was made according to benefit derived from the works and not according to frontage.

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2—Building Inspector's Report—Read, the Monthly Report of the Building Inspector. Buildings completed since the 17th ultimo, 5. In progress, 57.

3—Paving in Royal Well Place—Read, a letter from Mr. J. Burke, calling attention to the need of repairs to the paving near his premises in Royal Well Place. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to do what is necessary.

4—Pillar Letter Box in Cambray—Read, an application from the Postmaster for leave to place a Pillar Letter Box in Cambray, near the Inland Revenue Offices. Resolved, That permission be given subject to the exact position being settled by the Borough Surveyor.

5—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.
39	T. W. Smith	6 houses in Langdon Road (amended plans)
75	Mrs. J. Teague	Additions to 22 Park Place (amended plans)
96	C. Young	House in Langdon Road
98	E. Thomas	Pig Stye in Gloucester Road
99	G. Ballinger	House adjoining Great Western Road

Resolved, That all the plans be approved so far as matters within the purview of this Committee are concerned.

JOHN D. BENDALL,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 28th December, 1903—Present Alderman Skillicorne, Councillors Baker, Bendall, Gridley, Ley Wood, Parsonage (Councillor Bendall in the chair).

6—View—The following members attended the View Meeting this (Monday) Morning, viz :—
Councillors Baker, Bendall, Gridley, Ley Wood.

7—Borough Surveyor's-Monthly Report --The Borough Surveyor reported that the work done by the Highways Department from 27th ulto. to 24th inst., had been as follows :—

Repaired with 2-in. Clee Hill Stone—Suffolk Parade (1520 super yards), Great Norwood Street (2816 super yards), and Andover Road (500 super yards).

Repaired with 2-in Wickwar Stone—Moorend Road (3512 super yards), Leckhampton Lane (1520 super yards).

Repaired with Leckhampton Broken Stone—Leckhampton Road, foot of hill (1665 super yards). Total area repaired (11984 super yards).

Repaired with Clinker—Rowanfield Road (450 super yards).

Patched with Cleo Hill Stone—High Street, Hales Road, Clarence Street, Kings Road, Norwood Road and Winchcomb Street.

Crossings Renewed—Suffolk Parade (1), Suffolk Road (1), Great Norwood Street (5) and Andover Road (1).

Crossings Relaid—Great Norwood Street (5) and Andover Road (1). Footpath Repaired with Wickwar Gravel—Imperial Square (349 super yards).

Footpath Repaired with Clinker—Sandfield Road (1800 super yards).

Turf Verge Renewed—Imperial Square (188 super yards), and Lansdown Place (proceeding).

Trees Pruned—Queen's Road, Moorend Park Road, Grafton Road, St. Philip's Terrace, Pittville Lawn. Trees cut down-1 in Queen's Road, by Kensington Avenue.

Defective Gullies Repaired—Hewlett Street, Portland Street, Central Depot, Lansdown Terrace, Swindon Road, Glenfall Street, and Leckhampton Lane.

New Gullies Fixed—Northfield Passage, Moorend Road, and Old Bath Road.

Manholes brought up to Surface and Covers fixed—North Place, Cleaveland Street, Windsor Street, Tewkesbury Road, Winchcomb Street, Queens Road, Leckhampton Lane and Hanover Street.

Repairs to Roseville Cottage—completed at a cost of about £50.

Repainting—completed at St. George's Square Urinal.

Ashes Collection and Disposal-1054 loads collected, 147 tipped away, 907 consumed. Weight, 1002 tons, 19 cots., 2 qrs.

Slab Factory—During four weeks ended 24th inst., 4506 lineal feet of channelling made.

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8—Langdon Road Private Improvement Expenses—The Borough Surveyor- reported that the private improvement works ordered to be carried out in Langdon Road had been completed at a cost of £287 4s. 7d., which sum he had apportioned amongst the abutting owners in accordance with their respective frontages. Resolved, That the apportionment be approved and that notice thereof and of demand of repayment be served upon the owners.

9—Langdon Road (parts not included in works recently carried out)—Read, a letter from Sir. C. H. Saunders, calling attention to the bad state of the lower end of Langdon Road, and asking that, as the land was now built upon, the road and footpaths should be completed.

A specification from the Surveyor, of date the 28th of December instant, of the works required to be done to the above street, was read and approved. Resolved, That the necessary plans, sections, and estimates be prepared, and notices be, given under Section 150 of the Public Health Act 1875, to the owners of the premises fronting, adjoining, or abutting upon the parts of the said street, requiring to be severed, levelled, paved, metalled, flagged, channelled, or made good, requiring them to do the specified works within 28 days, and that, if such notice is not complied with, the Surveyor do proceed to execute the works mentioned or referred to therein, and that the expenses thereof be recovered in the manner provided by the Act, and the Cheltenham Improvement Act 1889.

10—Royal Crescent—Footpath near No. 18—Resolved, That the attention of the owner of No. 18, Royal Crescent be called to the bad condition of the footpath opposite his house and garden, and that he be asked to do what is necessary to repair the same.

11-Light Railway —Bye-laws—Read, letters from Mr. F. Wells, of 7, Berkeley Place, calling attention to the overcrowding of cars on the Light Railway, and to the need for bye-laws in this respect. The Town Clerk reported that the County Council would be again considering the making of bye-laws with respect to the part of the line outside the Borough. Resolved, To adjourn consideration of the matter until the next meeting.

12—Stores Sub-Committee—Resolved, That the Chairman and Councillors Baker, Gridley, and Parsonage be appointed the Stores Sub-Committee for the ensuing year.

13—Purchase of Horses—Read, a letter from Mr. J. W. Brain, of Shipton Sollars, Andoversford, offering for sale to the Corporation several three and five-year-old horses. Resolved, That a meeting of this Committee be held on Friday, the 8th proximo, at the Central Depot, and that Mr. Brain be asked to send his horses for inspection and examination by the Veterinary Surgeon to the Corporation then.

14—Shelburne Road—Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to prepare a specification and estimate for paving, edging, and channelling of the footpath on the West side of the Shelburne Road.

15—Granley Road—Resolved, To instruct the Borough Surveyor to bring up for approval a specification of the works required to be done to the above street by the abutting owners.

16—Old Bath Road—Resolved, To instruct the Borough Surveyor to continue the piping of the ditch in the Old Bath Road.

17—Paving in Cambray Place—Read, a letter from Dr. J. Wilson, calling attention to the need of repairs to the paving near his house in Cambray. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to do what is necessary.

18—Cheltenham and Honeybourne Railway—Read, letters from the Engineer to the Great Western Railway Company, enquiring whether the Council would consent to the Company laying down temporary lines for the purpose of facilitating the construction of the new railway through the Town. Such temporary lines to be constructed along the following streets, viz., Market Street Bloomsbury Street, High Street, White Hart Street, Carlton Place, and St. Paul's Road. The Company would be willing to agree to the following conditions, viz. To provide all necessary gates, watchmen, etc., that there should not be more than twelve trains per day with an interruption to the ordinary traffic of not more than three minutes for each train, the hours of running to be fixed by arrangement between the Corporation and the Company. The Company to pay £10 per month so long as the road laid along the streets was in use.

Resolved, That the Committee consider the proposed payment wholly inadequate, having regard to the inconvenience necessarily attendant on the construction and use of the temporary lines, and cannot recommend the Council to agree to the proposals unless a more substantial payment is made by the Company,

19—Byelaws as to New Streets and Buildings—Resolved, That the Chairman and Councillor Baker be appointed members of the Joint Sub-Committee of this Committee and the Public Health Committee together with the Town Clerk, Borough Surveyor and Medical Officer of Health to consider and report in what respects the present Byelaws as to new streets and buildings should be amended.

20—New Buildings—The Borough Surveyor laid before the Committee the following Notices and Plans of intended new buildings, viz :—

No. of Plan	Name	Description
97	T. W. Smith	Twenty-four houses in Naunton Lane
100	J. Warren	Wooden sheds in Knapp Road
101	W. Burcher	Four villas in Hatherley Road
102	The Cheltenham College Council	Proposed Latrines to Teighmore, Sandford Road
103	The Cheltenham College Council	Proposed Latrines to Leconfield, College Road
104	The Feoffees of Elmstone Church	New house and shop in New Street
105	Original Brewery Co., Ltd.	Additions to " The Ten Bells," Bails Road
106	H. Cousins	Proposed cottage and stables in Waterloo Street

No. of Plan	Name	Description
107	W. G. Earengy	Thirty-six houses in Swindon Road
108	Harvey & Healing	Additional W.C. to Workroom at premises in Manchester Street
109	Mrs. H. S. Skemp	Four cottages in Alstone Avenue
110	S. G. Adcock	Additions to Park Gate, St. Stephen's Road

Resolved, That Plans No. 104, 106, and 107 be disapproved ; that Plan No. 97 be approved, subject to proper provision to the satisfaction of the Borough Surveyor for carrying water from front of houses, that Plan No. 100 be approved subject to an agreement being entered into to remove the sheds on three months' notice, and that Plans No. 101, 102, 103, 105, 108, 109 and 110 be approved as shown, as regards matters within the purview of this Committee.

JOHN D. BENDALL, Chairman.

TOWN IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 21st December, 1903—Present: Aldermen Norman and Winterbotham, Councillors Baker, Bainbridge, Bence, Handley and Rickerby (Councillor Rickerby in the chair).

1—Trees on Pittville Estate—Read, a letter from Mr. R. B. Joyner, of Lake View, asking that certain trees near his house should be cut down as being injurious to his property. The Borough Surveyor having reported that the trees were sound and of good appearance, Resolved, That the same be lopped.

2—Report of Entertainments Sub-Committee—The Entertainments Sub-Committee reported (1) that Councillor Rickerby had been appointed Chairman for the ensuing year, and (2) that they had engaged Adeler and Sutton's Pierrots for the new Town Hall for the seven week-days following Christmas Day, the terms being that the Corporation receive 40 per cent. of the gross takings. Resolved, That the engagement be approved.

The Chairman reported that Messrs. Baring would be pleased to invite all the workhouse inmates to an afternoon Pierrot performance, if the Committee were willing to forego their share of the receipts. Resolved, That this be agreed to.

3—Advertising in Railway Guides—Read, a letter from Mr. H. R. Travis, on behalf of Messrs. Morton & Co., Ltd., asking for the renewal of the two page-advertisements of Cheltenham in their illustrated Guides to places of interest on the Midland and Great Western Railways, and of the one page-advertisement in the Guides for the Great Northern, London, Brighton, and South Coast, and London and North Western Railways, for a further period of three years at a cost of £35. Resolved, That the advertisements be renewed on the terms mentioned, the Chairman to select for approval by the Committee a suitable view, and to revise the letterpress.

T. E. RICKERBY,

Chairman.

LIGHTING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Friday, the 18th day of December, 1903—Present : Aldermen Norman, Rogers, and Waghorne, Councillors Gridley, Handley, Ley Wood, Steel, and Stroud (Alderman Norman in the chair).

1---Special Report of Borough Electrical Engineer—The report of the Borough Electrical Engineer upon the Electric Light Undertaking generally was considered. Resolved, That the further consideration be adjourned to enable the Town Clerk to obtain from other towns information as to scale of charges and arrangements for wiring premises. =.-

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2—Extension of Mains—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported applications for supply to St. Clair, The Park, and to two houses in College Road, necessitating extensions of mains at a cost of and £29 respectively. Of these sums £37 and had been included in a previous sanctioned loan. The owner of St. Clair was willing to guarantee a return of 20 per cent. on £74 for three years, and to pay half the cost of the service cable. Resolved, That the applications be acceded to, and that the extensions of mains be carried out.

GEO. NORMAN,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 22nd December, 1903—Present : Aldermen Norman and Waghorne, Councillors Gridley, Handley, Ley Wood, Steel and Stroud (Alderman Norman in the chair).

3—Electrical Inspector's Report—The Electrical Inspector reported the result of his test of the Electric supply during the past month as follows :—On the 5th instant, 210 volts, the legal standard being 200 volts.

4—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.
Dec. 5th	16.02 candles	Dec. 5th	9.65
9th	15.79 “		
Average	15.91 “	Average	—

5—Lamp Book—This book was produced and examined. Ordinary Lamps extinguished -2 metered, 4 unmetered ; burning dimly-1. Incandescents extinguished-20 unmetered, 4 metered ; burning dimly-2.

6—Gas Inspector—Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to arrange for the taking of the meter readings for the next month, as has been done during Mr. Ralph's illness, and that consideration of the appointment of a successor to the latter be adjourned to the next meeting.

7—Lighting of Whitecross Square and Lansdown Crescent--Read, a letter from Mrs. Evans as to the need of better lighting in Whitecross Square, and a memorial from Mrs. E. Parry Thornton and others with regard to the insufficiency of the public lighting in Lansdown Crescent. Resolved, That consideration of the same be adjourned for the Committee to view the localities mentioned, and others of which complaint has been received, and that a meeting be held for this purpose on the 7th proximo, at 5.30 p.m.

8—Number of Electric Light Customers —The monthly report of the Borough Electrical Engineer stated that at the present time there were 749, with the equivalent of about 47,270 8-c.p. lamps connected to the private supply mains, the large increase in lamps being of course due to the now Town Hall.

9—Contract for Oil--On the recommendation of the Borough Electrical Engineer, Resolved, To renew for one year the contract with the Valvoline Oil Co.

10—Extension of Main—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that Mrs. Lowenfield, of Oakfield, The Park, had applied for a supply of electric energy to her house, to supply 41 8-c.p. lamps. The cost of the extension would be and the applicant was willing to pay half the cost of the service cable. Resolved, That this extension be approved.

GEO. NORMAN,

Chairman.

WATER COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Thursday, the 24th December, 1903—Present Alderman Norman, Councillors Baker, Bendall, M. Davis and King-Harman (Councillor Baker in the chair).

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

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2—Borough Engineer's Report—The monthly report of the Borough Engineer was read :

	DAILY YIELD OF SPRINGS. For 30 days, ended December 20th, 1903.	Average for corresponding period during last 3 years.
Hewletts Springs	447,840 gallons	228,333 gallons
Dowdeswell Springs	2,215,296 "	1,373,952 "

CONTENTS OF RESERVOIRS.				
December 20th, 1903			December 20th, 1902.	
	Depth	Contents	Depth	Contents
Hewletts	-	29,263,954 gallons		11,637,628 gallons
Leckhampton	11 ft. 7 in.	1,564,639 "	5 ft. 6 in.	742,921 "
Dowdeswell	31 ft. 11 in.	99,584,742 "	20 ft. 10 in.	48,012,161 "
Total Storage		130,413,335		60,392,710 "
	No. of days supply	114		66

He reported that no new service mains had been laid during the past month. Various mains had been repaired and leakages made good, and the hydrants, meter and other boxes had been packed with hay as a precaution against frost.

Examination of Hydrants—The examination of the hydrants throughout the whole of the Borough had been proceeding, but was not quite completed. He was, therefore, unable to present a report with regard to the sufficiency or otherwise of the mains for fire purposes.

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

4—Fire Brigade—The Captain reported that the Brigade had not been called out to any out-break of fire during the past month.

5—Fire Brigade Sub-Committee—Resolved, That Alderman Norman, Councillors Baker, King-Harman and Waghorne be appointed the Fire Brigade Sub-Committee for the ensuing year.

6—Attendance of Brigade at Fires in Charlton Kings—Read the following resolution, passed by the Charlton Kings Urban District Council:—

" That a Sub-Committee of this Council be appointed to confer with the Cheltenham Town Council to ascertain if the Brigade could attend fires at Charlton Kings when called upon."

Resolved, To refer the matter to the Fire Brigade Sub-Committee for consideration, and that they be instructed to meet the Sub-Committee mentioned in the resolution and report to this Committee.

7—Fire Extinguishing Appliances, &c.—Read, a letter from the Secretary of the Ladies' College enquiring whether the Town Council would be willing to place in the vicinity of the College Boarding Houses, fire alarm pillars communicating with the fire Station, and if so upon what terms. Resolved, That the Committee cannot see its way to recommend the Council to carry out the suggestion, the Fire Station, the Police Station, and the residence of the Fire Brigade Captain being connected with the Telephone Exchange.

Read, a memorial signed by Canon Roxby and the Rev. H. A. Bren, as Chairman and Principal, respectively, of the Training College, and by Canon Griffiths and Dr. Flecker, as Vice-President and Head Master, respectively, of the Dean Close Memorial School, asking that every effort should be made to bring the fire extinguishing appliances and methods up to the very highest standard of

efficiency, having regard to the many important educational institutions in the town, and the lofty houses and buildings in connection with the same.

Resolved, That the letter be referred to the Fire Brigade Sub-Committee for consideration, but that the Town Clerk be instructed to inform the Memorialists as to the methods adopted in connection with fire extinction in the Borough, and that the Borough Surveyor will be ready to confer with them as to the provision of fire hydrants inside the school buildings and as to other means that should be adopted by them for promptly dealing with fires.

WILLIAM A. BAKER,

Chairman.

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GENERAL PURPOSES & WATCH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 15th of December, 1903—Present : The Mayor, Aldermen Rogers and Norman, Councillors Bendall, Davies, and King-Harman ; Councillors Bainbridge and Handley, as members of the Town Hall Furnishing Sub-Committee, and Mr. Waller, the Architect, were also present. (Alderman Rogers in the chair).

1—Town Hall—The Committee met at the Town Hall, and considered an alteration in the colouring of the lower part of the Great Hall recommended by the Architect. Resolved, That the same be approved and carried out.

2—Furniture—Resolved, That covers be obtained for the chairs when not in use, and that the Committee approve of the slight alterations in the details of the furniture order, as recommended by the Architect.

RICHARD ROGERS,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 22nd of December, 1903—Present Aldermen Norman and Waghorne, Councillors Bendall, ill. Davis, King-Harmon, Parsonage, Rickerby, and Stroud (Councillor Parsonage in the chair).

3—Chairman—In the absence of the Chairman, Resolved, That Councillor Parsonage be appointed Chairman at this Meeting.

4—Diseases of Animals Acts—Superintendent Hopkins reported that the Borough was free from contagious disease among animals.

5—Hackney Carriage Drivers—Superintendent Hopkins reported that Charles Gardner, a licensed hackney carriage driver, had been twice convicted of offences in connection with hackney carriages within twelve months, viz., on the 28th May last and 3rd December inst. He also called attention to the number of convictions recorded against Thomas Roach, another licensed driver, now undergoing imprisonment for drunkenness and assault on the police. Resolved, That Gardner be summoned to

attend the next monthly meeting of this Committee to show cause why his licence should not be revoked ; and that the licence of Thomas Roach be revoked.

6—Hackney Carriage Licences—Read, a letter from Mrs. Martin, of the Midland Temperance Hotel, applying for the transfer of her hansom cab licence to a landau. Resolved, That the application be not acceded to.

7—Thorp's Endowment—Read, a letter from the Charity Commission enclosing notice of proposed scheme for the future regulation of the Charity known as Eleanor Thorp's Endowment for St. Matthew's Church.

8—Town Hall and Winter Garden—Custodian—The applications, 52 in number, received for the post of Custodian of the Town Hall and Winter Garden, were laid before the Committee. Resolved, That Aldermen Rogers and Norman, and Councillors King-Harman, Parsonage, and Rickerby be appointed a Sub-Committee to consider the applications and submit not less than eight names to the Committee.

9—Improvement Bill—The Town Clerk reported that the Parliamentary Agents' bill had been taxed and settled at £347 6s. 4s. (the amount taxed off being £1 0s. 8d., and the costs of taxation £6 3s. 0d.). Resolved, That an Order be signed for £153 9s. 4d., the balance duo to Messrs. Wyatt.

10—Employment of Children Act 1903—The Town Clerk presented a Report on the provisions of this Act. Resolved, That the same be printed for the information of the Council.

11—Town Hall—Lettings—Read, a letter from Mr. A. Brome Wilson, accepting the rooms for the New Club Ball on the 20th proximo, subject to no charge being made in the event of the Ball not being held owing to untoward circumstances of a national character, and that the furnishing should be completed. Resolved, That the first condition be agreed to, but that Mr. Wilson be informed that the Committee cannot give any guarantee as to the furniture.

Read, a letter from Mr. Bullock-Webster, asking for terms for the use of the Town Hall for an evening concert in February. Resolved, That the terms be fixed at £15 15s. 0d., including lighting and the use of the cloak rooms and artistes' rooms.

Read, a letter from Messrs. Baring Bros., applying for terms for the Large Hall for an afternoon recital on February 3rd next. Resolved, That the terms be £7 7s. 0d., including lighting and artistes' rooms.

Read, an application from Mr. N. Soyer for the use of the Large Drawing and Card Rosins on the 6th proximo, from 6 to 12 p.m. Resolved, That the application be granted on payment of five guineas, to include lighting.

Read, a letter from Mr. D. T. Woodward, asking for terms for the use of the Supper Room for an afternoon or evening meeting on the second Monday in March next. Resolved, That the terms be £3 3s. 0d., to include lighting, any platform to be fixed and removed by the hirers.

Read, a letter from Mr. W. Mealing, asking on what terms he could have the use of the Town Hall for a popular dance in connection with the opening of the building. Resolved, That the charge be £10

10s. 0d., to include lighting, subject to the Council being satisfied as to the arrangements being in the hands of a responsible Committee.

Staining, &c., of Floors.—Resolved, To accept the tender of Messrs. Collins & Godfrey for the staining and polishing of the floors of the Great Hall and Large Drawing Room for £47 10s.

E. H. PARSONAGE.

Chairman.

TOWN HALL FURNISHING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held at the Town Hall, on Saturday, the 12th December, 1903—

Present : The Mayor, Alderman Norman, Councillors Bainbridge, Handley and King-Harman, (Councillor Bainbridge in the chair).

1—Chairs for Great Hall—The only tender received in response to the advertisement inserted by direction of the Council for the supply of 500 plain wooden chairs, stained walnut, as per sample previously settled by the Committee, was as follows:- John Lance & Co., Ltd. £83 6s. 8d.

The amount of the tender of Messrs. J. A. Matthews & Co., previously sent in being £89 11s. 8d., Resolved, That the tender of Messrs. Lance & Co. be accepted.

2—Furniture—Samples of the chairs, materials for curtains, covering settees, &c., &c., were submitted by the contractors, and selection made by the Committee.

F. T. BAINBRIDGE,

Chairman.

MINERAL WATERS, BATHS AND RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 21st December, 1903—Present Alderman Norman, Councillors Baker, Bainbridge, Bendall, Davies, King-Harmon, Stewart, and Stroud (Councillor Stroud in the chair).

1—Chairman—Councillor Davies having resigned the chairmanship of this Committee, Resolved, That the resignation be accepted with regret, and that Councillor Stroud be appointed Chairman for the remainder of the year.

2—Montpellier Baths—The Borough Accountant reported that the amount received during the present financial year was £29 15s. 6d., and the payments (exclusive of repayment of loan and interest) amounted to £419 4s. 9d.

3—Alstone Baths—The Borough Accountant reported that the receipts at these Baths during the present financial year were £223 10s. 2d., and the payments (exclusive of sinking fund and interest) were £338 15s. 10d.

4—Visitors—Resolved, That the following members of the Committee be appointed Visitors for the Baths and Recreation Grounds undermentioned until further notice :—

Alstone Baths—Alderman Norman, Councillors Baker and Bendall.

Montpellier Baths—The Chairman and Councillor Davies.

Agg-Gardner Recreation Ground—Councillors Bainbridge, Baker, and King-Harman.

Naunton Park—The Chairman, Alderman Norman and Councillor Bendall.

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Whaddon Lane Recreation Ground—Councillors King-Harman and Stewart.

Grove Street Ground—Councillor Bainbridge.

Barrett's Mill Ground—Councillor Bainbridge.

5—Agg-Gardner Recreation Ground—Read, a letter from Mr. W. H. Horsley, asking whether the Council would allow an intending purchaser of a small piece of land in Marle Hill Road an easement over their land at the end of Hanover Parade, as the frontage to Marle Hill Road was not wide enough to permit of an entrance to a house to be erected on such land from that road. Resolved, That the Council cannot accede to the request.

HERBERT STROUD,

Chairman.

BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 28th December, 1903—Present : Alderman Rogers, Councillors Baker, Bence, Gridley, Ley Wood, and Steel (Alderman Rogers in the chair).

1—Superintendent's Report—The Superintendent reported that the trees ordered at the last Meeting had been planted.

2—Designs—Resolved, That the following designs be approved :—Headstones to Edward Charles Howard, Winifred Irene Dredge, and Harriet Hartland ; Memorial Crosses to Mary Powell, and Ellen Mary Willett and Ann Vines.

RICHARD ROGERS,

Chairman.

PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 22nd December, 1903,--Present Councillors Bainbridge, King-Harman, Stewart and Stroud ; Revs. J. Evans, J. A. Owen, A. Beynon Phillips and A. C. Tuberville ; The Baron de Ferrieres ; Messrs. G. H. Palmer, E. C. Rogers, A. Mann and C. Hayward (Councillor King-Harman in the chair).

1—Librarian's Report—Read, the monthly report of the Librarian. Receipts, £6 12s. 8d. Presentations :—The Baron de Ferrieres, 3 vols., Rev. W. Lang, 1 vol.

2—Sub-Committee's Report—The Sub-Committee reported that they met on the 18th inst., when there were present :—Councillor King-Harman (chairman), Alderman Rogers, Rev. J. Evans and Mr. G. H. Palmer.

They recommended :—

That the offer of Mr. W. Radway to present the " Churchman's Magazine," " Church Intelligencer," " Protestant Alliance," and " Beacon Fire," for use in the Reading Rooms be accepted with thanks.

That the salary of the Chief Assistant (Mr. J. McAdam) be advanced £5 per annum in accordance with the terms of his appointment.

That the worn out books (543), which are out of print and cannot be replaced, be withdrawn from stock.

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

3—Date and Hour of Meeting—Several members of the Committee having found the hour fixed for the meetings of this Committee inconvenient, Resolved, That the monthly meetings of this Committee be held a week earlier than at present and at 4.15 p.m.

M. J. KING-HARMAN,

Chairman.

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FINANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 29th December, 1903—Present The Mayor, Aldermen Skillicorne and Waghorne, Councillors Bence, Handley, King-Harman, Steel (Alderman Waghorne in the chair).

1—Borough Surveyor's Report—The Borough Surveyor's Report upon matters connected with the accounts and payment of bills, &c., so far as regards his department, was further considered.

Resolved, (1) That the Borough Surveyor and Borough Accountant be instructed to report at the next meeting as to the expenditure already incurred on capital account in connection with the Water Department, and as to the probable expenditure necessary to comply with applications for water supply during the next two years, with a view to an application being made to the Local Government Board for sanction to a loan to cover such expenditure and estimated expenditure.

(2) That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to see what terms he can arrange as to discounts with tradesmen supplying goods to the Corporation.

(3) That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to prepare schedules of goods which will be required by the Corporation during the year commencing 1st April next, with a view to advertising for tenders.

2—Payment of Wages—Resolved, That with reference to the resolution of this Committee, of the 30th November, 1897, as to payment of wages, an account be opened in the name of the Corporation, and that the Borough Accountant be authorised to draw upon such account by cheque signed for the wages each week due to the Corporation workmen by him.

3—Loans—Resolved, That application be made to the Public Works Loan Board for a loan of £4,379 and £150 on account of sewerage works, with interest at 3 ¼ per cent. repayable in 30 years.

Read, a letter from the Cheltenham and Gloucestershire Permanent Mutual Benefit Building Society, stating that they could not accept less than 3 ¾ per cent. on the £8,000 lent by them to the Corporation. Resolved, That the interest be increased accordingly from the expiration of the notice given.

The Town Clerk reported that Mr. James Page was willing to allow £3000 to remain at 3 ¾ per cent. Resolved, That the interest be increased accordingly on the expiration of the notice.

The Town Clerk reported that the Newport (Mon.) Corporation were willing to advance £2300 from their sinking funds on a similar amount being invested with them at 3} per cent. on both sides. Resolved, That this offer be accepted.

The Borough Accountant reported an offer of £100 at 3 ¾ per cent. Resolved, That the same be accepted and a debenture sealed and issued accordingly on account of the £9,650 (Winter Garden) loan.

Resolved, That the Common Seal be affixed to a Debenture for securing £10,000 advanced by the Mayor, Aldermen and Burgesses of Blackburn at 3 ¾ per cent., for the purposes of the Electricity Works, repayable at the expiration of 25 years from the 18th of May, 1896.

Resolved, That the Common Seal be affixed to an authority to the Mayor, Aldermen and Burgesses of Blackburn for payment of the said sum of £10,000 to the Borough Treasurer (F. F. Leaver, Esq.) or to his order.

4—Borough Audit—Read, a communication from Major-General H. P. Babbage, Elective Auditor, complaining that a note referring to his published report to the Town Council did not appear in the printed abstract of accounts.

4—Parliamentary Registration—The Town Clerk laid before the Committee an account of the expenses in carrying into effect the provisions of the Acts for the Registration of voters for the year 1903-4, amounting to £101 4s. 9d. Resolved, That the said amount be certified to be payable, and be apportioned between the parishes of Cheltenham and Charlton Kings as follows, viz Cheltenham £88 11s. 4d., Charlton Kings £12 13s. 5d.

5—General District Rate—The Report of the Borough Accountant of the 29th inst., on the collection of the 2nd instalment of this Rate, was read. Amount collected £9785 1s. 7d., leaving outstanding £14,126 3s. 4 ½ d.

6—Water Rate—The Report of the Borough Accountant of date the 29th inst., on the collection of this Rate was read. Amount received £5027 3s. 12d., leaving outstanding £6139 13s. 2d.

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 £14,632 11s. 2d. ordered to be paid by the Borough Treasurer.

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

The following was the General Statement :—	£	s. d.
Overdrawn on the 1,4 December	132,767	10 1
Paid since that date	13,109	81 1 [?]
	145,876	19 0
Received since that date (including Water Loan £18,500)	30,976	10 6
Overdrawn	114,900	8 6
Being Bank Loan Account No. 2	113,985	15 1
Do. No. 3	23,000	0 0
	136,985	15 1
Less Balance General Account in hand	3,732	7 11
	133,253	7 2
Less Sinking Funds in hand	18,352	18 8
	114,900	8 6

JOHN WAGHORNE,

Chairman.

Borough of Cheltenham

MINUTES of the Committees of the Town Council to be submitted for approval at a Quarterly Meeting of the Council to be held on Monday, the 1st February, 1904.

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Wednesday, the 13th January, 1904—Present The Mayor, Aldermen Norman and Skillicorne, Councillors Hence, M. Davis, Lawrence, Parsonage and Waghorne (Councillor Parsonage in the chair).

1—Zymotic Disease—The Medical Officer of Health reported that there had been notified since the last meeting of the Committee, 8 cases of Scarlet Fever, 2 of Enteric Fever, and 5 of Diphtheria ; that 7 cases 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 1 of Scarlet Fever, and 3 of Diphtheria.

2—Insanitary Property-12, Hereford Place, 17 Sun Street, 62, 64, 66 and 68 Queen Street; 18 Upper Norwood Street and 5 Exmouth 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 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.

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

4 —Cleansing and Limewashing at 2 and 7 Springfield Cottages, 12 Brecon Terrace and 7 Stretton Terrace, Rosehill 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.

5—Nuisances from Drains, etc., at 18 Rosehill Street, 297 High Street and 16 Albert Place—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 abovenamed 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.

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6—Houses without proper Ash Receptacles—The Medical Officer of Health reported that the following houses had no proper ashpits or ash receptacles, viz :-28 Leighton Road, 1, 2 and 3 Buckle's Court, Milsom Street, 7 Springfield Place and Amesbury, Rosehill 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.

7—Cleansing and Disinfecting at 2 Shamrock Villas, Granley Road—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 or parts thereof within the time specified in such Notice.

8—Underground Bakehouses—The Medical Officer of Health reported that the whole of the works required to be done to the underground bakehouses of Mr. H. Gallop, at No. 114 High Street, Mr. J. Surman, at No. 28 York Street, and Mr. G. Kunz, at No. 10 Promenade Villas, had been carried out to his satisfaction. Resolved, That Certificates be granted under Section 101 of the Factory and Workshop Act, 1901.

9—Bacteriological Examinations—The Mayor having reported that the County Council had arranged to make an annual payment of £100 to the University College, Bristol, which would entitle all medical men in the County to obtain free of charge bacteriological examinations when necessary to assist in diagnosing cases of typhoid, diphtheria and tuberculosis. Resolved, To instruct the Medical Officer of Health to communicate the terms of this arrangement to the medical practitioners in the Borough.

10—Licensed Slaughter Houses—The applications of Messrs. Story & Co., J. Hastings and E. C. Davis for the renewal of their Slaughter House Licences were further considered. Resolved, That the three licences be renewed for one year, from the 31st December last, on the distinct understanding that a further renewal will not be granted at the expiration of this period.

11—Abattoir—Resolved, That this Committee take into consideration the regulations and arrangement under which the Abattoir is now carried on with a view to the removal of any reasonable cause of complaint.

12 —Prestbury Sewerage Scheme—Read, a letter from the Clerk of the Cheltenham Rural District Council stating that if a deputation from the Town Council would like to meet a deputation from the Rural District Council with regard to the Prestbury Sewerage Scheme of the latter, he would arrange a meeting. Resolved, That the Chairman, the Mayor and Councillor Bence be appointed to meet the Deputation from the Rural District Council and to report to this Committee.

13—Byelaws as to New Streets and Buildings—With reference to the Resolution of the Street and Highway Committee on the 28th ulto. Resolved, To appoint the Chairman, Alderman Skillicorne and Councillor Bence as members of the Joint Sub-Committee of this Committee and the Street and Highway Committee.

14—Surface Water Drainage—With reference to plans submitted by Mr. F. Jenkins for three streets in the Fairfield Estate. Resolved, That he be required to make separate provision to the satisfaction of the Borough Surveyor for the Surface Water from the streets, the same to be discharged into the Minnow ditch, and that if Mr. Jenkins will agree to the Corporation carrying out the work, half the cost be paid by the Corporation, the total cost being estimated at £110.

With reference to plans submitted by Mr. J. Middlemiss for new streets and nine cottages near Tewkesbury Road. Resolved, That he be required to make separate provision to the satisfaction of the Borough Surveyor for the surface water from the streets the same to be discharged into the Chelt, and that if Mr. Middlemiss agrees to the Corporation carrying out the work, half the cost be paid by the Corporation. Total estimated cost £75.

19—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.
95	J. Middlemiss	New streets and nine cottages, near Tewkesbury Road
100	J. Warren	Wooden Sheds, Knapp Road
109	H. S. Skemp	Four cottages, Alstone Avenue
111	J. Chamberlain	Additions to 3 Wolseley Terrace.

Resolved, That Plan No. 95 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.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 18th January, 1904—Present : Aldermen Norman and Skillicorne, Councillors, Bence, Ll. Davis, King-Harman and Parsonage (Councillor Parsonage in the chair).

16—Zymotic Disease—The Medical Officer of Health reported that there had been notified since the last meeting of the Committee, 1 case of Scarlet Fever, and 1 of Diphtheria; that 1 case 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 12 of Scarlet Fever, and 3 of Diphtheria.

17—Insanitary Property—13a .Russell Street, 17 Cleaveland Street, 4 Hewlett Road and 17 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. 91 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—Notices not complied with—The Medical Officer of Health submitted a list of notices which had been served to provide ash receptacles, but which had not been complied with. Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to take proceedings (if necessary) to compel compliance.

19—Cleansing and Limewashing at 38 and 41, Rosehill Street, and 3, Springfield 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.

20—Nuisances from Drains, etc., at 46 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 house were in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to health, Resolved, That authority be given to the Inspector of Nuisances to open the ground, examine the drains, and report to the Committee.

21--Houses without proper Ash Receptacles—The Medical Officer of Health reported that the following houses had no proper ashpits or ash receptacles, viz —21, Francis Street and 19, Rosehill 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.

22—Cleansing and Disinfecting at 4 Hungerford Street and 9 Edward Street—The Medical Officer of Health having certified that the cleansing, disinfecting and purifying of these houses 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 or part thereof within the time specified in such Notice.

23—Sewerage of Maud's Elm Gardens Estate—With reference to the plans submitted for houses on this estate the Borough Surveyor submitted a scheme for the drainage of the estate by means of a sewer to be carried across private property at a cost of £700 (exclusive of compensation), and also an alternative scheme under which the sewer would be laid for the greater part along the public roads, and would be for about half its lengths outside the Borough. The cost of the alternative scheme would be 900 (exclusive of compensation). Resolved, That in view of the cost, the Committee cannot recommend the Council to provide a sewer.

24—Langdon Road Sewer—The Borough Surveyor reported that the sewer in this road had been found to be half full of sediment owing to its bad fall and the want of proper flushing arrangements. The manholes were in a defective state, and as part of the road was shortly to be put into proper condition by or at the expense of the abutting owners he recommended that the sew, should be cleaned out, the manholes repaired, and a proper flushing tank put in at a cost of about £35. Resolved, That the recommendation be approved and adopted.

25—New Streets and Buildings--The Borough Surveyor laid before the Committee the following notices and plans of intended new buildings, viz:—

No. of Plan.	Name.	Description.
104	Feoffees of Elmstone Church	Shop and house in New Street
106	H. Cousins	Cottage and stables, Waterloo Street
110	S. G. Adcock	Additions to Park Gates, St. Stephen's Road
112	W. J. Pack	Workshop at back of No.s2 Marle Hill Parade
113	D. Turner	Lobby and W.C. to house in Suffolk Street, corner Norwood Road
114	Board of Guardians	Piggeries in Swindon Road (re-building)
115	Ladies College Council	Additions and alterations to 4 and 5 Bayshill Lawn

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No. of Plan	Name	Description
116	L. Giles	Bakehouse at 76 Tewkesbury Road
67	F. Jenkins	Three streets, Fairfield Estate, near Naunton Lane

Resolved, That Plans Nos. 104, and 67 be disapproved, that Plan No. 112 be approved, subject to the footings being at least 3 feet from any of the house drains. That Plan No. 115 be approved, subject to the drainage arrangements being carried out to the satisfaction of the Chief Inspector of Nuisances, and that the remainder of the plans be approved so far as drainage and other sanitary matters are concerned.

E. H. PARSONAGE,

Chairman.

FARMS MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Friday, the 15th January, 1904—Present : The Mayor, Alderman Skillicorne, Councillors M. Davis, Packer and Steel (Councillor M. Davis in the chair).

1—Farms Manager's Report—Read, the Monthly Report of the Sewage Farms Manager. Since the last meeting 7 heifers and 4 bullocks had been sold for £184 9s. 6d., and the number of livestock on the farms on the 15th instant was 10 horses and 1 cob, 158 head of cattle, 10 sheep and 8 pigs, all doing well.

30 sacks of wheat had been threshed at the Haddon Farm. He recommended (1) That 15 head of cattle be purchased when suitable ones can be met ; (2) That 6 new field gates and 4 oak posts be purchased ; (3) That the waggon, now under repair, be also painted. Resolved, That the recommendations be approved and carried out.

M. DAVIS,

Chairman.

STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Friday, the 8th January, 1904—Present ; Aldermen Haddon and Skillicorne ; Councillors Bendall, Baker, Ley Wood, Gridley and Mr. F. W. Taylor (Veterinary Surgeon) and Councillor M. Davis, were also present (Councillor Bendall in the chair).

1—Purchase of Horses—The Committee met at the Central Depot to inspect some horses offered for sale, but none of them were suitable. Resolved, That the horse sent by the Sewage Farms' Committee, with a view to purchase be returned, and that payment be made by the Committee for its hire at the rate of 15s per week for the time it has been at the Depot.

JOHN D. BENDALL,

Chairman.

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At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 12th day of January, 1904—Present : The Mayor, Aldermen Haddon and Skillicorne, Councillors Bendall, Gridley, Ley Wood, Parsonage and Packer (Councillor Bendall in the chair).

2—Gloucester Road Private Improvement Works—Read, a memorial from Mr. Andrew Page, and forty-six other owners of property on the West side of Gloucester Road, protesting against the demand made upon them for repayment of the cost of the private improvement works recently carried out in front of their properties, on the ground that the road was a highway repairable by the inhabitants at large, and that another portion of the footpath on the same side of the Gloucester Road had been paved at the public expense, that the portion for which they were called upon to pay had already been taken over and gravelled by the Corporation. Resolved, That the memorialists be informed that the demands made upon them must be complied with, as the County Council have refused to make any contribution.

3—Building Inspector's Report—Read, the Monthly Report of the Building Inspector. Buildings in progress, 60 ; completed since 15th ult., 4.

4—Salary of Chief Depot Clerk—Read, a letter from Mr. J. E. Pouting, applying for an increase of salary, at present £110 per annum. Resolved, That his salary be increased by £10 per annum.

5—Road between Painswick Road and Great Norwood Street (Footpaths)--The Borough Surveyor submitted a specification and plan of the works required to be done to the above street. Resolved, That notice be given under Section 44 of The Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1852, to the owners of the premises fronting, adjoining, or abutting upon the parts of the said street, requiring to be drained, levelled, repaired, flagged, and channelled ; requiring them to do the specified works within 28 days ; and that, if such notice is not complied with, the Surveyor do proceed to execute the works mentioned or referred to therein ; and that the expenses thereof be recovered in the manner provided by the Act, and the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1889.

6—Cheltenham and Honeybourne Railway—Read, a letter from the Engineer of the Great Western Railway, stating that as they could not conic to terms with the Corporation as regards the construction of the temporary railway through certain streets in the Borough, they had no other course but to proceed with the work from the Honeybourne end of the line.

7—Crossings in Leckhampton Road opposite Fairfield Estate Roads—Read, a letter from Mr. A. G. Stockwell, complaining of the condition of the crossings in Leckhampton Road, at the end of the new Fairfield Estate roads. Resolved, That notice be given to Mr. F. Jenkins, the owner of the Fairfield Estate, to attend the next meeting of this Committee to show cause why he should not be required to put in the crossings in accordance with the Bye-laws.

8—Clinker Slab Factory—With reference to the letter from the Local Government Board read at the last meeting of the Council, and the letters from Messrs. Powell, Gwinnell & Co., Ltd., received in July and August last, Resolved, That the latter be informed that the Council do not intend to lease or sell the factory, but intend themselves to continue manufacturing. Resolved, further, that the Borough Surveyor be instructed to submit a supplemental report at the next meeting, with suggestions as to the future management of the factory.

9—Shelburne Road—The Borough Surveyor submitted an estimate for the paving with concrete slabs of the footpath on the West side of the road from Lansdown Road to Dr. Flecker's house, at a cost of £467. Resolved, That the estimate be approved, and the works carried out, the footpath on the opposite side of the road to be regravelled, the cost of the work to be provided out of the Shelburne Road loan. Also Resolved, That as soon as the above works have been carried out application be made to the County Council to declare the Shelburne Road a main road.

10 —Slop Carts—On the recommendation of the Borough Surveyor, Resolved, To purchase two more slop carts at an estimated cost of £45.

11—Ash Destructor—Accommodation for Employees—Resolved, To approve of a plan submitted by the Borough Surveyor for the improvement of the sanitary and other arrangements for the workmen at the Ash Destructor, at an estimated cost of £25.

11—Trade Refuse—The Borough Surveyor called the attention of the Committee to the expense incurred in the removal of trade refuse from premises in the Borough—the cost being about £187 per annum—a charge being made at present only in very few cases. Resolved, That notice be given that in future a charge will be made to cover the cost of the removal of trade refuse.

13—Trees—Resolved, To authorise the Borough Surveyor to replace any trees removed from the streets on account of decay.

14—Purchase of Horses--Resolved, That an advertisement be inserted in the local papers inviting persons having horses suitable for the Council's work to send the same to the Depot, for inspection by the Committee, on the 28th inst.

15—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.
29	Ladies' College Council.	Additions to College, St. George's Road. (Amended plans.)
111	J. Chamberlain.	Additions to 3, Wolseley Terrace.

Resolved, That Plan No. 29 be approved, and that Plan No. 111 be disapproved so far as matters within the province of this Committee are concerned.

JOHN D. BENDALL, Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 25th January, 1904—Present : The Mayor, Aldermen Madden and Skillicorne, Councillors Baker, Bendall, Gridley, Ley Wood and Parsonage (Councillor Bendall in the chair).

16—View Meeting—The following members attended the View Meeting on the previous Friday, viz :—Alderman Skillicorne, Councillors Bendall and Gridley.

17—Surveyor's Monthly Report re Highways—The Borough Surveyor reported that the work done by the Highways' Department, from the 25th December, to the 21st January, had been as follows, viz:—

Repaired with 2-inch Clee Hill Stone—Oriel Road (2017 super yards), Bath Road, near Oriel Road, (540 super yards), Tewkesbury Road proceeding. Repaired with 2-inch Wickwar Stone—Vittoria Walk (2600 super yards). (Total area of roads repaired 5157 super yards).

Patching—High Street, Grafton Road, Trafalgar Street, Ormond Place, Regent Street and Charlton Lane. Private Improvement Works-Kensington Avenue proceeding.

Footpaths Repaired with Gravel—Orrisdale Terrace to Keynsham Road (603 super yards), Merestones Road proceeding.

Footpath Repaired with Clinker—Old Bath Road to Naunton Lane.

Crossings Renewed-2 in High Street, by St. George's Square, 2 in Bath Road, Vittoria Walk 2, Oriel Road 3. Leckhampton Road, by Moorend Road 1.

Cabstand Relaid with Blue Bricks—Montpellier Walk, opposite the Rotunda.

Granite Setts—Oriel Road near Water Pillar.

Telephone Boxes Paved round—High Street 6, Trafalgar Street 2, and Regent Street.

Do. Manhole Covers—Queen's Road 2, Leckhampton Lane 3, Bath Road 1.

Do. Hydrants Boxes—Bath Road 2, Leckhampton Lane 2 and Bath Road 2.

New Gullies fixed-1 in Vernon Place.

Manhole brought to Surface-1 at back of Pittville Parade.

Manhole Covers Renewed—Moorend Road 2, Tewkesbury Road 1.

Surface Water Drain laid—The Park (150 yards of 9-inch pipe).

Footpaths Renewed—Royal Well Place, Cambray, Parabola Road.

Ditch Piped in—Old Bath Road (proceeding).

Repainting—Bayshill Urinal, St. George's Place Urinal, Post Mortem Room, Borough Surveyor's Office.

Telephone Trenches—Montpellier Street, Montpellier wide opening, Lansdown Place and Road, Gloucester Road, Tewkesbury Road, Albert Street.

Trees Pruned—Agg-Gardner Recreation Ground, Hale's Road, Imperial Square, Thirlestaine Road, and Leckhampton Road.

Dead Trees Removed—Imperial Square 2, Winter Garden 1, Leckhampton Road 1.

Ivy Cut—Lane from St. George's Road to Christ Church Schools.

Hedges Cut—Swindon Road.

Slab Factory—Four weeks ended 21st instant, 653 $\frac{1}{3}$ square yards of slab made, 528 square feet of channel made.

Ashes Collection and Disposal—Four weeks ended 14th instant, 1033 loads collected, 233 tipped, 790 consumed. Weight 865 $\frac{1}{2}$ tons.

18—Hayward's Road Private Improvement Works—The Borough Surveyor reported that the cost of carrying out the private improvement works ordered to be done in Hayward's Road was £154 2s. 9d., as regards that portion within the Borough, which amount he had apportioned amongst the several abutting owners in accordance with their respective frontages. Resolved, That the apportionment be approved and adopted and that notices thereof and of demand of repayment be served upon the abutting owners,

19—Hayward's Road and Glencairn Park Road—The Borough Surveyor submitted specifications, plans and estimates of the works required to be done to the above streets, and it was Resolved, That the same be approved, and Notices be given under Section 150 of the Public Health Act, 1875, to the owners of the premises fronting, adjoining or abutting upon the parts of the said street requiring to be severed, levelled, paved, metalled, flagged, channelled or made good, requiring them to do the specified works within 28 days, and that, if such notices are not complied with, the Surveyor do proceed to execute the works mentioned or referred to therein ; and that the expenses thereof be recovered in the manner provided by the Act, and the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1889.

Further Resolved, That as regards the works ordered to be carried out in Hayward's Road, the Chairman, Councillors Baker and Parsonage be appointed a Sub-Committee to act with a Sub-Committee of the Charlton King's Urban District Council, with power to accept a tender for the work if the same is not carried out by the abutting owners.

20—Crossings in Leckhampton Road opposite Fairfield Estate—Alter hearing Mr. F. Jenkins. Resolved, That he be required to provide crossings in Leckhampton Road opposite the two new roads on the Fairfield Estate, and that the Town Clerk be instructed to take proceedings if necessary to compel compliance with the requirements of the byelaws in this respect.

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21—Ditch in Leckhampton Road—Read a letter from Arr. G. F. Bick, jun., calling attention to the condition of the ditch in front of South Court, Leckhampton Road, and asking that it might be piped, as had been done higher up the road. Resolved, That consideration of the matter be adjourned for the Committee to view.

22—Naunton Park Road—Resolved, To instruct the Borough Surveyor to bring up a plan and specification of the works required to be done to the footpath in this road not already paved by the abutting owners.

23—Clinker Slab Factory—The Report and Supplementary Report of the Borough Surveyor on the subject of the working of the Clinker Slab Factory were considered. Resolved, That the same be printed, and a copy sent to each member of the council, and that 3s 9d per square yard be charged for the slabs, whether supplied for use on the highways, private improvement works or to outsiders, in the latter case less 5 per cent discount for cash within one month

24— Cheltenham and District Light Railway—Byelaws—The Town Clerk submitted draft Byelaws with respect to the Cheltenham and District Light Railway. He reported that the Board of Trade were revising their model byelaws for tramways and light railways. Resolved, That pending the receipt of these consideration of the draft now submitted be adjourned.

Paving—Read, letters from the manager of the Light Railway, stating that Mr. Nevins did not think that the repaving of the existing track with creosoted deal blocks would be satisfactory and he asked to be allowed to use granite blocks with a proper foundation. If the Committee agreed to this, he would at once commence to repair the bad portions of the track with granite blocks. Resolved, That the request of the Company as to substitution of granite blocks for the relaying of the existing track be acceded to, subject to a proper foundation being put in and to the work being carried out to the satisfaction of the Borough Surveyor, and that the resolution to minute No. 2 of the 28th October

last passed at a joint meeting of this Committee and the Tramways Committee, and approved by the Council on the 9th November last, be varied accordingly.

Extensions—The Borough Surveyor reported that the Company had deposited with him amended plans of the proposed extensions showing that a single line was proposed to be substituted for the double line originally shown from St. Gregory's Church, Manchester Street along Ambrose Street and High Street to North Street. The extensions were shown to be coupled up with the existing line at North Street and it was proposed to make the existing single track in Clarence Street and Manchester Street a loop line. This alteration necessitated two extra curves in High Street opposite North Street, and there would also be points in High Street opposite the Colonnade, which would be objectionable owing to the great amount of vehicular traffic at this point.

Foundation. The plans did not comply with the resolution of the Committee that there should be a foundation of at least six inches of concrete underneath the rails.

Design of Poles.—No drawing of the amended design of poles has yet been submitted, nor has the position of the poles been altered on the amended plans. Resolved that the plans be disapproved, and that the Borough Surveyor be instructed to see Mr. McCormick and point out to him the reasons for such disapproval.

25—New Streets and Buildings—The Borough Surveyor laid before the Committee the following notices and plans of intended new buildings, viz. :—

No. of Plan	Name	Description
57	F. Jenkins	Three New Streets in Fairfield Estate.
104	The Feoffees of Elmstone Church	New Shop and House in New Street.
106	H. Cousins	Proposed Cottage and Stables in Waterloo Street.
112	W. J. Pack	Workshop at back of No. 2 Marle Hill Parade.
113	D. Turner	Lobby and WC. to house in Suffolk Street (corner of Norwood Road).
114	Cheltenham Board of Guardians	Rebuilding Piggeries, Swindon Road.
115	The Council of Ladies' College ..	Additions and alterations to Nos. 4 and 5 Bayshill Lawn, Parabola Road.
116	L. Giles	Proposed Bakehouse at 76 Tewkesbury Road.

Resolved, That Plan No. 67 be disapproved, and that all the other plans be approved as shown.

JOHN D. BENDALL, Chairman.

TOWN IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 18th January, 1904—Present : The Mayor, Alderman Norman, Councillors Bence, Bainbridge, Baker, Handley, Packer and Rickerby (Councillor Rickerby in the chair).

1—Subscriptions to Gardens--Resolved, To instruct the Entertainments Sub-Committee to consider and report as to the terms of subscription to Pittville and Montpellier Gardens next season.

2—Promenade Improvement No. 2 —Read, a letter from TIM. Office of Works enclosing for the information of the Council plans and elevation of the proposed alterations and additions to the Post Office premises in the Promenade, the ground floor only being brought forward 12 feet. Resolved, That the plans be approved.

3—Advertising—Read, a letter from the London Agent of the "Times of India" offering to insert an advertisement of the town at the following rates :-2-inch advertisement, 52 insertions, 2s 6d each, 26 insertions, 3s each, or 13 at 3s 6d each, to be inserted weekly or fortnightly, and undertaking, if an advertisement was inserted, to supply on application, copies of the Illustrated Guide to the Town at their Bombay Offices. Resolved, That an advertisement be inserted for 52 weeks at 2s 6d for each insertion.

Railway Guides—With reference to the Resolution passed at the last meeting, read, letters from Sir. H. R. Travis stating that the charge for the advertisement in the five Railway Guides was £35 per annum for three years. A discount of $33\frac{1}{3}$ per cent. would, however, be allowed off the total amount if payment were made in one sum at the commencement of the period. Resolved, That the Committee cannot recommend the Council to increase the payment mentioned in the resolution referred to.

4—Clarence and Wellington Square Gardens—The Borough Surveyor having reported that complaints had again been received as to the Improper use made of these Gardens by youths, Resolved, That the question of making regulations as to the games, &c., to be played in the Gardens mentioned be considered at the next monthly meeting.

T. E. RICKERBY,

Chairman.

LIGHTING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Wednesday, the 20th January, 1904—Present The Mayor, Alderman Norman, Councillors Baker, Gridley, Handley, Ley Wood, Steel and Stroud (Alderman Norman in the chair).

1-Electrical Inspector's Report---The Electrical Inspector reported the result of his test of the Electric supply during the past month as follows :—On the 29th ultimo, 210 volts, and on the 16th instant, 210 volts.

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

ILLUMINATING POWER.

PURITY.

1903 Dec. 23rd " 29th	16.99 candles 15.46 "	1903	Grains of Sulphur per 100 cubic ft.
		Dec. 21-22	10.72
1904			
Jan. 6th	14.96 "	1904	
"16th	15.51 "		
		Jan. 16-17	9.24
Average	15.73	Average	9.98

Resolved, To call the attention of the Gas Company to the fact that on the 6th January the illuminating power of the gas was below the minimum required by the Companies' Acts.

3—Lamp Book—This Book was produced and examined. Ordinary Lamps extinguished, 6 unmetered; burning dimly, 2 unmetered. Incandescents, extinguished 15; burning dimly, 5.

4—View Meeting re Public Lighting—The following members attended the View Meeting re Public Lighting held on the evening of the 7th inst., viz :—Councillors Gridley, Handley, Ley Wood and Steel (Councillor Handley in the absence of Alderman Norman being appointed Chairman). The following resolutions were passed and were now submitted for confirmation:—

West Path of Parish Churchyard—That the mantle of the middle lamp be renewed.

Lansdown Crescent—That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to prepare an estimate of the cost of fitting the existing lamps on the north and south sides with incandescent burners, and of the additional annual expenditure (if any).

Passage from Lansdown Terrace to Parabola Road—That the Committee cannot see their way at present to fix another lamp here.

Lane near Andover Terrace—That an ordinary gas lamp be fixed on the West side of the passage leading from Andover Terrace to Tivoli Place.

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Upper Bath Street—That the existing pillar lamp on the North side nearest Bath Road be removed and a bracket lamp fixed about 30 yards to the West.

Edward Street—That the existing gas lamp be removed 27 yards South, and one new gas lamp be erected on the East side about 27 yards from Grafton Road.

Land between Woodleigh and Glenmore, The Park ; Exmouth. Street ; Naunton Park Terrace ; Approach to Emmanuel Church, and Wellington Street.—That with regard to the lighting of these streets no alteration or addition is necessary.

Whitecross Square and Naunton, Lane—That the existing lamp at the South-West corner be removed and refixed in Naunton Lane, opposite Whitecross Square and be fitted with a reflector.

Old Bath Road between Thirlestaine and Sandford Road—That the Borough Electrical Engineer be requested to bring up an estimate of the cost of removing the arc lamp at the end of Sandford Road to the east end of Old Bath Road, opposite Sandford Road.

The Borough Electrical Engineer now reported that the cost of this would be from £10 10s. to £13 13s.

Resolved, That the recommendations be approved and confirmed, and that the lamp in Sandford Road be removed as suggested.

5—Lighting of Leckhampton Lane—Read, a letter from Mr. George Chick, of Leckhampton Lane, asking the Committee to increase the number of gas lamps in that road. Resolved, That Mr. Chick be informed that the Council have already expressed their willingness to join with the Leckhampton Parish Meeting in improving the lighting in Leckhampton Lane.

6—Lansdown Terrace Lighting--Read, a Memorial from Mrs. Aston and other occupiers of houses in Lansdown Terrace, calling attention to the insufficiency of the public lighting there. Resolved, To adjourn consideration of the matter for view.

7—Damage to Incandescent Lamp Globes—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that on the 1st and 17th instant, the globes in the Incandescent Lamps in Overton Park had been smashed, but up to the present, those causing the damage, had not been discovered. Resolved, That a reward of 20s be offered for information that will lead to the discovery of the offenders.

8—Applications for Electric Supply—An application had been received from Mr. Rainger, for electric supply to a new villa in London Road, and the Borough Electrical Engineer laid before the Committee Mr. Rainger's undertaking to pay £4 10s., half of the cost of the service cable. Resolved, That supply be given.

The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that an application had been received from the Cheltenham College for supply to the new Chapel. The installation when complete would comprise the equivalent of about 319 8 c.p. lamps, but at present only 94 would be fixed. He recommended that the College authorities should be asked to undertake to pay the whole cost of the service and to make provision for the entrance of the cable into the Chapel. Resolved, That the recommendation of the Borough Electrical Engineer be approved.

An application had been received from the Vicar and Churchwardens of St. Paul's Church for supply to the Church, to the equivalent of about 325 8 c.p. lamps. The cost of the necessary main extension excluding the cost of the transformer, would be between £85 and £103. The cost of the service cable would be between £17 and £21, exclusive of the cost of cutting through the church wall. He recommended that the Church authorities should be asked to give the usual guarantee upon the cost of the extension of main, pay the cost of the service and provide a way through the wall of the building for the cable and allow him, if he so desired, to place the transformer inside the church ground. Resolved, That the recommendation be approved.

9—Charges for Service Cables—Time Borough Electrical Engineer submitted for the approval of the Committee tables and scales he proposed to issue to the wiring contractors in the town for their convenience, and that of intending customers showing the sizes for service cables for different numbers of lamps, and different lengths of cable, and the number of feet of service cable inside consumer's premises, which would be supplied free. Resolved, That the tables and scales be approved and issued.

10—Special Report of the Borough Electrical Engineer re Undertaking—The Town Clerk laid before the Committee tabulated statement of the information he had obtained as directed from a large number of other towns, as to scale of charges, and methods of charging, &c. Resolved, That a special meeting of this Committee, be held on Friday, the 29th instant, to further consider the Special Report of the Borough Electrical Engineer and the information obtained by the Town Clerk.

GEO. NORMAN,

Chairman.

WATER COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Thursday, the 21st January, 1904—Present : The Mayor, Alderman Norman, Councillors Baker, M. Davis, King-Harman, Lawrence, Packer and Waghorne (Councillor Waghorne in the chair).

1—Report of Fire Brigade Captain—The Fire Brigade Captain reported that on the 6th instant, a call was received to an alarm of fire at 15 ½ Sydney Street, The fire was extinguished before the Brigade left the station. House insured and not contents. Expenses incurred £1 1s. 9d. Damage, trifling.

2—Borough Engineer's Report—The monthly report of the Boroughs Engineer was read :

DAILY YIELD OF SPRINGS.				
	For 29 days, ended 18th January, 1904.		Average for corresponding period during last 3 years.	
Hewletts Springs	377,280 gallons		319,680 gallons	
Dowdeswell Springs	1,271,264 “		1,549,663 “	
CONTENTS OF RESERVOIRS.				
January 18th, 1904.			January 18th, 1903.	
	Depth	Contents	Depth	Contents
Hewletts	-	28,622,339 gallons	-	16,583,188 gallons
Leckhampton	11 ft. 8 in.	1,575,995 “	9 ft. 6 in.	1,283,229 “
Dowdeswell	31ft. 11in.	<u>99,584,742</u> “	30 ft. 10 in.	<u>93,815,393</u> “
Total Storage		129,783,076 “		111,681,810 “
No. of days supply		106		96

Calculated upon average daily consumption during month ended 18th January, 1904.

He submitted a satisfactory report by the Insurance Company on the external examination of the boilers at the Tewkesbury Works.

He recommended that the 4-inch meter on the 6-inch main near Leckhampton Reservoir, should be replaced by a 6-inch meter (estimated cost, exclusive of fixing, £40) as the present meter caused much trouble and interfered with the supply to the Leckhampton district. Resolved, That the recommendation be approved and adopted.

3—Salts Farm, Dowdeswell—Read, a letter from Sir. Edwards, the tenant of Salts Farm, asking for the provision of a pump for the liquid manure tank there as already arranged. Resolved, That the pump be provided. The Borough Surveyor reported that he had arranged to roof a shed at the Farm requiring repair with corrugated iron at a cost of about £9.

4—Fire Extinction—The Borough Surveyor submitted a special report on the capacities of the water mains in the Borough for the supply of water for fire extinction purposes. He recommended, with is view to improving the supply, that steps should be taken (1) to replace the mains of small capacity by larger mains ; (2) To get rid of any " dead ends" in the system by coupling up the mains; and (3) To increase the number of hydrants where necessary. Resolved, That the recommendations of the Borough Surveyor be adopted and that the various districts be dealt with in turn as appears most pressing, and that as a commencement the Boroughs Engineer be instructed to continue the existing trunk main terminating at the South end of Great Western Road, along a portion of St. George's Road, through Western Road and 'Malvern Road, to join the trunk main near Malvern Place, and to replace the length of 2-inch main at the High Street end of the Gloucester Road by an 8-inch main, and to provide a sufficient number of hydrants in each case, and also to increase the number of hydrants in Bay-shill Road (estimated cost of work ordered £650).

The Borough Engineer reported as instructed that the cost of a motor 12 h.-p. hose cart for the fire brigade would be about £650. Resolved, That the question be referred to the Fire Brigade Sub.-Committee for consideration and report.

5—Land at Sandford—Resolved, To accede to an application from Mr. W. H. Rosy, of Olio Cottages, St. Luke's, to become tenant of Lot No. 27 in the place of Mr. O. Maycock, who desires to discontinue his tenancy.

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 19th January, 1904—Present: The Mayor, Aldermen Norman, Rogers and Waghorne, Councillors M. Davis Bendall, Parsonage and Stroud (Alderman Rogers in the chair).

1—Diseases of Animals Acts—Superintendent Hopkins reported that the Borough was free from contagious disease amongst animals.

Read, a circular letter from the Board of Agricultural calling attention to the importance of all Local Authorities taking the utmost care to avoid an outbreak of swine fever escaping detection.

2—Hackney Carriage Byelaws—Read, a Memorial from Mr. Arthur Spreadbury and eleven other licensed hackney carriage proprietors asking for the rescission of the Byelaw obliging a driver when plying for hire to place his carriage on one of the appointed stands. Resolved, That the memorialists be informed that the Byelaw was made in the interests of the cab proprietors and drivers themselves and that their request cannot be acceded to.

3—Hackney Carriage Driver's License—Charles Gardner attended before the Committee and was cautioned by the Chairman as to his conduct in the future.

Thomas Roach attended and asked that the decision to revoke his driver's license might be reconsidered. Resolved. To adjourn consideration of the matter until the next meeting.

An application was received from Frank Payton, of 33 Rose and Crown Passage, for a license to drive a hackney carriage Resolved, That consideration of the same be adjourned to the next meeting.

Read, an application from Thomas Mansell, of the Swan Hotel, for a driver's licence. Resolved, That a license be granted.

4—Home for Sick Children—Read, a letter from the Charity Commission with notice of proposed order, amending the scheme for the management of the Home for Sick Children. Resolved, That no objection be made to the proposed scheme.

5—Town Hall—Custodian—The chairman reported that the Sub-Committee had met on the 8th instant, when there were present: The Mayor, Councillor King-Harman and himself, and settled list of duties. Resolved, That the following detailed list of duties settled by the Sub-Committee be approved:—

(1) To Superintend the use of the Town Hall and Winter Garden and the Montpellier Gardens and be responsible for the Town Hall and Winter Garden being kept clean and in good order and free from damage.

(2) To superintend and assist in the cleaning of the building and the ordinary preparation of the same for any purpose for which the buildings may be required or let.

(3) To be in attendance daily at the Town Hall or Winter Garden at such hours as may be arranged for the purpose of answering enquiries, and also for such further time as may be required for the cleaning and preparation of the buildings and also on all occasions when the buildings are used or

occupied and to lock up and leave the same secure at night. It will also be the duty of the Custodian to see that the charges for engagements are paid before the conclusion of the engagement.

(4) To attend to the lighting and extinguishing the Electric Light and Gas Light if so required.

(5) To see that the Regulations of the Corporation are complied with and that no damage is done to the buildings and contents.

(6) To superintend the preparation of the floor for dancing, and to see that all chairs and furniture not required for use are carefully removed, stored and covered.

(7) To make all arrangements in connection with and to attend to the letting of the Badminton Courts, Bowling Green and Skating Rink and to collect the charges for same, all moneys collected to be paid over to the Borough Accountant as required.

(8) Generally to attend to such other duties in connection with the said buildings as may be required or ordered by the General Purposes and Watch Committee, or the Borough Surveyor.

(9) The Custodian to act as an additional constable, if appointed as such, for the purpose of maintaining order in the buildings.

Lettings—An application was received for the use of the Town Hall for a Hospital Ball, on the 12th proximo. Resolved, That having regard to its being the first occasion on which such a Ball will be held, and in view of the object for which it is promoted, the application be granted for the sum of 10s., to cover lighting, heating and other out of pocket expenses.

Read, a letter from the Hon. Sec. Tradesmen's Ball Committee, asking for terms for a Ball on the 29th instant. Resolved, That the terms be £25, plus lighting at the rate of 25s per hour.

Read, an application from the Philharmonic Society, for the use of the Hall, on April 5th next, for a concert. Resolved. That the charge be £13 2s. 6d. plus lighting.

Read, a letter from the Rev. J. Evans, applying on behalf of the local branch of the Bible Society for the use of the Town Hall on Wednesday, the 30th March next, for afternoon and evening meetings in connection with the Society's Centenary. Resolved, That the charge be £10 10s. plus lighting.

Read, a letter from Mr. O. J. Williams, asking for terms for use of the supper room, corridor, and cloak room, and kitchen for a dinner on St. David's Day. Resolved, That the terms be £5 plus cost of lighting and gas used for cooking.

6---Employment of Children Act, 1903—The Town Clerk's Report on this Act was considered. Resolved, That the Education Committee be requested to obtain the return suggested by the Town Clerk as to the ages, employment, &c., of children attending elementary schools in the Borough, and that in the meantime the further consideration of the Report be adjourned.

7—Art Gallery Sub-Committee—The Art Gallery Sub-Committee reported that they met on the 15th instant when there were present :—Aldermen Haddon and Winterbotham, and Dr. E. T. Wilson.

Chairman—Resolved, That Alderman Winterbotham be appointed Chairman for the ensuing year.
Curator's Report—The Report of the Curator as follows was read :—There had been 3983 visits to the Art Gallery since 31st September, 1903.

In accordance with the instructions of the Art Gallery Sub-Committee, Mr. C. Hayward and the Curator visited South Kensington Museum, on October 10th, to confer with Officers of the Board as to the purchase of Reproductions of Pompeian and Herculanean Bronzes and to ascertain what Special Loans could be granted to the Art Gallery, as the result of the Deputation the Board have promised the first and third Series of the Historical Water Colour Paintings, also a Collection of Photographs of Paintings by Old Masters.

The Cabinet of Fossils collected by the late Rev. E. Cornford had been received from the rooms of the Cotteswold Naturalists' Field Club at Gloucester.

RICHARD ROGERS,

Chairman.

MINERAL WATERS, BATHS AND RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 18th January, 1904—Present : The Mayor, Alderman Norman, Councillors Bainbridge, Baker, Bendall, Davies, King-Harman, Stroud and Stewart (Councillor Stroud in the chair).

1 —Montpellier Baths—The Borough Auditor reported that the amount received during the present financial year was £136 18s. 6d., and the payments (exclusive of repayment of loan and interest) £495 2s. 4d.

2—Alstone Baths—The Borough Accountant reported that the receipts at these Baths during the present financial year were £224 1s. 1d., and the payments (exclusive of sinking fund and interest) were £377 13s. 11d.

Lighting—The Borough Surveyor submitted a scheme for the improved lighting of the swimming bath at Alstone, at a cost of about £12. Resolved, That the same be approved and carried out.

3—Whaddon Lane Recreation Ground—The Superintendent of the Whaddon Lane Recreation Ground reported that trees and plants had been presented for the ground by the following :—His Worship the Mayor, Mr. Clifford, Mrs. Pearce, Mr. C. Beecham, and Mr. S. Marchant, and lawn tennis bails by Sir. R. MacLaren. Resolved, That the same be accepted with thanks.

4 —Additional Constables--Resolved, That application be made to the Chief Constable to appoint the Superintendents of the three Recreation Grounds additional constables.

HERBERT STROUD,

Chairman.

TOWN HALL FURNISHING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Wednesday, the 13th January, 1904.—Present : The Mayor, Aldermen Norman and Rogers, Councillors Bainbridge anti Haddon (Councillor Bainbridge in the chair).

1—Furniture—The Committee met at the Town Hall and inspected the furniture and fittings already delivered. Resolved, To accept a tender from Messrs. Lance & Co. for providing and fixing number clips on the chairs at the Town Hall, at 2s 8d per dozen.

F. T. BAINBRIDGE,

Chairman.

BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Friday, the 22nd January, 1904—Present : The Mayor, Alderman Rogers, Councillors Baker, Renee, Gridley, Packer and Steel (Alderman Rogers in the chair).

1—Superintendent's Report—The Superintendent reported that 577 interments were made in the cemetery in 1903, the number in 1902 having been 642. He asked to be supplied with 150 rails for the repair of the fences round the Cemetery. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be requested to supply these and also to order for the use of the public at the Cemetery 1 dozen 2 gallon galvanized watering pots.

2—Charge for Inscription on Headstone—Messrs. Dicks & Sons, Ltd., applied for the remission of the charge of 15s each in respect of two inscriptions on a stone removed from the Old Cemetery relating to persons not re-interred in the grave over which the stone is placed. Resolved, That the application be acceded to and 30s remitted accordingly

3—Design—Resolved, To approve a design for a memorial to Mary Dennistoun Graeme.

RICHARD ROGERS,

Chairman.

PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 12th January, 1904—Present The Mayor, Councillor Stroud, The Baron de Ferrieres, Revs. J. Evans, J. A. Owen, Messrs. J. G. Care, W. Cresswell, A. Beckingsale, G. H. Palmer, E. C. Rogers, C. Hayward and A. Mann (The Mayor in the chair).

1—Chairman—In the absence of the Chairman, Resolved, That the Mayor be appointed Chairman at this Meeting.

2—Librarian's Report—Read, the monthly Report of the Librarian. Receipts, £5 15s. 2d.
Presentations :—The Baron do Ferrieres (3 vols.), Mr. A. W. Reed (6 vols.), Minister for Agriculture, Ottawa (1 vol.), Board of Trade (1 vol.), Secretary, Durham University (1 vol.), The Secretary, National Union of Teachers (1 vol.), Captain Welch, R.N. (5 vols.), Mr. A. J. B. Waco (1 pamphlet), Sir W. H. Bailey (1 pamphlet).

3—Librarian—Resolved, To grant a further three weeks leave of absence to Mr. Jones on account of the state of his health.

J. C. GRIFFITH,

Chairman.

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FINANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 26th January, 1904—Present :—The Mayor, Aldermen, Skillicorne and Waghorne, Councillors Bence, Handley, King-Harman, Steel and Stroud (Alderman Waghorne in the chair).

1—Staff in Borough Accountant's Department—The Borough Accountant reported that his second Assistant (Mr. Wilshere) would be leaving him on the 1st proximo, to take up a position in the City Treasurer's Department, Birmingham. He recommended in order to avoid frequent changes in his staff, that the following increases in salary should be granted to the present clerks other than his Chief Assistant.

Present.	Suggested.		
Mr. Wiltshere £80			
„ Lewis £65	£75 rising by yearly instalments of £7 10s. to £105		
„ Pearce £60	£70	ditto	to £100
„ Davis £39	£50	do.	to £80
„ Hayward £40	£50	do.	to £80
Office Boy 15 12s. (6s per week).			
£284	£260 12s.		

Resolved, That the recommendation be approved and adopted.

2—Water Works Capital—As instructed by the Committee the Borough Accountant reported that the capital expenditure for waterworks extensions beyond the amount authorised was £1418 0s. 11d. Resolved, That consideration of the same be adjourned until the Report of the Borough Surveyor as to the estimated expenditure for the next few years for waterworks purposes is before the Committee.

3—Auditors' Report—Read, the following report of the Borough Elective Auditors on their audit of the Corporation Accounts for the half year, ended the 29th September last :

To the Mayor and Corporation and Ratepayers of Cheltenham.

We, the undersigned, beg to report that we have audited the accounts of the Corporation as prepared by the Borough Accountant to the 29th September last (being the first half of the year ending 31st March, 1904), and have found them correct.

(1) We beg to submit, for the considerations of the Council, an abstract of the accounts for the half year, similar to that given on pages 298-299 of the printed volume of the accounts for the year ending 31st March last, and we make the following observations subject to any further Report we may deem it necessary to submit.

(2) The bank overdraft has increased during the half year by £17,291 16s. 6d.; the total overdraft on the 29th September last, being £148,482 0s. 5d., of which £157,650 0s. 5d. is Capital and £20,832 is Revenue.

(3) Of this sum overdrawn on Revenue, £19,695 1s. 10d. is the accumulated deficiency on the Electric Works Revenue Accounts on the 29th September last ; and we venture to express the opinion that this deficiency should not have been allowed to accumulate, but that year by year it should have been charged to the current rates, as required by Section 54 of the Cheltenham Electric Lighting Order of 1890, and we suggest that the deficit which will have accrued on the 31st March next should be included in the rate for the coming year.

(4) As the interest for the accumulated arrears now amounts to something like £788 per annum, some steps should be taken to clear off these arrears.

(5) The Revenue Accounts of the other departments also show deficits ; there being several with balances owing to the Treasurer.

(6) The Capital deficits are more numerous and important, only ten out of thirty-three close with a balance in hand. From the figures it appears that many of the deficits are brought over from the previous year and are no doubt accumulations of years gone by : some are in arrears from having been expended without proper sanction or in excess of sanction.

(7) In view of the near approach of the time when the Estimate for the rate for the coming year must be made, we have lost no time in submitting the above-mentioned abstract with these explanations, and will submit a further report before we close the audit.

(8) Meanwhile we desire to express the hope that the accounts up to the 31st March next may be ready for audit within the time specified in the Municipal Corporations Act, 1882.

4th January, 1904.

HENRY P. BABBAGE, JAMES A. GALE

Elective Auditors.

4—Loans—Read, a letter from Mr. F. A. Darwin, and Commander Noel, asking that the interest on the sum of £2,600 lent by them to the Corporation at 3 per cent. should be increased to 31 per cent. Resolved, That the interest be increased accordingly from the 21st July next.

The Town Clerk reported an offer from the Mayor, Aldermen, and Citizens of Norwich to lend £10,000 on account of Electric Lighting Loans at six months' notice. Resolved, That the offer be accepted, and that debentures be sealed and issued accordingly.

The Town Clerk further reported that the Newport (Mon.) Corporation were willing to lend £22,000, including the £2,300 already agreed to be advanced, in exchange for a reciprocal investment of sinking funds for the like amount.

Resolved, That a debenture for £22,000 be issued and sealed on account of the loan of £25,000 authorised by the sanction of the Local Government Board, dated the 22nd July, 1901, for the purposes of the Electric Light Undertaking.

The Town Clerk reported that he had obtained an offer, through Mr. James Boyce, of Scarborough, for a commission of 15s per cent. to cover legal costs and charges, of a loan of £13,964 sanctioned by the Local Government Board on the 7th July, 1903, for the purposes of the Electric Light Undertaking, at 3 ¼ per cent., repayable in 25 years by equal instalments of principal and interest. The loan would be advanced by the Huddersfield Corporation. Resolved, That the offer be accepted.

5—Estimates for Rates—Resolved, To request the various Committees of the Council to supply this Committee with as accurate and careful an estimate as possible of their income and expenditure for the ensuing financial year.

6—General District Rate—The Report of the Borough Accountant of the 26th inst., on the collection of the 2nd instalment of this Rate, was read. Amount collected £14,110 14s. 4d., leaving outstanding £9773 10s. 7 ½ d.

7—Water Rate—The Report of the Borough Accountant of date of the 26th instant on the collection of this Rate was read. Amount received £7031 4s. 1d., leaving outstanding £4770 8s.

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 £14500 2s. 9d. ordered to be paid by the Borough Treasurer. The Treasurer's Accounts at the Bank were examined and the balances found to be correct.

The following was the General Statement :—	£	s. d.
Overdrawn on the 29th, December 1903.	114,900	8 6
Paid since that date	17,657	16 1
	132,558	4 7
Received since that date (including Water Loan £10,100)	23,520	10 2
Overdrawn	109,0:37	14 5
Being Bank Loan Account No. 2	120,483	1 6
Do. No. 3	23,153	14 11
	143,636	16 5
Less Balance General Account in hand	13,623	13 2
	130,013	3 3
Less Sinking Funds in hand	20,975	8 10
	109,037	14 10

JOHN WAGHORNE, 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 March, 1904.

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 8th February, 1904—Present : The Mayor, Alderman Norman, Councillors Bence, M. Davis, King-Norman, Parsonage and Waghorne (Councillor Parsonage in the chair).

1—Zymotic Disease—The Medical Officer of Health reported that there had been notified since the last meeting of the Committee, 14 cases of Scarlet Fever, and 1 of Erysipelas ; that 14 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 15 of Scarlet Fever, and 2 doubtful cases in quarantine.

2—Insanitary Property—No. 1 Rosehill Street, Nos. 5, 6, and 7 Coltham Fields, and 22 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, Sze. Resolved, That the Council being satisfied that the said premises are in such a state as to be injurious to health, Notices under Section 91 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 reported that the following houses had water closets without flushing apparatus, viz :—Workshop, Fairview Road, Workshop at back of 100 Fairview Road, Warehouse in County Court Road. 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. 29, Stanhope 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.

5--Cleansing and Limewashing at No. 7 Victoria Terrace, Fairview, 10 Tivoli Street, 6 Stanhope Street and 4 Hungerford 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.

6--Nuisances from Drains, etc., at Workshop, Fairview ; Victoria House, Tewkesbury Road ; The Woodlands, Gloucester Road ; and Rockview, Gloucester 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 and examine the drains, and report to the Committee.

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7—Houses without proper Ash Receptacles—The Medical Officer of Health reported that Nos. 7 and 3 Coltham Terrace, No. 5, Orchard Place, Nos. 1 and 9 Dagmar Villas, Hope Cottage, Lower Park Street, and Nos. 1, 16 and 17 Prince's Terrace, 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.

8—Cleansing and Disinfecting at No. 15 Upper Norwood Street and No. 16 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 Notice be served on the owners and occupiers to cleanse and disinfect the houses or parts thereof within the time specified in such Notice.

9—Seizure and Destruction of Unsound Fish—The Medical Officer of Health reported that a barrel of fish, weighing 182 lbs., had been seized at the Midland Railway Station, information being given by the Company, and after condemnation by a justice had been destroyed on the 21st ulto.

10—Annual Report of Medical Officer of Health—The Medical Officer of Health presented his Annual Report, and requested permission to get 250 copies printed as usual. He mentioned that the death rate for the Borough, for the past year was 12.7, the average for the last ten years being 15.7. The actual number of deaths in the Borough last year was 666, smaller than for any year during the last 30 years. Resolved, That 250 copies of the Report be printed, and that the Medical Officer of Health be authorised to invite tenders and accept one of them.

11—Underground Bakehouses—The Medical Officer of Health reported that the whole of the works required to be done to the underground bakehouses of Mr. Wilkins, Winchcomb Street, had been carried out to his satisfaction, and he recommended that a certificate under Section 101 of the Factory and Workshop Act, 1901, be granted. Resolved, That a Certificate be issued accordingly.

12—Abattoir—Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to communicate with the Butchers' Association and with the present users of the Abattoir inviting them to communicate for the information of this Committee, any complaints or suggestions they have to make with regard to the management of the Abattoir.

13—Wall alongside Chelt at rear of York Terrace—The Borough Surveyor reported that the retaining wall at the rear of York Terrace had given way and at the request of the owners and without prejudice to the question as to who was liable to make good the damage, he had had this temporarily shored up to prevent the collapse of the wall. Resolved, That the Town Clerk and Borough Surveyor be instructed to communicate with the owners of the properties affected with a view to having the wall made good, and the trees mentioned by the Borough Surveyor cut down.

14—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.
117	C. Allsopp	4 houses in Marle Hill Road (between Courtenay Street and Brunswick Street N.)
118	C. Allsopp	House in Marle Hill Road.
120	F. Jenkins	20 houses, Fairhaven Road, Fairfield Estate

Resolved, That Plan No. 117 be approved as regards drainage and other sanitary matters, that Plan No. 118 be disapproved and that Plan No. 120 be approved, subject to Mr. Jenkins undertaking that no surface water shall discharge into the sewer, and to the footpath troughs being of an approved pattern.

E. H. PARSONAGE, Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 22nd February, 1904—Present: The Mayor, Alderman Norman, Councillors Bence, M. Davis, King-Harmon, Lawrence 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, 4 cases of Scarlet Fever, 1 of Erysipelas and 1 of Diphtheria; that 4 cases of Scarlet Fever had been sent into the Hospital, and that the number of cases then in the Delancey Hospital sent in by the Corporation was 14 of Scarlet Fever.

16—Insanitary Property—Coopers Arms, High Street, 17 Casino Place, 2, 3, 5 and 6 Rosehill Terrace and 43 Upper Norwood 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.

17—Water Closets without Flushing Apparatus—The Medical Officer of Health reported that the following houses had water closets without flushing apparatus, viz :—Nos. 1 and 2 Albion Gardens, Gloucester Road and 5 Montpellier Parade. 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.

18—Overcrowding at Hill View House, Swindon 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 Section 94 of the Public Health Act be served on the owners and occupiers thereof requiring them to abate the same.

19—Cleansing and Limewashing at 42, Upper Norwood Street, 8, Corpus Street, 17, Casino Place, 25, Bloomsbury Street, and West Cottage, Tivoli—The Medical Officer of Health having certified under Sec. 46 of the Public Health Act, that the above-named dwelling houses were in such a filthy and unwholesome condition that the health of the inmates was affected or endangered thereby, Resolved, That Notice be given to the Owners under the said Section requiring the houses to be cleansed and limewashed.

20—Nuisances from Drains, etc., at 14, Upper Bath Street, 4 and 5 Providence Collages, Great Norwood Street, 336 High Street, and 1 and 2 Albion Gardens, Gloucester Road. The Inspector of Nuisances having made written application under Sec. 41 of the Public Health Act, stating that the drains, &c., on or belonging to the above-named houses were in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to health, Resolved, That authority be given to the Inspector of Nuisances to open the ground, examine the drains, and report to the Committee.

21—Notices not complied with—The Medical Officer of Health submitted a list of notices which had been served to provide ash receptacles, and to cleanse and limewash, but which had not been complied with. Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to take proceedings (if necessary) to compel compliance.

22—Houses without proper Ash Receptacles—The Medical Officer of Health reported that the following houses had no proper ashpits or ash receptacles, viz:-6, Rosehill Terrace, 10 and 13 Dagmar Terrace, and 5 & 6 Dagmar Villas. Resolved, That the necessary Notices be given to the respective owners under Sec. 36 of the Public Health Act, 1875, and Sec. 27 of the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1889, requiring them in each case to provide a moveable ash receptacle of such size, pattern, and construction as may be approved by the Borough Surveyor on behalf of the Corporation.

23—Cleansing and Disinfecting at No. 35, Courtenay 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 or part thereof within the time specified in such Notice.

24—Prestbury Sewerage and Sewage Scheme—The Chairman having reported the Conference, asked for by the Rural District Council. Resolved, That the Committee endorse the intimation which they understand was given by the Committee's representatives, that the Town Council would oppose the proposed sewerage scheme for Prestbury, and that notice be given to the Rural District Council accordingly.

25—Surface Water Drainage of Fairfield Estate (part)—Read, a letter from Mr. F. Jenkins, asking the Committee to reconsider its decision requiring a separate surface water drain to be provided for the new street, proposed to be made by him on the Fairfield Estate. Resolved, That the Committee see no reason to alter their previous resolution.

26—Sewers in St. Peter's District—The Borough Surveyor laid before the Committee, his report upon the condition of the sewers in St. Peter's District. Resolved, That consideration of the same be adjourned to the next meeting.

27—New Streets and Buildings—The Borough Surveyor laid before the Committee the following notices and plans of intended new buildings, viz:—

No. of Plan.	Name.	Description.
93	Vicar & Churchwardens, SS. Philip & James'	Boys' School, Grafton Road
104	Feoffees of Elmstone	Church Shop and House, New Street
119	W. Welstead	Additions to Drumholme, Segrave Place
121	W. Cresswell	Additions to Darley Dale, Libertus Road (amended plans)
122	A. C. Billings	Additions to Southwood Lodge, Prestbury Road
123	C. B. Holtam	Additions to rear of 55 Winchcomb Street
121	Rev. T. H. Cave-Moyles	Vestry to St. Paul's Church

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

E. H. PARSONAGE, Chairman.

FARMS MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Friday, the 19th February, 1904—Present: Councillors Bence, M. Davis, King-Harman and Steel (Councillor M. Davis in the chair).

1—Farms Manager's Report—Reach, the monthly report of the Sewage Farms Manager. Since the last meeting 9 bullocks, 7 heifers and 10 sheep had been sold for £292, and the number of livestock on the Farms on the 19th inst., was 10 horses and 1 cob, 141 head of cattle and 17 pigs, all doing well. One bullock suffering from inflammation of the lungs had been slaughtered and the carcass sent to the Kennels.

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3 tons, 6 cwts. of hay, and 3 tons, 7 cwts., 3 qrs. of straw had been sent to the Central Depot. He recommended that 10 qrs. of oats be purchased for seed and for the horses. Resolved, That the recommendation be approved.

3—Inspection of Farms—Resolved, To pay a visit to the Farms on the 2nd proximo.

M. DAVIS,

Chairman.

STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday the 28th January, 1904.—Present Aldermen Skillicorne and Haddon., Councillors Bendall and Gridley (Councillor Bendall in the Chair) Councillor M. Davis also attended by invitation.

1—Purchase of Horses—In response to the advertisement 9 horses were sent to the Depot for the inspection of the Committee. Resolved, that four horses now selected be purchased for 252 from Sir. Harvey, subject to a week's trial and to their being passed by the Veterinary Surgeon.

JOHN D. BENDALL,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 9th February, 1904.—Present: The Mayor, Alderman Haddon, Councillors Baker, Bendall, Gridley, Packer and Parsonage (Councillor Bendall in the Chair.)

2—Report of Building Inspector—Read the monthly Report of the Building Inspector. Buildings in Progress 46. Completed since 8th ulto., 18.

3—Purchase of Horses—The Borough Surveyor submitted satisfactory certificates from Mr. F. W. Taylor, Veterinary Surgeon, with regard to the four horses purchased from Sir. Harvey.

4—Steam Road Roller—The Borough Surveyor submitted a Report by the National Boiler Insurance Company on their internal and external examination of the boiler of the 10 ton steam roller from which it appeared that the tubes would require renewing at an early date. Resolved, that the Borough Surveyor obtain and submit an estimate for the work required.

5—Ash Destructor Boiler—The Borough Surveyor submitted a satisfactory Report by the National Boiler Insurance Company, on their internal and external examination of the boiler at the Ash Destructor.

6—Improvements in Shurdington Road, Old Bath Road, and at Montpellier.—Councillor Parsonage reported that the County Highway Committee were on the recommendation of the County Surveyor willing to make the following contributions to the improvements undermentioned :—

	Contribution.	Borough Surveyor's Estimate of cost.
Shurdington Road (footpaths)	£135 6. 8d.	£270 13s. 3d.
Old Bath Road (widening)	£865 17s. 6d.	£1950 13s. 4d.
Montpellier Improvement	£85 1s. 6d.	£145 10s. 9d.

Resolved, that the offers as regards the improvements in Shurdington Road and at Montpellier be accepted and the work carried out, those in Shurdington Road not to go beyond Moorend Street, the County Council not making any contribution to the work beyond this point ; that the further consideration of the Old Bath Road Improvement be adjourned.

7--Tip for Road Scrapings—The Borough Surveyor reported that he had arranged with the owner and occupier of a piece of land in Whaddon Lane for the deposit of road scrapings there, on payment to the tenant at the rate of R5 per acre per annum for the land so used. Half-an-acre of land would probably last one or two years. It would be necessary to fence off the land from the remainder of the field, and to make a short approach road. Resolved, That the arrangement be approved and entered into.

8—Obstruction of Public Footpath—Bead, a letter train Mr. W. Allen calling attention to the condition of a public footpath through Messrs. Smith Bros'. timber yard at Leckhampton. Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to write Messrs. Smith Bros. on the subject.

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9—Building Plans—The Borough Surveyor laid before the Committee the following notices and plans of intended new buildings, viz. :—

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120	F. Jenkins	Twenty houses in Fairhaven Road, Fairfield Estate.
121	W. Cresswell	Additions to Darley Dale, Libertus Road.

Resolved, That Plan No. 118 be disapproved, and that the remainder of the Plans be approved so far as matters within the purview of this Committee are concerned.

JOHN D. BENDALL,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, 23rd of February, 1904—Present: The Mayor ; Councillors Baker, Bendall, Gridley, Packer, and Parsonage (Councillor Bendall in the chair)—

10--Cheltenham and District Light Railway Proposed Extension in High Street between Bath Road and Cambray--The Town Clerk reported that the Light Railway Commissioners would hold a Local Enquiry on the 9th March on the application of the Cheltenham Light Railway Co. for an Order authorising an extension of their lines up High Street, between Cambray and Bath Road. Resolved, That the Committee recommend the Council to support the application subject to the Company agreeing that the provisions of the agreement dated the 13th May, 1902, shall apply to the proposed extension.

Authorised Extensions and Existing Line —Mr. Gurney, Solicitor to the Company, with Mr. McCormick attended this meeting with reference to the method of construction of the extensions already authorised and to the repairs to be executed to the existing track.

Resolved, That the Company be required to comply with the following terms : -

(1) To pave the portions of the roadway in High Street which the Company are under agreement to pave, with Jarrah wood blocks (with a granite edge margin where the whole of the roadway is not paved) from Ambrose Street to Hale's Road, and the remainder of the extensions with best creosoted deal blocks (with granite edge margin where the whole width is not paved), The whole to have a proper concrete foundation of six inches or such greater thickness as the Borough Surveyor may think necessary owing to the nature of the ground. The work to be carried out to the satisfaction of the Corporation and in accordance with the specification of and under the supervision of the Borough Surveyor.

(2) The Company to forthwith proceed with the repaving of the portions of the roadway along the route of the existing line for which they are responsible from a point in North Street, at the street crossing nearest to High Street, to a point in Clarence Street, at the street crossing nearest to High Street, with Jarrah wood blocks, and to repave the remaining portions of the roadway along the existing line within the Borough with Granite setts. This work to be carried out in accordance with the Borough Surveyor's Specifications and under his supervision and to be completed within 12 months from the date of the agreement.

(3) The extensions not to be commenced until plans showing the proposed position and construction of the railways, and the positions and designs of the poles have been submitted to and approved by the Corporation. (Mr. McCormick stated that he was prepared to recommend Mr. Nevins to comply with these requirements.)

JOHN D. BENDALL,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 29th February, 1904—Present : The Mayor, Alderman, Haddon, Councillors Baker, Bendall, Gridley, Ley Wood, Parsonage and Packer (Councillor Bendall in the chair).

11—Surveyor's Monthly Report re Highways—The Borough Surveyor reported that the work done by the Highways' Department, from the 22nd January to the 25th February, 1904 (both inclusive) had been as follows:—

Repaired with 2-inch Clee Hill Stone—Tewkesbury Road (13,414 super yards), Lansdown Place (proceeding). Repaired with 2-inch Wickwar Stone—Waterloo Street (1272 super yards), Worcester Street (1128 super yards), Lypiatt Street (1899 super yards).

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Patching and- Rolling —Henrietta Street, North Place, Sandfield Road, St. Paul's Street N., St. Paul's Street S., Swindon Road, St. George's Street, Prestbury Road, Montpellier Street, Wellington Street, Manchester Street, Bath Parade, St. Luke's Road, Orrisdale Terrace, Albert Road, Albion Street, North Street, St. George's Place, Grosvenor Street, Tivoli Street, Clarence Street and Sandford Road.

Private Improvement Works—Kensington Avenue (proceeding).

Footpaths Repaired with Gravel—Tewkesbury Road (983 super yards), Old Bath Road (733 super yards), Charlton Lane (243 super yards), Overton Road (204 super yards), and Merestones Road (220 super yards).

Crossings Renewed— 2 in Promenade and 4 in Tewkesbury Road.

Crossings Relaid-4 in Tewkesbury Road and 1 in Albion Street.

Water Pillar Standing Paved—Tewkesbury Road.

Manholes Paved Round-5 in Moorend Road, and 7 in Tewkesbury Road.

Hydrant Bores Paved Round-1 in Moorend Road, 1 in Moorend Park Road and 6 in Tewkesbury Road.

Manholes Raised to Surface-5 in Tewkesbury Road, 1 in Lansdown Road, and 1 in Harp Hill.

Defective Manholes Repaired-1 in High Street. Defective Gullies Repaired-7 in Tewkesbury Road, 1 in Hewlett Street, and 2 in Oxford Parade.

New Gullies Fixed-5 in the Park, 1 in Suffolk Street, 1 in Lansdown Road, and 8 in Lansdown Place.

Gullies Renewed-4 in Tewkesbury Road, 1 in Sandford Road, 1 in Rosehill Street and 2 in Albion Street.

Electric Lamp Column Fixed—Old Bath Road. Telephone Trenches Excavated—Winchcombe Street, High Street, Regent Street, County Court Road, London Road and Sandford Road.

River Chelt Wall Strictted—back of York Terrace.

Surface Water Drain Laid—Shelburne Road (proceeding).

Ditch Piped with 15-inch Pipes—Old Bath Road (252 lineal yards).

Sewers Cleaned out—Cleveland Street and Albert Street, St. Peter's.

Trees Pruned—Spa Buildings.

Trees Planted (Planes and Silver Birch)-23 in Malvern Road, 13 in Christ Church Road, 2 in Queen's Road, 2 in Montpellier Terrace, 5 in Imperial Square, 1 in St. George's Road, 31 in Tewkesbury Road, 7 in Cemetery Road, and 1 in Hewlett Street (Total number of trees planted 85).

Paving Relaid—St. George's Place (90 super yards).

Turf Verge Renewed—The Park and Leckhampton Road (proceeding).

Ashes Collection and Disposal—During five weeks ended 18th February, 1904, 1361 loads collected, 280 tipped away, 1081 consumed, weight 1187 tons, 9 cwts.

Slab Factory—Slabs made during five weeks ended 25th February, 1904, 897 $\frac{1}{3}$ square yards.

12—Exmouth Street and Naunton Park Road (Footpaths)—The Borough Surveyor submitted plans, specifications and estimate of the works required to be done to the above Streets. And it was Resolved, That Notice be given under Section 44 of the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1852, to the owners of the premises fronting, adjoining, or abutting upon the parts of the said Streets, requiring to be drained, levelled, repaired, flagged and channelled ; requiring them to do the specified Works within 28 days ; and that, if such Notice is not complied with, the Surveyor do proceed to execute the Works mentioned or referred to therein ; and that the expenses thereof be recovered in the manner provided by the Act, and the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1889.

13—Granley Road, Victoria Place (Footpaths in parts)—The Borough Surveyor submitted a plan, specification and estimate of the Works required to be done to the above streets. Resolved, That the plans, sections and estimates be approved, and Notices be given under Section 150 of the Public Health Act, 1875, to the Owners of the Premises fronting, adjoining or abutting upon the parts of the

said streets, requiring to be sewered, levelled, paved, metalled, flagged, channelled or made good ; requiring them to do the specified Works within 28 days ; and that, if such 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.

14—Slop Carts—The Borough Surveyor reported that he had obtained tenders from 7 local coachbuilders for the two new slop carts ordered by the Committee and had accepted the lowest tender, that of Messrs. J. Tombs & Sons, Bath Road, at £18 15s. each.

15—Street Projections—Road, an application from Messrs. Webb Bros. for permission to bring forward the gilt letters over their offices in Colonnade. Resolved, That the application be not granted. Read, a letter from Messrs. Thos. Plant & Co., asking permission to put a projecting swing sign in front of No. 18 Colonnade. Resolved, Not to accede to the application.

16—Eldorado Crescent Private Improvement Works—Read, a letter from the Secretary of the Ladies' College asking the Council not to require paving on the footpath in Eldorado Crescent opposite the land owned and occupied by the College, but to allow asphalt or gravel to be used. Resolved, That the Committee regret they cannot see their way to vary their previous resolution.

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17.—View Meeting.—The following Members attended the View Meeting on Friday last, viz: Councillors Baker, Bendall and Gridley.

18.—Railway Embankment Road, The Reddings—Read a letter from the Clerk to the Badgeworth Parish Council, again calling attention to the condition of the Railway Embankment Road, leading to the Redding;, and asking the Council to reconsider its decision not to take the road over as a highway, repairable by the inhabitants at large. Resolved, That the Council cannot accede to the request.

19.—Merestones Road, Bridge over Hatherley Brook.—Read a letter from Mr. W. Landale, of Glenmore, the Park, calling attention to the need for repairs to the bridge over the Hatherley Brook, near the Park. Resolved. That Mr. Landale be informed that he should communicate with the Rural District Council, as the part of the bridge requiring repair is within their District.

20.—Tree in front of Gresford Lodge, Hale's Road.—Read a letter from Mr. C. H. Whitmore, of Gresford Lodge, Hale's Road, asking for the removal of a tree in front of his house. Resolved, That the Committee cannot see their way to accede to the request.

21.—Traction Engines for Hauling Road Material.—Read a letter from the Clerk to the Cheltenham Rural District Council enclosing copy of a resolution passed by his Council calling the attention of the County Council to the great damage done to the roads by Traction Engines, and asking the County Council to discourage their use for hauling road material, &c. as much as possible, and to restrict the gross weight propelled. The resolution further suggested that in the absence of any great disparity between the tenders of Hauliers and Steam Traction Proprietors, the hauliers should be selected. Resolved, That the Committee recommend the Council to concur in the above resolution, and that the County Council be informed accordingly.

22.—Private Improvement Works (back of Royal Well Terrace—Read a letter from Mr. W. H. Horsley, on behalf of the owner of Nos. 1 to 5 Royal Well Terrace, stating his willingness to pay the amount apportioned to him for private improvement works in the lane at the back of Royal Well Terrace, provided he would not be called upon to do any further works there. Resolved, That Mr. Horsley be informed that the abutting owners will not be again called upon to execute works in the lane referred to.

23 —Old Bath Road Improvement—This matter was again considered. Resolved, That the Chairman, Councillors Baker, and Parsonage be appointed a Sub-Committee to consider the same, discuss terms with the owners affected and report.

24—Scavengers—On the recommendation of the Borough Surveyor, Resolved, That the sixty road scavengers be provided with mackintosh coats, overalls and sou'westers at a cost of 13s 5d for each man.

25—Cheltenham and Honeybourne Railway—With reference to Minute No. 18 of this Committee, of the 28th December last, the application of the G.W.R. Co., for permission to lay down a temporary railway along certain streets in the Borough to facilitate the construction of their line to Honeybourne was again considered. Resolved, That the permission asked for be given on payment of V10 per month, and subject to the Company entering into an agreement embodying the conditions mentioned in their application and to their being responsible for all accidents or damage to property or persons arising out of the construction or use of the railway, and to a period being arranged satisfactory to the Council for the discontinuance of the use and removal of the railway, and that the Resolution to the Minute above mentioned be rescinded accordingly.

26—Montpellier Improvement—Read, a letter from Mr. E. A. Kite, the owner of No. 1 Ormond Villas, Montpellier, stating his willingness to agree to the proposed improvement opposite his property if the Corporation would allow him to bring forward his front main wall as shown on the plan sent with his letter. The Committee having viewed, Resolved, That the suggested bringing forward be agreed to.

27 —New Buildings—The Borough Surveyor laid before the Committee the following notices and plans of intended new buildings, viz. :—

No. of Plan.	Name.	Description.
122	A. C. Billings	Additions to Southwood Lodge, Prestbury Road
123	C. B. Holtam.	Additions to No. 55, Winchcomb Street
124	Rev. T. H. Cave-Moyles	Proposed Vestry to St. Paul's Church
93	Vicar and Church-wardens of S.S. Philip & James' Church	Proposed Boys' School, Grafton Road
121	W. Cresswell	Additions to Darley Dale, Libertus Road
125	G.W.R. Company	42, New Houses in Alstone Avenue (amended plans)
126	T. W. Smith	Proposed Laundry in Fairfield Avenue
127	Mrs. Swan	House in Naunton Park Road
128	Dicks & Sons, Ltd.	Wooden Shed in front of Central Hall, High Street

Resolved, That Plan No. 125 be disapproved ; that Plans numbered 121, and 128 be approved subject to an agreement being entered into, to remove the Buildings when called upon to do so by the Corporation, and that the remainder of the Plans be approved as shown so far as matters within the purview of this Committee are concerned,

JOHN D. BENDALL,

Chairman.

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TOWN IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 22nd February, 1904—Present : The Mayor, Alderman Norman, Councillors Baker, Bence, Bainbridge, Handley, Packer and Rickerby (Councillor Rickerby in the chair).

1—Report of Entertainments' Sub-Committee—The Entertainments Sub-Committee reported that they had made arrangements through Messrs. Baring for a lecture, on the afternoon and evening of the 16th proximo, on " Russia and Japan—the Far Eastern Crisis," by Mr. Arthur Diosy, F.R.G.S., the Corporation to receive 40 per cent. of the takings and the Lectures to be given in the Town Hall. Resolved, That their action be approved.

2—Promenade Improvement No. 2—Read, a letter from H.M. Office of Works, enclosing for approval alternative designs for the Post Office Extension in the Promenade, to the left of the main building (formerly No. 8 Promenade). Resolved, That the designs for the elevation and ornamental railings as now settled be approved.

3—Posters for Railway Stations—Read, a letter from Mr. E. J. Burrow, offering to supply 1000 illustrated posters advertising Cheltenham for exhibition at the Railway Stations, on the Midland, Great Western, and Midland and South Western Junction Railways for £16, and to arrange with the Companies for the posting, &c., without further charge. Resolved, To refer the matter to the Entertainments Sub-Committee for consideration and report.

4—Use of Montpellier Gardens by Archery Club—Read, a letter from Miss Carnegie applying for the use of part of the Montpellier Gardens for the Archery Club, from 1st April to the 31st October, this year, on the same terms and conditions as last year, viz :—payment of £11, this charge to include the services of a man to put up and take down the Targets. An additional payment of 2s 6d to be made on Bow Days for the use of the room at the Lodge. Resolved, That the application be acceded to.

5—Borough Surveyor's Report—The Boroughs Surveyor submitted a satisfactory report from the National Boiler Insurance, of their inspection of the two boilers at the Winter Garden. He reported that Mr. Gatacre of " Trouville," had presented for Pittville Gardens a Royal Oak, 14 feet high, and a small variegated elm, and that Mrs. Fairfax Rhodes, of Brockhampton, had presented a swan for the same Gardens. Resolved, That the best thanks of the Council be conveyed to the donors for their kindness.

6—Advertising—Resolved, To renew the half page advertisement in " Cook's Holiday Tours," for 1904, at a charge of £7 0s. 0d.

Resolved, To renew for this year the page illustrated advertisement in " Where to Stay," published by the Gordon Hotels, Ltd., the cost being £9 9s. 0d., the selection of new photos for the illustrations to be left to Councillors Bainbridge and Packer.

7—Byelaws for Regulation of Clarence and Wellington Squares—Resolved, To recommend the Council to make the following Byelaws under Section 72 of the Cheltenham improvement Act, 1889, for the regulation of the enclosed pleasure gardens and lawns in Clarence Square and Wellington Square.

(1) A person shall not play in the said pleasure gardens and lawns any game of football, hockey, cricket or golf or any game likely to injure persons using the pleasure gardens or the turf and shrubs.

(2) A person shall not play any game except on or in the space or spaces allotted or marked out for that purpose by an authorised person.

(3) A person shall not play any game in or on the said pleasure gardens and lawns on a Sunday.

(4) The charge to be made for the right to play games shall be such sum or sums as shall from time to time be fixed and prescribed by the Corporation and specified in a notice or notices affixed or set up in a conspicuous position in or on one of the entrances to the said gardens.

(5) A person shall not retain a Lawn Tennis Court or any other space required for playing authorised games for a longer period at any one time than one hour, if some other person requires the use of the said space.

(6) A person shall not ride or use in or on the said pleasure gardens and lawns any tricycle, bicycle or other similar vehicle.

(7) Every person who shall offend against any of the foregoing byelaws shall be liable for every such offence to a penalty of five pounds : Provided nevertheless, that the justices or court before whom any complaint may be made or any proceedings may be taken in respect of any such offence may if they think fit adjudge the payment as a penalty of any sum less than the full amount of the penalty imposed by this byelaw.

8 —Sunday School Union Conference—Read, a letter from Mr. E. J. Burrow, stating that the Gloucestershire, Herefordshire and Monmouthshire Association of Sunday School Unions would be holding their Good Friday Conference in Cheltenham this year, and asking that free admission to the Montpellier and Pittville Gardens might be afforded to three three or four hundred visitors to the Town on production of their Railway tickets. Resolved, That the Montpellier and Pittville Gardens be open free to the public generally on Good Fridays as on Sunday's, and that a sufficient number of copies of the Small Guide to Cheltenham issued by the Council be supplied to Mr. Burrow for the visitors attending the Conference.

T. E. RICKERBY,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 1st March, 1904—Present The Mayor, Councillors Bence, Bainbridge, and Rickerby (Councillor Rickerby in the chair).

9—Report of the Entertainments Sub-Committee—The Entertainments Sub-Committee reported

(1) That they have interviewed Mr. Burrow with regard to his offer to supply 1,000 posters for exhibition at railway stations for £16, and after hearing his explanations recommend the acceptance of the offer.

(2) That they propose to carry on Entertainments during the coming summer season, on similar lines to last year, the season to commence on the 6th June and terminate on the 3rd September, and they recommend that similar arrangements be made with regard to the subscriptions to the Montpellier and Pittville Gardens similar to last year.

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

T. E. RICKERBY,

Chairman.

LIGHTING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Friday, the 29th January, 1904—Present: The Mayor, Aldermen Norman and Rogers, Councillors Gridley, Handley, Ley Wood, Steel and Stroud (Aldermen Norman in the chair).

1—Special Report of the Borough Electrical Engineer—This Report was again considered and the Committee directed that further information should be obtained with regard to some of the points therein referred to.

GEO. NORMAN,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Friday, the 5th February, 1904—Present: The Mayor, Alderman Norman, Councillors Gridley, Handley, Ley Wood, Steel and Stroud (Alderman in the Chair).

2—Special Report of the Borough Electrical Engineer —The further information desired by the Committee at the last meeting was considered, and it was Resolved, To meet on the 10th inst., to finally settle the report and recommendations to be made to the Council.

GEO. NORMAN,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Wednesday, the 10th February, 1904—Present The Mayor, Aldermen Norman and Rogers, Councillors Gridley, Handley, Ley Wood and Steel (Alderman Norman in the chair).

3--Special Report of the Borough Electrical Engineer—The Committee agreed to make the following Report and recommendations to the Council:—

Electricity Undertaking—The Lighting Committee beg to report that they have carefully considered the position of the Electricity Undertaking and have had before them the Special Report of the Borough Electrical Engineer dated the 28th October last, and also a Return of information obtained in respect of Electricity Undertakings in a number of other Districts. A copy of this return accompanies this report.

The Engineer's report shows that the capital cost per Kilowatt capacity of the undertaking is £74 8s., which compares favourably with that of other high pressure stations. In only 12 out of 54 stations mentioned in the Engineer's report is the capital cost per Kilowatt capacity less than at Cheltenham, although the cost of the outside works (about £83,000) forms an unusually large proportion of the total cost of the Undertaking (about £148,000) which is partly owing to the large and scattered area of supply and partly to extensive Street Lighting.

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The report also shows that the Revenue costs per unit sold is 1d.569[? 1.569d] which is less than the average cost of six Stations with similar outputs at Cardiff, Derby, Huddersfield, Hull, Leicester and South Shields, and the Committee are advised that no substantial economy can be effected in the working of the Undertaking consistent with safety and efficiency.

Street Lighting—The 388 arc lamps in the Borough are charged for at prices giving an average charge per lamp of £17. There are also 16 Incandescent lamps for which £5 2s. 6d. each, per annum, is charged. The total receipts for Street Lighting are equal to a charge of 1d.91 per unit, while the cost per unit is 2d.27 so that at the present charges the Street Lighting represents a loss to the Undertaking, which for the year ended the, 31st March last, amounted to £928. It must be borne in mind that owing to the increase in the price of money, the capital charges of the Undertaking have increased by one per cent. and also that the price of coal is now about 35 per cent. higher than in 1895 when the Undertaking was started.

The table set out in the Engineer's report shows that the charge for Street Lighting in the majority of the Towns set out therein is above 2d. per unit, and in 11 out of 49 towns the charge is from 3d. per unit upwards. The Committee consider that having regard to all the circumstances, it is necessary to make a substantial increase in the charge for Street Lighting and therefore recommend : (a) That the charge for public lighting be increased as from the 1st April, 1904, to 3d. per unit, representing an increase of £2,532 per annum.

Traction—The present charges for the supply of current to the Light Railway Company are as follows :—

Not exceeding 100,000 units per half year £791 13s. 4d. (that is at the rate of 1d.9 per unit.)

Additional quantities up to 150,000 units per half year 1d. per unit,

Above 150,000 units per half year $\frac{3}{4}$ d. per unit.

The Engineer's report shows that the supply for traction at the present prices is unremunerative and that an increased charge may fairly be required.

The Committee therefore recommend:—

(b) That notice be forthwith given to the Light Railway Company for a revision of the charges made for traction with a view to fresh terms being arranged.

Private Lighting—The revenue earning capacity of the Private Supply outside works is much greater than the revenue earned and the Committee are satisfied that the principal cause of the annual loss which has hitherto been made on the 'Undertaking is that there are not sufficient consumers to secure an adequate return on the expenditure on these private supply works. The Committee have therefore given instructions for a pamphlet to be prepared and circulated calling attention to the advantage of Electricity for lighting and motive power. The Committee consider that it is desirable to revise the present scale of charges. The system of rebates now in force is not understood by consumers and consequently full advantage is not taken of it.

The Committee recommend:

(c) That the existing scale of charges be altered (except in the case of Places of Worship and Special Contracts) and that the following scale of charges be adopted as from the 1st April, 1904 (with a discount of 5 per cent. on all accounts paid within 21 days from the rendering of the account) namely :—6d. per unit for any number of units up to the equivalent of 500 hours use per annum of the Maximum Demand recorded by the Demand Indicator. 2d. per unit for all consumption during the year beyond the above.

It is proposed to fully explain the principle and working of this sliding scale of charges for the information of consumers in the pamphlet to be issued, but it may be mentioned that by " Maximum Demand " is meant the greatest actual rate of supply of Electrical Energy at any one time during the year as ascertained by the Demand Indicator fixed on the consumer's premises.

The quantity of electrical energy used by a consumer in each year up to the equivalent of 500 hours use of the Maximum Demand will be charged at 6d. per unit, while the charge for all additional energy will be only 2d. per unit. This system has been adopted in a number of Towns as will be seen by the " Return " before mentioned and it is recognised as being the fairest and most equitable system of charge as it secures that each consumer shall pay his fair proportion of the " Standby charges."

The Engineer's Report shows that the Standby charges on the number of units sold during the year ended 31st March, 1903, averaged 5d.51 per unit while the running costs only amount to 1d. per unit.

The cost of producing say 10,000 units in one hour would of course be much greater than the cost of producing the same quantity in 24 hours as the Standby charges for the larger plant required would be greater. It follows that a consumer who takes a supply for 4 hours a day is more profitable than a consumer who only requires a supply for one hour a day, and it is therefore only equitable that the long hour consumer should have the advantage of the reduced charge which they will secure under the proposed system.

The system is equally favourable to a consumer with a small installation as to a consumer with a large installation.

Meters—It will be seen by the Return that a charge is made for the hire of meters in 74 out of the 118 towns mentioned therein, and the Committee recommend:

(d) That rent be charged for the hire of meters as from the 1st April, 1904, according to the following scale, namely :—

1s per quarter not exceeding 50 eight c.p. lamps or their equivalent.

1s 6d “ “ “ 100 “ “ “

2s “ above “ “ “ “ “

This will produce about £50 per annum on the present number of consumers.

GEO. NORMAN,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Wednesday, the 24th February, 1904—Present The Mayor, Aldermen Norman and Rogers, Councillors Gridley, Handley, Ley Wood, and Steel (Alderman Norman in the chair).

4—Electrical Inspector's Report—The Electrical Inspector reported the result of his test of the Electric supply during the past month, viz. :—On the 30th ultimo, 210 volts, and on the 10th instant, 210 volts.

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

ILLUMINATING POWER.		PURITY.	
1904		1904	Grains of Sulphur per 100 cubic ft.
Jan. 30th	16.12 candles		
		Feb. 6-7	10.76
Feb. 6th	15.86 "		
"10th	16.00 "	" 17-18	10.26
" 17th	16.35 "		
" 20th	16.09 "		
Average	16.08 "	Average	10.51

6—Lamp Book—This Book was produced and examined. Ordinary Lamps extinguished, 4 metered, 9 unmetered ; burning dimly, 3 unmetered. Incandescents, extinguished 48 ; burning dimly, 13.

7—Public Lighting—Read, letters from Mr. F. Jenkins, asking that an incandescent gas lamp should be fixed in Fairfield Avenue ; and from Mr. W. Caudle, calling attention to the need for a lamp in the

road at the back of Great Norwood Street, leading into St. James' Place. Resolved, To adjourn consideration of the letters for the Committee to view.

8.—Public Lighting in Lansdown District—With reference to the memorial read at the last meeting with regard to the lighting of Lansdown Terrace, and the complaints received as to the insufficiency of public lighting in Lansdown Parade and adjacent roads, Resolved, That the memorialists and others be informed that the Council have under consideration the substitution of incandescent gas lighting, with shadowless lanterns, for the present ordinary gas lamps, before next winter, and that the Committee propose to inspect at an early date with a view to fixing the positions for the new lamps.

9—Switch Box at Battledown Approach Road—On the recommendation of the Borough Electrical Engineer, Resolved, That application be made to the Trustees of the Battledown Estate for permission either to lay a drain from the ground near the electric light switch-box at the top of Battledown Approach Road for about 30 yards, or to raise the box, Re., above the ground-level, and protect it by a small brick enclosure.

10—Report of Borough Electrical Engineer—Read, the Monthly Report of the Borough Electrical Engineer. On the 21st inst. there were 756 customers, with the equivalent of about 47,870 8-c.p. lamps connected to the private supply mains.

11—Sale of Disused Alternator—The Borough Electrical Engineer submitted for approval the terms on which he proposed to sell one of the disused 100-kilowatt alternators. Resolved, That the terms be approved.

12—Electric Supply to "Karenza," Bath Road—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that he had received application for electric supply to "Karenza," Bath Road. The owner was willing to pay £5 5s. towards the cost of the service, and guarantee 20 per cent. on the cost of the extension for five years. Resolved, That the main be extended and supply given on the terms mentioned.

GEO. NORMAN,

Chairman.

WATER COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Thursday, the 25th February, 1904—Present : The Mayor, Alderman Norman, Councillors Baker, Bendall, M. Davis, King-Harman, Lawrence, Packer and Waghorne (Councillor Waghorne in the chair).

1—Report of Fire Brigade Captain—The Captain of the Fire Brigade reported that on the 21st ulto, the Brigade was called out to a fire at the Cotswold Kennels. Damage £10. Expenses £3 4s. 6d. Buildings and contents insured.

2—Borough Engineer's Report—The monthly report of the Borough Engineer was read :

DAILY YIELD OF SPRINGS.			
	For 31 days, ended 18th February, 1904.	Average for corresponding period during last 3 years.	
Hewletts Springs	783,360 gallons	421,920 gallons	
Dowdeswell Springs	2,561,168 „	1,295,128 „	
CONTENTS OF RESERVOIRS.			
February 18th, 1904.		February 18th, 1903.	
Depth	Contents	Depth	Contents
Hewletts -	28,243,114 gallons	-	24,861,538 gallons
Leckhampton 12 ft. 0 in.	1,620,924 “	emptying reservoir.	
Dowdeswell 32 ft. 0 in.	100,023,701 “	31ft. 2 in.	95,634,073 “
Total Storage	129,887,739 “	120,495,611	
No. of days supply 104		96 [days]	

Calculated upon average daily consumption during month ended 18th February, 1904.

He reported that about five miles of the new main from Cheltenham to Tewkesbury had been laid.

Satisfactory Reports from the Vulcan Boiler Insurance Company had been received on their examinations of the boilers at Sandford and Tewkesbury.

On the recommendation of the Borough Electrical Engineer, Resolved, That two additional fire hydrants be put in Whaddon Lane, one opposite the Kennels and the other on the recent extension of the water main there.

3—Fire Hydrant in Hatherley Road—Read, a letter from Colonel Thoyts, Chairman of the Directors of the Sanitary Laundry Company, asking that a hydrant might be provided at the entrance to the Laundry in Hatherley Road, as the nearest one at present was 84 yards away. Resolved, That the request be complied with.

4—Extension of Main on Fairfield Estate—Read, a letter from Mr. F. Jenkins, applying for a water main to be laid in the new street on the Fairfield Estate, for supply to be given to twenty houses he proposed erecting. He asked that the work should be done at once, before the road is stoned. Resolved, That the request be complied with.

5—Fire Brigade Sub-Committee's Report—The Fire Brigade Sub-Committee reported that they met at the Fire Station on the 6th inst., when there were present: Alderman Norman, Councillors Baker (Chairman) and King-Harman. They recommended that the men's room at the Station be repainted and whitewashed, and that the Borough Surveyor be instructed to do the external painting and repairs necessary at the Station, that the old helmets be repaired and that a quantity of obsolete fittings and apparatus be sold. Resolved, That the Report of the Sub-Committee be approved and their recommendations adopted.

The Sub-Committee also reported that on 18th inst. they met a deputation from the Charlton Kings Urban District Council and discussed with them the terms upon which the Corporation would be willing to undertake that the Brigade should attend fires in Charlton Kings.

6—Land at Sandford—Read, a letter from the Secretary of the Education Committee asking whether the Council would be willing to allow the land on the Eastern side of Keynsham Road, belonging to the Water Department to be used as a site for an elementary school, and if so upon what terms. The land has a frontage of about 450 feet to Keynsham Road and is in extent about 11 chains. Resolved, That the Education Committee be informed that this Committee is willing to recommend the Council to allow the land to be appropriated for the purpose mentioned on payment of £1000 to the Water Undertaking.

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

H. WAGHORNE, Chairman.

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GENERAL PURPOSES & WATCH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 23rd February, 1904—Present : The Mayor, Aldermen Norman Rogers and Waghorne, Councillors Bendall, M. Davis, King-Harman, Parsonage, Rickerby and Stroud (Alderman Rogers in the chair).

1—Diseases of Animals Acts—Superintendent Hopkins reported that the Borough was entirely free from contagious disease amongst animals.

Read, a circular letter from the Board of Agriculture and Fisheries that a contagious disease of horses known as Epizootic Lymphangitis had recently been detected in England and Ireland, and asking that the widest publicity should be given to the matter and the symptoms of the disease with a view to the immediate detection of any case. Resolved, That notice be given by means of leaflets and advertisements accordingly.

2—Hackney Carriage Drivers Licences—Resolved, That the Committee cannot recommend the Council to rescind its resolution revoking the licence of Thomas Roach.

Resolved. To accede to the application made at the last meeting by Frank Payton, of 33 Rose and Crown Passage for a driver's licence.

3—Hackney Carriage Licences—Read, letters from Mr. James Smith, of No. 29 Bloomsbury Street, and Mr. Henry Winters, of 14 Naunton Crescent, applying for a transfer of Pony Carriage Licence No. 105, from the former to the latter, the horse and carriage having been purchased by Mr. Winters. Resolved, That the application be acceded to.

4—Regulations for Traffic to and from Races—Superintendent Hopkins submitted for approval draft Regulations which he proposes to issue for the traffic to and from the National Hunt Steeplechases, on the 10th proximo. Resolved, That the same be approved.

5—Temporary Hackney Carriage Licence—Read, a letter from Mr. S. Marsh, of 27 Worcester Street, applying for a temporary licence to ply for hire a hackney carriage on the occasion of the Races, on the 10th provision. Resolved, That the applicant be informed that the Council do not think it necessary to grant any special licences for the date mentioned.

6—Sunday School Union Conference—Read, a letter from Mr. E. J. Burrow, asking for the free use of the Town Hall, for the evening of Good Friday next, in connection with the Conference to be held in Cheltenham on that date, by the Gloucestershire, Herefordshire and Monmouthshire Association of Sunday School Unions. Resolved, That the application be acceded to, subject to payment of the cost of lighting and other out of pocket expenses.

Additional Staircase—Read, a letter from Mr. Waller enclosing an estimate by Messrs. Coollins & Godfrey, of the cost of providing a circular staircase in the Octagonal Hall, similar to the staircase in the other Octagonal Hall, amounting to £275. Resolved, That the staircase be provided and the work put in hand at once, and that the question of the erection of the fountain proposed to be placed in the Hall mentioned be deferred for further consideration.

7—Report of Art Gallery Sub-Committee—The Art Gallery Sub-Committee reported that they met on the 23rd inst., when there were present, Aldermen Haddon, Norman and Winterbotham, Councillor King-Harman, the Baron de Ferrieres and Dr. E. T. Wilson (Alderman Winterbotham in the chair).

Purchase of Objects—The Curator submitted a list and illustrations of Pompeian and Herculanean bronzes, which he had selected as suitable for purchase. The total cost would be £94, and if the selection were approved the Aid Grant of 50 per cent. would be allowed by the Board of Education towards the cost. Resolved, That the selection be approved, and that the same be submitted to the Board of Education together with an application for a grant towards the purchase.

Cleaning—Resolved, To authorise the Curator to close the gallery for one week between the Easter and the Whitsuntide Holidays, due notice to be given of such to the public.

Resolved, That the recommendations be approved and adopted.

8—Licence to Store Petrol—Read, an application from Messrs. Meats & Co., of Montpellier, for a licence to store 60 gallons of petrol. The Borough Surveyor having reported that the premises were suitable, Resolved, That the application be granted.

RICHARD ROGERS,

Chairman.

MINERAL WATERS, BATHS AND RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE.

At a meeting of this Committee, held on Thursday, the 18th February, 1904—Present: Councillors Baker, Bendall, Davies, King-Harman, Stewart and Stroud (Councillor Stroud in the chair).

1—Montpellier Baths—The Borough Accountant reported that the amount received during the present financial year was £457 9s. 8d., and the payments (exclusive of repayment of loan and interest) amounted to £529 8s. 7d.

2—Alstone Baths—The Borough Accountant reported that the receipts at these Baths during the present financial year were £225 7s. 5d. and the payments (exclusive of sinking fund payments and interest) amounted to £392 5s. 8d.

3—Charges, 8tc., at Montpellier and Alstone Baths—The chairman submitted a report prepared by himself dealing with the charges and time tables in force at the Montpellier and Alstone Baths, respectively, with suggestions as to alterations which might be made with advantage therein, and also recommending the issuing of season and half season tickets for the Montpellier Swimming Bath, also with a view to effecting a considerable saving in expenditure on heating and lighting, that during the Winter months (November to March inclusive) the private and medical baths should be open during Wednesday and Saturday only, also that the medical practitioners throughout the County should be circularised calling attention to the Brine and Immersion Baths, and to the establishment of the mineral waters at the baths. Also that the tariff and time tables should be painted outside the Montpellier Baths on either side of the present painted panel. Also as regards the Alstone Baths strongly recommending that greater inducements and facilities should be afforded the Superintendent for the purpose of giving instructions in Life Saving, further recommending that the Swimming Baths should be reserved for the use of Ladies at certain times and finally calling attention to the desirability of more extensively advertising the Baths and suggesting that use for this purpose should be made of the programmes of Corporation Entertainments. The same having been considered, Resolved, That the Tariff of Charges be revised as follows, namely :--

MONTPELLIER BATHS-TARIFF.

Present Charges.

Revised Charges.

1st Class Private Bath	1s	6d	Special Private Bath with Cold Shower	1s 6d
2nd Class Bath		9d	1st Class Bath (hot or cold) ...	6d
3rd " "		4d	2nd " "	4d
Deep Immersion	1s	6d	Deep Immersion	2s 0d
Brine Bath	2s	6d	Brine Bath	2s 6d
Swimming Bath		6d	Swimming Bath ...	6d
			Whole Season Ticket (available 7 cal. months) 1	£1 10s
			Half " " " 3 "	12s 6d
			Book of 12 Tickets ...	5s 0d
			Book of 12 Tickets for Brine Baths 1	4s 0d
Swimming Lessons each	2s	6d	Swimming Lessons each •••	2s 6d
" " Course of Ten	£1 1s	0d	" " Course of Ten 1	£1 1s0d
Plunge Bath (first ½ hour) ...	1s	6d	Plunge Bath (first ½ -hour) ...	1s 6d
(Every subsequent ½ hour)	1s	0d	(Every subsequent ½ -hour)	1s 0d

Exclusive use of bath for one hour to person taking not less than 40 tickets at a single visit—as before.

Also, that the tariff and time table as revised be painted up on the panels outside the Baths.

(2) That the supply of Refreshments at Montpellier Baths be left entirely to the Superintendents there, they receiving the proceeds and making good any breakages in the tea things provided by the Corporation,

TIME TABLE.

Private and Medical Baths—Wednesday and Saturday (only), 1st November to 31st March, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Swimming Bath—Wednesday and Saturday (only), 1st March to 31st March, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.
Gentlemen—Tuesdays, 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. (except May, June and July.) Ladies—Tuesdays (whole day), May, June and July ; (6.30 a.m. to 4 p.m.), April, August and September. All the other times to remain as at present.

Resolved, also, That a circular letter be issued to the Medical Men in Cheltenham and neighbourhood, calling their attention to the facilities offered for the treatment of patients at the Brine and Immersion Baths and as to the curative properties of the Mineral Waters.

ALSTONE BATHS.

Resolved, That the Swimming Bath be reserved for Ladies on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, from 12 noon to 2 p.m., Ladies to provide their own bathing dresses. Resolved, Also -That the Superintendent of the Alstone Baths be allowed the use of the Swimming Bath for one hour after closing time on one evening each week during the season for the purpose of holding Life Saving Classes, without charge and that he be allowed to make a small charge not exceeding 3d. per lesson to each member of the class.

(3) That the charge of 4d. made from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., at the Alstone Baths, include provision of bathing drawers.

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GENERALLY.

(4) That the Corporation Entertainments Sub-Committee be asked to afford this Committee space on any programmes issued by them for an advertisement of the Baths.

1—Recreation Grounds—Resolved, To visit the Recreation Grounds on the 9th proximo, with a view to deciding what work will be necessary during the ensuing financial year.

HERBERT STROUD, Chairman.

BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Friday, the 26th February, 1904—Present: The Mayor, Councillors Baker, Bence, Gridley and Steel (The Mayor in the chair).

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

2—Designs—Resolved, That the following designs be approved :—Headstones to James Smith, George Davis and Frederick Gill ; Memorial Crosses to William Whittingham, Rebecca Helen Yells, Barbara Margareta Adams, Louisa M. H. Vernon Wentworth and Charles Francis Allnatt ; Kerbs to graves of William White and Sarah Ann Walker.

Resolved. To disapprove design submitted for the grave of William Dunbar Blyth, as the erection of the same would contravene the regulations.

J. C. GRIFFITH,

Chairman.

PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 16th February, 1904—Present The Mayor ; Alderman Rogers ; Councillors Davies, King-Harman and Stroud ; The Revs. J. Evans and J. A. Owe. ; Messrs. W. Creswell, C. Hayward, A. Mann, G. H. Palmer and E. C. Rogers (Councillor King-Harman in the chair).

1—Librarian's Report—Read, the monthly report of the Librarian. Receipts, £8 3s. 7d. Presentations The Trustees of the British Museum (7 vols.), The Baron de Ferrieres (2 vols.), Dr. E. T. Wilson (1 vol.)

2 —Sub-Committee's Report—The Sub-Committee reported that they met on the 12th instant, when there were present :—Alderman Rogers, Councillor King-Harman (chairman), Rev. J. A. Evans and Mr. G. H. Palmer. A letter was read from Mr. H. Bettam, asking for certain concessions with regard to the issuing and loan of books to the Leckhampton Reading Room and the Sub-Committee recommended that the Librarian be instructed to inform Mr. Bettam that the Committee cannot see its way to alter the present arrangements. Resolved, That the recommendation be approved.

M. J. KING-HARMAN, Chairman.

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FINANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Friday, the 19th February, 1904 -Present : Alderman Waghorne, Councillors Bence, King-Harman and Steel (Alderman Waghorne in the Chair.)

Loans—The Borough Accountant reported that the Croydon Corporal had offered to lend £35,000, 20 guineas to be paid for costs (exclusive of stamp duty) £20,000 to be advanced at once and £15,000 after the end of March next. Resolved, that the offer he accepted for the purposes of the Town Hall loan, and that the Common seal be affixed to Mortgages for securing the repayment of the said sum and interest by equal half-yearly instalments of principal and interest combined.

Resolved further, that the offer of the Accrington Corporation to lend £198 for 5 years certain, and afterwards to be repayable on 6 months notice from either side be accepted, for the Alstone Bath Loan, and that a debenture be sealed accordingly.

JOHN WAGHORNE, Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 1st day of March, 1904—Present The Mayor, Aldermen Skillicorne and 1Vaghorne, Councillors Bence, Handley, King-Harman, Rickerby, Steel and Stroud (Alderman Waghorne in the Chair).

2—General District Rate—The Report of the Borough Accountant on the collection of the second instalment of this Rate was read. Amount collected, £21,129 14s. 10d. ; leaving outstanding, £2,754 10s. 1 ½ d.

3—Water Rate—The Report of the Borough Accountant on the collection of this Rate was read. Amount received, £10,381 17s. 8d. ; leaving outstanding, £1419 14s. 5d.

4—Loans—Resolved, That the Common Seal be affixed to a Debenture for £306 in favour of the Loyal Beaufort Lodge of Oddfellows, with interest at 3 ¾ per cent., on account of the loan of £10,667 for Electric Lighting ; and that the interest on the £1,400 already advanced by the Society be increased to 3 ¾ as from the expiration of the notice for repayment.

Resolved, That the Mayor and Town Clerk be authorised to affix the Common Seal to an Indenture of -Mortgage for securing the repayment to the Public Works Loan Board of the sum of £4,519, with interest thereon at 3 ¾ per cent., repayable by equal half-yearly instalments of principal and interest combined, within 30 years from the date of borrowing ; and also to an order for delivery of the Certificate for the said sum to Francis Frederick Leaver, the Borough Treasurer.

The Town Clerk reported that the Ecclesiastical Commissioners had offered to lend £35,000 in respect of the loan for the Town Hall. Resolved, That as the loan for the Town Hall has already been arranged, the Council offer to take the sum in respect of other loans.

5—Report of Elective Auditors—Read, a further Report by the Elective Auditors based on their examination of the Accounts for the year ending 31st March last. Resolved, That the same be printed, and a copy sent to each member of the Council, and that the Report be considered at the next meeting of the Committee.

6—Officers' Salaries—Resolved, That in future the salaries of those officials and clerks who are paid monthly be paid on the date when they become due, viz., the 1st of each month.

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 £18,356 5s. 8d., ordered to be paid by the Borough Treasurer. The Treasurer's accounts at the Bank were examined, and the balances found to be correct. The following was the General Statement

			£	s. d.
Overdrawn on the 1st February, 1903			100,037	14 10
Paid since that date			37,138	5 0
			146,175	19 10
Received since that date (including Electric Lighting Loan .C32,000)			54,567	18 2
Overdrawn			91,208	18

Being Bank Loan Account No. 2	£88,285	1 6		
Do. No. 3	£23,153	14 11		
	£111,138	16 5		
Less Balance General Account in hand	£19,911	11 8		
	£111,524	0.		
Less Sinking Funds reported last month	£20,975	8 5		
Added during the month	£1,310	11 8		
	£22,316	3 1		
Invested with the Borough of Newport	£22,000	0		
			£316	3 1
			£91,208	1 8

JOHN 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 Tuesday, the 5th April, 1904.

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 14th March, 1904—Present : The Mayor, Alderman 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, 17 cases of Scarlet Fever, 3 of Erysipelas and 1 of Diphtheria ; that 17 cases of Scarlet Fever, had been sent into the Hospital, and 1 doubtful case into quarantine, and that the number of cases then in the Delancey Hospital sent in by the Corporation was 20 of Scarlet Fever.

2—Insanitary Property—Nos. 4 and 5 Providence Cottages, Great Norwood Street, 15 Upper Bath Street, 2 Exmouth Buildings and 3 Orchard 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.

3—Water Closets without Flushing Apparatus—The Medical Officer of Health reported that the following houses had water closets without flushing apparatus, viz :-2 Exmouth Buildings and 33 North Place. 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. 5 Rosehill Street—The Medical Officer of Health reported that the above premises were so overcrowded as to be dangerous or injurious to the health of the inmates. Resolved, That the Committee being satisfied of the existence of is nuisance on the said premises, Notices under Section 91 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 :-29 Montpellier Terrace, 21 Queen's Retreat, 5, 6, 7, 8 and 10 Attewell's Court, and 2 St. John's Terrace. 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 Boroughs Surveyor on behalf of the Corporation.

6—Dairies, Cowsheds and Milkshops' Order—Read, an application from Matthew Cook, of Nos. 1 and 2 Regent Place, Swindon Road, to be registered as a purveyor of "Milk. The Medical Officer of Health having reported that the premises were unsuitable, Resolved, That the applicant be not registered.

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7—Cleansing and Disinfecting at 60 Townsend Street, 8 Victoria Street, St. Paul's, and 4 Prospect Terrace, 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 owners and occupiers to cleanse and disinfect the houses or parts thereof within the time specified in such Notice.

8—Underground Bakehouse—The Medical Officer of Health reported that the whole of the works required to be done to the underground bakehouse of Mr. Lock, at 1 Thirlestaine Place, Bath Road, had been carried out to his satisfaction, and he recommended that a certificate under Section 101 of the Factory and Workshop Act, 1901, be granted. Resolved, That a Certificate be sealed and issued accordingly.

9—Nuisances from Drains, etc., at Nos. 30 and 32 Marle Hill Road, and Nos. 10 and 11 Alstone Place, Gloucester 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 report to the Committee.

10—Sewers in St. Peter's District--The Report of the Borough Surveyor laid before the Committee at the last meeting upon the condition of the sewers in St. Peter's District was considered (a print of the Report accompanies these Minutes). Resolved, That the re-sewerage of the district be carried out in accordance with Scheme A mentioned therein, and that application be made to the Local Government Board for sanction to a loan of £6652 for the purpose.

11—Housing of the Working Classes Acts—Read, a letter from the Secretary of the Cheltenham and District Trade and Labour Council, calling attention to the fact that the Local Government Board had given its sanction to the Great Western Railway Company's rehousing scheme, which provided for the building of 42 houses at rents of about 6s 6d per week, in place of 68 at rents from 3s to 4s 6d per week. Under these circumstances the Trade and Labour Council thought it a good opportunity for the Corporation to carry out a housing scheme under Part III. of the Act of 1890. Resolved, That in view of the present condition of the money market the Committee cannot recommend the Council to entertain a scheme at the present time.

12—Maud's Elm Gardens--Read, a letter from Mr. Earengy asking whether the Council would on the conditions set out therein make provisions for the surface water drainage and lay a sewer up to the North Eastern boundary of the land on which he proposed to erect a number of houses. The Borough Surveyor having reported as to the levels, Resolved That the Committee cannot recommend the Council to lay the sewer as suggested.

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.
125	Great Western Railway Company	42 houses in Alstone Avenue (amended plans)
126	T. W. Smith	Laundry at rear of house in Fairfield Avenue
127	Mrs. Swan	House in Naunton Park Road
130	G. H. Roberts	2 houses in Winstonian Road
131	Lance & Co.	Rebuilding premises at No. 128 High Street
132	W. H. Toms	Additions to rear of No. 30 Promenade
133	The Gloucestershire County Council and the Grammar School Governors	Additional buildings at rear of Grammar School

Resolved, That Plans Nos. 125, 127 and 136 be disapproved, that Plan No. 131 be approved, subject to requirements of Borough Surveyor as to drainage being carried out to his satisfaction, and that the remainder of the 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 21st March, 1904—Present: The Mayor, Aldermen Norman and Skillicorne, Councillors Bence, M. Davis, King Harman 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, 6 cases of Scarlet Fever, 1 of Erysipelas and 2 of Diphtheria; that 6 cases of Scarlet Fever and 2 of Diphtheria had been sent into the Delancey Hospital, .and that the number of cases then in the Delancey Hospital sent in by the Corporation was 23 of Scarlet Fever and 2 of Diphtheria.

15—Insanitary Property—viz. Nos. 6, 7 and 8, Attewell's Court, Berkeley Avenue, 17, Sun Street, 4, 5 and 6 Exmouth Terrace, and 1 and 2, Brockworth Cottages, Exmouth 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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16—Notices not complied with—The Medical Officer of Health submitted a list of notices which had been served to provide ash receptacles, and to cleanse and limewash, but which had not been complied with. Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to take proceedings (if necessary) to compel compliance.

17—Overcrowding at No. 1, Rutland Street—The Medical Officer of Health reported that the above premises were so overcrowded as to be dangerous or injurious to the health of the inmates. Resolved, That the Committee being satisfied of the existence of a nuisance on the said premises, Notices under Section 94 of the Public Health Act, 1875, be served on the owners and occupiers thereof requiring them to abate the same.

18 --Houses without proper Ash Receptacles—The Medical Officer of Health reported that the following houses had no proper ashpits or ash receptacles, viz :- 4, 5, 9, 13, 20, 21 and 25, Tivoli Street, Roseneath, Fairmount Road, and 48, Rutland 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 sin, pattern, and construction as may be approved by the Borough Surveyor on behalf of the Corporation.

19—Cleansing and Limewashing at Nos. 13, 14 and 23 Tivoli Street, and Nos. 6 and 7 Attewell's Court—The Medical Officer of Health having certified under Sec. 46 of the Public Health Act, that the above-named dwelling houses were in such a filthy and unwholesome condition that the health of the inmates was affected or endangered thereby, Resolved, That Notice be given to the owners under the said Section requiring the houses to be cleansed and limewashed.

20—Nuisances from Drains, etc., at Derby Cottage, Lower Alstone, and Springwell House, Bath Road. The Inspector of Nuisances leaving made written application under Sec. 41 of the Public Health Act, 1875, stating that the drains, 86c., 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.

21—Underground Bakehouse—The Medical Officer of Health reported that the whole of the works required to be done to the underground bakehouse, of Mr. Chill, at 77, High Strict had boon carried out to his satisfaction, and he recommended that a certificate under Sec. 101 of the Factory and Workshop Act, 1901, be granted. Resolved, That a Certificate be sealed and issued accordingly.

22—Smoke Nuisance at Timber Yard, Knapp Road –The Inspector of nuisance reported the existence of a nuisance arising from black smoke from a chimney at a timber yard in Knapp Road. Resolved, That notice be given to the occupier, under Sec. 91 of the Public Health Act, 1875, requiring him to abate the nuisance and to prevent a recurrence thereof.

23—House Unfit for Habitation—The Medical Officer of Health certified under Sec. 32 of the Housing of the Working Classes Act, 1890, that No. 2, Exmouth Buildings, Bath Road, was in such a state as to be a nuisance and injurious to health and unfit for human habitation. He also reported that in his opinion, owing to its state, the occupation of the house should be immediately discontinued. Resolved, That the Council being of this opinion, proceedings be forthwith taken under Sec. 8 of the Housing of the Working Classes Act, 1903, for an order for the house to be closed.

24—Abattoir—The Town Clerk reported that as instructed by the Committee he had written the Butchers' Association, and also the users of the Abattoir, inviting them to make, for the assistance of the Committee, any suggestions or complaints as to the management of the abattoir. Read the following letter from the Hon. Sec. of the Cheltenham Butchers' Association.

" At a recent Meeting of The Cheltenham and District Butcher's Association, your letter of the 11th of February, was placed before the Members, and in reply they desire me to thank you, also the Council for their courtesy, and at the same time to express their regret, that no record has been kept of the many complaints which have from time to time been received with regard to the abattoir and its management ; but they understand a similar letter has been sent to most of the Butchers who use the abattoir, and doubtless you have, ere this, got their replies.

The Association find, however, that a much more cordial feeling exists between the users and the Superintendent, and they desire to congratulate the Council on this, affording as it does evidence that the Butchers are not unreasonable, and a little consideration has had a most beneficial effect. In the opinion of the Association, the abattoir is only suitable for Butchers doing a small business, their requirements not being large enough to cause inconvenience to the Official in charge, and consequently does not bring theirs into conflict with him, as proof of this they would direct the Council's attention to the fact that two of the largest Butchers who attempted to use the abattoir, had to go to considerable expense in order to procure other accommodation, their very existence, as traders, being threatened unless they made a change.

In conclusion, the Association much appreciate your consideration in approaching them, and they feel sure it will do good, as the Members will now, on occasion, bring matters before their Association, relying on representation being made to the Council without individual names being mentioned."

The suggestions made by those users of the abattoir who had replied were as follows :—

- (1) That the charge for killing calves should be reduced from 6d. to 3d. or 4d.
- (2) Butchers should be allowed to kill at the Abattoir in case of emergency, after 9 p.m.
- (3) That the price for pigs and porkers should be reduced.
- (4) That a cooling room is required, also a singeing apparatus and a small landing stage for animals.

None of the letters received contained any complaint against the Superintendent, on the contrary a number of users of the Abattoir stated that he was very fair and obliging in the performance of his duties.

Resolved, That the charge for calves be reduced from 6d. to 3d. each, that the Committee cannot see its way to reduce the charge for pigs or porkers, and that the other suggestions mentioned be adjourned for further consideration at the next meeting.

23—Building Inspector—The Borough Surveyor having called attention to the large amount of important work attaching to the office of Building Inspector, which Mr. Moorman found himself unable to cope with owing to advancing years, Resolved, That the Committee recommend that notice be given to Mr. Moorman to terminate his engagement with the Corporation on the 30th June next, he to receive from that date, compensation for loss of office, under the Borough Extension Order of 1893, at the rate of £41 15s. 6d. per annum, as settled in 1894. (This recommendation has been communicated to Mr. Moorman, who acquiesces therein.)

Resolved, also, that the Boroughs Surveyor be authorised to engage a competent man to perform the duties of Inspector of new buildings, from the 30th June next, at a salary of £105 per annum, rising by annual increments of £5 to £150 per annum.

26—Estimate of Receipts and Expenditure—The Committee considered and settled the estimate of receipts and expenditure for the ensuing financial year, as regards matters within its purview.

27—New Streets and Buildings—The Borough Surveyor submitted the following notices and plans of intended new streets and buildings, viz.

No. of Plan	Name	Description
135	Mr. H. Adcock	Wooden Shed at 1, Chosen Villas, Sandfield Road.
136	S. Billings	Dining Room at "Inholmes" School.
138	E. Alcock	Two Houses in Alstone Croft Road.
139	J. D. Bendall	House in Fairfield Avenue.
140	Cheltenham & Gloucestershire Harness Room, &c., at Osborne House, Queen's Road Building Society.	

Resolved, That Plan No. 136 be disapproved, that Plan No. 139 be approved subject to a window being placed in the W.C., and that the rest of the plans be approved so far as drainage and other sanitary matters are concerned.

E. H. PARSONAGE, Chairman.

FARMS MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, hold on Wednesday, the 2nd March, 1904—Present : Alderman Skillicorne, Councillors Bence, M. Davis, King-Harman and Steel (Councillor M. Davis in the chair).

1—Inspection of Farms—The Committee visited the farms and inspected the stock, and found the condition of the same satisfactory. The effluent was also examined at several points and found to be good.

M. Davies,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Friday, the 18th March, 1904—Present : The Mayor, Alderman Skillicorne, Councillors M. Davis, King-Harman and Steel (Councillor M. Davis in the chair).

2—Farms Manager's Report—Read, the Monthly Report of the Sewage Farms Manager. Since the last monthly Meeting 10 bullocks and 7 heifers had been sold for £289 14s., and the number of livestock on the farms on the 18th instant was 10 horses and 1 cob, 124 head of cattle and 17 pigs, all healthy and well. 40 sacks of wheat had been threshed at the Hayden Farm, and 1 ton, 17 cwt., 3 qrs. of straw, and 3 tons, 16 cwts. of hay had been delivered to the Central Depot. He recommended that the mare in foal be insured against foaling risks, and that some land of Mr. L. Gibbons, near Dogbark Lane, be supplied with fluid sewage on payment of £4 per annum, commencing from the 1st instant. Resolved, That the recommendations be approved and adopted.

3—Annual Stocktaking and Valuation—Resolved, That the Committee visit the farms on the 30th instant for the Annual Stocktaking and Valuation.

M. DAVIS,

Chairman.

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STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 15th March, 1904—Present: The Mayor, Aldermen Haddon and Skillicorne, Councillors Baker, Bendall, Gridley, Ley Wood and Parsonage (Councillor Bendall in the chair).

1—Shedding at Depot—Resolved, To instruct the Borough Surveyor to bring up plans for addition to cart shed and lime and sand stores at the Central Depot.

2—Maud's Elm Gardens—Read, a letter from Mr. Earengy, stating that he and Mr. Reason, the owners of the Maud's Elm Gardens estate, were willing to contribute £75, give up the necessary strip of land to make the road (with the present and new footpath) 36 feet wide and to make the usual rubble foundation for, and blue gravel the new footpath, provided the Corporation would shape the latter, make the road, and channel and curb and make provision for surface water drainage and make a sewer up to the North Eastern boundary of the land. The owners to be at liberty to connect with the Corporation sewer by means of a 9-inch pipe with proper manholes and fall. Resolved, That in view of the decision of the Public Health Committee not to lay the proposed sewer, Mr. Earengy be informed that his offer cannot be entertained.

3—Wooden Buildings in Knapp Road—The Borough Surveyor having reported that Sir. Warren had erected certain wooden buildings on land abutting on Knapp Road, contrary to the byelaws. Resolved, That notice be given to Mr. Warren to attend the next meeting of this Committee to show cause why the buildings so erected should not be removed.

4—Repairs to Steam Roller Boiler—The Borough Surveyor submitted the following tenders he had received for the repairs necessary to the 10 ton steam roller :—

Such & Sons ...	£7 15 0
R. E. & C. Marshall	£9 17 6
Aveling & Co. (Birmingham)	£12 0 0

Resolved, That the tender of Messrs. Such & Sons be accepted.

3—Eldorado Crescent Private Improvement Works—Reed, a letter from the Secretary of the Ladies' College, offering to give an undertaking to pave the footpath opposite their land in Eldorado Crescent if and when houses were erected on the frontage. Resolved, That the Committee cannot recommend any variation in the specification already approved by the Council.

6—Slab Factory—On the recommendation of the Borough Surveyor, Resolved, That he be authorised to purchase a die for the making of concrete curbing at a cost of £28, and obtain an estimate for a mortar mill.

7—Building Inspector's Report—Read, the Monthly Report of the Building Inspector. Buildings in progress, 50. Completed since 9th ultimo, 6.

8—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.
129	E. Clee	Additions to 9 Leamington Place
130	G. H. Roberts	Two houses in Winstonian Road
131	Lance & Co.	Rebuilding premises at No. 128 High Street
132	W. H. Toms	Additions to No. 30 Promenade
133	Gloucestershire County Council and Grammar School Governors	Additional buildings at rear of Grammar School
134	Dicks & Sons, Ltd.	Additions to No. 172 High Street.
135	M. H. Adcock	Shed back of No. 1 Chosen Villas, Sandfield Road

Resolved, That Plan No. 130 be disapproved, that Plan No. 131 be approved, subject to proper provision being made for escape in case of fire, and to the partitions being of fire proof material, that Plan No. 135 be approved, subject to an agreement being entered into for the removal of the building when called upon to do so by the Corporation, 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 28th March, 1904—Present: The Mayor, Aldermen Haddon and Skillicorne, Councillors Bendall, Gridley, Ley Wood and Parsonage (Councillor Bendall in the chair).

9—Borough Surveyor's Monthly Report re Highways—The Borough Surveyor reported that the work done by the Highways Department, from the 26th February to 24th March, 1904 (both inclusive) had been as follows:—

Repaired with 2-inch broken Clee Hill Stone—Lansdown Road (1822 super yards), Lansdown Place (9424 super yards).

Repaired with 2-inch Wickwar Stone—Cleveland Street (1190 super yards), Dagmar Road (1040 super yards), Alexandra Street (308 super yards), Cleeve Path Drive (proceeding).

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Repaired with Clinker—Rowanfield Road. Patching—Regent Street, Bath Road, Sydenham Road North, Sydenham Road South, Princess Street, Portland Street, and Hatherley Road.

Telephone Trenches Excavated—Back of College Lawn, Bath Road, Exmouth Street and Plough Hotel Yard.

Footpath Repaired with Asphalt—Gloucester Road (405 super yards).

Footpath Repaired with Gravel—Charlton Lane (750 super yards), Evesham Road (151 super yards).

Crossings Renewed—Six in Tewkesbury Road and 2 in Lansdown Place.

Crossings Relaid—Three in Tewkesbury Road.

Manholes brought up to surface—Three in Lansdown Place, 1 in Oxford Passage, 1 in Tewkesbury Road, and 1 in St. George's Place.

New Manhole built—One in Harp Hill.

Manhole Rebuilt—One in Granley Road.

Defective Gullies repaired—Two in Lansdown Place, 12 in Albert Street, 1 in Rodney Road, and 1 in Hewlett Street.

Hydrant Boxes paved round—Twelve in Tewkesbury Road and 8 in Lansdown Place.

Surface Water drain laid—The Park (proceeding). New Gullies fixed—Four in the Park.

Concrete Kerb fixed—Shelburne Road (383 yards lineal).

Concrete Channel fixed—Shelburne Road (383 yards lineal).

Surface Water drain laid—Shelburne Road (350 yards lineal of 9-inch and 25 yards 6-inch pipes).

New Manholes fixed on Surface Water Drain—Three in Shelburne Road. Lawn Kerb and Concrete Channel fixed—Malvern Road (proceeding).

Channel Renewed—Hewlett Street (proceeding).

Private Improvement Works carried out by arrangement- 89 feet lineal of kerb and channel refixed, and 12 $\frac{1}{3}$ yards super of concrete slabs laid in Victoria Place.

Sewer Extension—Naunton Lane, 150 yards lineal of 9-inch pipes.

New Manholes fixed—Two in Naunton Lane.

Sewers Cleaned out—St. Paul's Street South and Gas Lane.

Trees Pruned—Sydenham Villas Road, Alexandra Street, Priory Street, Montpellier Terrace and Old Bath Road.

Trees cut down—Hales Road by Auckland Villa.

Broken Trees Removed-1 in Leckhampton Road and 1 in Tewkesbury Road.

Painting—Shop front 15 Ambrose Street, Fire Station bell tower.

Ashes Collection and Disposal-1108 loads collected, 295 tipped away and 813 consumed, weight, 885 tons, 11 cwts., during 4 weeks ended 17th March, 1904.

Slab Factory—During 4 weeks ended 24th March, 1904, 903 $\frac{7}{8}$ square yards of slabs made.

10—Motor Cars—Read, a circular letter from the Local Government Board enclosing print of an Orders made by the Board under the Locomotives on Highways Act, 1896, and the Motor Car Act, 1903.

11—Surface Water Drainage in Suffolk Square and Park Place—Read, a letter from the Local Government Board enclosing sanction to a loan of 260 for the provision of surface water drainage in Suffolk Square and Park Place, the loan to be repayable in 30 years. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to put the work in hand at once.

12--Old Bath Road Improvement—The Chairman reported that the Sub-Committee appointed with reference to this improvement met on the 23rd instant, when there were present—Councillors Baker, Parsonage, and himself, Mr. Holliday, Mr. Jordan, and Mr. James Villar, with Mr. Bubb and Mr. Gurney as their respective solicitors. Mr. R. McLaren also attended as representing Mr. Robert Dennis, an owner of land fronting part of the road proposed to be widened. After discussion, the Owners offered to give up the land required for widening the road to 40 feet as shown on the plan prepared by the Borough Surveyor, and to contribute the sum of £500 towards the cost of making the road, and to fence along the proposed now boundary line, on the understanding that the work will be put in hand as soon as possible, and that the owners will be relieved of all further liability for paving, kerbing, and channelling in respect of the portion of the road included in the proposed improvement, after the improvement has been carried out. The Sub-Committee recommended that the terms offered be accepted. Resolved, That the recommendation of the Sub-Committee be approved and adopted, and that the offer of the County Council to contribute £865 17s. 6d. towards the cost of the improvement be accepted.

13—Tenders for Forage—The tenders (accompanied by samples) sent in, in response to the advertisement for the supply of forage for 12 months from the 31st instant, were considered. Resolved, That the following be accepted :—Messrs. Ride & Co. for white Oats at 2s 6d per bushel of 39 lbs., English beans 4s 3d per bushel of 64 lbs., and Indian corn at 3s 1d per bushel of 60 lbs. Mr. E. Snowsell for Black Oats (No. 1 sample) at £1 2s. per quarter of 313 lbs., Linseed at £2 16s. per quarter of 100 lbs., Wheat Bran at £4 10s. per ton, and Clover hay (first cut), at £3 5s. per ton. Corporation Sewage Farms for Wheat Straw at £2 15s. per ton, and Meadow Hay at £3 5s. per ton.

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14—Tenders for Cement—The tenders received in response to the advertisement for the supply of Portland Cement for 12 months from the 31st instant were considered. Resolved, That the tender of the South Wales Portland Cement and Lime Co., Ltd., Penarth, at £1 12s. per ton be accepted.

15—Light Railway—Read, a letter from the Light Railway Commissioners, stating that as a result of the recent inquiry the Commissioners had decided to submit an Order to the Board of Trade for confirmation authorising the proposed extension in High Street, from Cambray to Bath Road. Provision would be made in the Order for the reduction of fares agreed to by the Promoters at the instance of the Corporation and the Extensions No. 2 Order of 1903 would be amended by striking out the powers to construct the short length of line in Bath Road, between High Street and the corner of Bath Street. When at Cheltenham, the Commissioners had observed the defective condition in which the road was maintained at the side of the rails of the existing line, and as it appeared to them that any track in the High Street maintained in a similarly defective manner might become a serious inconvenience they proposed to suggest to the Board of Trade that the Order should not be confirmed unless the Board were satisfied that the existing line was, and the proposed new lines would be properly maintained.

The Town Clerk read draft of the reply he proposed to make, expressing the satisfaction of the Corporation at the proposals of the Commissioners, and informing them of the steps taken to endeavour to get the existing track properly repaired and maintained, and this was approved.

16—Obstructions to Public Footpath through Smith's Timber Yard, Leckhampton—Read a further letter from Mr. W. T. Allen, calling attention to the fact that the obstructions complained of by him to a footpath through Smith's timber yard at Leckhampton, still remained. Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to at once give notice to Messrs. Smith, Bros. to remove the obstructions, and in default that proceedings be taken against them in respect thereof.

17—Wooden Buildings in Knapp Road—The Town Clerk reported that Mr. Warren had now signed the necessary agreement that he would remove the wooden buildings erected by him, on three months notice from the Corporation.

18—Street Projections—The Street Inspector reported that the following had been erected without permission :—2 advertisement tablets at No. 22, Clarence Street, the premises of Mr. A. G. Saunders. An advertisement tablet at 34, Winchcomb Street, the premises of Mr. J. Fisher. Resolved, That notice be given requiring the immediate removal of the projections.

19—Ambrose Street Property—The Town Clerk having reported that one of the tenants was considerably in arrear with his rent, and he had given him notice to quit, on the 24th June next.

Resolved, That the Town Clerk be authorised, if necessary, to take proceedings, by distress or otherwise, to recover the amount due, and that his action in giving notice to terminate the tenancy be approved and adopted.

20—View Meeting--The following Members attended the View Meeting on Friday last, viz. :—
Aldermen Haddon, Councillors Baker, Bendall, Gridley, Ley Wood and Parsonage.

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

No. of Plan.	Name.	Description.
136	S. Billings	Additions to Inholmes School, Pittville Circus Road.
138	E. Alcock	Two new houses in Alstone, Croft Road.
139	J. D. Bendall	House in Fairfield Avenue.
140	Cheltenham and Gloucestershire Building Society	Harness Room, etc., at Osborne House, Queen's Road.

Resolved, That Plan No. 136 be disapproved, and that the remainder of the Plans be approved as shown.

JOHN D. BENDALL, Chairman.

TOWN IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 21st March, 1904—Present The Mayor, Alderman Winterbotham, Councillors Bainbridge, Bence, Handley, Packer and Rickerby (Councillor Rickerby in the chair).

1—Pittville Estate—Wellesley Road—The Borough Surveyor submitted plan of suggested widening of Wellesley Road on the Pittville Estate. Resolved, That consideration of the matter be adjourned for the Committee to view.

2—Advertisements in " The Holiday Court," Crystal Palace—Resolved, To ask Councillors Bainbridge and Packer to select the photographs of the town and arrange for the making, framing, &c., of the same for exhibition in the " Holiday Court," Crystal Palace.

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3—Automatic Machines for Montpellier Gardens—Read, a letter from the Sweetmeat Automatic Delivery Co., Ltd., offering to place one of their automatic delivery machines for the sale of sweetmeats, cigarettes, and matches, and one of their weighing machines in the Montpellier Gardens, the Company paying for the privilege 15 per cent. of the gross earnings of the machines. Resolved, That permission be given for the machines to be placed at Montpellier in positions approved by the Borough Surveyor, subject to the Company agreeing to pay the Corporation 20 per cent. of the gross earnings.

4—Estimate of Receipts and Expenditure, 1904-5—The Committee considered statements prepared by the Borough Surveyor and the Borough Accountant, of the actual receipts and expenditure in respect of properties under the management of this Committee, and the probable receipts and

expenditure for the ensuing financial year, and the estimates for the latter as now settled were approved.

5—Promenade Improvement, No. 2—The Town Clerk reported that the difficulty with regard to obtaining a consent to the proposed improvement in the Promenade in respect of No. 11 had been removed and an agreement executed. He had received from the Post Office the plan now submitted for annexing to the agreement with the Post Master General. Resolved, That the same be approved.

T. E. RICKERBY,

Chairman.

LIGHTING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Wednesday, the 24th February, 1904—Present: The Mayor, Aldermen Norman and Rogers, Councillors Gridley, Handley, Ley Wood, and Steel (Alderman Norman in the chair).

1—Electrical Inspector's Report—The Electrical Inspector reported the result of his test of the Electric supply during the past month, viz.: On the 30th ultimo, 210 volts, and on the 10th instant, 210 volts.

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

ILLUMINATING POWER. PURITY.			
1904		1904	Grains of Sulphur per 100 cubic ft.
Jan. 30th	16.12 candles		
		Feb. 6-7	10.76
Feb. 6th	15.86 "		
" 10th	16.00 "	" 17-18	10.26
" 17th	16.35 "		
" 20th	16.09 "		
Average	16.08 "	Average	10.51

2—Lamp Book—This Book was produced and examined. Ordinary Lamps extinguished, 4 metered, 9 unmetered; burning dimly, 3 unmetered. Incandescents, extinguished 48 ; burning dimly, 13.

4—Public Lighting—Road, letters from Mr. F. Jenkins, asking that an incandescent gas lamp should be fixed in Fairfield Avenue ; and from Mr. W. Caudle, calling attention to the need for a lamp in the Road at the back of Great Norwood Street, leading into St. James' Place. Resolved, To adjourn consideration of the letter for the Committee to view.

5—Public Lighting in Lansdown District—With reference to the memorial read at the last meeting with regard to the lighting of Lansdown Terrace, and the complaints received as to the insufficiency of public lighting in Lansdown Parade and adjacent roads, Resolved, That the memorialists and others be informed that the Council have under consideration the substitution of incandescent gas

lighting, with shadowless lanterns, for the present ordinary gas lamps, before next winter, and that the Committee propose to inspect at an early date with a view to fixing the positions for the new lamps.

6—Switch Box at Battledown Approach Road—On the recommendation of the Borough Electrical Engineer. Resolved, That application be made to the Trustees of the Battledown Estate for permission either to lay is drain from the ground near the electric light switch-box at the top of Battledown Approach Road for about 30 yards, or to raise the box, &c., above the ground-level, and protect it by a small brick enclosure.

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7—Report of Borough Electrical Engineer—Read, the Monthly Report of the Borough Electrical Engineer. On the 21st inst. there were 756 customers, with the equivalent of about 47,870 8-c.p. lamps connected to the private supply mains.

S—Sale of Disused Alternator—The Borough Electrical Engineer submitted for approval the terms on which he proposed to sell one of the disused 100-kilowatt alternators. Resolved, That the terms be approved.

9—Electric Supply to "Karenza," Bath Road—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that he had received application for electric supply to " Karenza," Bath Road. The owner was willing to guarantee 20 per cent. on the cost of the extension for five years. Resolved, That the main be extended and supply- given, subject to the guarantee mentioned and to the payment of £5 5s. towards the cost of the service.

GEO. NORMAN,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee. held On Wednesday, the 23rd March, 1904—Present, The Mayor, Aldermen Norman end Rogers, Councillors Gridley, Ley Wood, Handley, Steel and Stroud (Alderman Norman in the chair).

10—Electrical Inspector's Report—The Electrical Inspector reported the result of his tests of the Electric supply during the past month as follows, viz :—On the 4th instant 210 volts, and on the 19th instant, 208 volts.

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

ILLUMINATING POWER.		PURITY.	
1904		1904	Grains of Sulphur per per 100 cubic ft.
Mar. 4th	15.95 candles	Mar. 5-6	10.62
12th	16.21 "		
19th	<u>17.54</u> "		
Average	16.43 "		

12—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 4.191 cubic feet., Guildhall lamps with No. 4 Incandescent burners 5.006 cubic feet ; Ordinary lamps with No. 3 Incandescent burners 3.058 cubic feet.

13—Lamp Book—This Book was produced and examined. Lamps burning dimly, 1 incandescent ; extinguished, 21 Incandescents (1 metered), 5 ordinary (1 metered),

14—Public Lighting—Montpellier Grove, Road back of Great Norwood Street leading into St. James' Place—Read, letters from the Rev. W. W. Gedge and Mr. W. Caudle, complaining of the insufficiency of the public lighting in the above streets., Resolved, That consideration of the complaints be adjourned for the Committee to view.

Hayward's Road—Read, a letter from Mr. F. C. Dodwell, calling attention to the insufficient lighting of Hayward's Road. Resolved, To call the attention of the Charlton Kings Urban District Council to the resolution of this Committee of the 21st January, 1903, asking whether they would co-operate with the Town Council in improving the lighting of the road mentioned.

15—Supply of Electric Energy to Houses in Eldorado Crescent—Read, a letter from Mr. W. Thomas, the owner of two houses in Eldorado Crescent, complaining of being required to pay £2 10s. per house before supply could be given. Resolved, That Mr. Thomas be informed that the sum mentioned is part of the cost of the service cable upon his own property.

16—Special Report of the Borough Electrical Engineer—Resolved, That the recommendations of this Committee upon the special report of the Borough Electrical Engineer agreed to at the Meeting on the 10th ultimo, be amended by the omission of the recommendation to alter the charges for private lighting, and that the Mayor be asked to call a Special Meeting of the Council for the 8th proximo, for consideration of the amended report and recommendations of the Committee.

17—Report of Borough Electrical Engineer—Read, the Monthly Report of the Borough Electrical Engineer. All work boils of extensions and ordinary running had progressed satisfactorily, On the 21st instant, there were 759 customers with the equivalent of 48,000 eight candle power lamps connected to the private supply mains.

18--Alteration of Engines—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported the results of his tests of the large Belliss Engine which had been altered to the triple expansion principle. The results were in every way satisfactory, the saving effected in steam by the alteration being 16 ½ per cent. as against the 15 per cent. guaranteed by Messrs. Belliss. Resolved, That as already agreed the other large engine be altered to triple expansion on the same terms subject to the sanction of the Local Government Board being first received to the necessary loan, an amount for this purpose having been included in the last application to the Board.

19—Estimate of Income and Expenditure for 1903-4—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that he estimated the income and expenditure for the current financial year, after writing of £100 half sale value of No. 8 Galloway boiler and £70 for possible bad debts, as follows :—Income £17,200. Expenditure £9,800, the trading surplus thus being £7,400 as against £6,780 last year.

20—Contract for Coal—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that the Contract for Coal would expire on the 31st May next, and he recommended that tenders be at once advertised for in order to afford time for the necessary tests Resolved, That tenders be advertised for a 6 or 12 months' supply of coal.

21—Electric Supply to 'Karenza," Bath Road—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that Mr. W. Morgan, of Karenza, had applied to be supplied with electric energy for an installation of 151 eight candle power lamps. He was willing to pay the cost of the service (estimated at £14), and to guarantee an annual revenue of 20 per cent. on the cost of the necessary main extension (estimated at £34). Resolved, That the extension be made and supply given on the terms mentioned, instead of the terms specified in Minute No. 12 of the 24th ultimo.

22—Loan for Probable Extensions of Mains, &c., required during 1904-5—In accordance with an intimation given at the recent Local Government Board inquiry by the Inspector, the Borough Electrical Engineer recommended that application be made to the Board for sanction to a loan of £2,500 made up as follows :—

Small Extensions to Mains.....	£1500
House Services, Meters, &c. ...	<u>£1000</u>
	£2500

This amount was as nearly as he could estimate what would be required during the ensuing financial year for the purpose of giving supply to new customers. Resolved, That the recommendation be approved, and that application be made to the Local Government Board for sanction to a loan of £2500 accordingly.

23—Loan for Authorised Extensions—Resolved also, That application be made to the Local Government Board for a loan of £260 for the cost of the following extensions of mains, namely:-

	£	s.	d.
St. Paul's Church Extension	85	0	0
St. Clair, The Park, Extension	74	0	0
Silwood, The Park, Extension	35	0	0
College Road...	20	0	0
Karenza, Bath Road ...	34	0	0
Contingencies 5 per cent.	<u>12</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>0</u>
	£260	8	0

24—Renewal of Asphalt Paths after Cable Laying—On the recommendation of the Borough Electrical Engineer, Resolved, To agree to a suggestion made by the Borough Surveyor that the Electric Works Department should pay the Highways' Department 4 ½ d. per square yard of renewed surface in the case of asphalt paths after the laying of electric light cables.

GEO. NORMAN,

Chairman.

WATER COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Thursday, the 24th March, 1904—Present: The Mayor, Alderman Norman, Councillors Baker, Bendall, M. Davis, King-Harman, Lawrence, Packer and Waghorne (Councillor Waghorne in the chair).

1—Borough Engineer's Report—The monthly report of the Borough Engineer was read :

Hewletts Springs Dowdeswell Springs

DAILY YIELD OF SPRINGS.

	For 31 days, ended 20th March, 1904.	Average for corresponding period during last 3 years.
Hewletts Springs	486,720 gallons	320,160 gallons
Dowdeswell Springs	2,114,208 “	1,578,240 “

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CONTENTS OF RESERVOIRS.			
March 20th, 1904.		March 20th, 1903.	
	Depth	Contents	
Hewletts	-	28,935,389 gallons	-
Leckhampton	12 ft. 2 in.	1,643,438 “	emptying reservoir.
Dowdeswell	31 ft. 11 in.	<u>99,581,742</u> “	31 ft. 11 in. <u>99,584,742</u> “
Total Storage		130,163,569 “	131,155,759 “
No. of days supply		104	105

Calculated upon average daily consumption during month ended 20th March, 1904.

He reported as to the extensions of mains and fixing of hydrants carried out during the past month. Nearly 7 miles of the new 12-inch main from Tewkesbury had now been laid.

2—Fire Extinction—With reference to Minute No. 4 of the 21st January last, the Borough Engineer reported that there were several hydrants on a private supply main behind the College Boarding Houses in Bayshill, and, therefore, no increase in the number of public hydrants in front appeared necessary. Resolved, That the resolution to the Minute above mentioned be amended accordingly.

Resolved also, That application be made to the Local Government Board for their sanction to the appropriation of part of the balance of the £18,500 loan (Tewkesbury to Cheltenham 12-inch main) not required for the new main, to defray the cost of the works specified in the before-mentioned Minute.

3—Fire Brigade Captain's Report—The Captain of the Fire Brigade reported that the Brigade was called out to a fire on premises occupied by Mr. W. D. Farrar, Timber Merchant, &c., at Charlton Kings. Damage £300. Extinction expenses, £10 14s. 6d. Cause of fire unknown. Property insured.

Estimate—The estimate of receipts and expenditure in connection with the Fire Brigade for the ensuing financial year was considered and settled.

4—Fire Hydrants at the Reddings—Read, a letter from the Clerk to the Badgeworth Parish Council asking what the cost of providing and fixing the additional hydrants at the Reddings, upon which the charge at the rate of per cent. per annum would be based. Resolved, That the letter be referred to the Borough Engineer.

5—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 March, 1904—Present: The Mayor, Aldermen Norman, Rogers and Waghorne, Councillors King-Harman, Rickerby and Stroud (Alderman Rogers in the chair).

1—Diseases of Animals Acts—Superintendent Hopkins reported that the Borough was entirely free from contagious disease amongst animals.

2—Hackney Carriage Driver's Licence—Resolved, To accede to an application by Walter Frederick Gardner, of Melbourne Cottage, Milsom Street, for a licence to drive a hackney carriage.

3—Estimate of Receipts and Expenditure—The Committee considered and settled the estimates of receipts and expenditure for the ensuing financial year as regards properties, &c., under the management of this Committee.

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4—Memorial Tablet for Volunteers to the South African War—Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to prepare and submit a design (with an estimate of the cost) for a tablet to commemorate the names of those who volunteered from Cheltenham for the South African War, and those Cheltonians in the regular army, and reservists who lost their lives during the war, the tablet to occupy the centre panel in the entrance hall at the Town Hall, immediately opposite the doors, and that the resolution of this Committee of the 24th April, 1900, approved by the Council, as to the placing of tablets outside the Municipal Art Gallery be rescinded accordingly.

5—Petrol Licence—Read, an application from Messrs. Whitehead & Williams, of 19 Portland Street, for a licence to store petrol. The Borough Surveyor having reported that the proposed place of storage was unsuitable, Resolved, That the application be not acceded to.

RICHARD ROGERS,

Chairman.

MINERAL WATERS, BATHS AND RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Wednesday, the 9th March, 1904—Present The Mayor, Councillors Bainbridge Baker, Bendall. King-Harman, Stewart and Stroud (Councillor Stroud in the chair).

1—Inspection of Recreation Grounds—The Committee paid a visit of inspection to the several Recreation Grounds and considered what expenditure would be necessary during the next financial year.

HERBERT STROUD,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Thursday, the 17th March, 1904—Present: Councillors Bainbridge, Baker, Davies, King-Harman, Stewart and Stroud (Councillor Stroud in the chair).

2—Montpellier Baths—The Borough Accountant reported that the amount received during the present financial year was £472 0s. 7d., and the payments (exclusive of repayments of loan and interest) amounted to £591 13s. 7d.

Resolved, That at least 24 hours previous notice in writing be required to be given to the Superintendent by persons desiring to reserve the exclusive use of the Swimming Bath, and that when so received the minimum charge (equal to the price of 40 tickets) must be paid by the person giving the notice whether the bath is so used or not.

The Borough Surveyor submitted the Report of the Vulcan Boiler Insurance Company on their examination of the boilers at the Montpellier Baths, from which it appeared that the boilers which were very old would shortly require replacing. He recommended that certain repairs and alterations to the boilers should be carried out, but that the boilers were not worth any large expenditure. Resolved, That the recommendations of the Borough Surveyor be carried out.

3—Alstone Baths—The Borough Accountant reported that the amount received at these Baths during the present financial year was £240 3s., and the payments (exclusive of sinking fund payments and interest) amounted to £429 4s..

4—Mineral Waters—Resolved, That Councillors Davies and Stewart be appointed a Sub-Committee to consider and report in conjunction with the Medical Officer of Health as to the establishment of proper condensing and bottling apparatus for the mineral waters, and also as to the issue of a new booklet on the subject of the mineral waters.

5—Estimate of Receipts and Expenditure—The Committee considered and settled the estimates of their receipts and expenditure for the ensuing financial year.

HERBERT STROUD,

Chairman.

BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Friday, the 25th March, 1904—Present : The Mayor, Alderman Rogers, Councillors Baker, Bence, Gridley and Steel (Alderman Rogers in the chair).

1—Superintendent's Report—The Superintendent reported that two mowing machines required repair. He also submitted a list of tools and appliances that would probably be required during the ensuing financial year. Resolved, That the mowing machines be at once repaired.

2—Designs—Resolved, That the following designs be approved, viz :—Headstones to Arthur Acock, Ernest Edmund Mills, Thomas Davis and George Davis. Monument to Annie Parker. Memorial Crosses to Ann Rogerson, Arthur Edward Niblett and William Dunbar Blyth, the last mentioned approved, subject to forest stone and brickwork foundation being made for the memorial, the work to be done to the Superintendent's satisfaction.

3—Estimate of Receipts and Expenditure—The Committee considered and settled the estimates of the Council's receipts and expenditure as a burial authority for the ensuing financial year.

4—Admission of Bicycles and Perambulators to Cemetery—Resolved, (1) That bicycles be allowed to be placed by Visitors to the Cemetery, inside the inner entrance gates, and that the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have a stand for 25 bicycles placed for the convenience of visitors. (2) That perambulators be allowed inside the cemetery subject to the persons in charge of the same keeping to the paths. Resolved also, That the notices put up at the Cemetery be removed and altered in accordance with the above resolution.

RICHARD ROGERS,

Chairman.

PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 15th March, 1904—Present : Alderman Rogers, Councillors Davies, King-Harman, Stewart and Stroud, Rev. A. Beynon Phillips, Messrs. A. Beckingsale, J. G. Carr, C. Hayward, and G. H. Palmer (Councillor King-Harman in the chair).

1—Librarian's Report —Read, the Monthly Report of the Librarian. Receipts, £6 18s. Presentations-- Trustees of the British Museum (7 vols.), The Baron de Ferrieres (2 vols), Mr. G. H. Bayley (1 vol.)

2—Sub-Committee's Report—The Sub-Committee reported that they met on the 11th instant, when there were present :—Alderman Rogers, Councillor King-Harman (chairman), Rev. J. Evans and Mr. G. H. Palmer. They recommended that the wages of J. S. Fruin, Junior Assistant at the Library. be advanced from 6s to 8s per week, from April 1st. Resolved, That the recommendation be approved and adopted.

M. J. KING-HARMAN,

Chairman.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 29th March, 1904—Present : The Mayor, Alderman Waghorne. Councillors Bence, Handley, King-Harman, Steel and Stroud (Alderman Waghorne in the chair).

1—General District Rate—The report of the Borough Accountant on the collection of the second instalment of this Rate was read. Amount collected £22,142 13s. 9d., leaving outstanding £1,741 11s. 2 ½ d.

2—Water Rate—The Report of the Borough Accountant on the collection of this Rate was read. Amount received, £11,022 11s. 2d., leaving outstanding £931 15s. 1d.

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3—Report of Elective Auditors—The Report of the Borough Elective Auditors on their audit of the accounts for the year ending 31st March, 1903, was considered. Resolved. That the Auditors be thanked for the same.

4—Advances by Public Works Loan Board—Read, a circular letter from the Local Government Board setting out the terms upon which advances would now be made by the Public Works Loan Board.

5—Private improvement Expenses—Read, a letter from Mr. C. G. Franklin applying for permission to repay the £12 10s. due from him in respect of Winstonian Road Private Improvement Works by monthly instalments of £1 with interest at £5 per cent., per annum. Resolved, That the request be acceded to.

6—Outstanding Water and Electric Lighting Accounts—Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to take the necessary proceedings to obtain payment of the amounts outstanding for supply of water and electrical energy.

7—Mortgage on Hayden Farm—In reply to a letter from Mr. Bence, the lender, Resolved, That the interest on his loan of 1000 secured by a second mortgage on the Hayden Farm be increased from 3 ½ to 3 ¾ per cent. from the 29th September next.

8—Borough Rate—Resolved, That the Overseers be informed that so far as this Committee are at present able to ascertain the amount the Corporations will require to make good the deficiency in the Borough Fund for the ensuing financial year will be £20000.

9—Education (Provisions of Working Balances) Act—The Town Clerk reported that Lloyds' Bank were willing to advance the loan of £3000 sanctioned under the above Act, at 4 per cent. interest, on the terms that any sums for the time being to the credit of the Education Committee's current account above £700 should be set off against the loan account for the purpose of calculating the interest payable. Resolved, That the terms mentioned be approved

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 £16653 12s. 1d., ordered to be paid by the Borough Treasurer. The Treasurer's accounts at the Bank were examined, and the balances found to be correct.

The following was the General Statement :—

Overdrawn on the 7th March, 1903		£ 91,208 1 8
Paid since that date		£ <u>11,751 10 0</u>
		£102,959 11 8
Received since that date (including Town Hall Loan £20,000)		£ <u>31,646 12 8</u>
	Overdrawn	£ 71,312 19 0
Being Bank Loan Account No. 2	£63,460 1 6	
Do. No. 3	<u>£23,153 14 11</u>	
	£86,613 16 5	
Less Balance General Account in hand	<u>£14,921 4 0</u>	
	£71,692 12 5	
Less Sinking Funds in hand	<u>£ 379 13 5</u>	
	£71,312 19 0	

JOHN WAGHORNE,

Chairman.

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MINUTES of the Committees of the Town Council to be submitted for approval at a Quarterly Meeting of the Council to be held on Monday, the 2nd May, 1904.

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Wednesday, the 13th April, 1904—Present : The Mayor, Alderman Norman, Councillors 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, 2 of Enteric and 2 of Diphtheria; that 7 cases of Scarlet Fever had been sent into Hospital, and that the number of cases then in the Delancey Hospital sent in by the Corporation was 15 of Scarlet Fever and 2 of Diphtheria.

2—Insanitary Property—viz Nos. 37 and 48 Tivoli Street, No. 1 Corpus Cottages, Tivoli Lane, No. 13 St. Philip's Street and 3 & 4 Cullum Cottages, Pilley. 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.

3—Typewriter for Health Department—On the application of the Medical Officer of Health. Resolved, That a Smith Premier Typewriter be purchased for the Health Department at a cost of £23 9s. 6d., less 15 per cent. discount and an allowance of £5 for the machine at present in use.

4—Houses without proper Ash Receptacles—The Medical Officer of Health reported that the following houses had no proper ashpits or ash receptacles, viz 12 & 13 St. Philip's Terrace, 33 Upper Norwood Street, Alstone Lawn Cottages, 32, 44 & 45 Tivoli 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.

5—Water Closets without Flushing Apparatus—The Medical Officer of Health reported that the following houses had water closets without flushing apparatus, viz:-2, 3 and 4, Cullum Cottages, Alstone Lawn Cottages, House at Upper Pilley, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6, Upper Pilley. 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.

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6—Overcrowding at No. 1 St Margaret's Cottages, The Medical Officer of Health reported that the above premises were so overcrowded as to be dangerous or injurious to the health of the inmates. Resolved, That the Committee being satisfied of the existence of a nuisance on the said premises, Notices under Section 94 of the Public Health Act be served on the owners and occupiers thereof requiring them to abate the same.

7—Cleansing and Limewashing at House at Upper Pilley, 2 & 6 Upper Pilley, and Nos. 1, 2 & 4 Cullum Cottages. The Medical Officer of Health having certified under Sec, 46 of the Public Health Act, that the above-named dwelling houses were in such a filthy and unwholesome condition that the health of the inmates was affected or endangered thereby, Resolved, That Notice be given to the owners under the said Section requiring the houses to be cleansed and limewashed.

8—Nuisances from Drains, etc., at No. 2 8murnet Villas, 13 and 14 St. Phillip's Terrace, 28 Grosvenor Street, Melrose Villa, Grosvenor Street, Continental Bar, Regent Street, 11, 12 & 13 Clare Place, Maldon House, Prospect House and 3 Cullum Cottages. The Inspector of Nuisances having made written application under Section 41 of the Public Health Act, stating that the drains, &c., on or belonging to the above-named houses were in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to health, Resolved, That authority be given to the Inspector of Nuisances to open the ground, examine the drains, and report to the Committee.

9—Houses Unfit for Human Habitation—The Medical Officer of Health certified under Sec. 32 of the Housing of the Working Classes Act, 1890, that Nos. 1,2 & 3 Barnard's Row, New Street, were in such a state as to be a nuisance and injurious to health and unfit for human habitation. He also reported circumstances showing that the dwelling house mentioned were not reasonably capable of being made fit for human habitation. Resolved, That the Council being of opinion that the premises were not reasonably capable of being made fit for human habitation, proceedings be forthwith taken under Sec. 8 of the Housing of the Working Classes Act, 1903, for an order for the houses to be closed.

10—Sewer in Kensington Avenue--Read, a letter from Messrs. Winterbotham, Gurney & Co., claiming on behalf of Mr. A. E. Hill, compensation in respect of the laying of the sewer in Kensington Avenue. Resolved. That the Council do not admit any liability in the matter.

11—New Streets and Buildings—The Borough Surveyor submitted the following notices and plans of intended new streets and buildings, viz. :

No. of Plan	Name	Description
127	Mrs. Swan	House in Naunton Park Road
142	Mrs. Lane	Additions to 5 Upper Park Street
144	Messrs. Nott and Barradell	45 Cottages and New Roads off Whaddon Lane
145	J. D. Bendall	Additions to 2 Lystra Villas, Leckhampton Road
146	Pearce & Co., Ltd.	Two houses in Alstone Avenue
130	G. H. Roberts	Two houses in Winstonian Road .

Resolved. That Plan No. 144 be disapproved, that No. 145 be approved, subject to the drainage being carried out to the satisfaction of the Chief Sanitary Inspector, 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 Monday, the 18th April, 1904—Present : The Mayor, Aldermen Norman and Skillicorne, Councillors Bence, M. Davis, King-Harman, Laurence and Parsonage (Councillor Parsonage in the chair).

12—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; that 4 cases of Scarlet Fever had been sent into the Hospital, and that the number of cases then in the Delancey Hospital sent in by the Corporation was 16 of Scarlet Fever.

13—Insanitary Property—viz.: Nos. 4, 8 & 9 Barnard's Row and 1, 2, 3 & 6 Upper Pilley. 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 is state as to be injurious to health, Notices under See. 94 of the Public Health Act, 1875, be for that purpose to carry out served upon the owners requiring them to put the same into is healthy condition, and the works specified therein.

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14—Notices not complied with—The Medical Officer of Health submitted a list of notices requiring amendment of defective drainage and cleansing and limewashing, but which had not been complied with. Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to take proceedings (if necessary) to compel compliance.

15—Overcrowding at No. 5 & 6 Exmouth Court—The Medical Officer of Health reported that the above premises were so overcrowded as to be dangerous or injurious to the health of the 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, 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 reported that the following houses had no proper ashpits or ash receptacles, viz :—Nos. 1 and 2 Pilley Cottages and Nos. 1 and 2 Southfield Villas. 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.

17—Cleansing and Limewashing at Nos. 1, 4 and 5 Swindon Terrace, 16 Kew Place, 1 Maryville Cottages, St. George's Road, and No. 9 Barnard's Row, of New Street—The Medical Officer of Health having certified under Section 46 the Public Health Act, that the above-named dwelling houses were in such a filthy- and unwholesome condition that the health of the inmates was affected or endangered thereby. Resolved, That Notice be given to the owners under the said Section requiring the houses to be cleansed and limewashed.

18—Nuisances from Drains, etc., at Nos. 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 Little Bayshill Terrace. The Inspector of Nuisances having made written application under Sec. 41 of the Public Health Act, 1875, stating that the drains, &c., on or belonging to the above-named houses were in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to health, Resolved, That authority be given to the Inspector of Nuisances to open the ground, examine the drains, and report to the Committee.

19—Drainage of Cedarville, Gloucester Road, &c.—Read, a letter from Mr. William Ecockes of Cedarville, Gloucester Road, enclosing copy of a letter he had addressed to the Local Government Board, making complaint in respect of notices served upon him by the Health Department.

20—Abattoir—Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to arrange so that the Butchers using the Abattoir may have access thereto after the usual hours when reasonably required.

21—Proposed Underground Urinal near Town Hall—The Borough Surveyor submitted alternative plans of proposed underground urinal, &c. near the Town Hall. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to submit an estimate of the cost of carrying out the work according to the plan now selected.

22—New Buildings—The Borough Surveyor laid More the Committee the following notices and plans of intended new buildings, viz :—

No. of Plan.	Name.	Description.
147	S. Billings	New Dining Room at Inholmes School, Pittville Circus Road
148	H. W. Chatters	Additions to Strathfield, Eldorado Road
149	H. Thomas	Stables to House in Eldorado Crescent
150	W. Drew	Eight houses in Alstone Avenue (Sandfield Road end)

Resolved, That Plan No. 150 be disapproved and that the other plans be approved so far as drainage and other sanitary matters are concerned.

E. H. PARSONAGE, Chairman

FARMS MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Friday, the 15th April, 1904—Present : The Mayor, Alderman Skillicorne, Councillors Bainbridge, M. Davis and King-Harman (Councillor M. Davis in the chair).

1 --Farms Manager's Report—Read, the Monthly Report of the Sewage Farms' Manager. Since the last monthly meeting 23 head of cattle had been purchased for £276, 9 bullocks and 2 heifers had been sold for £188 14s. 6d., and 7 pigs for £16 6s. 9d. The number of livestock on the farms on the 15th instant, was 10 horses and 1 cob, 136 head of cattle, and 10 pigs, all of which were healthy and doing well. He recommended that 50 head of cattle and 200 sheep be purchased when suitable opportunity offered, and that two of the mares at the Farms be used for breeding purposes. Resolved, That the recommendations of the Manager be approved and adopted.

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2—Stocktaking and Valuation—The Chairman reported that on the 29th ultimo, Alderman Skillicorne, Councillor King-Harman and he visited the Farms and took stock and he submitted an inventory of the cattle, implements, &c., with a valuation of the same amounting to £2800.

3—Receipts and Expenditure for 1904-5—The Borough Accountant submitted a statement showing that the deficit on the working of the Farms for the year ending the 31st ultimo, exclusive of repayment of loan and interest was £371 0s. 3d. Resolved, That the deficiency for the current year be estimated at £400.

4—Shooting over Farms—Resolved, To renew Mr. Bingham's tenancy of the shooting over the Barn Farm and Mr. G. McIlquham's tenancy of the shooting over the Hayden and Hayden Knoll Farina for one year from the lot proximo, at rents of £7 and £5 respectively. M. DAVIS, Chairman.

STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 12th April, 1904—Present: The Mayor, Alderman Haddon, Councillors Baker, Gridley, Ley Wood and Parsonage (Councillor Baker in the chair).

1—Chairman—In the absence of the Chairman, Resolved, That Councillor Baker be appointed Chairman at this Meeting.

2—Estimate of Receipts and Expenditure, 1904-5—The Committee considered and settled the estimates of its receipts and expenditure for the year ending the 31st March, 1905.

3—Roadway in St. George's Place--Read, a letter from Mr. F. C. Holman, asking the Committee to allow the macadam to remain in front of his stable, in St. George's Place, as he thought the granite setts would be dangerous to his horses. Resolved, That the Committee regret they cannot accede to his request.

4—Winstonian Road Private Improvement Expenses—Read, a letter from Mrs. Saurin, of Dromore, All Saints' Road, asking whether the Council intended to take over Winstonian Road as a public highway. Resolved, That the street be declared a highway repairable by the inhabitants at large, as

soon as all the expenses of the private improvement works recently carried out there have been repaid.

5—Hayward's Road—Read, a letter from Mr. C. M. Gwilliam and other owners of property in Hayward's Road, asking whether the road would be taken over as a public highway, repairable by the Corporation and the Charlton Kings Urban District Council, when the expenses recently apportioned have been repaid. Resolved, That consideration be adjourned for communication with the Charlton Kings Council.

6—Railway Embankment Road, The Reddings —Read, a letter from the Clerk to the Badgeworth Parish Council enclosing a resolution of the Parish Meeting asking the Town Council to devote to the repair of the road above mentioned the amount they receive as rates from the Railway Companies. Resolved, That the Committee have nothing to add to their previous resolutions.

7—Building Inspector's Report—Read, the Monthly Report of the Building Inspector. Number of houses in progress (exclusive of other buildings) 99. Number completed since 15th ultimo, 13.

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

No. of Plan.	Name.	Description.
142	Mrs. S. Lane	Additions to No. 5 Upper Park Street.
143	Council of Cheltenham Training College	Additions to Training College, Swindon Road.
145	J. D. Bendall	Additions to No. 2 Lystra, Villas, Leckhampton Road
130	G. H. Roberts	Two new Houses in Winstonian Road.

Resolved, That Plan No. 130 be approved, subject to Mr. Roberts signing an undertaking as to the space to be kept unbuilt upon at the back of the houses proposed to be erected, the due observance of this undertaking to be a condition of the approval of the plan pursuant to Section 191 of the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1889, and that the other plans be approved so far as matters within the purview of this Committee are concerned.

WILLIAM A BAKER,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 25th April, 1904—Present : Aldermen Haddon and Skillicorne, Councillors Baker, Ley Wood, Packer and Parsonage (Councillor Baker in the chair).

9---Chairman—In the absence of the Chairman, Resolved, That Councillor Baker be appointed Chairman at this Meeting.

10 --Borough Surveyor's Monthly Report re Highways—The Borough Surveyor reported that the work done by the Highways' Department, from the 25th March to the 21st April (both inclusive) had boon as follows :

Repaired with 2-inch Clee hill Stone--Lane at back of Suffolk Lawn (248 super yards), Cleave Path Drive (3,580 super yards), Central Depot (2,230 super yards), Bennington Street (proceeding).

Paving with Granite Setts—St. George's Place (proceeding).

Crossings Renewed—Four.

Crossings Relaid—Three. Cabstand Relaid—One.

Manholes Raised to Surface—Three.

New Gullies fixed—Eleven.

Gullies Renewed—Two.

Surface Water Sewer Laid—The Park (668 lineal yards) of 9-inch pipes. Sewer Relaid—The Park (210 lineal yards) of 9-inch pipes. New Manholes Built—Four in The Park.

Private Improvement Works—Kensington Avenue (completed).

Footpath Repaired with Gravel—Road between Lansdown Place and Lansdown Crescent (212 super yards).

Concrete Paving Slabs laid—Shelburne Road (421 super yards).

Crossings Laid—Shelburne Road (38 super yards),

Kerbing Channelling and Paving—St. James' Square and Synagogue Lane (part relaying and renewing).

Ashes Collection and Disposal-1050 loads collected, 234 tipped away and 796 consumed, weight 783 tons, 14 cwts., 2 qrs., during four weeks ended 14th April.

11—Removal of Trade Refuse—The Borough Surveyor submitted further information as to the cost, &c., of the removal of trade refuse in the Borough. Resolved, That, in view of the information now before the Committee, a charge be only made in cases where a special journey has to be made or a special request has been received for the removal of trade refuse, and that the Resolution to Minute No. 12 of this Committee, of the 12th January last be varied accordingly.

12—College Road Improvements—Read, a letter from the Local Government Board, enclosing sanction to a loan of £235 for works of street improvement in College Road, the period of repayment to be 18 years.

13—Surface Water Drainage, Leckhampton Lane Read, a letter from the Clerk to the Cheltenham Rural District Council, again calling attention to the stoppage of the piped water course in Leckhampton Lane within the Borough and stating that the Rural District Council had now cleared out the portion of the water course within their district. Resolved, That the Rural District Council be referred to the offer already made by the Town Council that the expense of a proper drain should be carried out at the joint expense of both Councils.

14--Thirlestaine Road--Read, a letter from Councillor Handley, calling attention to the bad state of repair of the roadway in Thirlestaine Road. Resolved, That consideration of the matter be adjourned for the Borough Surveyor to report.

15 --Winstonian Road Private Improvement Expenses—Read, a letter from Mr. H. A. Gwinnell, owner of No. 34 Glenfall Street, objecting to pay the amount apportioned to him in respect of the side frontage of his property to Winstonian Road. Resolved, That Mr. Gwinnell be informed that he must pay the amount apportioned.

16—Lights on Vehicles—Read, a letter from the Hon. Secretary of the Gloucestershire Automobile Club enclosing a copy of the following resolution passed at the last general meeting of the Club:—

" That having regard to the extensive areas of the City of Gloucester and the Boroughs of Cheltenham and Tewkesbury, in the County of Gloucester, in which only a portion of the roadway is lighted at night-time, this Club is of opinion that bye-laws relating to the lighting of vehicles similar to those in force in the County should be adopted by each of the above named local authorities."

17—Street Projections—With reference to the Report of the Street Inspector at the last Meeting, letters were read from Messrs. Sanders, Morgan & Co., and Mr. J. Fisher, asking that the small projections put up by them should be allowed to remain. The Committee having viewed, Resolved, That the applications be acceded to.

Read, a letter from the District Superintendent, Midland Railway Company, applying for permission to erect signs at Nos. 72 and 274 High Street, to replace existing signs there. Resolved, That the application be not acceded to.

18 --View Meeting—The following members attended the View Meeting, on Friday last, viz :—
Aldermen Haddon and Skillicorne.

19--Hayward's Road--]toad, a letter from the Clerk to the Charlton Kings Urban District Council, stating that having regard to the fact that the vacant land which abuts upon that portion of Hayward's Road in Charlton Kings would probably be built upon shortly it had been decided not to proceed with the private improvement works at present. Resolved, That as regards the work ordered by the Town Council a similar course be adopted.

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20—Cheltenham and District Light Railway—The Borough Surveyor reported that he had received a letter from the Manager of the Light Railway Company, claiming to be repaid £25 the cost of replacing a cable in St. George's Place, alleged to have been damaged by the Corporation workmen when repairing the roadway there. Resolved, That the Council cannot admit the claim.

Passing Place in Gloucester Road—Read, a letter from the Manager of the Light Railway Company, enclosing for approval a plan of proposed new passing place in Gloucester Road, between St. George's Road and Malvern Road. Resolved, That the same be approved, subject to the work being carried out under the supervision and to the satisfaction of the Borough Surveyor.

21—Bridge over Midland Railway, Sandfield Road.—The Borough Surveyor reported that the Midland Railway Company had applied for permission to temporarily stop the traffic over the bridge

over their line in Sandfield Road, in order to facilitate the work of reconstructing the bridge. Resolved. That in view of the large amount of traffic over the bridge to the Ash Destructor, the Electric Works, and other places down the road, the Committee regret that they cannot accede to the application.

22—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.
146	Pearce & Co., Ltd.	Two houses in Alstone Avenue.
147	S. Billings	Dining Room at Inholmes School, Pittville Circus Road.
148	H. W. Chatters	Additions to Strathfield, Eldorado Road.
149	H. Thomas	Stables to house, Eldorado Crescent
150	W. Drew	Eight houses in Alstone Avenue (Sandfield Road end)
151	Nott & Barradell	45 cottages in Whaddon Lane.
152	G.W.R.	42 houses in Alstone Avenue.

Resolved, That Plans numbered 151 and 152 be disapproved, and that No. 149 be approved subject to an agreement being entered into for the removal of the buildings after three months' notice from the Corporation, and that the remainder of the Plans be approved as regards matters within the purview of this Committee.

WILLIAM A. BAKER,

Chairman.

TOWN IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 18th April, 1904—Present: The Mayor, Alderman Norman, Councillors Bainbridge, Baker, Bence, Handley, Packer and Rickerby (Councillor Rickerby in the chair).

1—Guide to Cheltenham—Read, a letter from Mr. E. J. Burrow, offering to produce a new issue of small illustrated guide to Cheltenham as in previous years. Resolved, That tenders from local firms be invited by advertisement for the issue of a small illustrated guide to the Town, twelve pages of advertisements to be allowed at the end of the book.

2—"Cotswold and Vale"—Read, a letter from Mr. H. E. Branch stating that he proposed to publish under the title of "Cotswold and Vale" an illustrated book descriptive of places typical of hill and vale within easy distance from Cheltenham as a centre. One or two chapters would also have particular reference to Cheltenham itself. The price would be 5s nett, but if the Council would take not less than 100 copies he would supply them at 4s each. He suggested that the Town and neighbourhood could be permanently advertised by the presentation of a copy to public and other libraries. Resolved, That 150 copies of the book at 4s each be purchased by the Council.

3—Advertising Boards outside Winter Garden—The Borough Surveyor submitted draft regulations as to the use of the Boards outside the Winter Garden by persons hiring the building. Resolved, That the same as now amended be approved and adopted.

4—Wellesley Road, Pittville—The Boroughs Surveyor reported that this road had been widened as agreed by the Committee at their View Meeting last month.

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5—Presentation to Pittville—Read, a letter from Mr. James Ogden offering for the acceptance of the Council for Pittville Gardens an Egyptian Goose. Resolved. That the same be accepted with the thanks of the Council therefor.

6—Haslingden Tradesmen's Outing—The Town Clerk reported that the Haslingden Tradesmen's Outing would be to Cheltenham on the 27th proximo, and the Outing' Committee asked to be supplied with 50 copies of the Illustrated Poster by which their attention had been drawn to the Town for posting at Haslingden and neighbourhood in connection with advertisements of the trip. They also asked what special facilities would be afforded the excursionists as regards admission to the Public Gardens. Resolved, That the posters be supplied and that the visitors be admitted to Montpellier or Pittville at 1d. each (half-price) on production of railway ticket.

T. E. RICKERBY,

Chairman.

LIGHTING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Wednesday, the 20th April, 1904—Present: The Mayor, Alderman Norman and Rogers, Councillors Handley, Ley Wood, Steel and Stroud (Alderman Norman in the chair).

1—Electrical Inspector's Report—The Electrical Inspector reported that the result of his test of the Electric supply on the 16th instant had been as follows:-210 volts.

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

ILLUMINATING POWER. PURITY.

1904		1904	Grains of Sulphur per 100 cubic ft.
April 5th	16.64 candles	April 5-6	11.42
" 16th	15.88 "	" 16-17	11.58
Average	16.26	Average	11.5

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 4.050 cubic feet, Guildhall lamps with No. 4 Incandescent burners 4.953 cubic feet ; Ordinary lamps with No. 3 Incandescent burners 3.777 cubic feet.

4—Lamp Book—This Book was produced and examined. Ordinary Lamps extinguished, 3 metered, 4 unmetered ; burning dimly, 1. Incandescents extinguished, 7 ; burning dimly, 8.

5—Shelves for Stores—The Borough Electrical Engineer submitted tenders for additional shelves required at the Works Stores Resolved, That the lowest tender, Messrs. Smith Bros., Ltd., at £17 12s. 6d., be accepted.

6—Incorporated Municipal Electrical Association—Resolved, That the Chairman and Councillor Ley Wood be appointed Delegates to attend the Annual Convention of the Municipal Electrical Association to be held on 29th and 10th June and the 1st and 2nd July next at Derby, Nottingham and Sheffield.

7—Report of Borough Electrical Engineer—Road, the Monthly Report of the Borough Electrical Engineer. On the 16th instant, there were 759 customers with the equivalent of about 48450 eight candle power lamps connected to the private supply mains.

8 -Lighting of Hayward's Road—Read, a letter from the Clerk to the Charlton Kings Urban District Council, stating that they were willing to put a lamp at the London Road end of Hayward's Road if the Town Council erected one at the other end of the road. Resolved, That a lamp be placed accordingly, the exact positions of the new lamps and any re-arrangement of the existing lamps to be settled at a meeting of representatives of the two Councils.

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9—Tenders for Slack Coal—The Tenders received for the supply of slack coal in response to the advertisement were opened Resolved, That the same be referred to the Borough Electrical Engineer for tabulation and report. a meeting to be held on Saturday next to consider the same.

10—Estimate of Receipts and Expenditure, 1904-5—The estimate of receipts and expenditure for the year 1904-5 and also the amount of the deficit after payment of charges on account of capital for the last financial year were considered and settled.

GEO. NORMAN,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 25th April, 1904—Present : Aldermen Norman and Rogers, Councillors Handley, Ley Wood, Steel and Stroud (Alderman Norman in the chair).

11—Tenders for Slack Coal—The Borough Electrical Engineer submitted a tabulated list of the Tenders for supply of slack coal. Resolved, That he be authorised to order for the purpose of testing and comparison a quantity of each of the eight sorts now selected by the Committee.

GEO. NORMAN, Chairman.

WATER COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Thursday, the 21st April, 1904—Present: Alderman Norman, Councillors Baker, M. Davis, King-Harman and Waghorne (Councillor Waghorne in the chair).

1—Borough Engineer's Report—The monthly report of the Borough Engineer was read :

DAILY YIELD OF SPRINGS.

	For 30 days, ended 19th April, 1904.	Average for corresponding period during last 3 years.
Hewletts Springs	373,840 gallons	271,660 gallons
Dowdeswell Springs	1,059,264 "	1,123,200 "

CONTENTS OF RESERVOIRS.

	19th April, 1904.		19th April, 1903.	
	Depth	Contents	Depth	Contents
Hewletts	-	27,530,194 gallons	-	29,928,730 gallons
Leckhampton	5 ft. 6 in.	742,921 2	8 ft. 0 in.	1,080,616 "
Dowdeswell	31 ft. 10 in.	99,145,779 "	31 ft. 10 in.	99,145,779 "
Total Storage		127,418,894 "		130,155,125
No. of days supply	102		104	

Calculated upon average daily consumption during month ended 19th April, 1904.

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The Leckhampton Reservoir had been emptied for cleaning purposes. Seven miles of the new 12-inch main from Tewkesbury had now been laid. He reported the extensions of mains and hydrants fixed during the month.

Resolved, To pay a visit to the Dowdeswell Works on Wednesday afternoon next.

2—Fire Brigade—The Captain reported that the Brigade had not been called out during the past month.

3 --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 19th April, 1904—Present : The Mayor, Aldermen Norman, Rogers and Waghorne, Councillors King-Harman, Rickerby and Stroud (Alderman Rogers in the chair).

1—Diseases of Animals Acts—Superintendent Hopkins reported that the Borough was entirely free from contagious disease amongst animals.

Swine Fever (Regulation of Movement Order) 1903—Read, a letter from the Clerk to the Gloucestershire County Council, suggesting that under the provisions of the Order above, the administrative County of Gloucester, the City of Gloucester and the Borough of Cheltenham, and any neighbouring counties that may be willing to join should be made a Scheduled Area, and the Local Regulations is each of the districts included therein as to movement of swine from outside should be

revoked. Resolved, That this Committee approve of the suggestion that the Borough of Cheltenham should form part of a Scheduled Area as mentioned, and that the Regulations made by this Committee on the 13th and 20th January, 1903, be revoked as from the date of the application of the Swine Fever (Regulation of Movement Order) 1903, to a Scheduled Area including the Borough of Cheltenham.

2—Hackney Carriage Drivers' Licences—Read, applications from Mr. H. Brinkworth, of 1 Mansfield Place, Charlton Kings, and Mr. Leonard Betteridge, of East End Road, Charlton Kings. Resolved, That the application of the last-mentioned be acceded to, and the application of H. Brinkworth be adjourned for his attendance before the Committee.

3—Town Hall— Resolved, That an estimate from Cavendish House Co., for providing reversible Velvet Curtains at each side of the End Gallery in the Town Hall for £18 11s. be accepted. Resolved also, That tenders be invited by advertisement for fifty wooden music stands.

4—Market Tolls at Mops and Fairs, 1904—Read, a letter from Mr. W. Symonds, of Gloucester, offering. £55 for the market tolls at the Mops and Fairs, 1904. Resolved, That the offer be accepted subject to the amount being paid on or before the 1st September next and to Mr. Symonds cleaning up the market after each fair.

5—Wheel Chair Licence—Read, an application from James Morrissey, of No. 5 Gordon Terrace, for a licence to ply for hire a wheel chair. Resolved, That the application be acceded to, subject to the vehicle being passed by the Chairman of this Committee.

6—Annual Inspection and Licensing of Hackney Carriages—Resolved, That the Annual Inspection of Hackney Carriages be held on Friday, the 3rd June next, at 9.30 a.m., at the Central Depot, and the Licensing Meeting of the Council be held at the Depot, on Friday, the 10th June next, at 10,30 a.m.

7—Tablet for Names of Volunteers, &c.—The Borough Surveyor submitted sketch design for the Tablet to be placed in the Town Hall to commemorate the services of those from the Borough of Cheltenham who lost their lives in South Africa in the late war, or who volunteered and went on active service to South Africa. Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to advertise the list now submitted to the Committee with a request for information as to any additions or corrections which should be made therein, and that the Chairman, The Mayor, Alderman Norman and Councillor King-Harman be appointed a Sub-Committee to settle the wording of the inscription and obtain and submit designs and estimates for the work.

RICHARD ROGERS, Chairman.

MINERAL WATERS, BATHS AND RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 18th April, 1904:—Present—The Mayor, Alderman Norman, Councillors Bainbridge, Davies, Baker, King-Harman, Stewart and Stroud (Councillor Stroud in the chair).

1—Agg-Gardner Recreation Ground—The Superintendent of the Agg-Gardner Recreation Ground reported the gift of cricket balls and tennis bats by Dr. Dighton. Resolved, That the thanks of the Council be conveyed to the donor.

2—Old Cemetery—On the application of Mr. H. Wilkins, Churchwarden, Resolved, To make the usual grant of £10 towards the expense of keeping as an open space part of the Old Cemetery ground, and that the attention of Mr. Wilkins be called to the fact that additional seats are required there, and that the present ones need repair.

3—Recreation Grounds—Additional Constables—Read, a letter from the Chief Constable stating that the County Standing Joint Committee had approved the appointment of the Superintendents of the three Recreation Grounds as additional Constables, subject to their receiving no additional remuneration in respect of such appointment, and to their having no claim upon any Police Pension Fund. The Town Clerk reported that the three Superintendents had now been formally declared additional constables. Uniforms—Resolved, That the three Superintendents be provided with a uniform, consisting of cap, tunic, and trousers.

4—Whaddon Lane Recreation Ground—On the recommendation of the Visitors for this ground, Resolved, That the Superintendent be allowed to use a small portion of the ground as a kitchen garden.

Resolved also, That for the convenience of the public the Superintendent be allowed to sell aerated mineral waters at this Ground he to receive 10 per cent. of the takings, and that the Resolution to Minute No. 2 of the Recreation Ground Committee of the 24th August last be varied accordingly. Read, a letter from Mr. A. N. Cole, asking whether he could secure a cricket pitch at this ground, from May to September inclusive, and the charge for same. The pitch would not be required by them on Saturday afternoons. Resolved, That Mr. Cole be informed that the Committee have no power to allot any particular part of the Recreation Ground to a Club or individual, but that he will no doubt be able to arrange for the use of the ground from time to time on application to the Superintendent.

5—Montpellier Baths—Read, a letter from Mr. E. R. Gurney, of Brandon House and Suffolk Hall Schools, applying on behalf of himself and Mr. Soames for the exclusive use of the Swimming Bath at Montpellier for two days a week from 11.30 a.m. to 1 p.m., on the same terms as those arranged in previous years with Mr. Haskoll and Miss James. He, however, hoped that, in view of the smaller numbers at Brandon House next term, the Committee would allow the use of the bath on payment for 70 instead of 80 tickets. Resolved, That Mr. Gurney be informed that the exclusive use of the bath will be granted as requested, on the same terms and conditions as to Mr. Haskoll, and the Committee regret they can make no further concession.

6—Alstone Baths—On the application of the Rev. R. W. Bullock, Resolved, To grant to the 1st Cheltenham Boys' Brigade the exclusive use of the Swimming Bails at Alstone for one hour each week, from 9 p.m., at a charge for each admissions of one penny.

7—Mineral Waters—Resolved, That the Montpellier Baths be opened for the sale of mineral waters every morning, including Sundays, from 7 to 9 a.m.

HERBERT STROUD, Chairman.

BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Friday, the 22nd April, 1904—Present : Aldermen Haddon and Rogers, Councillors Baker, Bence, Packer and Steel (Alderman Rogers in the chair).

1—Superintendent's Report—The Superintendent reported that he had received complaints from the tenant of Prior's Farm of the fact that withered wreaths, &c., are thrown into the field adjoining the Cemetery. Resolved, That a notice board be erected in the Cemetery near the field in question calling attention to the receptacles provided in the Cemetery for dead flowers, wreaths, &c., and that nothing of the kind must be thrown into the fields adjoining.

2—Grass--Resolved, That tenders be invited by advertisement for the grass cut at the Cemetery this year, and that the Chairman be authorised to accept the highest received.

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3—Theft from Grave—Read, a letter from Sir. G. G. Pruen, complaining of the removal of some ribbons from a grave in the Cemetery and asking that more adequate police supervision should be given. Resolved, That Mr. Pruen be informed that the Committee very much regret the occurrence, to which the attention of the Police has been called with a view to the prevention of similar acts in the future.

4—Bicycle Stands—The Chairman reported that on the 19th instant, Alderman Haddon, Councillors Baker, Bence and Packer and himself visited the Cemetery and fixed the positions for the bicycle stands. Resolved, That the Chairman be empowered to order the necessary stands.

5—Designs—Resolved, That the following designs be approved, viz :—Headstones to Sarah Ann Teale, Henrietta Russell, Ann Ord and Priscilla Moore. Memorial Cross to Joshua Hughes-Games.

RICHARD ROGERS, Chairman.

PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 12th April, 1904—Present : The Mayor, Alderman Rogers, Councillors Davies, King-Harman, Stroud, The Baron de Ferrieres, Revs. J. Evans, J. A. Owen. and A. Beynon Phillips, Messrs. G. H. Palmer and E. C. Rogers (Councillor King-Harman in the chair).

1—Librarian's Report--Read, the Monthly Report of the Librarian. Receipts £5 10s. 4d. Presentations :—Mr. G. H. Bayley (1 vol.), Mr. J. H. Choate (1 vol.), Congress of Archaeological Societies (1 pamphlet), F. T. Daniel (1 vol.) Hickson, Ward & Co. (1 pamphlet), Rev. W. Lang (1 vol.), Medical Officer of Health (1 vol.), Stubbs Publishing Co. (1 vol.), Gloucester Public Library (County Council Reports).

3—Sub-Committee's Report—The Sub-Committee reported that they met on the 8th instant, when there were present Alderman Rogers (Chairman), Rev. J. Evans, Messrs. Hayward and Palmer. They recommended (1) That the list of new books submitted by the Librarian be purchased at a cost of about £11. (2) That the Librarian be instructed to have a new east iron elbow fixed to the down pipe from the School of Science, to have a door spring to one of the entrance doors repaired, and to

order a pair of uniform trousers for the caretaker. Resolved, That the recommendations be approved and adopted.

3—Annual Report—The Librarian submitted the Annual Report. Resolved, That 500 copies be printed for distribution as usual, the Report of the Art Gallery Sub-Committee to be incorporated therewith, and half the cost to be borne by the Art Gallery Funds.

4—Finances of the Library—Read, a statement of the Income and Expenditure of the Library for the year ending the 31st ultimo, the adverse balance on that date being £462 1s. 2d. as compared with £613 5s. 2d. at the beginning of the year. The Account of the Receipts and Payments showed a balance due to the Treasurer of £247 19s. 5d. as compared with a deficit of £401 7s. 3d. at the beginning of the year.

M. J. KING-HARMAN, Chairman,

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 19th, April, 1904—Present The Mayor, Aldermen Skillicorne and Waghorne Councillors Handley, King-Harman, Steel and Rickerby (Alderman Waghorne in the chair).

1—Estimates for Rates—The Estimates for the Borough and General District Rates were considered. Resolved, That the estimate for the Borough Rate as now settled be approved and that the estimate for the General District Rate be further considered at a meeting of the Committee to be held on Friday next, the 22nd inst.

JOHN WAGHORNE, Chairman.

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At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Friday, the 22nd April, 1904—Present: Aldermen Skillicorne and Waghorne, Councillors Bence, Handley, King-Harman, Rickerby, Steel and Stroud (Alderman Waghorne in the chair).

2—Estimates for Rates—The Estimate for the General District Rate was further considered. Resolved. That the same as now settled be approved.

JOHN WAGHORNE, Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 26th April, 1904 :—Present—Aldermen Skillicorne and Waghorne, Councillors Bence, Handley, King-Harman, Steel and Stroud (Alderman Waghorne in the chair).

3—Loans—The Borough Accountant reported that he had received an offer from a firm at Manchester of a loan of £5,000, with interest at 3 $\frac{3}{4}$ per cent. per annum, the Corporation to pay stamp duty, but no commission. Resolved, That the offer be accepted on account of Electric Light Loans and a debenture sealed accordingly, the term to be 10 years with power on either side to determine at the end of the 5th or 7th year.

The Town Clerk reported that the Croydon Corporation were now ready to advance the balance of £15,000 of the loan of £35,000 sanctioned for the Town Hall.

Resolved, That this Council do borrow from the Mayor, Aldermen and Burgesses of the County Borough of Croydon, the sum of Fifteen thousand pounds, repayable by 58 equal half-yearly instalments of principal and interest combined, the interest being at the rate of £3 15s. per cent., per annum, the said sum of £15,000 being required for the purposes of the erection of the Town Hall, the borrowing of such sum having been sanctioned by the Local Government Board, on the 30th day of August, 1901, such sum of £15,000 to be secured by Mortgage to the said Mayor, Aldermen and Burgesses of the County Borough of Croydon, of the Borough Fund and of the Rates arising or accruing from the Borough Rate, and that the Common Seal of the Council be affixed to the said Mortgage which will be prepared by the said Mayor, Aldermen and Burgesses of the County Borough of Croydon for securing the repayment of the sum to be borrowed and the interest thereon, and that the said Mayor, Aldermen and Burgesses of the County Borough of Croydon be, and they are hereby authorised and requested to pay the sum of £15,000 to Francis Frederick Leaver, Esquire, the Treasurer of this Council, or his order, at Lloyds' Bank Limited, at Cheltenham, to the credit of this Council, and further, that the Common Seal be affixed to an authority and direction accordingly and also to a copy of this resolution.

The Town Clerk also reported that the Huddersfield Corporation were willing to advance £13,964 on account of Electric Lighting Loan, interest to be at the rate of 3 $\frac{3}{4}$ per cent per annum. Resolved, That a security be sealed and issued accordingly.

4—Bank Accounts—Resolved, That this Committee be authorised to arrange with Lloyds Bank, for a continuance of the necessary overdraft on Capital and other Accounts for a further period.

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 £9450 7s. 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 29th March, 1904	£71,312 19 0
Paid since that date	<u>£18,854 17 3</u>
	£90,167 16 3
Received since that date	<u>£ 3,316 17 2</u>
Overdrawn	£86,850 19 1
Being General Accounts	£ 297 15 5
Bank Loan Account No. 2	£65,110 1 6
Do. No. 3	<u>£23,153 14 11</u>
	£88,561 11 10
Less Sinking Funds in hand	<u>£ 1,710 12 9</u>
	£86,850 19 1

JOHN WAGHORNE,

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 6th June, 1904.

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday the 9th May, 1904—Present : The Mayor, Aldermen Norman and Skillicorne, Councillors M. Davis, King-Harman and Parsonage (Councillor Parsonage in the chair).

1—Zymotic Disease—The Medical Officer of Health reported that there had been notified since the last meeting of the Committee, 2 cases of Scarlet Fever, 2 of Erysipelas and 8 of Diphtheria ; that 2 cases of Scarlet Fever and 6 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 6 of Scarlet Fever and 4 of Diphtheria.

2—Insanitary Property—viz : Nos. 1 to 9 Cakebridge Terrace, 23 Rutland Street, 27 Worcester Street, and 5 Victoria Place, Bath 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 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.

3—Overcrowding at No. 6 Cakebridge Terrace—The Medical Officer of Health reported that the above premises were so overcrowded as to be dangerous or injurious to the health of the inmates. Resolved, That the Committee being satisfied of the existence of a nuisance on the said premises, Notices under Section 94 of the Public Health Act, 1875, be served on the owners and occupiers thereof requiring them to abate the same.

4—Cleansing and Limewashing at Nos. 1 and 3 Nash Cottages, Hayward's Road, 5 Victoria Place, Bath Road, 6 All Saints' Terrace and 1 Cakebridge Terrace—The Medical Officer of Health having certified under Section 46 of the Public Health Act, that the above-named dwelling houses were in such a filthy and unwholesome condition that the health of the inmates was affected or endangered thereby. Resolved, That Notice be given to the owners under the said Section requiring the houses to be cleansed and limewashed.

5 ---Nuisances from Drains, etc., at No. 11 Lypiatt Street, Pear Tree Cottage, and 30 Sherborne Street, 22 Tivoli Place, Nubie, Princes Terrace, 4 Garden View, Chantey Road, Prospect House, St. Paul's Road, and 14 Princes Terrace. The Inspector of Nuisances having made written application under Section 41 of the Public Health Act, stating that the drains, Ac., 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, report to the Committee.

6—Houses without proper Ash Receptacles—The Medical Officer of Health reported that the following houses had no proper ashpits or ash receptacles, viz :—Roseneath, Fairview Road, 5 Victoria Place, Bath Road, and 10, 12, 14 & 15 Lypiatt 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.

7—Cleansing and Disinfecting at No. 3 Berkeley Avenue—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—Houses unfit for Human Habitation—The Medical Officer of Health certified under Section 32 of the Housing of the Working Classes Act, 1890, that the rooms over the stables behind Nos. 4 and 5 Lansdown Crescent were in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to health and unfit for human habitation. He also reported circumstances showing that the occupation of the dwelling houses mentioned should be immediately discontinued. Resolved, That the Council being of opinion that the dwelling houses mentioned are in such a state that the occupation thereof should be immediately discontinued, proceedings be forthwith taken under the Housing of the Working Classes Acts, 1890-1893, for orders for the houses to be closed.

9—Drainage of Cedarville, Gloucester Road, &c.—With reference to Minute No. 19 of this Committee's proceedings at its last meeting, read, a letter from the Local Government Board enclosing a copy of the letter addressed to the Board by Mr. W. Ecockes with reference to the action taken by the Health Department in connection with nuisances at the house occupied by him in Gloucester Road, and notices served upon him to provide proper flushing apparatus and water supply thereto to a water closet at the Old Pike House, Tewkesbury Road. The Town Clerk submitted a draft letter in reply to Mr. Ecocke's statements. Resolved, That the same be approved and forwarded to the Board.

10—Sewerage and Sewage Disposal—Read, a letter from the Local Government Board enclosing copy of a Report made to them by Mr. H. Ross Hooper, one of their Inspectors, after his visit to the Sewage Disposal Works at Cheltenham on the 5th February last. The Town Clerk submitted draft letter in reply thereto and the Report having been carefully considered. Resolved, That the letter be approved and sent.

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.
153	W. Drew	8 houses in Alstone Avenue
154	J. E. Bendall	2 houses in New Road on Fairfield Estate off Naunton Lane
155	J. E. Bendall	House with shed at rear of Naunton Lane

Resolved, That as regards drainage and other sanitary matters, Plans No. 154 be disapproved, that Plan No. 153 be approved, and that Plan No. 155 be approved subject to the shed not being used at any time as a stable.

E. H. PARSONAGE, Chairman

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Wednesday, the 25th May, 1904—Present; :Aldermen Norman and Skillicorne, Councillors Bence, M. Davis, King-Harman, Lawrence and Parsonage (Councillor Parsonage in the chair).

12—Zymotic Disease—The Medical Officer of Health reported that there had been notified since the last meeting of the Committee, 8 cases of Scarlet Fever, 2 of Erysipelas and 4 of Diphtheria; that 7 cases of Scarlet Fever and 1 of Diphtheria had been sent into the Hospital, and that the number of cases then in the Delancey Hospital sent in by the Corporation was 10 of Scarlet Fever and 2 of Diphtheria.

13—Insanitary Property—viz.: Nos. 4 & 6 Marsh Lane, No. 6, Victoria Place, Bath Road, Oakley Cottage, Cemetery Road, No. 22 Rutland Street, No. 53 Union Street, and Yard at back of Nos. 47 to 51 Duke Street. The Medical Officer of Health reported that the above-mentioned premises were in such a state as to be a nuisance or 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 a nuisance or injurious to health, Notices under Sec. 94 of the Public Health Act, 1875, be served upon the owners requiring them to put the same into a healthy condition, and for that purpose to carry out the works specified therein.

14—Water Closets without Flushing Apparatus—The Medical Officer of Health reported that the following houses had water closets without flushing apparatus, viz :—Oakley Cottage, Cemetery Road, and No. 3 Lypiatt Street. 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.

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15—Houses without proper Ash Receptacles—The Medical Officer of Health reported that the following houses had no proper ashpits or ash receptacles, viz :—Nos. 2, 5 and 6, Berkeley Avenue, and Nos. 21, 28, 29, 32 and 33 Lypiatt 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.

16—Notices not complied with -The Medical Officer of Health submitted a list of notices for the provision of ash receptacles, and to abate nuisance caused by overcrowding, &c., which had been served but not complied with. Resolved, That the Town, Clerk be instructed to take the necessary proceedings to compel compliance.

17—Cleansing and Disinfecting at No. 6 Norwood Parade—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 Connell 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.

18—Overcrowding at Edmonstone Cottage, Rose it 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.

19—Cleansing and Limewashing at Nos. 4 and 6 Marsh Lane, No. 6 Victoria Place, Bath Road, Oakley Cottage, Cemetery Road, No. 1 Painswick Lawn Cottage, Nos. 13, 14 & 15, Greville Terrace. The Medical Officer of Health having certified under Sec. 46 of the Public Health Act, that the above-named dwelling houses were in such filthy and unwholesome condition that the health of the inmates was affected or endangered thereby, Resolved, That Notice be given to the owners under the said Section requiring the houses to be cleansed and limewashed.

20—Nuisances from Drains, etc., at No. 3, Promenade Terrace, Nos. 25 and 26 Lypiatt Street and No. 18 Burton 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 report to the Committee.

21—Destruction of Diseased Meat—The Medical Officer of Health reported that on the 20th instant, the carcasses of 4 pigs and the offal of 12 pigs affected with tuberculosis were taken from a private slaughter house and destroyed with the owner's consent.

22—Appointment of Building Inspector—The Borough Surveyor reported that as authorised by the Committee he had appointed. Mr. H. J. Holbourn, at present Building Inspector to the Corporation of Margate, to the position of Building Inspector, he to commence his duties here on the 13th proximo. There were 130 applicants and the appointment was made after interview and examination of selected candidates. Resolved, That the appointment be approved and confirmed.

23—Prestbury Sewerage and Sewage Disposal Scheme—Read, a letter from the Rev. A. C. Gabell, Chairman of the Swindon Parish Meeting, stating that a resolution was passed by that body on the 30th March last, expressing disapproval by the Parishioners of the Prestbury Sewage Scheme, which they were sure if carried out would become a great nuisance to the inhabitants of Swindon. Resolved, That Mr. Gabell be informed that the Council will be glad of the support of the Parish Meeting in opposing the Scheme referred to.

24—New Streets and Buildings—The Borough Surveyor submitted the following notices and plans of intended new streets and buildings, viz.:

No. of Plan	Name	Description
152	G.W.R. Co.	42 houses in Alstone Avenue
157	Mrs. Cox	Additions to 15 Priory Terrace
158	Colonel Clarke	Additions to Sundown Lawn
159	J. Lawson	Additions to Fairfield, Libertus Road
160	B. Singleton	Additions to Nos. 5 and 6 Upper Bath Road
161	Pearce & Co., Ltd.	Plan of new street and 35 cottages, Whaddon Lane
162	S. P. Ryland	Additions to 31 Promenade
163	C. Boyce	Two Houses in Rosehill Street
164	F. Jenkins	Three streets on Fairfield Estate (near Naunton Lane)
165	A. C. Bruce-Pryce	Additions to Abbeyholme, Overton Road.
166	Adams & Wilding	House in Fairfield Road
167	F. Jenkins	20 houses in Fairhaven Road, Fairfield Estate.

Resolved, That No. 157 be approved, subject to the drains being properly connected to the existing drains, and that the remainder of the plans be approved as shown so far as drainage and other sanitary matters are concerned, the carrying out of the separate surface water drainage shown on Plan No. 164 being the condition upon which that plan and Plan No. 167 is now approved.

E. H. PARSONAGE,

Chairman.

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FARMS MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Friday, the 29th April, 1904—Present Councillors Bence, M. Davis, King-Harman, Packer and Steel (Councillor M. Davis in the chair).

1—Visit to Farms—The Committee visited the Farms, inspected the livestock recently purchased by the Farms Manager and also examined the effluent and found everything satisfactory.

M. DAVIS,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Friday, the 20th May, 1904—Present : The Mayor, Alderman Skillicorne, Councillors M. Davis, King-Harman and Steel (Councillor M. Davis in the chair).

2—Farm Manager's Report—Read. the Monthly Report of the Farms' Manager. Since the last monthly meeting 51 head of cattle had been purchased for £657 17s. 6d., and 58 sheep for £108 10s., an average of £12 18s. and £1 17s. 6d., respectively. 13 head of cattle and 1 calf had been sold for £242 11s. 6d. One heifer had died during the month and the number of livestock on the Farms on the 20th inst. was 11 horses and 1 foal, 173 head of cattle, 58 sheep and 10 pigs, all being healthy and well. He recommended that 30 inure cattle be purchased when a suitable opportunity occurred ; that the two cottages at the Barn Farm be lime and colour washed inside and painted outside.

Resolved, That the recommendations of the Manager be approved and adopted, and that notice be

given to Mr. C. Stuckey, the tenant of one of the cottages at the Barn Farm to terminate his tenancy, the cottage to be occupied by one of the employees on the Sewage Farms.

3—Supply of Sewage—The Chairman reported the result of an interview he had had with Mr. Arkell, of Butler's Court Farm, and with Mr. Davis, a tenant of land near the Sewage Farms as to the supply of sewage to about 150 acres, of land in their occupation. The Borough Surveyor having reported as to the cost of giving supply, Resolved, That further consideration of the matter be adjourned.

4—Sewage Disposal—Read, a Report received from the Local Government Board, made by one of their Inspectors, with regard to the treatment of sewage at the Farms. The Town Clerk read the letter in reply thereto which had been approved by the Public Health Committee. Resolved, That the proposed reply be approved.

M. DAVIS, Chairman.

STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 10th May, 1904—Present : The Mayor, Aldermen Haddon and Skillicorne, Councillors Gridley, Ley Wood, 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—Street Projections—Read, a letter from the Golden Anchor Clothing Company applying for permission to fix three incandescent arc lamps outside No. 156 High Street. Resolved, That the application be acceded to subject to compliance with the usual conditions as to height, projection, &c.

Read, a letter from the Secretary of the Working Men's Club, applying for permission to erect one large lamp in front of the Club premises in place of the four small existing ones. Resolved, That the application be acceded to subject to compliance with the usual conditions as to height and projection, and to the lamp being kept alight each night until the Club is closed.

3—Building Inspector's Report—The Monthly Report of the Building Inspector was read. Number of houses completed during last month, 19. In progress 110.

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4—Locomotives on Highways—Read, a letter from Col. Thoyts, asking that the Council should exercise its powers to make Byelaws restricting the use of certain streets by locomotives to certain hours, and prohibiting the passing of locomotives through certain streets in the Borough. Resolved, That the matter be considered at the next meeting of the Committee.

5—Tenders for Stone, Kerbs, Pipes, &c., &c.—The Borough Surveyor submitted Tenders he had obtained for the supply of the stone, kerbs, pipes, &c., required by the Corporation for the next 12 months. The Committee inspected the samples of the materials specified in the Tenders. Resolved, That the matter be left in the hands of the Borough Surveyor in order to enable him to carry out tests as to suitability, &c., of the various materials, and to report thereon to the Committee.

6—Purchase of Mortar Mill for Clinker Factory—Read, is letter from Messrs. Collins & Godfrey, offering to sell to the Corporation for £12 10s. the Mortar Mill which has been in use on hire at the Slab Factory. On the recommendation of the Borough Surveyor, Resolved, That the offer be accepted.

7—Steam Road Rollers—The Borough Surveyor reported that as directed by the Committee he had obtained tenders for the repairs necessary to the 15-ton strain roller. In view of the large amount necessary to be expended, Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to ascertain what allowance would be made for the old roller if a new one were purchased, and report at the next meeting.

8—New Buildings—The Borough Surveyor laid before the Committee the following notices and plans of intended new buildings, viz :—

No. of Plan.	Name	Description.
154	J. E. Bendall	2 houses in new road on Fairfield Estate (off Naunton Lane)
155	J. E. Bendall	House with Shed at rear, Naunton Lane.
156	E. H. Parsonage	Additions to 2 Bayshill Lawn
152	G.W.R. Co.	42 houses in Alstone Avenue.

Resolved, That Plan No. 154 be disapproved and that the remainder of the plans be approved so 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 30th May, 1904—Present The Mayor, Aldermen Haddon and Skillicorne, Councillors Baker, Gridley, Ley Wood, Packer and Parsonage (Councillor Baker in the chair).

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

10—Borough Surveyor's Monthly Report re Highways—The Borough Surveyor reported that the work done by the Highways' Department, from the 22nd April to the 26th May (both inclusive) had been as follows:—

Repaired with 2-inch Clee Hill Stone—Wellesley Road (1120 super yards), Synagogue Lane (306 super yards), Trafalgar Street (1640 super yards), Evesham Road (294 super yards), Marle Hill Road (2028 super yards), Gloucester Road (100 super yards), Six Chimney Lane (310 super yards), Rodney Road (proceeding).

Repaired with 2-inch Old Radnor Stone—Bennington Street (1096 super yards).

Repaired with 2-inch Wickwar Stone—Pittville Lawn (3820 super yards), Cross Road from Wellesley Road to Pittville Lawn (2182 super yards). Private Improvement Works—Eldorado Crescent, Glencairn Park Road (proceeding).

Crossings Renewed-2.

New Crossing laid-1 in Royal Well Place.

Crossings Relaid-19. Manholes paved round-5. Manholes raised to surface-5.

New Granite Sett Pavement—St. George's Place (completed).

Gullies renewed--7.

Surface Water Drain laid—Park Place, 583 lineal yards of 9-inch pipes and 15 old gullies connected to new drain.

New Manholes built-4.

Asphalt paved footpath renewed—Eldorado Road (114 super yards) for Electric Department.

New asphalt laid—Shelburne Road, at sides of concrete slab paving (250 super yards).

Channel renewed—Regent Street, opposite Ormond Terrace (110 lineal yards), Malvern Road (244 lineal yards), Hewlett Street (377 lineal yards), St. George's Place (11 lineal yards).

Shoots pruned on Trees—St. Philip's Terrace, Lansdown Road, Christ Church Road, Lansdown Place, Queen's Road, St. George's Road, Gloucester Road, Overton Road, Parabola Road, Bays Hill Road, Fauconberg Road and Montpellier Street.

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New Kerb laid —Malvern Road (267 lineal yards). Silver grey paving relaid—Malvern Road (341 super yards). Paving renewed—Malvern Road (343 super yards), St. George's Place (125 super yards).

Paving relaid—Hewlett Street (128 super yards), St. George's Place (273 super yards). Kerb renewed—Hewlett Street (97 lineal yards), St. George's Place (34 lineal yards). Kerb relaid—Hewlett Street (121 lineal yards), St. George's Place (207 lineal yards).

Ashes Collection and Disposal-1263 loads collected, 353 tipped away, 910 consumed, weight 886 tons, 3 ½ cwts., during five weeks ended 19th May.

Slab Factory—During five weeks ended 26th May, 1904-473 $\frac{1}{3}$ square yards of slabs, and 3837 lineal feet of channel blocks made.

11—Street Projections—Read, a letter from Messrs. Steel Bros. applying for permission to put up at No. 410 High Street, two small wrought iron brackets for electric light lamps. Resolved, That the application be acceded to subject to compliance with the usual conditions as to height, projection, &c.

Read a letter from the Waverley Dairy Co., 120 High Street, applying for permission to suspend a lettered flag from the first floor window over the pavement. Resolved, That the application be not granted and that notice be given requiring the removal of the same.

12—Street Watering in Naunton Park Road—Read, letters from Mr. G. F. Gauntlett and Mr. J. H. Parker asking that Naunton Park Road in which they resided should be watered more frequently. Resolved, That the attention of the Borough Surveyor be called to the complaints.

13—Hayward's Road—Road from to Battledown Approach—Resolved, That Messrs. Webb Bros. Ltd. be called upon to remove the obstructions recently put up by them in this road, and the tramway line across the same, and to restore the road to its original width.

14—Road at Back of Royal Parade—Read, a memorial from Mrs. Harrison and other residents in Royal Parade, asking that, as a private lane leading out of the above road into Montpellier Street had been closed for some time, the Council should make a passage into Fauconberg Road to remove the difficulty and inconvenience caused by the road at the back of Royal Parade not being a thoroughfare. Resolved, That the memorialists be informed that the Council cannot see their way to comply with the request.

15—Locomotives Act, 1898—The Committee considered the advisability of making Bye-laws under the above Act, with respect to the use of locomotives in the Borough. Resolved, That the further consideration of the matter be adjourned for the present.

16—Kensington Avenue Private Improvement Works—The Borough Surveyor reported that the private improvement works recently ordered in the above street had been carried out by the Corporation at a cost of £434 17s. 4d., and he submitted an apportionment of the cost amongst the abutting owners liable therefor, regard being had in such apportionment to the degree of benefit to be derived from such owners respectively from the works. Resolved, That the apportionment be approved and adopted, and that notice thereof, and of demand of repayment, be served upon the owners mentioned therein.

17—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.
157	Mrs. Cox	Additions to 15, Priory Terrace.
158	Col. Clarke	Additions to Sandown Lawn.
159	J. Lawson	Additions to Fairfield, Libertus Road.
160	B. Singleton	Additions to 5 and 6, Upper Bath Road.
161	Pearce & Co., Ltd.	New street and 35 cottages, Whaddon Lane.
162	S. P. Ryland	Additions to 31, Promenade.
163	C. Boyce	Two houses in Rosehill Street.
164	F. Jenkins	Three streets on Fairfield Estate (near Naunton Lane)
165	A. C. Bruce-Pryce.	Additions to Abbeyholme.
166	H. G. Adams	House in Fairfield Road.
167	F. Jenkins	Twenty houses in Fairhaven Road (Fairfield Estate)

Resolved, That all the plans be approved as shown, 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 Tuesday, the 24th May, 1904—Present : Councillors Bainbridge, Baker, Handley, Packer and Rickerby (Councillor Rickerby in the chair).

1—Report of Entertainments' Sub-Committee—The Entertainments' Sub-Committee reported that they engaged the Cheltenham Rifle Band to play in the Promenade, from 11 to 1, on Whit-Monday. That they are of opinion that any balance to the credit of the Concerts' Account at the end of the financial year should be placed to the credit of the Sub-Committee for the following year. If the Town Improvement Committee endorsed this expression of opinion the same should be forwarded to the Finance Committee. Resolved, That the report be approved and adopted.

2—Cheltenham College Boating Club—Read, a letter from the Cheltenham College Boating Club, applying for permission to use the boats on Marle Hill Lake this season, on the same terms as in previous years, viz : a payment of £5 5s. Resolved, That the application be acceded to, any damage to the boats, &c., to be made good by the Club.

3—Pittville Estate—Proposed Additions to Sandown Lawn—The Borough Surveyor submitted a plan showing proposed additions to Sandown Lawn, on the Pittville Estate. Resolved, That the same be approved subject to the Town Clerk being satisfied that the carrying out of the same will not infringe any of the covenants relating to the Estate.

4—Croquet Ground—The Town Clerk reported the receipt of an application for the use of the Bowling Club ground at the Winter Garden on two days a week for croquet. Resolved, That the applicants be offered the use of ground at Montpellier Gardens at £4 4s. per annum, for two days a week, the Corporation to prepare and keep in order the ground and to provide balls and hoops.

5—Winter Garden—Read, a letter from Mr. Clarence M. Dobell, making suggestions for opening the Winter Garden free for visitors to the Town with a view to increasing the attractions of the Town. Resolved, That Mr. Dobell be thanked for his suggestions which will receive careful consideration by the Committee.

6—Advertising in "Times of Ceylon."—Resolved. To accept an offer to insert in the " Times of Ceylon" (weekly mail edition) a 2-inch advertisement of Cheltenham at a cost of £5 4s. for one year.

7—Promenade Improvement No. 2—Resolved, To instruct the Borough Surveyor to bring up a plan for dealing with the space agreed to be thrown open to the public opposite Nos. 1 to 13 Promenade.

T. E. RICKERBY, Chairman.

LIGHTING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Wednesday, the 25th May, 1904—Present Aldermen Norman and Rogers, Councillors Gridley, Handley, Steel and Stroud (Alderman Norman in the Chair).

1—Electrical Inspector's Report—The Electrical Inspector reported that the result of his tests of the Electric supply during the past month as follows, viz. :—May 12th, 208 volts; May 21st, 210 volts.

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

ILLUMINATING POWER. PURITY.			
1904		1904	Grains of Sulphur per 100 cubic ft.
May 4th	15.92 candles	May 11-12	9.01
" 12th	16.42 "	" 19-20	11.22
" 21st	16.71 "		
Average	16.35 "	Average	10.11

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 4.111 cubic feet, Guildhall lamps with No. 4 Incandescent burners 5.333 cubic feet ; Ordinary lamps with No. 3 Incandescent burners 4.115 cubic feet.

4—Lamp Book—This Book was produced and examined. Ordinary Lamps extinguished, 1 metered, 8 unmetered ; burning dimly, 0. Incandescents extinguished, 1 metered, 13 unmetered ; burning dimly 4.

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5—View Meeting re Public Lighting—The Chairman reported that at a meeting of the Lighting Committee held on the 19th inst. there were present :—Councillors Handley, Steel, Gridley, and himself.

The meeting was called for the purpose of visiting the localities as to which complaint had been made of the insufficiency of the public lighting, and the following resolutions were passed and were now submitted for confirmation :—

Hayward's Road—Representatives of the Charlton Kings Urban District Council (Messrs. Edwards and Burrows, with Mr. James Villar, Surveyor) met the Committee, and the positions of the two additional lamps to be placed in this road were agreed upon (one to be provided by each authority).

Charlton Lane—Resolved, That an additional lamp be placed in Charlton Lane on the footpath next the Victoria Nurseries, so as to light the junction with Old Bath Road.

Fairfield Avenue—Resolved, That two gas lamps be placed in this road in the positions indicated to the Borough Surveyor.

Road at back of Great Norwood Street—Resolved, That in order to afford better lighting to this lane the gas lamp at the St. James' Place end be moved from the one corner of the lane to the other.

Montpellier Grove—The Committee were of opinion that the public lighting in this road is sufficient.

Eldorado Crescent—Resolved, That the gas lamp recently fixed in this road be removed to the opposite side of the road, and placed nearer Eldorado Road, and an additional lamp be placed at the North East corner of the Crescent.

Resolved, That the resolutions be approved and confirmed.

6—Report of Borough Electrical Engineer—The monthly report of the Borough Electrical Engineer showed that there were connected to the private supply mains on the 21st inst. 764 customers, with the equivalent of about 43,900 8-c.p. lamps.

7—Electricity Undertaking—Resolved, That in the opinion of the Committee the time has now arrived when, as suggested by the Chairman of the Finance Committee at the last meeting of the Council, the President of the Institution of Civil Engineers should be invited to nominate an expert to investigate the working of the Electricity Undertaking, and to report both as to its business and engineering management, and the Committee recommend the Council accordingly.

Read, a letter from the Hon. Sec. and Treasurer of the Cheltenham Property Owners and Ratepayers' Association enclosing a copy of resolution by the Committee of the above Association, stating with regard to the expert which the Council proposes to appoint that unless the services of a practical engineer are obtained the appointment will not be accepted with any confidence by the ratepayers, and asking that, should an expert be appointed, one day of his visit should be set apart for hearing the views of the ratepayers.

Read, a letter from Major-General Babbage enclosing a copy of an anonymous letter for the consideration of the Council.

8—Extension of Main—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that he had received an application from Mr. W. Burcher, of 3, Hatherley Street, for an extension of the main to supply 18 houses to be erected along the North side of Hatherley Road. If this were done he would wire all the houses, and give the necessary land for a sub-station. The cost of the extension would be about £340. Resolved, That Mr. Burcher be informed that the extension will be made if the Council receive a guarantee of 20 per cent. per annum for two years upon the cost.

GEO. NORMAN,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Wednesday, the 1st June, 1904—Present : The Mayor, Aldermen Norman, Rogers, and Waghorne, Councillors Gridley, Handley, Ley Wood, Steel and Stroud (Alderman Norman in the chair).

9—Extension of Main—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported the receipt of an application from Mr. Herbert Unwin for electric supply to Arle Court. In order to give such supply it would be necessary to extend the existing high-pressure main from Lansdown Castle for about 1,780 yards along the Gloucester Road at a cost of about £420, and a high-pressure service about 350 yards along the drive to the Court at a cost of about £85. Mr. Unwin was willing, upon completion of the extension, to pay £150 towards the cost of the main, and to pay the whole cost of the service. He would also give a guarantee to pay not less than £50 per annum for three years, commencing from the date of supply, on condition that the Corporation return to him £75 if his average nett annual payment for electric supply should be not less than £84 for the three years. Resolved, That the extensions be made and supply given on the terms mentioned.

10—Tenders for Coal—The Borough Electrical Engineer laid before the Committee the results of tests made by himself and Dr. Armstrong, F.R.S., of the coals selected by the Committee for such purpose. Resolved, That the tender of Messrs. Critchlow and Sheppard for the supply of Lydbrook coal at 9s 10 ½d per ton be accepted.

GEO. NORMAN,

Chairman.

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WATER COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Thursday, the 26th May, 1904—Present : Alderman Norman, Councillors Baker, M. Davis, King-Harman, Lawrence and Waghorne (Councillor Waghorne in the chair).

1—Fire Brigade—The Captain of the Fire Brigade reported that the Brigade had not been called out to any fire during the past month. Resolved, That the next Fire Brigade Inspection be held at the Fire Station, on Saturday, the 11th proximo, at 3 p.m., instead of on the 4th proximo.

2—Water Main—The Town Clerk reported that Messrs. Brookes & Badham, acting for Mr. George Hone and Mr. Edward Hone had issued a Writ against the Council claiming an injunction and damages in respect of the laying of the new 12-inch main from Tewkesbury, and that he had entered an appearance on behalf of the Corporation. Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to take the necessary steps to defend the action.

3—Borough Engineer's Report—The monthly report of the Borough Engineer was read :

	DAILY YIELD OF SPRINGS.	
	For 31 days, ended 20th May, 1904.	Average for corresponding period during last 3 years.
Hewletts Springs	239,040 gallons	249,120 gallons
Dowdeswell Springs	520,124 "	1,033,330 "

	CONTENTS OF RESERVOIRS.			
	May 20th, 1904.		May 20th, 1903.	
	Depth	Contents	Depth	Contents
Hewletts	-	25,632,910 gallons	-	30,305,789 gallons
Leckhampton	5 ft. 3 in.	709,153 "	10 ft. 6 in.	1,418,306 "
Dowdeswell	29 ft. 6 in.	87,099,872 "	31 ft. 11 in.	99,584,742 "
Total Storage		113,441,935 "		131,308,837
No. of days supply	90		105	

Calculated upon average daily consumption during month ended 20th May, 1904.

The laying of the 12-inch main from Tewkesbury was complete with the exception of about a quarter of a mile and the crossing of the Avon.

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

5—Alteration in Time of Meeting—Resolved, That meetings of this Committee be held at 3 p.m., instead of 3.30 p.m., for the remainder of the year.

H. WAGHORNE, Chairman.

GENERAL PURPOSES & WATCH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Friday, the 27th May, 1904—Present : The Mayor, Aldermen Norman and Rogers, Councillors M. Davis, King-Harman, and Stroud (Alderman Rogers in the chair).

1—Diseases of Animals Acts—Superintendent Hopkins reported that an outbreak of Swine Fever occurred in Whaddon Lane, on the 20th instant, only two pigs being affected. The Borough was now entirely free from contagious disease amongst animals.

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2—Hackney Carriage Drivers' Licences—Applications for licences to ply for hire hackney carriages, were read front William Henry Jackson, of 38 hermitage Street, William Underwood, of Cotswold Cottage, Ryeworth, John Elvis, of 13 Winstonian Terrace, W. Jackson, of 27 Swindon Place, Albert Thomas Victor Eager, of Tidmington Mews, Frank Roebuck, of 19 Lansdown Place Mews, and Thomas Roach, Senior, of 13 Carlton Place. Resolved, That the application of Roach be not acceded to and that the other applications be granted.

3—Hackney Carriage Licences—Road, an application from Mr. A. Townley, of Lansdown Crescent Stables, for a licence for a Landau. Resolved, That he be informed that there is no vacancy, and that his name is already on the list of applicants for licences. Read, letters from Mr. J. F. Paul and Sir. A. J. F. Paul, applying for the transfer from the former to the latter of Hackney Carriage Licence No. 75. Resolved, That the application be granted.

4—Hackney Carriage Stands—Read a letter from Mr. R. Staite, calling attention to the fact that some of the Notice Boards at the stands for Hackney Carriages had not been altered in accordance with the last alterations made by the Committee of the stand accommodation. Resolved, That the Street Inspector be directed to report as to what boards require re-lettering, and as to any suggested alteration in the stands.

5—Wheel Chair Licence—Read, an application from Mr. George Rudge, of 3 St. George's Terrace, for a Wheel Chair licence. Resolved, That the application be granted, subject to the vehicle being passed by the Chairman.

6—Town Hall—Mr. Waller attended this Meeting and laid before the Committee an approximate statement of the cost of the Town Hall, including furniture and fittings, and of the amounts still due to the Building Contractors and others. Resolved, That the further consideration be adjourned to the

next monthly meeting in order that Mr. Waller may in the meantime settle the outstanding matters and submit a complete detailed statement.

7—Report of Art Gallery Sub-Committee—The Art Gallery Sub-Committee reported that they met on the 17th May, 1904, when there were present : The Mayor, Aldermen Haddon, Norman and Winterbotham, Councillor King-Harman, the Baron de Ferrieres, and Dr. E. T. Wilson (Alderman Winterbotham in the chair).

Curator's Report—The Curator reported that there had been 5,305 visits made to the Gallery since 15th January. The list of bronzes selected by the Sub-Committee at their last meeting had been submitted to the Board of Education together with an application for the 50 per cent. Aid Grant towards their purchase. The Board approved of the selection and the aid grant asked for would be made.

The Galleries were closed for cleaning from 18th to 23rd April ; the pictures and other art objects were cleaned, and the pictures in the large gallery rearranged.

Oil paintings by the following artists had been lent to the Gallery by Mr. Howard Warden:—Copley Fielding, T. Dawson, Peter Deakin, Hughes Stanton, B. W. Leader, F. R. Lee, T. B. Hardy, J. B. Pyne, W. Muller (2), J. T. Herring,

In response to the application made to the Victoria and Albert Museum for a loan of photographs of Italian Paintings in the National Gallery, of the Venetian, Florentine and Paduan Schools, the Board sent 96 frames for a period of three months, March—May. These had been hung in the large Gallery.

Resolved, That the best thanks of the Council be tendered to Mr. Warden for his kindness, and that application be made to the Victoria and Albert Museum, for a further loan of autotypes of paintings by old masters.

Show Case—Tenders received for supplying the show case required for the exhibition of the reproductions of the Pompeian and Herculanean bronzes were considered. Resolved, That the tender of Messrs. H. H. Martyn A Co., Ltd., at £14 15s. be recommended for acceptance.

Annual Report—Resolved, That the Annual Report of the Sub-Committee be printed as usual with the Library Committee's Report, half the cost of printing 500 copies of the Reports (4£3 3s.) being charged to the Art Gallery Account.

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

8—Inscription on Town Hall Memorial Stone—Resolved, To accept a tender from Messrs. Boulton & Sons, for filling in the inscription on the Town Hall Memorial Stone for £6 15s.

RICHARD ROGERS, Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Wednesday, the 1st June, 1904—Present : The Mayor, Aldermen Norman, Rogers and Waghorne, Councillors Davis, King-Harman and Stroud (Alderman Rogers in the chair).

9—South African War Memorial—With reference to resolutions of this Committee, of 20th February, 1900, and 2nd December, 1902, approved by the Council, an estimate from Messrs. Wynn & Sons was considered for providing and fixing a cast bronze memorial tablet, bearing the following inscription, followed by about 150 names

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" This Tablet records the names of those Cheltenham men who Volunteered and Served in the South African War, 1899-1902 and of those who, either as Volunteers or Regulars, died in their Country's Service during that War."

The tablet to be placed in the entrance hall at the Town Hall. The cost not to exceed £110.

Resolved, That the proposed bronze tablet be erected at a cost not exceeding £110.

10—Employment of Children Act, 1903--Resolved, That the draft bye-laws prepared be forwarded to the Education Committee for consideration.

RICHARD ROGERS,

Chairman.

LECKHAMPTON HILL RIGHTS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 31st May, 1904—Present: The Mayor, Aldermen Norman and Waghorne, Councillors Bence and Stroud (Councillor Stroud in the chair).

1—Leckhampton Hill—The Town Clerk presented the following Report

"Gentlemen,—Leckhampton Hill.—I beg to report that on the 20th instant judgement was delivered by Mr. Justice Swinfen Eady, in the action brought in the Chancery Division of the High Court by the Leckhampton Quarries Co. Ltd., against Ballinger and The Cheltenham Rural District Council, the bearing of which commenced on the 29th April and concluded on the 12th instant. By this judgment the paths known as The Common Wall Path, The Tramway Path, and The Lower Stoneway were declared to be public paths, the latter being also declared a public bridleway. The Judge considered that the path known as The Skew Path had not been established, but did not grant an injunction against the Rural District Council in respect thereof, so that as the proceedings now stand the public are not bound by the decision in respect of this path. Unfortunately, although the Rural District Council have established three of the four paths claimed, the Judge did not award them the costs of the action, but awarded the plaintiffs their costs as between party and party against the District Council, except so far as they had not been increased by the issue as to the three paths established, and awarded the District Council their costs as between Solicitor and Client of the issues on which they have succeeded. This order will be most difficult to work out and it is impossible to say exactly how this will work out until the costs have been actually taxed. It is, therefore, proposed to have the matter mentioned to the Judge again with a view to having the order as to costs more clearly defined.

With regard to the rights of recreation or roaming rights claimed by Ballinger on behalf of the Parish of Leckhampton, it may be remarked that there is no statutory power enabling public bodies to

spend money in claiming such rights Moreover, a claim of right to roam on behalf of the public at large is bad in law and although such a claim if limited to the inhabitants of a particular parish may be good in law, it is most difficult to establish and is liable to be defeated by its being shown that the user of the rights claimed have not been confined to the inhabitants of the parish on behalf of which such claim is made. Apart from this, a claim to roam is a most unfortunate combination with a claim to public rights of way over the same land. It is obvious that a claim of a right to roam at will without regard to any paths is inconsistent with a claim to a defined footpath over the same land, and that the evidence as to roaming tends to defeat the evidence of user of defined paths.

The fact that for many years the public have wandered at will over the hill has been the chief difficulty in establishing the footpaths claimed. The Plaintiffs have confidently relied on this wandering to defeat the claim to the footpaths and the cross-examination of the Witnesses called for the District Council was mainly directed to show that the public had wandered at will without regard to footpaths. In view of this wandering the only evidence of any value in establishing the rights of way was evidence of bona fide user of the paths as a means of getting from point to Point for business purposes or for some definite purpose. This class of evidence was obtainable in support of the three paths established, but very little of the same kind of evidence could be obtained in support of the Skew Path, and unfortunately several witnesses whose evidence was most valuable in support of the other paths were unable to support this path, with the inevitable result of still further weakening the case for this path. The evidence of these witnesses could not have been dispensed with without jeopardising the case for the other paths.

I may point out that at the start I informed the Council that the evidence in support of this path was weak and advised that the claim should be limited to the other three paths as the loss of this path might affect the question of costs, but the Council were of opinion that it was their duty to make an attempt to secure this path for the public.

After the Agreement was entered into by the Corporation with the District Council to support the action, and that I should assist in the defence, it was arranged between myself and the Clerk of the Rural District Council, that I should mainly direct my attention to obtaining the evidence of witnesses to support the paths. I have, therefore, had the main charge of this part of the work, and have interviewed a large number of people, including everyone

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whose name has been mentioned by those acquainted with the locality as likely to be able to give useful evidence, Several long attendances have been made on each of the numerous witnesses finally selected with a view to strengthening and verifying their proofs. As Many of the witnesses could not be seen until after their work, most of the work has had to be done in the evening and on Saturday afternoons. I ought to mention that Mr. Sutton has throughout been most useful and obliging in giving me the benefit of his knowledge of the district and has given up a good many evenings to assist me in finding the various witnesses.

In addition to the attendances on witnesses I assisted in the preparation of the Brief and have kept closely in touch with the Clerk of the Rural District Council in the other work in connection with the action.

I need hardly say that the copying of proofs and other lengthy documents has entailed much additional work on my staff, much of which has had to be done overtime,

I mention these matters as it has been suggested that the action might have been fought more vigorously, but I earl assure the Committee that neither the Clerk of the Rural District Council nor myself have spared time or trouble to establish the paths claimed, and short of devoting our whole time to the work I do not think anything more could have been done to establish the paths.

Yours faithfully,

R. OWEN SEACOME, Town Clerk."

Resolved, That the Report be adopted and that the question as to taking further action with regard to the costs be left in the hands of the Town Clerk, and the Clerk to the Cheltenham Rural District Council.

HERBERT STROUD, Chairman.

MINERAL WATERS, BATHS AND RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Thursday, the 19th May, 1904—Present The Mayor, Alderman Norman, Coe. [?] Bainbridge, Baker, Dorries, King-Harman, Stewart, and Stroud (Council Stroud in the chair).

1—Agg-Gardner Recreation Ground—The Superintendent of this ground reported the gift by Mr. Haddon, of Clarefield, of some cricket and tennis bats and balls. Resolved, That the thanks of the Council be conveyed to Mr. Haddon for his kindness.

2—Montpellier Baths—The Borough Accountant reported that the amount received during the present financial year was £29 7s. 1d., and the expenditure (exclusive of re-payment of loans and interest) was £21 16s. 6d.

Salary of Cash-taker--An application was received from Miss Parker, the Cash-taker at the Baths, for an increase in her salary, at present 10s per week. Resolved, That the same be increased to 12s per week.

3—Alstone Baths—The Borough Accountant reported that the amount received during the present financial year was £27 0s. 11d., the payments (exclusive of sinking fund and interest) amounting to £10 15s. 6d.

Read, letters from the Hon. Secretary of the Cheltenham Swimming and Water Polo Club applying for the use of the Alstone Baths on Mondays and Fridays, from 9 to 10 p.m., on the sonic terms as in previous years, and for the use of the Baths for aquatic displays on payment of 1s. for each occasion. Resolved, That the application be acceded to.

Cheltenham and Honeybourne Railway—The Borough Surveyor submitted alternative plans for the rebuilding and re-arrangement of part of the Alston. Baths necessitated by the construction of the Cheltenham and Honeybourne Railway. Resolved, That the Great Western Railway Co. be asked to

carry out the plan now selected by the Committee as compensation for the construction of their line across part of the Baths property.

Boys' Brigade—On the application of Mr. H. C. Hill, of Saxony House, Resolved, To grant the exclusive use of the Swimming Bath at Alstone to the 2nd Cheltenham Company of the Boys' Brigade for one hour each week, from 9 p.m., at a charge for each admission of one penny, the particular evening to be arranged with the Superintendent,

4—Naunton Park—Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have fixed in this ground the new swings agreed to be placed there, the work to be carried out by the same contractor and at the same price as the set last placed there.

5—Meetings of Committee—Resolved, That the monthly meetings of this Committee be held at 4 p.m. on the Friday on which the Farms Committee meet.

HERBERT STROUD,

Chairman.

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BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Friday, the 27th May, 1904—Present: Alderman Rogers, Councillors Gridley, Steel (Alderman Rogers in the chair).

1—Superintendent's Report—The Superintendent reported that the iron and wire fence was partly broken down and required refixing and that he required the usual quantity of bedding out plants for the Cemetery. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have the fence attended to at once and to supply the Superintendent with plants to the value of £5.

2—Grass at Cemetery—The Chairman reported that three tenders had been received for the grass at the Cemetery in response to the advertisement, and that he had, as authorised by the Committee, accepted the offer of Mr. E. Minett, of Lynworth Farm, Prestbury, to pay £12 for the grass, that being the highest offer.

3—Burial Fees—Read, a letter from Mr. B. A. Bloxsome applying for the remission of the extra fees charged on the interment of his mother in a vault at the time of interment belonging to Mrs. Philips, but since transferred to him, the remission being asked for on the ground that the transfer had been practically arranged for some time previously to the interment. Resolved, That under the circumstances the sum of £1 10s. 6d. be repaid to Mr. Bloxsome.

4—Fees on Erection of Memorials other than Headstones—The following Sculptors and Monumental Masons attended this Meeting at the invitation of the Committee and discussed the operation of No. 28 of the Cemetery Rules and Regulations with regard to the erection of memorials under 5 feet high, other than headstones, and the fees payable thereon, viz : Mr. A. W. Martyn, Mr. A. B. Wall, Mr. T. D. Boulton, and Mr. A. J. Emms. The suggestions made by them were carefully considered and the Committee Resolved, That notice be given to all local sculptors that after the 1st July next, a

memorial will not be accepted as a headstone within the meaning of Rule 28 if its base exceeds in width 15 inches.

5—Designs—Resolved, That the following designs be approved, viz: Memorial Crosses to Frederick W. Nicholson, Frances Colquhoun Wheatley, Thomas Kettlewell, Thomas Henry Hardy, Frances Mary T. Symes, Charles Henry Mitchell, Moses Smith, and Margaret Clarke and Richard Henry Barrett ; Headstones to John and Maria Collis, Walter Slader, Caroline Agnes King, and William and Arthur John Wrathall ; Flat Stone to Henry Short ; Kerb and Inscription to Evan Butler. Spaces to be first purchased over which it is intended to erect memorials other than headstones.

6—Repainting and Lettering Boards at Cemetery—The Borough Surveyor submitted an estimate from Mr. D. W. Chanson for repainting and lettering the boards at the Cemetery in accordance with the resolutions as to perambulators, cycles. &c., recently passed by the Committee, for the sum of £5 7s. 6d. Resolved, That the same be accepted.

RICHARD ROGERS,

Chairman.

PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 17th May, 1904—Present: The Mayor, Councillors Davies, King-Harman, Stroud, Baron de Ferrieres, Rev. J. Evans, Messrs. W. Cresswell, G. H. Palmer, C. Hayward, E. C. Rogers and A. Beckingsale (Councillor King-Harman in the chair).

1—Librarian's Report—Read, the Monthly Report of the Librarian. Presentations to the Library :— Trustees of British Museum (2 vols.), Rev. W. Lang (1 vol.) F. A. Crisp (1 vol.), High Commissioner of Canada (1 vol.), University College of Wales (1 vol.), Mr. M. G. Jessett (1 vol.), Mr. Jean Delaine (1 vol.), Mr. St. Clair Baddeley (2 vols.), Baron de Ferrieres (4 vols. and 2 pamphlets). Receipts during month, £7 0s. 2d.

2—Sub-Committee's Report—The Sub-Committee reported that they met on the 13th instant, when there were present : Councillor King-Harman (Chairman), Rev. J. Evans and Mr. G. H. Palmer. They recommended that the books on the list submitted by the Librarian be purchased for £10, that the tender of Mr. G. F. Poole for printing 500 copies of the Annual Report of this Committee and the Art Gallery Sub-Committee for £3 3s. be accepted, and that tenders be obtained for the cleaning and repair of the boiler and heating apparatus.

Resolved, That the list of books as now settled be approved and the books purchased, that the tender of Mr. Poole be accepted, and that the question of obtaining tenders for the cleaning and repair of the boiler and heating apparatus be adjourned until the next meeting, Messrs. Stephens & Finch to be in the meantime required to complete satisfactorily the extension to the hot water circulation pipes authorised last year.

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3—Communication between Schools of Art and Science—Read, a letter from the Clerk to the Grammar School Governors asking permission to make a cc door between the Schools of Art and Science at the top of the first flight of steps in the Science School, so this would be a great

convenience to both Schools, and the cost of making the doorway, &c., would be borne by the Governors. Resolved, That permission be given to construct a door in such is position as may be found most convenient.

M. J. KING-HARMAN, Chairman.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 31st of May, 1904—Present The Mayor, Aldermen Waghorne and Skillicorne, Councillors Bence, Handley, King-Harman, Steel and Stroud (Alderman Waghorne in the chair).

1—Water Rate—The report of the Borough Accountant on the collection of this rate was read. Amount received £2,006 2s. 10d. Leaving outstanding £8,369 14s. 6d.

2—General District Rate—The report of the Borough Accountant on the collection of the 1st instalment of this rate was read. Amount collected £3,747 2s. 5d. Leaving outstanding £22,848 8s. 7 ½ d.

3—Report of Elective Auditors—Read, a report from the Borough Elective Auditors stating that they had learnt that the accounts were not yet completed and ready for audit, and that they were unwilling to commence until the accounts were ready. They considered that the audit should cover everything set forth in the published Abstract of Accounts. Resolved. That the Borough Accountant be requested to complete the accounts ready for audit as soon as possible.

4—Loans—Resolved, That an advertisement be inserted in the local papers inviting loans of £50 and upwards secured by debentures, with interest at 3 ½ per cent. per annum, repayment to be made on six months' notice on either side.

5—Bank Accounts—The Chairman reported that in company with the Town Clerk and the Borough Accountant he had had an interview with the local manager of Lloyds Bank with a view to getting the present rate of interest reduced from 4 per cent., but that the Bank were unwilling to accede to this.

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 £[missing] ordered to be paid by the Borough Treasurer.

The Treasurer's accounts at the Bank were examined, and the balances found to be correct. The following was the General Statement

Overdrawn on the 26th April, 1904	£86,850 19 1
Paid since that date	<u>£10,649 5 2</u>
	£97,500 4 3
Received since ditto, including Loans, £28,964	<u>£40,591 18 4</u>
Overdrawn	£56,908 5 11

Being Bank Loan Account No. 2	£50,110 1 6
Do. No. 3	<u>£23,153 14 11</u>
	£73,263 16 5
Less in hand on General Accounts	£14,212 1 2
Do. Sinking Funds	<u>£ 2,143 9 4</u>
	<u>£16,353 10 6</u>
	£56,908 5 11

JOHN 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 4th July, 1904.

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 13th June, 1904—Present: Alderman Skillicorne, Councillors Bence, H. Davis, King-Harman and Lawrence (Alderman Skillicorne in the chair)

1—Chairman—In the absence of the Chairman, Resolved, That Alderman Skillicorne 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, 4 cases of Scarlet Fever, and 3 of Diphtheria; that 4 cases of Scarlet Fever and 1 of Diphtheria had been sent into the Delancey Hospital, and that the number of cases then in the Delancey Hospital sent in by the Corporation was 11 of Scarlet Fever and 2 of Diphtheria.

3—Insanitary Property—viz Nos. 3, 8, 9, 13, 14, 15, 16, and 17, White Hart Street, and Nos 1 and 2 Garden Cottages, London Road. The Medical Officer of Health reported that the above-mentioned premises were in such a state as to be a nuisance or 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 a nuisance or 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.

4—Houses without proper Ash Receptacles—The Inspector of Nuisances reported that the following houses had no proper ashpits or ash receptacles, viz :—Nos. 33 and 61 Duke Street, and No. 2 Painswick Terrace. Resolved, That the necessary Notices be given to the respective owners under Sec. 36 of the Public Health Act, 1875, and Soc. 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 Inspector of Nuisances on behalf of the Corporation.

5 --Overcrowding at Midland Cottage, Alston Crossing—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, 1875, be served on the owners and occupiers thereof requiring them to abate the same.

6--Cleansing and Limewashing at No. 37a Duke Street, No. 17 Upper Park Street, No. 6 St. George's Avenue, No. 5, Marsh Lane and No. 15 White Hart 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 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 Drains, etc., at York Lodge, St. George's Road, 108 High Street and 8 Priory Street. The Inspector of Nuisances having made written application under Section 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 report to the Committee.

8—Boracic Acid in Food—Read, a letter from the Town Clerk of Camberwell, enclosing copy of a Report made by the Medical Officer of Health of Camberwell with reference to the excessive use of boracic acid as a preservative and asking for the support of the Cheltenham Town Council to the application made by Camberwell to the Local Government Board requesting it to take steps to fix a limit to the amount of boracic acid which may be mixed with food.

The Medical Officer of Health (Dr. Garrett) reported in favour of complying with the request made, as the use of preservatives was being extended to a variety of food substances and boracic acid or borax taken even in moderate quantities every day for a long period would undoubtedly be prejudicial to health. He also advised that the attention of the County Analyst be called to the necessity of making an estimate of the quantity of the preservative-adulterants in articles submitted to him, especially in butter, milk and cream.

Resolved, That the recommendation of the Medical Officer of Health be approved and adopted, and letters be written to the Local Government Board and the County Analyst accordingly.

9—Destruction of Diseased Pork—The Medical Officer of Health reported that a pig killed at the Abattoir on the 2nd instant was found to be tuberculous and was seized and destroyed. Two pigs killed at the Abattoir, on the 27th ultimo, found to be suffering from skin eruption, were seized and destroyed. In the case of each seizure the owners voluntarily gave permission for the destruction.

10—Dairies, Cowsheds and Milkshops Order--On the report and recommendation of the Medical Officer of Health, Resolved, That notice be served upon the occupier of Arle Court Farm, Sandfield Road, requiring him to repave for a width of 6 feet along the front of the cowshed with blue brick, cement or other hard impervious material.

11—Cottages in White Hart Street and Carlton Place—The Medical Officer of Health reported that a number of houses in White Hart Street and Carlton Place, acquired by the G.W.R. Company in connection with the Cheltenham and Honeybourne Railway and intended to be demolished for the purposes of the Railway, were in an insanitary condition and recommended that the Railway Company should be called upon to have them put in a proper state or to close them. Resolved, That notice be given to the G.W.R. Company accordingly.

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.
168	J. E. Bendall	Two houses on Fairfield Estate (near Naunton Lane)
169	E. Pearce	Bay window to " Lagarie," Eldorado Road

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

W. NASH SKILLICORNE, Chairman

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 20th June, 1904—Present : The Mayor, Alderman Norman, Councillors Bence, M. Davis. King-Harman and Lawrence (The Mayor in the chair).

13—Chairman—In the absence of the Chairman, Resolved, That the Mayor be appointed Chairman at this Meeting.

14—Overcrowding at No. 18, White Hart 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' 4 of the Public Health Act be served on the owners and occupiers thereof requiring them to abate the same.

15—Houses without proper Ash Receptacles—The Inspector of Nuisances reported that the following houses had no proper ashpits or ash receptacles, viz :—Nos. 4, 5 and 21 Princes Street, and 7 to 10 Fairfield Avenue. 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 Inspector of Nuisances on behalf of the Corporation..

16--Cleansing and Limewashing at No. 18 White Hart Street, No 2 Garden Cottages, London Road, No. 2 Beaufort Cottages, London Road, and Nos. 36, 34, and 29, Swindon Passage. The Medical Officer of Health having certified under Sec. 46 of the Public Health Act, 1875, that the above-named dwelling houses were in such a filthy and unwholesome condition that the health of the inmates was affected or endangered thereby, Resolved, That Notice be given to the owners under the said Section requiring the houses to be cleansed and limewashed.

17—Nuisances from Drains, etc., at No. 18, White Hart Street and No. 23, Princes Street. The Inspector of Nuisances having made written application under Section 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 report to the Committee.

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

19—Insanitary Property—viz.: No. 2, Hewlett Cottages, Hewlett Road, No. 4, Hewlett Road, Nos. 2 to 38 Swindon Passage, Nos. 1 to 15 Fairfield Avenue, " Careen," and Nos. 1 and 3, Mapledene Terrace. The Medical Officer of Health reported that the above-mentioned premises were in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to the health of the inmates owing to defective roofs, walls, ceilings, floors, ventilation, yards, &c. Resolved, That the Council being satisfied that the said premises are in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to health, Notices under Sec. 94 of the Public Health Act, 1875, be served upon the owners requiring them to put the same into a healthy condition, and for that purpose to carry out the works specified therein.

20—Houses unfit for Human Habitation—The Medical Officer of Health certified under Section 32 of the Housing of the Working Classes Act, 1890, that the dwelling houses, Nos. 13 and 14 Brunswick Terrace, were in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to health and unfit for human habitation, and reported that the occupation of the dwelling houses mentioned should be immediately discontinued. Resolved, That the Council being of opinion that the dwelling houses mentioned are in such a state that the occupation thereof should be immediately discontinued, proceedings be forthwith taken under the Housing of the Working Classes Acts, 1890-1903, for orders for the houses to be closed.

21—Notices not complied with—The Medical Officer of Health submitted a list of notices which had been served but not complied with requiring the provision of ash receptacles, flushing apparatus to water closets &c., &c. Resolved. That the Town Clerk be instructed to take the necessary proceedings to compel compliance.

22—Nuisance from Brickworks—The Inspector of Nuisances reported that complaints had been made of the nuisance caused by smoke and effluvia from Messrs. Pearce & Co.'s brickworks, on the Cemetery Road, and that the Medical Officer of Health and he had made an inspection and found that a nuisance did exist. Resolved, That the attention of Messrs. Pearce & Co., be called to the matter and that they be asked to take steps to prevent the continuance of the nuisance.

23—Building Inspector—Resolved. That the Chairman of this Committee and Councillor Bence be appointed to meet the Street & Highway Committee to discuss and define the duties of the Building Inspector.

24—Additional Land for Sewage Irrigation—The resolution of the Farms Management Committee on the subject of the application of sewage to land in the occupation of Mr. Arkell and Mr. Davis was considered. Resolved, That the further consideration be adjourned for additional information desired by the Committee.

25—New Buildings—The Borough Surveyor laid before the Committee the following notices and plans of intended new buildings, viz :—

No. of Plan	Name	Description
146	B. W. Pearce & Co., Ltd.	House in Alstone Avenue (amended plans)
171	Mrs. Earengy	Two houses in Keynsham Road
155	J. E. Bendall	Two houses in Naunton Lane (amended plans)

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

J. C. GRIFFITH,

Chairman.

FARMS MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Friday, the 17th June, 1904—Present Alderman Skillicorne, Councillors Bence, M. Davis, King-Harman and Steel (Councillor M. Davis in the chair).

1 - Farm Manager's Report—Read the Monthly Report of the Farm Manager. Since the last monthly meeting 36 head of cattle had been purchased for £336, and 10 head of cattle sold for £186 15s., and 11 sheep for £22 11s. One heifer had died, and the livestock on the Farms on the 17th instant, was 11 horses and 1 foal, 198 head of cattle, 5 calves, 47 sheep and 10 pigs, the whole being healthy and well. He suggested that 20 more cattle be purchased. Mowing for hay would be commenced next week. The repairs to the cottages authorised by the Committee were in hand. Resolved, That 20 more cattle be purchased as recommended.

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2—Supply of Sewage—The Chairman reported as to the Joint Meeting of this Committee and members of the Public Health Committee at the Farms, on the 10th instant, when there were present: Aldermen Norman and Skillicorne, Councillors Bence, M. Davis, Lawrence and Steel, and the question of supplying land in the occupation of Mr. Arkell and Mr. Davis was considered. Resolved, That this Committee are of opinion that the scheme submitted for enabling a supply to be given should be carried out and recommend the Public Health Committee accordingly.

M. DAVIS,

Chairman.

STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 14th June, 1904—Present : The Mayor, Aldermen Raddon and Skillicorne, Councillors Baker, Bendall, Gridley, Ley Wood and Packer (Councillor Bendall in the chair).

1—Private Roadway, North side of Imperial Square--Read, a letter from Mr. M. Soyer, calling attention to the condition of the private road in front of the North side of Imperial Square, and

asking that steps should be taken to put it into a proper state of repair. Resolved, That the abutting owners be called upon to put the roadway into proper order and repair.

2—Report of Building Inspector—Read, the monthly report of the Building Inspector. Number of houses completed since last report, 28. In progress, 106.

3—Duties of Building Inspector—Resolved, That the Public Health Committee be asked to appoint two members to attend the next meeting of this Committee to discuss and define the duties of the new Building Inspector.

4—New Buildings—The Borough Surveyor laid before the Committee the following notices and plans of intended new buildings, viz. :—

No. of Plan.	Name.	Description.
168	J. E. Bendall.	Two houses on Fairfield Estate, near Naunton Lane.
169	E. Pearce.	Bay window at Lagarie, Eldorado Road.

Resolved, That Plan No. 168 be approved, and that Plan No. 169 be disapproved as regards matters within the purview of this Committee.

JOHN 1). BENDALL,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 27th June, 1904—Present: The Mayor, Aldermen Haddon and Councillors Baker, Bendall, Gridley, and Parsonage (Councillor Bendall in the chair).

5—Borough Surveyor's Monthly Report re Highways—The Borough Surveyor reported that the work done by the Highways Department, from the 27th May to the 23rd June (both inclusive) had been as follows:—

Roads Repaired—Rodney Road (2,594 super yards), Shelburne Road (3,141 super yards), Trinity School Lane (303 super yards), Thirlestaine Road (6,416 super yards), Shelburne Road (tar macadam, 742 super yards).

Private Improvement Works—Eldorado Crescent and Glencairn Park Road (completed). Crossings Renewed—Four. Crossings Relaid—One. Gullies Renewed—Nine. New Gullies fixed—Four.

New Kerb fixed—Shelburne Road (105 lineal yards). New Channel fixed—Shelburne Road (95 lineal yards). New Paving laid—Shelburne Road (72 super yards).

New Asphalt laid at side of concrete slab paving—Shelburne Road (63 super yards).

Gravel Footpath laid—Shelburne Road (266 super yards). Paving Renewed—St. George's Road (33 super yards).

Channel Renewed—Trinity School Lane (120 lineal yards). Asphalt laid—Trinity School Lane (50 super yards).

River Chelt Cleaned Out—At Barrett's Mill.

Trees Pruned—Spa Buildings Road, Montpellier Terrace, Montpellier Parade, Montpellier Drive, Promenade, Vittoria Walk, College Road, Keynsham Road, High Street, Sydenham Road North, Sydenham Road South, Sydenham Villas Road, Male's Road, Lypiatt Lawn, Battledown Approach, Cranham Road, Cemetery Road, and Dagmar Road

Ashes Collection and Disposal-1,045 loads collected, 231 tipped away ; consumed, weight 661 tons, 10 ½ cwts., during four weeks ended 16th June, 1904.

Slab Factory—During four weeks ended June 23rd, 1904 :-5,076 lineal feet of Channel Blocks made.

6—Private Improvement Works—Part of Eldorado Crescent, Kensington Avenue, and Glencairn Park Road—The Committee having inspected these roads, in which private improvement works have been recently completed, Resolved, That the same be declared highways, repairable by the inhabitants at large, as soon as the cost of the works has been repaid by the abutting owners.

7—Footpath from Hewlett Street to Sidney Street—Read, a letter from Mr. E. L. Jones, asking that a post formerly at the Hewlett Street end of this lane, to prevent the passage of trucks, &c., should be replaced. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to place an iron post as requested.

8—Hayward's Road Continuation—Read, a memorial from Mr. C. J. Gater and others, calling attention to the obstructions placed by Messrs. Webb Bros. in the road from Hayward's Road to Battledown Approach Road. The Committee having inspected the road, &c., Resolved, To instruct the Towns Clerk to make further inquiries and report upon the matter.

9—View Meeting—The following members attended the view meeting on Friday last, viz. :—
Aldermen Haddon and Skillicorne, Councillors Baker, Bendall, Gridley and Parsonage.

10—Building Inspector's Duties—Resolved, To appoint the Chairman and Councillor Baker to consider and report, in conjunction with two members of the Public Health Committee, as to the duties of the Building Inspector.

11—Cheltenham and District Light Railway Byelaws— The Town Clerk submitted draft Byelaws to be made by the Council with respect to the Light Railway within the Borough. Resolved, To adjourn consideration thereof until the next meeting, and, that in the meantime a copy be forwarded to the Company with a request for any observations thereon.

12—Tenders for Stoneware Pipes—On the recommendation of the Borough Surveyor, Resolved, To accept the tender of Messrs. Powell, Gwinnell & Co. for pipes manufactured by Mr. H. R. Mansfield, of Church Gresley.

13—Steam Road Rollers—The Borough Surveyor reported that the repairs necessary to the 15-ton steam roller would cost £132. The cost of a new 12 ½ -ton roller would be £425, and Messrs. Aveling and Co. were willing, if a new one were purchased, to allow £150 for the old one, and to fix the scarifier and cover on the new roller. Resolved, That a new roller be purchased and the old roller sold on the foregoing terms.

14—Western Road (South Side Footpath) and Queen's Road (opposite Southlands)—Resolved, To instruct the Borough Surveyor to bring up specification of the works required to be done to these footpaths by the abutting owners.

15—St. George's Road and Great Western Terrace—Read, a letter from Messrs. Channon & Son, on behalf' of the owner of Kingston Villa, St. George's Road, proposing that she should be allowed to bring forward the front boundary fence of her house to the general line of frontage in order to improve the steps up to the front door, and that she should in exchange give up a piece of land at the corner to give a better approach from St. George's Road to Great Western Terrace, the Corporation to reform the road and footway, but the owner to bear the expense of moving and fixing the fence. Resolved, That the proposal be agreed to subject to the terms of an agreement providing that the alterations shall not relieve the property from liability to pay a proportion of any private improvement expenses in respect of Great Western Terrace.

16—Ambrose Street Property—The Town Clerk reported that No. 5, Ambrose Street was now vacant. Resolved, To instruct the Borough Surveyor to report as to the repairs necessary, and to advertise for a tenant. Read, a letter from Mr. J. N. Bellamy, tenant of No. 15, Ambrose Street, notifying his intention to give up his tenancy on the 25th December, 1904.

17—New Streets—The Borough Surveyor laid before the Committee the following notices and plans of intended new buildings, viz.

No. of Plan.	Name.	Description.
147	B. W. Pearce & Co., Ltd.	House in Alstone Avenue (amended plans).
171	Mrs. Earengy	Two houses in Keynsham Road.
155	J. E. Bendall	Two houses in Naunton Lane.
169	E. Pearce	Bay Window at Lagarie, Eldorado Road.
172	Major Showell	Sister house at Cotswold, Thirlestaine Road.
173	E. L. Ward	Pavement Light at 138, High Street.

Resolved, That Plans numbered 146, 171, 155, 169 and 172 be approved as regards matters within the purview of this Committee, and that Plan No. 173 be approved subject to Mr. Ward entering into an agreement of indemnity to be prepared by the Town Clerk.

JOHN D. BENDALL,

Chairman.

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TOWN IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 20th June, 1904—Present Tie Mayor, Aldermen Newman and Winterbotham, Councillors Baker, Handley, Packer and Rickerby (Councillor Rickerby in the chair),

1—Illustrated Guide to Cheltenham Tenders for printing small illustrated Guide to the Town were considered. Resolved, That the tender of Publisher of the "Looker-On " for 6,000 copies of the Guide

for £12 he accepted, blocks required to be made from photographs supplied by the Corporation to be paid for at the rate of 8d, per square inch.

Resolved further, That Councillors Bainbridge and Packer be asked to select the photographs and design for the cover, and that Councillor Packer be asked to revise the letterpress.

2—Admission of Excursionists to Montpellier and Pittville—Read, a letter from Mr. Charles Cooke suggesting that excursionists visiting the Town should be admitted free to Pittville, Montpellier, &c., on production of their railway tickets. Resolved, That visitors to the Town be admitted at half-price to Pittville and Montpellier Gardens upon production of a current return-half railway ticket.

2—Automatic Machines at Pittville --Read is letter from Messrs. W. & T. Avery, Ltd., asking permission to place automatic delivery and weighing machines at Pittville Gardens, the Corporation to receive 25 per cent. of the takings. Resolved, That permission be given for the placing of a sweetmeat delivery machine near the Pump Room, and a sweetmeat machine and weighing Machine in the Marle Hill Annexe, on the terms mentioned, the exact positions to be settled by the Borough Surveyor.

T. E. RICKERBY,

Chairman.

LIGHTING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Wednesday, the 22nd June, 1904—Present: The Mayor, Alderman Norman, Councillors Gridley, Handley, Ley Wood, Steel and Stroud (Alderman Norman in the chair).

1—Electrical Inspector's Report—The Electrical Inspector reported that the result of his tests of the Electric supply during the past month as follows, viz. :—On the 11th inst., 208 volts; and on the 21st, 208 volts.

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

ILLUMINATING POWER.

PURITY.

ILLUMINATING POWER.		PURITY.	
			Grains of Sulphur per
1904		1904	100 cubic ft.
June 11th	16.24 candles	June 8-9	10.94
15th	15.59 "	" 18-19	11.60
"21st	16.33 "		
Average	16.05 "	Average	11.27

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 4.101 cubic feet, Ordinary lamps with No. 3 Incandescent burners 4.153 cubic feet ; Guildhall lamps with No. 4 Incandescent burners 5'596 cubic feet.

4—Lamp Book—Produced and examined. Ordinary Lamps extinguished, 2 metered, 3 unmetered ; Incandescents extinguished, 1 metered, 12 unmetered ; burning dimly 3.

5—Electricity Undertaking—Road, a letter from Sir W. H. White, President of the Institution of Civil Engineers, nominating Mr. S. B. Cottrell, M. Inst. C.E., M.I.E.E., Chief Engineer of the Liverpool Electric Railway, to investigate and report upon the Electricity Undertaking, and the Town Clerk read letter he was writing Mr. Cottrell. Resolved, That the letter be approved.

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6 Monthly Report of the Borough Electrical Engineer—Read, the Monthly Report of the Borough Electrical Engineer. The number of customers connected to the private supply mains on the 21st inst., was 767 with the equivalent of about 49,080 eight candle power lamps.

The Accounts for the year ending the 31st March last, were now completed, and the results were better than he had estimated, the gross profit for the year after making certain allowances for bad debts, &c., being £8429 4s. 5d., an increase of £1651 0s. 2d. upon the previous year.

7-- --Charges for Supply to Light Railway Company—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that he had obtained information from a number of other towns with reference to the charges for energy for tramway traction. Resolved, That the information be tabulated and printed for the information of the Committee.

8—Dam in Chelt near Electricity Works—On the recommendation of the Borough Electrical Engineer, Resolved, That the Chelt Dam near the works be raised and a sluice gate put in at a cost estimated by the Borough Surveyor at £16.

9—Lavatory Accommodation at Works—On the recommendation of the Borough Electrical Engineer, Resolved, That the strong room at the works be converted into a lavatory for the convenience of the staff. Estimated cost £5.

GEO. NORMAN,

Chairman.

WATER COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Thursday, the 23rd June, 1904—Present : The Mayor, Alderman Norman, Councillors Baker, Bendall, M. Davis, King-Harman, Lawrence and Waghorne (Councillor Waghorne in the chair).

1—Fire Brigade Report--The Fire Brigade Captain reported that on the 30th ultimo, the Brigade was called to extinguish is fire at George's Bakery, Clarence Street. Damage £15. Cost of extinction £3 7s. Buildings and contents insured.

2—Borough Engineer's Report—The monthly report of the Borough Engineer was read :

DAILY YIELD OF SPRINGS.

	For 31 days, ended 19th. June, 1904.	Average for corresponding period during last 3 years.
Hewletts Springs	188,640 gallons	210,240 gallons
Dowdeswell Springs	679,104 “	867,168 “

CONTENTS OF RESERVOIRS.

	June 19th, 1904.		June 19th, 1903.	
	Depth	Contents	Depth	Contents
Hewletts	-	15,772,187 gallons	-	31,101,611 gallons
Leckhampton	7 ft. 2 in.	969,551 “	12 ft. 0 in.	1,620,924 “
Dowdeswell	28 ft. 4in.	81,316,898 “	32 ft. 0 in.	100,023,701 “
	Total Storage	98,058,636 “		132,746,236
	No. of days supply	87		117 [days]

(exclusive of Tewkesbury).

Pumping from Tewkesbury commenced on the 31st ultimo and had been continued night and day over since. The new taunt from Tewkesbury was now complete with the exception of the Avon crossing which was proceeding.

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3—Extensions of Mains—An application was received from Mr. R. W. Boulton for an extension of main for about 600 yards to a proposed new building estate, near Evesham Road. He was willing to guarantee 10 per cent. on the outlay (£120) until the water rates from the houses to be erected reach an equivalent amount. Resolved, That the extension be made on the terms mentioned.

The Borough Engineer laid before the Committee a plan showing the mains required to be laid for the supply of houses erected or to be erected on the Fairfield Estate. It would be necessary to replace the 2-inch mains in Naunton Lane and Fairfield Road by 4-inch mains. Resolved, That the 2-inch mains in Naunton Lane and Fairfield Road be replaced by 4-inch mains, and that the Borough Engineer be authorised to extend the mains on the Estate, from time to time, on obtaining a guarantee of 10 per cent. on the cost.

4—Loans for Extensions of Mains—The Local Government Board having intimated that they were unable to sanction the appropriation of part of the loan of £18500 towards defraying the cost of laying the additional mains in the Christ Church District, mentioned in Minute No. 4, passed at a meeting of this Committee held on the 21st January last, but were prepared to consider a separate application for sanction to a loan for carrying out the proposed works. Resolved, That application be made to the Local Government Board for a loan of £650 for carrying out the said works.

Resolved, also, That application be made to the Board for their sanction to a loan of £393, being the balance of £30000 authorized to be raised (subject to the sanction of the Board) by the Provisional Order of 1898, for the cost of other necessary extensions of mains required to supply consumers.

5—Tewkesbury Water Supply—Read, a letter from the Town Clerk of Tewkesbury, asking the Committee to meet the Tewkesbury Council in Committee at Tewkesbury, to discuss various matters relating to the water supply. Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to arrange a meeting as suggested.

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

7—Manual Fire Engine—The Borough Engineer reported that Messrs. Shand, Mason & Co. had offered to give 500 feet of hose (worth about £20) for the old manual fire engine. Resolved, That the offer be accepted.

8--Telephone Connection to Borough Engineer's Residence —Resolved, To authorise the connection of the Borough Engineer's residence with the Telephone Exchange at a cost of £6 per annum.

H. WAGHORNE,

Chairman.

GENERAL PURPOSES & WATCH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 21st June, 1904—Present : The Mayor, Alderman Norman, Councillors M. Davis, King-Harman and Stroud (The Mayor in the chair).

1—Chairman—In the absence of the Chairman, Resolved, That the Mayor be appointed Chairman at this Meeting.

2—Diseases of Animals Acts—Superintendent Hopkins reported an outbreak of swine fever on premises of Mr. Josiah Barrett, at Leckhampton, 13 pigs being affected. The outbreak could not be accounted for, as the pigs were bred on the premises.

Read, a letter from the Clerk to the County Council with reference to the proposed application of the Swine Fever (Regulation of Movement) Order, 1903, stating that if the provisions of the order were applied to the proposed combined area, it appeared that there would be difficulties in bringing store swine to and from an exhibition in the area, and the Executive Committee of the County Council had therefore decided not to withdraw their present regulations in favour of the Board's Order.

3--Hackney Carriage Driver's Licences—Applications were received from Alfred Dance, of No. 1 Fairlight Place, Philip Millchap, of No. 44 Tivoli Street, Edgar Brampton Musty, of No. 11 Princes Street, Andrew Hope, of Beckford Cottage, Moorend Crescent, and Sidney Sutton, of No. 19 Imperial Square, for licences to drive hackney carriages. Resolved, That the applications be acceded to.

Tho Street Inspector reported that Daniel Jenkins, a licensed driver, had been more than once convicted of offences in connection with hackney carriages during the past twelve months. Resolved, That the driver mentioned be requested to attend the next Monthly Meeting of this Committee to show cause why his licence should not be suspended or revoked.

4—Hackney Carriage Stands —As directed at the last meeting the Street Inspector reported as to the stand boards required or existing ones requiring re-lettering and as to suggested alterations in the number of carriages for certain stands. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to provide suitable boards or indicators and lettering where necessary ; that the stand at the back of Albert Place, Pittville, be for three carriages instead of six as at present, and that a stand for five carriages be made in the Evesham Road, on the East side opposite Pittville Parade.

5—Licences to Deal in Game—Applications were received from the following for the renewal of licences to deal in game, viz :—Charles Barnett, 86 High Street, George Hemmings, 1 Winchcomb Street, Nolan Wellesley Olive, 4 Colonnade, William Wilks, 373 High Street, Hector John Woore, 35 Montpellier Walk, Benjamin Steptoe, 17 & 18 Winchcomb Street, Lucy Ann Morris, Columbia House, Winchcombe Street, Thomas Burt Woodard, 1 & 2 Montpellier Avenue, William Hall & Sons, 92 High Street, and Henry Frederick Barnett, 18 Great Norwood Street.

Resolved, To renew the licences for one year, from the 1st proximo.

6—Petroleum Licence—Read, an application from Mr. E. S. Holloway, of No. 3 St. Mark's Emporium, for a licence to keep 100 gallons of petroleum, instead of 50 only as at present. The Borough Surveyor reported that the premises were suitable for storing 60 gallons. Resolved, That a licence for the storage of 60 gallons be granted.

7—Town Hall—A Statement of Accounts was submitted by Mr. Waller, showing the following total expenditure:—

New Building, including Organ Gallery and Performers' Room, etc., in connection with Winter Garden £32,590 16 6

Constructional Decorative Work included in Main Contract £1,926 13 4

Fittings, including counters, lifts, cupboards, extension of orchestra, seats on orchestra, &c. £1,030 16 8

Engineering Work Heating, Ventilation, and Fire appliances £4,025 18 0

Lighting and Fittings ... £2,315 13 0

Decoration, including Alabaster and other work, and enriched plaster, colouring. &c. not included in Main Contract £1,504 9 1

Furnishing, including gas stoves, seating, chairs, tables, sideboard, curtains and soft goods £1,381 9 5

Total £44,775 16 0

Architects, surveyors, and clerk of works' fees and expenses are included in the above so far as such can at present be ascertained.

Mr. Waller stated that there were certain other accounts amounting to about £350, which he was going into with the contractors. The amount for wiring includes the full amount claimed by the Contractors, but has not yet been passed for payment.

Resolved, That application be made to the Local Government Board for sanction to a further loan of £10,000 for the excess expenditure on the building of the Town Hall, including engineering work, lighting and fittings, decoration and furnishing.

8.—Naming of Streets.—The Borough Surveyor reported that the following names were proposed for new streets on the Fairfield Estate, viz :—Fairfield Avenue, Fairfield Walk, Fairfield Park Road, Fairhaven Road, and Fairhaven Street. Resolved, That the names proposed be approved.

J. C. GRIFFITH.

Chairman.

MINERAL WATERS, BATHS AND RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Friday, the 17th June, 1904—Present The Mayor, Alderman Norman, Councillors Baker, Davies, King-Harman, Stewart and Stroud (Councillor Stroud in the chair).

1—Montpellier Baths—The Borough Accountant reported that the amount received during the present financial year was £103 4s. 11d. the payments (exclusive of repayment of loan and interest) amounting to £55 8s. 5d.

2--Alstone Baths—The Borough Accountant reported that the amount received during the present financial year was £54 15s. 8d, the payments (exclusive of sinking fund and interest) amounting to £33 18s. 3d.

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3—Naunton Park—The Superintendent of Naunton Park Recreation Ground reported that gifts of flowers and plants had been received from the following ladies and gentlemen :—Mrs. St. Clair Ford, Mrs. James Cox, Miss Hamilton, The Baron de Ferrieres, Major Shewell, Mr. E. M. Clissold, Councillors Rickerby, Stroud, and Bendall, Messrs. Cypher, Messrs. Worman & Amos, Mr. Mayo, Mr. H. Carter, and Mr. H. Bartlett. Resolved, That the thanks of the Council be conveyed to the donors.

Read a letter from the Hon. Secretary of the Houston Park Rugby Football Club, asking for permission to play at Naunton Park during next season as in previous years. Resolved, That the application be acceded to.

4 —Agg-Gardner Recreation Ground—Read, a letter from the Hon. Secretary of the St. Paul's United Association Football Club, applying for permission to play matches during the season, 1904-5, in the Agg-Gardner Recreation Ground. Resolved, That the application be granted on the same terms and conditions as last year.

5—Whaddon Lane Recreation Ground—Resolved, To instruct the Borough Surveyor to let the grazing at the Whaddon Lane Ground and if necessary to advertise the same.

HERBERT STROUD, Chairman.

BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE.

At is Meeting of this Committee, held on Friday, the 24th June, 1904—Present The Mayor, Alderman Rogers, Councillors Bence and Gridley (Alderman Rogers in the chair).

1—Designs—Resolved, That the following designs be approved, viz : Memorial Crosses for graves of Mary Hogg, Elizabeth Woodhouse, Sybilla Soulsby, William Morgan, John Palmer, Isabella Ann Fern, Meta Manners, Thomas Richard Eldridge, Arabella Cecilia Bean, John Thomas Norman. Flat Stone and Kerb for grave of Margaret Macdonell Glenny. Headstones for graves of John Lucas, Florence Eliza Burcher, Ann Andrews, James Roylance, Kezia Carter. Kerbing for grave of Ralph Hopkins.

2—Care of Grave Spaces—Read, a letter from Messrs. Winterbotham, Gurney & Co., stating that the late Mrs. Thackwell had authorised her Executors to set aside sufficient money to pay for keeping the graves Nod. 3134 Q and 5167 X in order and bordered round with some flowers according to the season, and asking what sum the Burial Board would require to undertake the maintenance of the grave in accordance with the terms of the will. Resolved, That the Burial Board are willing to undertake the maintenance of the graves on payment of £100, subject to the terms of an agreement to be approved by the Town Clerk.

RICHARD ROGERS,

Chairman,

PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 14th June, 1904—Present : The Mayor, Alderman Rogers, Councillors Davies, King-Harman, Stroud, The Baron de Ferrieres, Rev. A. Beynon Phillips, Messrs. E. C. Rogers, and C. H. Palmer (Councillor King-Harman in the chair).

1—Librarian's Report—Read, the Monthly Report of Librarian. Receipts £5 7s. 4d.

2—Presentation of Proceedings of the United Service Institution—The Mayor offered to present to the Library a number of volumes of the proceedings of the United Service Institution. Resolved, That these be accepted with the best thanks of the Committee, the books to be placed in the Lending Library.

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3—Sub-Committee's Report—The Sub-Committee reported that they met on the 30th ultimo, when there were present : Councillor King-Harman (Chairman), the Rev. J. Evans and Mr. G. H. Palmer. The Librarian having reported communications he had had with Messrs. Stephens & Finch, with regard to their contract for the heating apparatus extension, Resolved, That as the Sub-Committee consider it necessary to have the boiler cleaned at once, Messrs. Marshall be instructed to do the work.

The Sub-Committee again met on the 10th instant, when there were present : the Chairman, Alderman Rogers, Councillor Lawrence, Rev. J. Evans, Messrs. C. Hayward and G. H. Palmer. The Sub-Committee recommended That the Lending and Reference Libraries be closed on the day of the Corporation Employees' Outing. That the offer of the " Times " Newspaper to Supply the same for one year at a cost of £3 be accepted.

Resolved, That the recommendations and action of the Sub-Committee be approved and adopted, the Lending and Reference Departments to be kept open until 8 p.m., on the 17th instant.

Resolved further, That Messrs. Stephens & Finch be required to complete the heating extension work in accordance with the terms of their specification and tender not later than the 31st August next.

M. J. KING-HARMAN,

Chairman.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 28th June. 1904—Present: The Mayor, Aldermen Skillicorne, and Waghorne, Councillors King-Harman, .Rickerby, Steel, Stroud (Alderman Waghorne in the Chair).

1—Water Rate—The Report of the Borough Accountant on the collection of this rate was read. Amount received £4493 0s. 8d. leaving outstanding £231 18s. 7d.

2—General District Rate—The Report of the Borough Accountant on the collection of the first instalment of this rate was read. Amount collected £8829 16s. H. leaving outstanding £17,765 14s. 11 ½ d.

3—Printing of Abstract of Accounts—The Borough Accountant submitted tenders obtained by him for the printing of 150 copies of the Abstract of Accounts for the year ending 31st March, last. Resolved, That the tender of Mr. G. F. Poole at £36 15s. 0d., being the lowest, be accepted.

4—Loans—The Borough Accountant reported that the Widows and Orphans Lodge of Odd Fellows were willing to lend £500, subject to 6 months notice on either side, and that Mr. A. W. Hopkins would lend £164, subject to the like notice. Resolved, That the offers be accepted and debentures sealed accordingly.

Notice had been received from Mrs. Margrett, requiring repayment of £3876 at present at 3 ¼ per cent on the expiration of six months from the 1st instant.

Read a letter from Mr. McLaren asking for repayment in three months from the 20th instant, of £200 part of £1,000 advanced by Mrs. Lawrence and others, with the option to require at the end of that time further sums on account after six weeks' notice. If this was not agreed to, notice would have to be given for repayment of the whole sum.

Resolved, That under the circumstances repayment be made as requested.

5—Sinking Funds Investments—The Borough Accountant reported that he had arranged, subject to the approval of the Committee, that the loan of £9,000 to the Middlesbrough Corporation should be continued, with the interest increased from 3 1/8 per cent. to 3 ¾ per cent. from the first prox.

He also reported that he had communicated with the Secretary of the Burton-upon-Trent Education Committee as to an increase in the rate of interest on the £6,534 invested with the late School Board of Burton. Resolved, That the Borough Accountant's action as to the Middlesbrough loan be approved and confirmed, and that notice be given to the Burton-upon-Trent Education Committee requiring repayment in the event of their not agreeing to pay interest at 3 ¾ per cent.

6 --Town Hall : Assessment for Income Tax—Resolved, That Notice of Appeal be given against the Assessment of Town I loll for Income Tats if a satisfactory reduction in the amount cannot be arranged with the Surveyor of Taxes.

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7—Accounts--The Financial Statement of the Receipts and Expenditure since the last meeting, and the bills and accounts to be paid, wore examined, and the latter, amounting to £7478 12s. 0d. ordered to be paid by the Borough Treasurer. The Treasurer's accounts at the Bank were examined, and the balances found to be correct. The following was the General Statement :—

Overdrawn on the 31st May, 1904		£56,908 5 11
Paid since that date		<u>£ 9,795 14 4</u>
		£66,704 0 3
Received since ditto (including Electric Lighting Loan £5000)		£18,827 4 7
	Overdrawn	£47,876 15 8
Being Bank Loan Account No. 2	£45,110 1 6	
Do. No .3	<u>£23,153 14 11</u>	
	£68,263 16 5	
Less in hand on General Accounts		£17,566 16 1
Do. Sinking Funds		<u>£ 2,820 4 8</u>
	<u>£20,387 0 9</u>	
	£47,876 15 8	

JOHN WAGHORNE, Chairman.

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Borough of Cheltenham

MINUTES of the Committees of the Town Council to be submitted for approval at a Quarterly Meeting of the Council to be held on Friday, the 29th July, 1904.

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 11th of July, 1904—Present (The Deputy Mayor in the chair). The Mayor, Aldermen Norman and Skillicorne, Councillors Bence and King-Haman.

1—Zymotic Disease—The Medical Officer of Health reported that there had been notified since the last meeting of the Committee, 10 cases of Scarlet Fever, 2 of Enteric Fever, 8 of Diphtheria and 2 of Erysipelas; that 9 cases of Scarlet Fever, 4 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 11 of Scarlet Fever, 3 of Diphtheria and 1 of Enteric.

2—Insanitary Property—viz.: 1, 2, 3 & 4 Weston Cottages, Tewkesbury Road, 1 Douro Cottages, Sherborne Street and 10 Sidney Street. The Medical Officer of Health reported that the above-mentioned premises were in such a state as to be a nuisance or 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 a nuisance or injurious to health, Notices under Sec. 94 of the Public Health Act, 1875, be served upon the owners requiring them to put the same into a healthy condition, and for that purpose to carry out the works specified therein.

3—Underground Bakehouse at 6, Albion Street—The Medical Officer of Health reported that an underground apartment containing an oven was being used by Messrs. Bloodworth A Sons, in connection with their Bakery, and that Messrs. Bloodworth & Sons had undertaken to carry out according to specification the works which he considered necessary before he could recommend that a Certificate should be granted under Section 101 of the Factory and Workshops Act, 1901. Resolved, That a Certificate be granted as soon as the works have been executed to the satisfaction of the Medical Officer of Health.

4—Cleansing and Disinfecting at 1 Weston Cottages, Tewkesbury Road, and 7 Warwick Buildings—The Medical Officer of Health having certified that the cleansing, disinfecting, and purifying of these houses or part 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 times specified in the notices.

5—Cleansing and Limewashing at 3 & 4 Weston Cottages, 10 Sidney Street and 40 & 42 Sherborne Street. The Medical Officer of Health having certified under Sec. 46 of the Public Health Act, 1875, that the above-named dwelling houses were in such a filthy and unwholesome condition that the health of the inmates was affected or endangered thereby, Resolved, That Notice be given to the owners under the said Section requiring the houses to be cleansed and limewashed.

6—Houses unfit for Human Habitation—4 & 5 Painswick Parade—The Medical Officer of Health having certified under Section 32 of the Housing of the Working Classes Act, 1890, that these houses were in such a state as to be is nuisance or injurious to health and unfit for human habitation, Resolved, That the Council being of opinion that the said houses are in such a state as to be unfit for human habitation, proceedings be taken under the Housing of the Working Classes Acts, 1890-1903, for orders for the houses to be closed.

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7—Overcrowding at 3 Carlton Place, 15 White Hart Street, and 7 Carlton Place—The Medical Officer of Health reported that the above premises were so overcrowded as to be dangerous or injurious to the health of the inmates. Resolved, That the Committee being satisfied of the existence of a nuisance on the said premises, Notices under Section 94 of the Public Health Act, 1875, be served on the owners and occupiers thereof requiring them to abate the same.

8—Nuisances from Drains, etc., at 1, 2 & 3 Weston Cottages, 7 Warwick Buildings and 24 Hungerford Street. The Inspector of Nuisances having made written application under Section 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 report to the Committee.

9—Houses without proper Ash Receptacles—The Inspector of Nuisances reported that the following houses had no proper ashpits or ash receptacles, viz 2, 3, 4, 7, 8, 9, 10 & 11 Brunswick Terrace, 36

and 43 Sherborne Street, and 1, 2 & 3 Douro Cottages. 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 Inspector of Nuisances.

10—Smoke Nuisance—The Medical Officer of Health reported that complaints had been made of the nuisance caused by black smoke from the chimney stack on the Original Brewery Co's premises, and that the Inspector of Nuisances had watched the chimney on the 5th July inst., when dense black smoke was emitted from the stack in such quantities as to be a nuisance or injurious to health. Resolved, That the Council being satisfied of the existence of a nuisance from the emission of black smoke from the said chimney stack, Notice under Section 94 of the Public Health Act, 1875, be served on the Company requiring them to abate the nuisance within the time specified therein and to execute such works and do such things as may be necessary for that purpose.

11—Water Closets without Flushing Apparatus—The Medical Officer of Health reported that the following houses had water closets without flushing apparatus, viz 2, 3 & 4 Dovey Cottages, Maud's Elm Cottage, Maud's Elm House, 5, 6 & 7 Swindon Road North, Hopeville, Stanwich House, Swindon Road North, The Moors, West House, Arle Cottage, and The Ark, Tewkesbury Road. Resolved, That Notice 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.

12—Public Urinal—Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to prepare plans, specification and estimate for erecting a public urinal on the land at the North West side of the Town Hall.

13—Sewage Disposal—Read, letters from the Local Government Board enclosing copy letter from Mr. John Buckle, also a letter from the County Council enquiring what steps were being taken by the Corporation to improve the sewage disposal outfall works. Resolved, That the draft letter in reply, submitted by the Town Clerk be approved.

14—New Buildings—The Borough Surveyor laid before the Committee the following notices and plans of intended new buildings, viz :—

No. of Plan.	Name.	Description.
174	Governors of General Hospital	New Laundry to General Hospital
175	W. T. & R. A. Hunt	New Room to Victoria Villa, Priory Street
176	Miss Voile	New window to Hillsborough, Sydenham Road, N.
177	J. D. Bendall	Two new houses in Leckhampton Road, adjoining Tinderbox Lane
178	J. D. Bendall	Two new houses in Fairfield Avenue

Resolved, That plan No. 174 be approved, subject to the whole area being covered with 6 inch concrete, that plan No. 178 be approved subject to soil pipe being fixed outside, and that the other plans be approved as shown.

E. H. PARSONAGE, Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 18th July, 1904—Present The Mayor, The Deputy Mayor, Aldermen Norman and Skillicorne, Councillors Bence, M. Davis and King-Harman (The Deputy Mayor in the chair).

15—Zymotic Disease—The Medical Officer of Health reported that 1 case of Diphtheria had been notified since the last meeting and sent into the Hospital, and the number of cases then in the Delancey Hospital sent in by the corporation was 10 of Scarlet Fever, 4 of Diphtheria and 1 of Enteric.

16 - Cleansing and Disinfecting at 26 Jersey Street—The Medical Officer of Health having certified that the cleaning 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 the notice.

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17—Cleansing and Limewashing at 24 Upper Park Street, 3, 4 and 5 Kew Place, Bath Road, and 41 Rosehill 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.

18—Nuisances from Drains, etc., at 18 Granville Street, 35 Swindon Street, and 17 117liitehart Street. Written application having been made under Section 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 report to the Committee.

19—Insanitary Property—viz : Nos. 20 and 43 Upper Park Street, No. 40 Rosehill Street and No. 17 Whitehart Street. The Medical Officer of Health reported that the above-mentioned premises were in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to the health of the inmates owing to defective roofs, walls, floors, traps, waterpipes, &c. Resolved, That the Council being satisfied that the said premises are in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to health, Notices under 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.

20—Overcrowding at 4 Exmouth Terrace and 1 Eaton Cottages—The Medical Officer of Health reported that the above premises were so overcrowded as to be dangerous or injurious to the health of the inmates. Resolved, That the Committee being satisfied of the existence of a nuisance on the said premises, Notices under Section 94 of the Public Health Act 1875, be served on the owners and occupiers thereof requiring them to abate the same.

21--Houses without proper Ash Receptacles—The Inspector of Nuisances reported that the following houses had no proper ashpits or ash receptacles, viz :-20, 26 it 28 Jersey Street, 10 Sidney Street, 26 Promenade and 6 Christ Church Terrace. 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 Inspector of Nuisances on behalf of the Corporation.

22—Notices not complied with—The Medical Officer of Health submitted a list of notices which had been served but not complied with. Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to take the necessary proceedings to compel compliance with the requirements of such notices.

23—Nuisance from Stagnant Pool--The Medical Officer of Health reported that a pool of stagnant water upon ground at the top of Rosehill Street was in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to health. Resolved, That the Council being satisfied that the same is in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to health, Notice under Section 94 of the Public Health Act, 1875, be served upon the owner requiring him to abate the nuisance.

24—Kensington Avenue—Resolved, That the sum of £17 10s. 0d. be paid to Mr. Hill in full discharge of any claim for compensation in respect of the construction of the sewer between Queens Road and Lansdown sewer.

25—New Outfall Sewer—A report by the Borough Surveyor upon the proposed construction of a new outfall sewer, from Hatherley Tank to Haydon Knoll Sewage Farm was considered and adjourned for further consideration at a Special Meeting to be called for the 27th inst. at 11 a.m.

26—New Buildings—The Borough Surveyor laid before the Committee the following notices and plans of intended new buildings, viz :—

No. of Plan	Name	Description
163	Mr. Boyce	Cellars to two houses in Rosehill Street
179	A. Page	Four cottages in Swindon Road
180	T. W.	Smith Eighteen cottages in Fairfield Parade

Resolved, That the plans be approved as shown.

E. H. PARSONAGE,

Chairman

FARMS MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Friday, the 15th July, 1904—Present The Mayor, Alderman, Skillicorne, Councillors Bainbridge, Bence, King-Harman, Packer and Steel (The Mayor in the chair).

1—Farms Manager's Report—Read, the Monthly Report of the Farms Manager. Since the last Meeting, 7 bullocks had been purchased for £105, and 15 bullocks, 1 bull and 3 calves had been sold for £305 0s. 6d. He recommended that an old Roan horse, named " White," which was very lame and had a diseased foot should be sent to the Kennels.

The livestock on the farms, on the 15th instant, was 11 horses and 1 foal, 189 head of cattle, 3 calves, 47 sheep and 10 pigs, the whole of which were healthy and doing fairly well. All the hay had been got in and was in capital condition except one rick. He had sold a heap of manure to Mr. J. H. McIlquham for £4 10s. Resolved, That the roan horse be sent to the Kennels as recommended.

2—Supply of Sewage—Resolved, That Mr. J. L. Brookes' offer of for the supply of sewage to land in Dogbark Lane be accepted.

J. C. GRIFFITH, Chairman.

STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 12th July, 1904—Present Aldermen Haddon and Skillicorne, Councillors Baker, Bendall, Gridley, Packer, and Ley Wood (Councillor Bendall in the Chair).

1—Building Inspector's Report—Read, The report of the Building Inspector 105 buildings in progress, 9 buildings finally inspected and approved since last report.

2—Cheltenham and Honeybourne Railway—The Town Clerk submitted draft agreement for the construction of the proposed temporary railway between Market Street and St. Paul's Road, which provided, among other conditions, that the Company should be limited to not more than 12 trains a day each way, no trains to be allowed between the hours of 3 and 9 a.m. and 1 and 2 p.m., and that the railway should be removed within 18 months from the laying down of the same. Resolved. That the same be approved, and that the common seal be affixed thereto.

3—High Street—Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be authorised to order the kerbing required for High Street from the Enderby and Stoney Stanton Granite Co., under the tender accepted by the Council, on being satisfied that the contract for the extrusions has been actually entered into by the Light Railway Co.

4—Street Projections—Resolved, That permission be granted to Mr. J. W. Pleydell to erect at 288, High Street a hanging iron bracket for electric light, subject to the usual conditions as to height, projection, &c.

5—Sandfield Road Railway Bridge—The Borough Surveyor submitted a plan from the Midland Railway Company of a temporary wooden bridge 12 feet wide, proposed to be erected for use during the rebuilding of the bridge. Resolved, That the bridge be approved subject to the same being provided with a raised footway three feet wide, with a handrail, and to the bridge being erected to the satisfaction of the Borough Surveyor, and subject also to satisfactory arrangements being made with regard to any pipes or mains over the existing bridge.

6—New Buildings—The Boroughs Surveyor laid before the Committee the following notices and plans of intended new buildings, viz.

No. of Plan.	Name.	Description.
163	Mr. Boyce	Cellars to two houses in Rosehill Street
174	Governors of General Hospital	New Laundry to General Hospital
175	W. T. & R. A. Hunt	New room to Victoria Villa, Priory Street

176	Miss Voile	New Window to Hillsborough, Sydenham Road North
177	J. D. Bendall	Two new houses in Leckhampton Road, adjoining Tinderbox Lane
178	J. D. Bendall	Two new houses in Fairfield Avenue

Resolved, That plan Na. 177 be approved subject to the frontage line in Fairfield Avenue not projecting beyond the frontage of adjoining houses, and that the other plans be approved as shown.

JOHN D. BENDALL,

Chairman.

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At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Friday, the 22nd July, 1904—Present Aldermen Haddon and Skillicorne, Councillors Baker, Gridley, Ley Wood, Packer and Parsonage (Councillor Baker in the chair).

7—Chairman—In the absence of the Chairman, Resolved, That Councillor Baker be appointed Chairman at this Meeting.

8—Borough Surveyor's Monthly Report re Highways—The Borough Surveyor reported that the work done by the Highways' Department, from the 24th June to the 20th July (both inclusive) had been as follows :—

Roads Repaired—Crescent Terrace (1257 super yards), St. George's Road (1166 super yards), Rodney Road (655 super yards), Hewlett Street (787 super yards), Regent Street (396 super yards), Montpellier Street (105 super yards), Bayshill Road (226 super yards), Gloucester Road, from St. George's Road to Queen's Road (5024 super yards), Royal Well Place (437 super yards), Royal Well Lane (1225 super yards), Clarence Parade (980 super yards), Winchcomb Street (590 super yards), Pittville Street (752 super yards), County Court Road, tar macadam, (98 super yards).

New Asphalte laid at sides of Paving—Malvern Road (302 super yards).

Private Improvement Works—Langdon Road (completed), New gateway crossing at " Cotswold," Thirstaine Road.

Kerbing and Channelling laid—College Road (proceeding). Crossings renewed-12. New Gullies fixed-3.

Gullies renewed-4. Hydrant Boxes paved round-5. Manholes raised to surface-7 . Manholes paved round-2.

Cabstand paved—Crescent Terrace. Channel renewed—Rodney Road (306 lineal yards).

Kerb renewed—Rodney Road (22 lineal yards).

Kerb refixed--Rodney Road (250 lineal yards), Shurdington Road (98 lineal yards).

River Chelt Cleaned out—at Barrett's Mill, 159 loads of deposit removed.

New Concrete Channel laid—Shurdington Road (97 lineal yards).

Concrete Slab Paving laid—Shurdington Road (633 super yards).

Trees pruned—Dagmar Road, Beechwood House, Gloucester Road, Fallowfield, St. Stephen's Road, Leckhampton Road, Moorend Park Road, Hewlett Road, All Saints' Road, Pittville Circus Road, Pittville Circus, Prestbury Road, Albert Road and Wellington Road,

Ashes Collection and Disposal-971 loads collected, 91 tipped away, 880 consumed, weight 682 tons, 7 cwts., during four weeks ended 14th July, 1904.

Slab Factory—During four weeks ended 21st July, 1904, 5,625 lineal feet of Kerbs made.

9—College Road—The Borough Surveyor submitted plan and specification of the works required to be done to the above Street. Resolved, That the same be approved and that notice be given under Section 44 of the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1852, to the owners of the premises fronting, adjoining, or abutting upon the parts of the said Street, requiring to be drained, levelled, repaired, flagged, and channelled ; requiring them to do the specified works within 28 days ; and that, if such notice is not complied with, the Surveyor do proceed to execute the works mentioned or referred to therein ; and that the expenses thereof be recovered in the manner provided by the Act, and the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1889.

10—Cheltenham and District Light Railway—Existing Lines—The Committee inspected the work done to the track in the Gloucester Road between St. George's Road and the Midland Railway bridge, and consider that the same has been satisfactorily carried out.

Resolved, That application be made to the Company to pay the cost of making up the road on either side of the light railway track in Gloucester Road, opposite the Midland Railway Station and Roman Road, and of any other work necessitated by the raising of the railway lines in each road.

Byelaws—Read, a letter from the Manager of the Company with regard to the proposed Byelaws. Resolved, That consideration of the Byelaws be adjourned to a Special Meeting.

Extensions—Read, a letter from the Manager of the Company informing the Council that the contract for the extensions was definitely entered into on the 5th instant, the Contractors being Messrs. R. W. Blackwell & Co., of London. The contract embraced only the portion of the extensions shown on the plans recently submitted to the Council, viz.: through Ambrose Street and High Street to Charlton Kings, and through Cambray Place, Bath Street to Bath Road and Leckhampton. The Contractors promised to begin work within the next two months.

11—weed paving in High Street—The tenders received for the wood paving to be done by the Corporation in High Street, when the tramway extensions are being carried out were considered. Resolved, That the tender of the Acme Wood Paving Company, of London, amounting to £11,575 be accepted, their tender being the lowest, subject to the reduction of their tender in proportion to the lesser area now intended to be paved, and to the terms of a formal contract to be prepared by the Town Clerk.

Resolved further, That notice be given to each householder in the portion of the Street intended to be paved with wood asking that any alterations or additions to their gas, water or electric lighting

services involving an interference with the surface of the road may be carried out before the paving is begun.

12—Footpath on East Side of Gloucester Road from Queen's Road—Resolved, To instruct the Borough Surveyor to bring up a specification and plans of the works required to be done to this footpaths by the Midland Railway Company as abutting owners.

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13—Upper Bath Street Improvement—Read, a letter from Mr. T. W. Smith, stating that as he proposed to purchase Nos. 1 and 2 Exmouth Buildings he would be willing when rebuilding the property to give sufficient land on the South side of Upper Bath Street to improve the line of the street as shown on the plans submitted, on payment of £30, the Corporation to make good the path and road as widened. Resolved, That Mr. Smith be informed that the Council would be willing to make good the footpath and road if he will set back the premises to the proposed line, but that they cannot make any payment to him.

14—New Buildings—The Borough Surveyor laid before the Committee the following notices and plans of intended new buildings, viz :—

No. of Plan.	Name.	Description.
179	Andrew Page	Four cottages in Swindon Road
180	T. W. Smith	Eighteen cottages in Fairfield Parade
181	Trustees of Holy Trinity Schools ..	New W.C.'s and Urinals at Holy Trinity Schools
182	J. H. Wright	New Scullery, &c., to No. 2 Eaton Villas
183	T. Wilkins	Extension of room at 6 Queen's Villas

Resolved, That plans numbered 180, 181, 182 and 183 be approved, and that plan number 179 be disapproved as regards matters within the purview of this Committee.

WILLIAM A. BAKER,

Chairman.

TOWN IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, the 11th July, 1904—Present : The Mayor, Alderman Winterbotham, Councillors Bence, Baker, Bainbridge, Handley, Packer and Rickerby (Councillor Rickerby in the chair).

1—Montpellier Lodge—The Borough Surveyor reported the death of Mrs. Barber, and that it would be necessary to appoint another custodian for the Gardens. Resolved, That Mr. and Mrs. Newman be appointed on approbation for nine months at 25s a week, and to live in the Lodge rent free (not including coals or gas) Newman to be sworn in as a special constable, and to be provided with a cap, Resolved, That Mr. Barber be engaged at 10s a week to perform such light work as the Borough Surveyor may require from him.

2—Winter Gardens—Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be appointed responsible Manager of the Winter Gardens, and be authorised to apply for a theatrical licence for the building, so that the same may be available for any entertainments for which a theatrical licence is required.

3—Montpellier and Pittville Gardens--Resolved, That the time during which these Gardens are open to the public free of charge on Sundays be extended during the Summer months to one hour after sunset. Resolved also, That the Borough Accountant and the Borough Surveyor be instructed to make a report as to the cost of the maintenance of these Gardens.

4—Visitors' Tax—Read, a letter from the Town Clerk of Torquay asking for the views of the Town Council on a proposal to introduce into English Health Resorts the Continental system of making a charge against visitors towards the support of public gardens, pavilions, bands, &c. Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to obtain further particulars of the proposed system.

5—Town Advertisements—Resolved, That the offers received from "The Times," the " World," and Thomas Cook & Son, be not entertained.

6—August Bank Holiday—Resolved, That the Town Clerk be authorised to engage a band to play in the Promenade on August Bank holiday on same terms as last year.

T. E. RICKERBY, Chairman.

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LIGHTING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Wednesday, the 20th July, 1904—Present: The Mayor, Alderman Norman, Councillors Gridley, Handley, Steel and Stroud (Alderman Norman in the chair).

1—Electrical Inspector's Report—The Electrical Inspector reported that the result of his test of the Electric supply or) the 11th inst. to be 208 volts.

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

ILLUMINATING POWER. PURITY.

1904		1904	Grains of Sulphur per
July 11th	15.35 candles	July 9-10	100 cubic ft.
14th	16.91 "		12.52
Average	16.13 "		

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 4'131 cubic feet ; Ordinary lamps with No. 3 Incandescent burners 4.214 cubic feet ; Guildhall lamps with No. 4 Incandescent burners 6.067 cubic feet.

4—Lamp Book—Produced and examined. Ordinary Lamps extinguished, 2 metered, 16 unmetered ; Incandescents extinguished, 28 unmetered. Burning dimly, ordinary, 1 unmetered. Incandescents, 4 unmetered.

5—Borough Electrical Engineer's Report—Read, the Monthly Report of the Borough Electrical Engineer. On the 16th inst., 769 customers with the equivalent of about 49,000 eight candlepower lamps were connected to the private supply mains.

6—Cycle for Meter Reader—Resolved, That an allowance of £2 per annum be made to the Meter Reader in respect of the use of his bicycle in his work.

7—Electricity Undertaking—The Town Clerk reported that Mr. James Swinburne, M.Inst. C.E., of 82 Victoria Street, S.W., had been nominated by the President of the Institution of Civil Engineers, to investigate and report upon the Electricity Undertaking and that Mr. Swinburne had accepted the nomination subject to arrangement as to fee.

8—Loans—Read, a letter from the Local Government Board, enclosing copy of a letter from the Cheltenham Property Owners and Ratepayers' Association, making further objection to loans being sanctioned for electric lighting purposes The Town Clerk submitted letter in reply thereto. Resolved, That the same be approved.

The Town Clerk reported that the Local Government Board had issued their sanction to a loan of £6548 repayable in 22 years in respect of the applications made to them for sanction to loans of £4,132, £260 and £2,500, having disallowed the items in the applications for skilled labour in the regular employ of the Undertaking.

9—Issue of Pamphlet—Resolved, That the Borough Electrical Engineer be authorised to order 1000 copies of Pamphlet as to advantages of the use of electric light, from Mr. Alexander Salton of The Argus Stationery Works, West Hartlepool, at a cost of £1 17s. 6d.

GEO. NORMAN, Chairman.

WATER COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held On Thursday, the 21st July, 1904—Present: Alderman Norman, Councillors Baker, H. Davis, King-Harman and Waghorne (Councillor Waghorne in the chair).

1—Borough Engineer's Report —The monthly report of the Borough Engineer was read

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DAILY YIELD OF SPRINGS.

	For 31 days, ended 19th July, 1904.	Average for corresponding period during last 3 years.
Hewletts Springs	135,134 gallons	329,716 gallons
Dowdeswell Springs	133,280 "	856,478 "
Leckhampton Springs	17,290 "	not gauged
	385,704 "	

CONTENTS OF RESERVOIRS.

	July 19th, 1904.		July 19th, 1903.	
	Depth	Contents	Depth	Contents
Hewletts	-	13,593,768 gallons	-	28,385,951 gallons
Leckhampton	7 ft. 0 in.	945,539 "	11 ft. 11 in.	1,609,641 "
Dowdeswell	26 ft. 1 in.	70,626,115 "	31 ft. 1 in.	95,195,112 "
Total Storage		85,165,422 "		125,190,704 "

Pumping has proceeded night and day at Tewkesbury, since the 5th ultimo, a daily average of 517,000 gallons having been pumped.

Pumping also commenced at Sandford on the 30th ultimo, with a daily average of about 240,000 gallons.

The Borough Surveyor called attention to there being no reserve boilers or pumping machinery at Tewkesbury for use in ease of a break-down. He also recommended that the question of providing additional filter beds at Tewkesbury should be considered. Resolved, That the Borough Engineer be instructed to make a report as to the additional plant and filter beds required.

Resolved also, That he be instructed to obtain tenders for an additional high pressure boiler.

2—Further Borrowing Powers—The Town Clerk having called attention to the fact that the borrowing powers of the Corporation for Waterworks purposes were nearly exhausted, Resolved, That application be made to the Local Government Board for a Provisional Order amending the Corporation Water Acts and any Orders amending the same, to enable the Corporation to borrow such further sums for their water undertaking as may be sanctioned by the Local Government Board.

3—Waste of Water—The Borough Surveyor reported that on the 18th instant the garden hose at Elmhurst, Suffolk Lawn, was found running at 12.30 a.m. Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to write to the occupier to ask for an explanation of this waste of water.

4—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 19th July, 1904—Present : The Mayor, Alderman Rogers, Councillors Rickerby, King-Harman and Stroud (Alderman Rogers in the chair).

1—Diseases of Animals Acts—Supt. Hopkins reported that with the exception of the premises of Mr. Josiah Barrett, at Leckhampton, the Borough was free from contagious diseases amongst animals.

Swine lever—The Town Clerk laid before the Meeting, draft consolidated regulations for the movement of swine similar to the regulations recently made by the County of Gloucester and the

City of Gloucester. Resolved, That the same be made and issued, and that all the existing regulations relating to the movement of swine be revoked as from the date of publication of the new regulations.

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2—Hackney Carriage Drivers' Licences—Resolved, That the application of Robert Case of 5 Tivoli Street, for a licence to drive a hackney carriage be granted. Daniel Jenkins attended before the Committee and asked the Committee not to suspend or revoke his licence but to give him another chance. Resolved, That on his promise to be more careful in future, his application be acceded to.

3—Town Hall—Resolved, That the use of the "Card Room," at the Town Hall be granted to the Cheltenham Chess Club for the next season, on the following terms:

(a) The Club to have the use of the room on Wednesdays (4 p.m. to 11 p.m.), and Saturdays (7 p.m. to 11 p.m.), from the 1st October to the 28th February-, and on Wednesdays (4 p.m. to 11 p.m.) from 1st March to 31st May. The side entrance to the building to be used.

(b) The Club to be allowed to hang up pictures and challenge shields provided no damage is done to the walls, and to have the use of the necessary tables and chairs in the building.

(c) The room to be given up when required for any other purpose on 4 days' notice being given to the Secretary of the Club.

(d) The Club to pay £35 for the season, half to be paid at Christmas and the balance before the 28th February, the rent to include lighting and heating, no allowance to be made in respect of any days on which the room is not used or is required for other purposes.

(e) The Council to have the right of determining the agreement at any time by 14 days notice, subject to a proportionate allowance being made in the rent.

4—Electricity Undertaking—The resolution passed at the Meeting of Ratepayers held on the 20th June last was considered. Resolved, That as at present advised the Committee see no reason to abate their confidence in the Electric Lighting Committee, nor in their selection of a Chairman of the Committee, nor in the Electrical Engineer.

5—Borough Audit—The resolution passed at the Meeting of Ratepayers, held on the 20th June last was considered and the Town Clerk submitted a memorandum on the subject of the audit of the Borough Accounts. Resolved, That the matter be adjourned for further consideration.

6—Employment of Labour—Read, a letter from the Amalgamated Society of house decorators objecting to the employment of labourers on any painting work,

7—Employment of Children Act, 1903—The further consideration of the draft byelaws was adjourned.

RICHARD ROGERS,

Chairman.

MINERAL WATERS, BATHS AND RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 12th July, 1904--Present The Mayor, Councillors Baker, Bainbridge, Davies, King-Harman, Stewart and Stroud (Councillor Stroud in the Chair).

1—Borough Surveyor's Report—Read, the Monthly Report of the Borough Surveyor.

2—Alstone Baths—Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be authorised to alter the roof of the Swimming Bath with a view to improving the ventilation at a cost of not exceeding £35.

Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have the handrail round the balcony in the Swimming Bath strengthened, if necessary to make same safe.

Resolved, That a circular letter be sent to each of the Elementary girls schools in the town calling attention to the days set apart for ladies :it these baths.

3—Mineral Waters—Resolved, On the recommendation of the Sub-Committee appointed on the 17th March last, that the Corporation take over the preparation and bottling of No. 5 Cheltenham Aperient Water and that for the present accommodation be provided for this purpose at the Alstone Baths, and that the Borough Surveyor be instructed to obtain and fix an evaporating pan, counter for bottling, capsuling machine, and accessories for corking and washing bottles at an estimated cost of not exceeding £60, and that the bottling of the water be done by the present attendant at the Baths.

Resolved also, That the Town Improvement Committee in making a new appointment of Caretaker at the Montpellier Gardens Lodge be requested to take into consideration the person's suitability for dispensing the mineral waters.

HERBERT STROUD, Chairman.

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BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Wednesday, the 20th July, 1904—Present: Alderman Rogers, Councillors Baker, Bence, Gridley and Steel (Alderman Rogers in the chair).

1—Superintendent's Report—The Superintendent reported that the entrance gates at the Cemetery required slight repairs, partly owing to damage done by a waggon conveying the grass cut in the Cemetery. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have the necessary repairs carried out and that application be made to Mr. E. Minett to make good the damage caused by him.

2—Designs—Resolved, That the following designs be approved, viz :—Headstones to graves of Lizzie Watkins, Charlotte Isabella Davis and Charlotte and Thomas William Durham, William Welsh Compton, and Agnes Sarah Thorp. Memorial Cross to grave of Jane Pearce.

3—Fees on Erection of Memorials—Mr. A. J. Emms, Junior, attended this meeting and suggested that flat stones not occupying the whole of a grave space should be allowed to be placed over graves at a less fee than for a full sized memorial of that description. Resolved, That the Committee cannot see their way to comply with the suggestion and that the Town Clerk be instructed to notify the local

sculptors that the table of fees appended to the Rules will be adhered to, and that the exact measurements of all Memorials must be stated on the designs when sent in for approval.

RICHARD ROGERS,

Chairman.

PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 12th day of July, 1904—Present Alderman Colonel Rogers, Councillor King-Barman, the Revs. J. Evans, A. C. Turberville, and A. Beynon-Phillips, Barns de Ferrieres, Messrs. A. Mann, G. H. Palmer, and J. A. Owen (Councillor King-Harman in the chair).

1—Librarian's Report—Read, the monthly report of the Librarian. Presentations to Library :— Trustees of British Museum, 2 vols. ; Board of Trade (Labour Department), 1 vol. ; Captain H. R. N. Stewart, R.N., 1 vol. Receipts during month, £4 12s. 2d.

2—Sub-Committee's Report—The Sub-Committee reported that at a meeting held on the 8th instant there were present the Rev. J. Evans and Mr. O. H. Palmer. 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, 1905, be accepted.

That the tender of Messrs. Norman, Sawyer & Co. for bookbinding be accepted.

That a selection of books from the lists presented by the Librarian be purchased at a cost of about £4 10s. 0d.

That a selection of the books entered in the proposition book by users of the Library be purchased at a cost of about 17s.

That the list of worn-out books submitted be approved, and the volumes replaced at a cost of about £7. Resolved,

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

M. J. KING-HARMAN, Chairman.

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FINANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Friday, the 22nd July, 1904—Present: Councillors Handley, King-Harman, Steel and Stroud (Councillor Handley in the chair).

1—Chairman—In the absence of the Chairman, Resolved, That Councillor Handle), be appointed Chairman at this Meeting.

2—Water Rate—Read, the Report of the Borough Accountant on the collection of this Rate. Amount received £6045 5s. 9d. Leaving outstanding £5535 15s.

3—General District Rate—Read, the Report of the Borough Accountant on the Collection of the first instalment of this Rate. Amount collected £13,660 7s. 7d. Leaving outstanding £12,896 3s. 5 ½ d.

4—Loans—The Borough Accountant reported that Miss L. C. Peacock had agreed to lend £100 with interest at 3 ½ per cent. subject to 6 months' notice on either side. Resolved, That a debenture be sealed and issued accordingly on account of the Winter Garden loan.

Read, a letter from Mr. J. Cavill, as to the repayment of the loan of £1050 advanced by him to the Corporation. Resolved, That the Borough Accountant be authorised to arrange with Mr. Cavill to continue the loan.

5—Bank Advances—Resolved, That the deeds of the Hayden Farm be deposited with Lloyds' Bank, Limited, in pursuance of the Undertaking given by the Council contained in Minute No. 3 of the proceedings of this Committee, at their Meeting on the 27th October last.

6—Deficit on Electricity Undertaking—Resolved, That application be made to the Local Government Board for a Provisional Order to amend the Cheltenham Electric Lighting Orders, or the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1889, so as to enable the Council to give a security for the repayment of the accumulated deficit on the Electric Lighting Undertaking to the 31st March, 1903.

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 £17,711 19s. 11d., ordered to be paid by the Borough Treasurer.

The Treasurer's accounts at the Bank were examined, and the balances found to be correct. The following was the General Statement

Overdrawn on the 28th June, 1904	£47,876 15 8
Paid since that date	<u>£19,250 14 6</u>
	£67,127 10 2
Received since ditto (including Loans £264)	<u>£15,948 7 0</u>
Overdrawn	£51,179 3 2
Being Bank Loan Account No. 2	£46,403 19 10
Do. No. 3	<u>£23,615 10 8</u>
	£70,019 10 6
Less in hand on General Accounts	£14,648 14 2
Do. Sinking Funds	<u>£4,191 13 2</u>
	<u>£18,840 7 4</u>
	£51,179 3 2

F. F. HANDLEY,

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 September, 1904.

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Wednesday, the 27th July, 1904—Present The Mayor, Aldermen Norman and Skillicorne, Councillors M. Davis, King-Harman and Parsonage (Councillor Parsonage in the chair).

1—Outfall Sewer to Hayden Knoll Farm—The Report of the Borough Surveyor upon the proposed new outfall sewer from Hatherley Tank to Hayden Knoll Sewage Farm was further considered together with a supplemental report dealing with points raised at the last meeting of this Committee. (A print of these reports accompanies these Minutes). Resolved, That a new Outfall Sewer be constructed according to Scheme C. referred to in the report and that application be made to the Local Government Board for sanction to a loan of £5951 for the cost of the work.

Resolved Also, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to report as to provision of tanks or otherwise for the treatment of the sewage to be delivered by the new Outfall Sewer before the same is allowed to flow over the land.

2--Offal at Abattoir—Read, a letter from Mr. Walter Cook, of Sandfield House, expressing his willingness to take away and dispose, without nuisance, of the offal from the Abattoir. Resolved, That the offer be accepted subject to Mr. Cook entering into an agreement providing for the regular removal of the refuse, &c., he to have the use of a Corporation cart for the purpose.

E. H. PARSONAGE,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 8th August, 1904—Present The Mayor, Councillors Bence, King-Harman and Parsonage (Councillor Parsonage in the chair).

3 —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, 1 of Enteric Fever, 1 of Erysipelas and 4 of Diphtheria, ; that 4 cases of Scarlet Fever, and 1 of Diphtheria, had been sent into the Delancey Hospital, and that the number of cases then in the Delancey Hospital sent in by the Corporation was 7 of Scarlet Fever, and 1 of Diphtheria.

4—Insanitary Property—viz: No. 2 Bloomsbury Street, Nos. 25 & 56 Sherborne Street, Stone Cottage, Sherborne Street, and 4 Richmond Cottages. The Medical Officer of Health reported that the above-mentioned premises were in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to the health of the inmates owing to defective roofs, walls, ceilings, floors, be. Resolved, That the Council being satisfied that the said premises are in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to health, Notices under Sec. 94 of the Public Health Act, 1875, be served upon the owners requiring them to put the same into a healthy condition, and for that purpose to carry out the works specified therein.

5—Cleansing and Disinfecting at 3 Brooklyn Terrace, Millbrook Street—The Medical Officer of Health having certified that the cleansing 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 the notice.

6—Cleansing and Limewashing at No. 19 Granville Street, No. 33 Gloucester Place, Nos. 19, 20, 22 and 9 Stanhope Street, 2 Westall Buildings, Bath Road, Gladstone Villa, Leckhampton Road, 20 & 23 Exmouth Street and 3 Witcombe Place. 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.

7—Overcrowding at No. 8 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 nuisance on the said premises, Notices under Section 94 of the Public Health Act 1875, be served on the owner and occupier thereof requiring them to abate the same.

8—Nuisances from Drains, etc., at 1 & 2 Upper Pilley, Princes Plumes, 33 Upper Norwood Street, 4 King Street and 19 & 20 Royal Parade. Written application housing been made under Section 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 report to the Committee.

9—Houses without proper Ash Receptacles—The Inspector of Nuisances reported that the following houses had no proper ashpits or ash receptacles, viz 2, 3 & 4 Jersey Cottages, Jersey Street, 25 Sherborne Street, Laburnam House, Bath Road, and 15 St. Paul's Street South. 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 Inspector of Nuisances on behalf of the Corporation.

10—Dairies, Cowsheds, and Milkshops Order—Read, an application from Mr. Henry Hawkins, of 45 Worcester Street, to be registered as a purveyor of milk. The Medical Officer of Health having reported that the premises were unsuitable for the sale of milk other than sterilized milk in stoppered bottles for which registration is not necessary Resolved, That the applicant be not registered.

11—Destruction of Diseased Pork—The Medical Officer of Health reported that on the 18th ultimo 2 pigs slaughtered at the Abattoir were found to be affected with generalised tuberculosis, and on the 28th ultimo, three pigs similarly affected and slaughtered at the Abattoir, and all were seized and destroyed. The five pigs belonged to the same owner who signed a written consent to the destruction thus rendering a Justice's order unnecessary. Total weight of pork and offal, 901 lbs.

12—Byelaws as to keeping Pigs—The Medical Officer of Health reported that in consequence of complaints of nuisance received several cases of infringements of the Byelaws with regard to the keeping of pigs had been discovered in the neighbourhood of Leckhampton Road. Resolved, That notice be at once given to the occupiers of the premises, calling attention to the provisions of the Byelaws and informing them that in default of compliance therewith, proceedings will be taken for the penalties. 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.
181	Trustees of Trinity Church Schools	W.C's and Urinals at Schools, Trinity School Lane
182	J. H. Wright	Additions to 2 Eaton Villas, Queen's Road.
184	Norton & Co.	Additions to premises corner of High Street & Bath Road
185	R. Pearce	Additions to Gilthorne Cottage, Hewlett Road
186	W. J. Crawford	Alterations and additions to Royal House, Montpellier Street
187	Grammar School Governors	Alterations and additions to Livorno Lodge

Resolved, That Plan No. 181 be approved, subject to the details of the latrines and W.C's being carried out to the satisfaction of the Inspector of Nuisances. That No. 184 be approved subject to the soil, waste and ventilation pipes being of 8 lb. solid drawn lead with soldered wiped joints where inside the house, and the intercepting chamber properly ventilated to the satisfaction of the Inspector of Nuisances and the Building Inspector, and that the other plans be approved as regards drainage and other sanitary matters.

The Borough Surveyor reported that Mr. G. Loveday had made an addition to the rear of a house in Sandfield Road without, having deposited any plans or given notice of his intention to build. Resolved. That the Town Clerk be instructed to write Mr. Loveday for any explanation he may have to offer for his infringement of the Byelaws.

E. H. PARSONAGE,

Chairman

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At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 22nd August, 1904—Present : Alderman Norman, Councillors Bence, H. 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, 1 case of Erysipelas, and that the number of cases then in the Delancey Hospital sent in by the Corporation was 4 of Scarlet Fever.

16—Insanitary Property—Nos, 7 Exmouth Court, 50, 52 and 53 Rutland Street, 13 Victoria Street, St. Paul's, 4 Victoria Place, Fairview, and 2 Marion Cottages, Lower Alstone. The Medical Officer of Health reported that the above-mentioned premises were in such a state as to be a nuisance or 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 a nuisance or

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.

17—Cleansing and Limewashing at Hanley House, Gloucester Place, 1 Trent Cottages, Sherborne Place, 5 Rutland Street, 7 Exmouth, Court, 13 & 14 Victoria Street, St. Paul's, and 2 & 3 Marion Cottages, Alstone. The Medical Officer of Health having certified under Sec. 46 of the Public Health Act, 1875, that the above-named dwelling houses were in such a filthy and unwholesome condition that the health of the inmates was affected or endangered thereby, Resolved, That Notice be given to the owners under the said Section requiring the houses to be cleansed and limewashed.

18—Nuisances from Drains, etc., at 33 Sandford Street, The King William Inn, Bath Road, and Nos. 12 to 17 Royal Parade. The Inspector of Nuisances having made written application under Section 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 report to the Committee.

19—Houses without proper Ash Receptacles—The Inspector of Nuisances reported that the following houses had no proper ashpits or ash receptacles, viz :-1, 2, 3 & 4 The Croft, Alstone, 1 & 4 Williams Cottages, Alstone, 6 Victoria Place, Fairview, and 1 & 2 Calcutta Cottages. 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 Inspector of Nuisances on behalf of the Corporation.

20—Notices not complied with—The Medical Officer of Health submitted a list of notices to remedy defective paving and drainage, and to abate nuisances caused by overcrowding, which had been served but not complied with. Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to take proceedings to compel compliance.

21—House unfit for Human Habitation—No. 12 Brunswick Terrace--The Medical Officer of Health certified under Section 32 of the Housing of the Working Classes Act, 1890, that this house was in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to health and unfit for human habitation. He also reported circumstances showing that the occupation of the dwelling house mentioned should be immediately discontinued. Resolved, That the Council being of opinion that the said house is in such a state as to be unfit for human habitation, and that occupation thereof should be immediately discontinued, proceedings be forthwith taken under the Housing of the Working Classes Acts, 1890-1903, for an order for the house to be closed.

22—Insufficient Water Closet Accommodation—The Inspector of Nuisances reported that a factory at Gloucester Road was without a sufficient water closet for the use of the employees. Resolved, That notice be given to the owner of the said premises under Section 36 of the Public Health Act, 1875, requiring the provision of a sufficient water closet on the said premises.

23 —Duties of Building Inspector —The Chairman reported that the Joint Sub-Committee appointed by the Public Health and Street and Highway Committees, to consider and report as to the duties of

the Building Inspector, met on the 12th instant, when there were present Councillors Baker, Bence, Bendall and himself. The Sub-Committee recommended :—

(1) That the Building Inspector have the supervision and control of all new buildings until completed and also of all alterations and additions to existing buildings (except as regards drainage in the case of alterations and additions to existing buildings).

(2) That the drainage in connection with alterations and additions to existing buildings be under the supervision and control of the Inspector of Nuisances.

(3) That in the case of the drainage and sanitary arrangements generally of new buildings the Building Inspector be empowered upon application to grant Sanitary Certificates in the same form as those at present issued by the Inspector of Nuisances upon payment of the like fees and after the same tests.

The Borough Surveyor was instructed to submit at the next meeting of the Sub-Committee regulations carrying out these recommendations, and also draft regulations under Section 21 of the Public Health Act, 1875, as to making connections with the sewer. Resolved, That the recommendations of the Sub-Committee be approved and adopted.

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24-Cottages in White Hart Street and Carlton Place—With reference to Minute No. 11 of this Committee of the 18th Juno last, read a letter from the Solicitor to the Great Western Railway Company, stating that with three exceptions the thirty-four cottages owned by the Company in White Bart Street and Carlton Place would be pulled down. Instructions would be given that the work required to the three cottages shall be put in hand and carried out as quickly as possible. By the let October next twelve new cottages would be ready for occupation and on the 1st January, 1905, an additional fourteen would be ready. Under the circumstances the Company asked that the Corporation should postpone taking action until October next. Resolved, That subject to the Company under-taking to close on the dates mentioned, a number of the cottages proportionate to the accommodation available in the new houses on those dates no further action be taken for the present.

25-Sewage Disposal—Read, the following extract from the Borough Surveyor's Report :—Before preparing any scheme for the purification of the sewage, it is, I think, very desirable that a " Sub-Committee should visit some of the works which have recently been constructed for the purpose in " various parts of the country. There are so many modifications in connection with the application of the " bacterial treatment of sewage, most of which are worthy of consideration, that the Committee should, I think, " become familiar with these before any large expenditure is entailed."

Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be requested to indicate two or three places which he thinks might be advantageously visited, and that this Committee be empowered to appoint a Sub-Committee to pay a visit of inspection in accordance with the Surveyor's recommendation.

26—Defective Gullies in Moorend Street—Read, a letter from Sir. Charles Caines, complaining of a defective drain or trap in Moorend Street. The Boroughs Surveyor having reported that he had since substituted cast iron gullies for the former stone gullies.

27—New Buildings—The Borough Surveyor laid before the Committee the following notices and plans of intended new buildings, viz :—

No. of Plan	Name	Description
188	J. T. Mulhearn	Additions to 2 Harp Hill Villas
190	Mrs. Kilgour	Additions to 2 Keynsham Bank
191	C. H. Saunders	4 Houses in Evelyn Road
192	Rev. H. P. Kelly	Additions to Stradbally, Lansdown Road
193	H. Unwin	Additions to Arle Court, Gloucester Road

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

E. H. PARSONAGE,

Chairman.

FARMS MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held On Friday, 19th August, 1904—Present—Councillors Bence, M. Davis, King-Harman, and Steel (Councillor Davis in the chair).

1—Farm Manager's Report—Read the monthly report of the Farms Manager Since the last meeting, 18 bullocks, 10 heifers, and 3 calves had been sold for £471 9s. 6d. and no purchases had been made. Two sheep had died, and 1 had been sent to the butcher. The number of livestock on the farms, on the 19th instant, was 10 horses and 1 foal, 161 head of cattle, 47 sheep, and 20 pigs. Three tons 15 cwts. of hay had been delivered to the Central Depot. He recommended (1) that 30 snore cattle should be purchased, also 2 foals and 6 yearlings or two-year old cart colts; (2) That tenders be invited for the fruit on the farms. Resolved, That the recommendations be approved and adopted, offers for the fruit to be invited by advertisement.

4—Farm Employees Hours—Resolved, That the Farm Massager be instructed to require the employees on the sewage farms to work until 4 p.m. on Saturdays.

M. DAVIS,

Chairman.

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At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, 23rd August, 1904—Present Councillors Davis, King-Harman and Steel (Councillor Davis in the chair).

3—Inspection of Farms—The Committee visited the farms and inspected the livestock (220 in number), the same being in good and healthy condition. The growing crops were considered very satisfactory having regard to the season. Most of the corn had been cut and would shortly be carried. The hay made was satisfactory, and the ricks thatched. The effluent water at different points before it entered the stream was examined and found to be clear and good.

Resolved, (1) That an open shed, 40 yards long and 5 yards wide be erected at the back of the present cow shed at the Barn Farm, and that the Borough Surveyor be instructed to submit plan and estimate accordingly.

(2) That the roof of the cow shed at Hayden Knoll be raised and the wall built up, and that a distributing manhole be built on the carrier at Hayden.

M. DAVIS,

Chairman.

STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on. Tuesday, the 9th August, 1904—Present : The Mayor, Alderman Haddon, Councillors Baker, Bendall, Gridley and Packer (Councillor Bendall in the chair).

1—Street Projection—Read a letter from Mr. R. E. Whiting, applying for permission to fix a hairdresser's pole at No. 5 Bath Street. Resolved, That permission be given subject to the projection not exceeding 2 feet.

3—Montpellier Improvement—Read a letter from Mrs. Gilmore, of Marlborough House, in regard to the cost of the paving, &c., to be carried out opposite her property. Resolved, That Mrs. Gilmore be asked to contribute £25 towards the cost of the work.

3—No. 5 Ambrose Street—The Borough Surveyor submitted the following tenders he had obtained for the repairs required at No. 5 Ambrose Street before the property could be let

J. M. Smith & Sons ...	£9 17 6
J. Pilley & Sons	£12 4 10
C. Malvern & Son	£10 12 6

Resolved, That the tender of Messrs. .Smith & Sons be accepted.

4—Building Inspector's Report—Read, The report of the Building Inspector : 122 houses in progress, 8 homes completed since date of last report.

5—Light Railway—Extensions—The Borough Surveyor submitted plans received from the Light Railway Company, showing the design of the proposed poles and the curves at the junction of North Street and Clarence Street with High Street and of Manchester Street and Ambrose Street. Resolved, That the design for the poles be approved, and that it be left to the Borough Surveyor to settle and approve the curves at the junctions mentioned.

Gloucester Road, Existing Line—Read, a letter from the Manager of the Cheltenham and District Light Railway Company, objecting to pay for the raising of the road on either side of the railway lines in Gloucester Road necessitated by the alterations made by the Company in the levels of their line. Resolved, That the Council see no reason to alter their previous resolution and that as soon as the work has been carried out the Borough Surveyor be instructed to send to the Company an account of the cost.

6—Slab Factory—A report by the Borough Surveyor on the working of the Slab Factory for the last three months was considered. The sale to local builders and others since January last had only amounted to about £12 and in view of the satisfactory reduction in the cost of making the slabs he recommended a reduction in the price charged for the same. Resolved, That the price charged be reduced from 3s 9d to 3s 3d per square yard, the Surveyor being authorised in his discretion to make a farther abatement if a large quantity of slabs in purchased and that the Resolution to Minute No. 23 of this Committee of the 25th January last, be varied accordingly.

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7-New Buildings—The Borough Surveyor laid before the Committee the following notices and plans of intended new buildings, viz. :—

No. of Plan.	Name.	Description.
181	Norton & Co.	Extensions to premises, High Street and Bath Road
185	R. Pearce	Additions to Gilthorne Cottage, Hewlett Road
186	W. J. Crawford	Alterations and additions to Royal House, Montpellier Street
187	Grammar School Governors ..	Alterations and additions to Livorno Lodge
188	J. T. Mulhearn	Additions to 2 Harp Hill Villas, Battledown
189	W. Herbert	Alterations to Imperial Rooms.

Resolved, That all the plans be approved as shown as regards matters within the purview of this Committee, subject in the case of No. 184 to Messrs. Norton entering into an agreement of indemnity with regard to the now pavement lights.

JOHN D. BENDALL, Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 29th August, 1904—Present Councillors Baker, Bendall and Parsonage (Councillor Bendall in the chair).

8—View Meeting—The following Members attended the View Meeting on Friday last, viz :—
Councillors Baker, Bendall Packer and Parsonage.

9—Borough Surveyor's Monthly Report re Highways—The Borough Surveyor reported that the work done by the Highways' Department, from the 21st July to the 25th August (both inclusive) had been as follows :—

Roads repaired—Lansdown Place (699 super yards). Queen's Circus (302 super yards), Gloucester Road, from Lansdown Castle to Queen's Road (4592 super yards), Winchcomb Street, from Albion Street to Leamington Place (2779 super yards), St. George's Place (1111 super yards), Oriel Road, from Rodney Road to Promenade (2080 super yards), Burton Street (1640 super yards), New Street (288 super yards), Fauconberg Road (989 super yards), Rodney Road (429 super yards), Montpellier Street (proceeding). Kerbing and Channelling laid—College Road (proceeding). Crossings renewed—
C. Crossings relaid-2.

Crossings (new)-1. Manholes raised to surface-11. Manholes paved round-7. New Gullies fixed-8.

Gullies renewed-6. Hydrant Boxes paved round-17.

Surface Water Ditch cleaned out—near Alstone Lawn, St. George's Road. Chelt Weir repaired—by Messrs. Ride & Co's Mill

New Kerb fixed—Gloucester Road (112 lineal yards), Clarence Parade (9 lineal yards), Lansdown Place, near Gloucester House (67 lineal yards), Opposite Marlborough House, Montpellier (39 lineal yards).

New Channel fixed—Gloucester Road (30 lineal yards), Clarence Parade (94 lineal yards), Lansdown Place, near Gloucester House (46 lineal yards), Opposite Marlborough House, Montpellier (39 lineal yards).

Paving relaid—Gloucester Road (113 super yards), Gloucester Road, asphalt (113 super yards), Rom. Road (12 super yards. Channel relaid—Roman Road 116 lineal yards).

Channel renewed—Lansdown Place, by Lauriston House (35 lineal yards).

Concrete Flag Paving laid—Lansdown Place, by Lauriston House (2.11 super yards), Opposite Marlborough House, Montpellier (115h super yards).

Kerb refixed—Lansdown Place, by Lauriston House (35 lineal yards), Clarence Parade (56 lineal yards).

Trees pruned—Opposite Portmore Lodge, St. George's Road, York Terrace, Bayshill Terrace, Selkirk Street, St. Philip's Terrace, Argyle Place, Fullwood Park, Evesham Road, Clarence Square, Clarence Road and Monson Avenue.

Hedge pruned—Hatherley Road. Dead Trees cut down-1 at Fullwood Park, 1 in Moorend Park Road, 1 in Montpellier Parade, 1 in London Road, and 1 in Orrisdale Terrace.

Ashes collection and disposal-1173 loads collected, 119 tipped away, 1054 consumed ; weight 839 tons, 12 cwts., 3 qrs., during four weeks, ended 18th August, 1904.

Slab Factory—During five weeks ended 25th August, 1904, 1391 square yards of slabs made.

10—Eldorado Crescent Private Improvement Expenses—The Borough Surveyor reported that the private improvement works ordered to be carried out in Eldorado Crescent had been completed at a cost of £741 17s. 4d., which sum he had apportioned amongst the abutting owners in accordance with their respective frontages. Resolved, That the apportionment be approved, and that notice thereof and of demand for repayment be served upon the abutting owners.

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11—Road at back of Cloverdale Lawn, Painswick Road—Resolved, To instruct the Borough Surveyor to bring up specification of the works required to be done to the above street by the abutting owners.

12—Seat near Middleton Lodge, St. George's Road--Read, a letter from Mrs. Wheeler, of Middleton Lodge, asking for the removal of the seat in St. George's Road, opposite her house. Resolved, That it

be left to Councillor Parsonage and the Borough Surveyor to have the seat removed if a more suitable position can be found.

13—Road from Great Norwood Street to Painswick Road—Read, a letter from Mr. H. F. Barnett, of 18 Great Norwood Street, asking that he should not be called upon to be it the expense of making the footpath in the above road as he considered the works adjoining his property unnecessary. Resolved, That Mr. Barnett be informed that the Council see no reason to withdraw the notice given to him and that the works most be carried out.

14—Granley Road Private Improvement Works—Read, a memorial signed by Mr. Charles Daft and 19 other owners of property in Granley Road, stating that they considered the work., specified unnecessary at present especially as a considerable proportion of the adjoining land was not yet developed for building purposes and other roads were to be opened into Granley Road at a future date. They were willing to carry out certain repairs to the road and to edge and gravel the footpaths. Resolved, That further consideration of the matter be adjourned for the memorialists to submit a detailed specification of the works they are willing to carry out if the permanent snaking up of the road is postponed for the present.

15—Footpaths in Western Road (South side) and Queen's Road (opposite Ingleside and Farnborough)—Read, The specifications of the Borough Surveyor, of the works required to be done to the above Footpaths. Resolved, That the same be approved and that Notice be given under Section 44 of the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1852, to the Owners of the premises fronting, adjoining, or abutting upon the parts of the said streets, requiring to be drained, levelled, repaired, flagged and channelled, requiring them to do the specified Works within 28 days, and that if such Notice is not complied with, the Surveyor do proceed to execute the Works mentioned or referred to therein, and that the expenses thereof be recovered in the manner provided by the Act, and the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1889.

16--Street Projections—Read a letter from Miss Morris, of 8 Grosvenor Street, applying for permission to erect a sign over the door of her house. Resolved, That permission be granted subject to compliance with the usual conditions as to height and projection. Read a letter from the Oriental Cafe Company applying for permission to put up a projecting sign at No. 395 High Street. Resolved, That the application be not acceded to.

17--Stores Sub-Committee—The Chairman reported that a meeting of the Stores Sub-Committee was held on the 12th instant, when there were present Councillors Baker, Gridley, Parsonage and himself. The working of the Store Department was considered as to which the Sub-Committee would report later.

18—Duties of Building Inspector—The Chairman reported the proceedings of the Joint Sub-Committee with regard to the duties of the Building Inspector (as recorded in the Minutes of the Public Health Committee of the 22nd instant). Resolved, That the recommendations of the Sub-Committee be approved and adopted.

18—Brandon Terrace Footpath—Read, a letter from Mr. F. J. Comely, calling attention to the condition of the footpath in front of Brandon Terrace. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to repair the footpath.

19—Footpath in front of Rotunda Terrace—In regard to a complaint made by Mr. Bick with regard to the condition of the footpath in front of Rotunda Terrace, Resolved, To instruct the Borough Surveyor to carry out such temporary repairs as he considers necessary.

20—Loan for Footpaths—Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to report as to what footpaths urgently require paving or re-paving, with an estimate of the cost of the works, with a view to an application to the Local Government Board for sanction to a loan to carry out the same.

21—Addition to Ferndale, Sandfield Road.—Read, a letter from Mr. George Loveday, with reference to an addition made by him at the back of Ferndale, Sandfield Road, without having deposited plans with the Corporation. stating that he was not aware at the time that a plan was required. Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to give notice to Mr. Loveday, requiring him to show cause why the said addition should not be removed.

22—Encroachment in Swindon Road—Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to write Mr. Page pointing out that the new fence erected by him in Swindon Road is an encroachment on the road.

23—New Buildings—The Borough Surveyor laid before the Committee the following notices and plans of intended new buildings, viz :—

No. of Plan.	Name.	Description.
179	Andrew Page	Four cottages in Swindon Road.
190	Mrs. Kilgour	Additions to No. 2 Keynsham Bank.
191	C. H. Saunders	Four houses in Ewlyn Road.
192	Rev. H. P. Kelly	Additions to Stradbally, Lansdown Road.
193	Herbert Unwin	Additions to Arle Court, Gloucester Road.
194	Mrs. Cookley	Alterations and additions to cottage in London Road

Resolved, That No. 179 be disapproved, and that all the other Plans be approved as regards matters within the purview of this Committee.

JOHN D. BENDALL,

Chairman.

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TOWN IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 22nd August, 1904—Present: Councillors Bainbridge, Baker, a Bence and Handley (Councillor Baker in the chair).

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

2—Report of Entertainments' Sub-Committee-The Entertainments' Sub-Committee reported that they had arranged for Lectures on October 31st and November 9th, 14th, 21st, and 28th, by Mr. Harry de Windt, Professor Flinders Petrie, Rev. A. Boyd Carpenter, Sir Thomas Holditch, and Mr. E. T.

Rood, and the Sub-Committee had made application for the use of the Town Hall on the dates mentioned. Resolved, That the report of the Sub-Committee be approved.

3—Telephone Poles in Lane back of Pittville Villas—Read, a letter from the Provincial Superintendent of the National Telephone Company, applying for permission to place three poles in the lane at the rear of Pittville Villas and enclosing formal agreement for approval. Resolved, That the application be acceded to on the terms and conditions mentioned in the agreement submitted, the exact positions of the poles to be approved by the Borough Surveyor.

4—Clarence Square—Road, a latter from Colonel Noake calling attention to the frequent breach of the Byelaws recently made by the Council prohibiting certain games, bicycling, &c. in Clarence Square. Resolved, That Colonel Noake be informed that instructions will be given to the Police and to the employees on the Pittville Estate with a view to the detection and prosecution of offenders against the byelaws.

5—Advertising—Read, a letter from Mr. C. M. Dobell making certain suggestions with a view to the better advertising of the Town and its attractions. Resolved, That Mr. Dobell be thanked for his letter and that the same be considered together with other similar suggestions at a special meeting of the Committee.

6—Montpellier and Pittville Gardens—As instructed by the Committee, the Borough Accountant submitted a detailed statement of the Income and Expenditure on Montpellier and Pittville Gardens, for the year ending the 31st March, 1904, of which the following is a summary :—

PITTVILLE PARK.

Income		Expenditure	
Rent Charges	£ 597 19 0	Labour and Team Work ...	£1133 15 11
Subscriptions .	£ 7 7 6	Rates, taxes, tithes, &c.	£ 120 0 0
Gate Admissions...	£87 5 7	Coal and coke for greenhouses	£ 56 6 6
Boating Fees ●●●	£43 4 3	Timber, fencing, &c.	£ 130 7 5
Plants & Shrubs supplied to other departments	£250 0 0	Repairs and materials for same	£ 57 16 5
Lawn Tennis ...	£55 13 0	Stone and gravel... ..	£ 66 12 2
Refreshments ...	£17 14 7	Shrubs, plants and seeds ...	£ 41 19 5
Rent of Pump Room	£11 9 6	Miscellaneous ...	<u>£101 12 0</u>
Miscellaneous (each item under £9)	£29 18 8		£1708 9 10
		Interest on Loans and stock	£492 0 3
		Redemption ditto	£256 10 2
		Expenses re Stock	<u>£ 5 6 10</u>
	£1100 12 1		£2462 7 1

MONTPELLIER GARDENS.

Income		Expenditure	
Subscriptions (after transferring £178 15s 0d to Concerts Account) ..	£69 11 6	Labour and Team Work	£183 7 0
Gate Admissions...	£15 17 0	Rates, Taxes and Insurance	£76 2 9
Tennis Courts	£47 5 0	Shrubs, seeds and plants .	£45 15 9
Rents (Athletic Society, Archery, &c.)	£31 17 6	Repairs at Lodge	£29 11 6
Keys of Gates	£ 3 9 0	Miscellaneous ...	£96 16 5
Miscellaneous	£17 16 8	Interest on Loans	£310 0 3
	£185 16 8	Redemption on Loans	£168 17 7
			£1510 11 3

WILLIAM A. BAKER, Chairman.

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LIGHTING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Thursday, the 11th August, 1904—Present Alderman Norman, Councillors Gridley, Steel and Stroud (Alderman Norman in the chair).

1—Electricity Undertaking—Read, a letter from Mr. Swinburne stating that if the work of investigation and report upon the Electricity Undertaking could be done between now and the end of October, his fee would be 75 guineas and railway expenses, provided he had not to make efficiency tests of the plant, which he thought it extremely unlikely would be needed. Resolved, That the terms be accepted.

GEO. NORMAN,

Chairman.

At a meeting of this Committee, held on Wednesday, 24th August, 1904—Present: Alderman Norman; Councillors, Handley, Ley Wood, Steel and Strand (Alderman Norman in the chair). 2—Gas Examiner's Report—The Monthly Report of the Gas Examiner, as follows, was read ;

ILLUMINATING POWER.		PURITY.	
1904		1904	Grains of Sulphur per100 cubic ft.
Aug. 9th	16.34 candles	Aug. 8-9	12.74
" 22nd	15.13 "	" 22-23	9.56
Average	15.74 "	Average	11.15

3 —Gas Inspector's Report—The Gas Inspector reported that the hourly average consumption of Gas per lamp during the past month had been as follows :—Ordinary lamps 4.131 cubic feet ; Guildhall lamps with No. 4 Incandescent burners 7.447 cubic feet, and Ordinary lamps with No. 3 Incandescent burners 4.109 cubic feet.

4—Lamp Book—Produced and examined. Ordinary Lamps extinguished, 1 metered, 12 un-metered ; Incandescents extinguished, 22. Burning dimly, ordinary, 1. Incandescents, 13.

5—Cost of Public Lighting by Gas—Resolved, That the directors of the Gas Company be asked to receive a deputation from this Committee, with a view to a re-adjustment of the charges for street lighting by the Company.

6—Borough Electrical Engineer's Report—Read, the Monthly Report of the Borough Electrical Engineer. On the 21st inst., 771 customers with the equivalent of about 49,360 eight candlepower lamps were connected to the private supply mains.

7—Chimney Stack at Electric Works—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported the existence of a crack in the East side of the chimney stack at the Works, and a smaller crack on the West side. Resolved, That the Borough Electrical Engineer be instructed to confer with the Borough Surveyor, and if necessary take further advice upon the matter, and report to the Committee.

8—Offices at Electric Works—The Borough Electrical Engineer submitted the following tenders for repapering and repairs required in the offices at the works:—

A. C. Billings & Sons	£10 6
H. Channon & Son	£13 0 0
W. Betteridge	£16 5 0

Resolved. That the tender of Messrs. Billings be accepted.

9--Feed Pump—The Borough Electrical Engineer having reported that a saving of £18 or £20 per annum could be effected by using the small auxiliary pump on the Belliss condenser, in place of the main feed pump, and that the cost of the necessary connections and alterations for this purpose would not exceed £10. Resolved, That this expenditure and work be authorised.

10—Traction Charges—The Borough Electrical Engineer submitted statement of information he had obtained from other towns as to charges for traction. Resolved, That consideration of the subject be adjourned, pending a report from the Borough Electrical Engineer upon the subject.

GEO. NORMAN,

Chairman.

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WATER COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Thursday, the 25th August, 1904—Present : Councillors Baker, Bendall, Davis and King-Harman (Councillor King-Harman in the chair),

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

2—Borough Engineer's Report—The monthly report of the Borough Engineer was read

DAILY YIELD OF SPRINGS.

	For 31 days, ended 19th August, 1904.	Average for corresponding period during last 3 years.
Hewletts Springs	119,520 gallons	177,120 gallons
Dowdeswell Springs	<u>265,248</u> "	<u>397,125</u> "
	384,768 2	574,245 "

CONTENTS OF RESERVOIRS.

	August 19th, 1904.		August 19th, 1903.	
	Depth	Contents	Depth	Contents
Hewletts	-	12,412,200 gallons	-	27,540,997 gallons
Leckhampton	11 ft. 3 in.	1,519,615 "	11 ft. 8 in.	1,575,895 "
Dowdeswell	25 ft. 4 in.	67,207,584 "	30 ft. 10 in.	93,898,723 "
Total Storage		81,139,399 "		123,015,615 "

3—Waste of Water at Elmhurst, Suffolk Lawn—The Town Clerk reported that the occupier of Elmhurst had called upon him with reference to the waste of water reported last month, and explained that the same arose from the negligence of his servant, whom he had reprimanded. Resolved, That under the circumstance the explanation be accepted.

4—Fire Brigade—The Captain of the Fire Brigade reported that on the 15th ultimo, the Brigade was called to a fire at the Racing Stables, Prestbury. Damage £150. Extinction expenses £8 15s. Property uninsured. On the 21st ulto., to a fire at Hill Barn Farm, Pegglesworth. Damage £1500. Extinction expenses £23 8s. 6d.

5—Report of Fire Brigade Sub-Committee—The Sub-Committee reported that they met on the 23rd instant, when there were present Alderman Norman, Councillors Baker (Chairman), King-Harman and Waghorne. They recommended that an Ajax fire extinguisher be purchased at a cost of £4. Resolved, That the recommendation be approved and adopted

6—Presentation of Steam Fire Engine—Read, a letter from a lady resident of the town addressed to the Mayor offering for the acceptance of the Council a steam fire engine provided the same will be kept in condition ready for immediate use. Resolved, unanimously, That the offer be gratefully accepted, that the cordial thanks of the Council be tendered to the donor for her generosity and that the Borough Surveyor be instructed to report as to the provision of proper accommodation for housing the engine when received.

7—Loan of £1043—Read, a letter from the Local Government Board, enclosing their sanction to a loan of £1043 (£650 for additional and larger mains in Christ Church and Gloucester Road districts, and £393 for ordinary main extensions on applications for supply) the term for repayment being 30 years.

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

M. J. KING-HARMAN, Chairman.

GENERAL PURPOSES & WATCH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 23rd August, 1904—Present: Alderman, Rogers, Councillors Bendall, M. Davis, King-Harman, parsonage and Stroud (Alderman Rogers in the chair).

1—Disease amongst Animals—Superintendent Hopkins reported that there had not been any fresh case of contagious disease amongst animals in the Borough during the past month.

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2—Town Hall—Chess Club. With reference to the resolution passed at the last meeting of this Committee, Read, a letter from Colonel Law and Dr. Mason, stating that the Chess Club Committee could not accept the terms offered but they were willing to pay 5s per night for the use of a room at the Town Hall, from 7 to 11 p.m., and that they could arrange for the lights to be turned off so as to avoid the attendance of the Custodian.

Resolved, That the Club be informed that after reconsideration the Committee cannot see their way to recommend the Council to depart from the terms already offered to the Club.

Notice Boards—Resolved, To instruct the Borough Surveyor to provide and fix suitable Notice Boards outside the Town Hall for official and other notices.

3—Membership of Education Committee—Read, a letter from Alderman Rogers resigning his membership of the Education Committee owing to the fact that as a Justice of the Peace he could not while a member of the Committee adjudicate in cases of prosecution for non-attendance at school and this sometimes lead to inconvenience and delay at the Police Court. Resolved, That the resignation be accepted with regret and that the Council be recommended to appoint Councillor Handley a member of the Education Committee to fill the vacancy so caused.

4—Borough Audit—The resolution passed at the Public Meeting held on the 20th June last and the Memorandum of the Town Clerk on the subject of the audit of the Borough Accounts were again considered. Resolved, That the further consideration of the matter be adjourned, but that in view of the notice of motion given by Alderman Skillicorne for the next meeting of the Council a copy of the Report of the Select Committee on Municipal Trading and of the Town Clerk's Memorandum be sent to each Member of the Council.

5—Newspaper Boys—Read, a letter from Mr. H. A. Prothero on behalf of himself and other owners and occupiers of houses in the Promenade, complaining of the annoyance caused by the shouting of Newspaper boys and appealing to the Council to take some action in the matter. Resolved, That a letter be sent to the newspaper offices asking them to assist in stopping the nuisance by cautioning the boys in their employ.

6—Cheltenham and Honeybourne Railway--Folly Lane Allotments—Read a letter from the Surveyor of the Great Western Railway, stating that the Company were desirous of obtaining vacant possession of the allotment land required for the purpose of their railway, on the 29th proximo, and that if this were given as regards the 1 acre 0 roods 15 perches required by the Company they were willing to give £450, and build a bridge 12 feet wide, and provide a roadway to provide access to the

land severed by the Railway, interest at 4 per cent. on the amount of the purchase money to run from the date of possession. Resolved, That the terms offered be accepted, provided the Borough Surveyor is able to make satisfactory arrangements with the tenants to give up possession on the 29th proximo, and that the resolution to Minute No. 5 of this Committee of the 22nd July, 1902, be varied accordingly.

7—South African War Memorial—The tenders and designs received from 17 firms for the proposed South African War Memorial were laid before the Committee. Resolved, That the consideration of the same be adjourned to a special meeting to be called at an early date.

RICHARD ROGERS,

Chairman.

MINERAL WATERS, BATHS AND RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Friday, the 19th August, 1904—Present: Councillors Bainbridge, Baker, Bendall, Davies, King-Harman, Stewart, Stroud (Councillor Stroud in the chair).

1—Montpellier Baths—The Borough Accountant reported that the amount received during the present financial year was £301 4s. 9d., and the payments (exclusive of repayment of loans and interest) amounted to £173 6s. 11d.

2—Alstone Baths—The Borough Accountant reported that the receipts during the present financial year amounted to £159 11s. 8d., and the payments (exclusive of sinking fund and interest) were £96 18s.

3—Naunton Park—Resolved, To accede to an application for permission to hold the usual annual athletic sports and illuminated Concert in Naunton Park, on Saturday, the 3rd proximo.

4—Agg-Gardner Recreation Ground—Read, a letter from Mr. J. Hall, Secretary of the Town Band, expressing thanks to the Council for their kindness in allowing a concert by the Fire Brigade Union Band to be given, and a collection to be taken, in the Agg-Gardner Recreation Ground, on the 12th inst., for the benefit of the widow and family of the late Mr. C. Trout (a member of the Town Band). The collections realized £4 19s. 8 $\frac{3}{4}$ d.

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Read, a letter from the Secretary of the St. George's Association Football Club applying for permission to use the Agg-Gardner Recreation Ground during next season, on Saturdays, for matches only. Resolved, That the application be acceded to.

Resolved also, That matches only be allowed on the old part of the Agg-Gardner Ground.

5—Football at Recreation Grounds—Resolved, (1) That the Superintendents of the Recreation Grounds be authorised to prohibit the use of the ground on any occasion if in their opinion the ground is unfit for play. (2) That any applications for the use of the Recreation Grounds for games may be dealt with by either this Committee or, in cases of urgency, by the Chairman. (3) That the

Borough Surveyor be instructed to provide the necessary goal posts at the Recreation Grounds for Association and Rugby football.

6—Whaddon Lane Recreation Ground—Read, a letter from the Hon. Sec. of H. H. Martyn & Co.'s Athletic Club, applying for permission to play Association football in the Whaddon Lane Recreation Ground during next season. Resolved, That the application be acceded to.

Read, a letter from the Secretary of the Y.M.C.A., applying for permission to play Rugby football at the Whaddon Lane Recreation Ground. Resolved, That permission be given.

HERBERT STROUD,

Chairman.

BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Friday, 26th August, 1904—Present; Aldermen Haddon and Rogers ; Councillors Bence and Steel (Alderman Rogers in the chair)

1—Superintendent's Report—The Superintendent reported that on the 16th instant two boys, 12 and 13 years of age, were detected by an employee at the cemetery in the act of removing plants and flowers 'ruin graves. Resolved, That in view of the age of the offenders they be summoned to attend before the Chairman instead of a prosecution being instituted.

2—Designs—Resolved, That the following designs be approved, viz :—Headstones to Sarah Smith, Thomas and Mary Ann Cosnette, and John Smith ; Memorial Cross to George B. Williams ; Memorial Cross and Kerb to grave of Mary Adele Mandeville Arnold ; Kerbing to grave of Robert Hooper Turner ; Flat Stone on grave of Jane Williams.

RICHARD ROGERS,

Chairman.

PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday the 16th August, 1904—Present : Alderman Rogers, Councillors Davies, King-Harman, Stroud, The Rev. J. Evans, Messrs. J. G. Carr, C. H. Palmer, A. Beckingsale, E. C. Rogers and Cresswell (Councillor King-Harman in the chair).

1—Librarian's Report—Read, the Monthly Report of the Librarian. Presentations to the Library Messrs. J. & J. Paton (1 vol.), Religious Tract, Society (1 vol.), Mrs. McIlquham (1 pamphlet). Receipts during month £5 9s.

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2—Sub-Committee's Report—The Sub-Committee reported that they met on the 12th instant, when there were present :-- Councillor King-Harman (Chairman), Rev. J. Evans and Mr. G. H. Palmer. They recommended: (1) That a selection of books be purchased at a cost of about £5 ; (2) That the Librarian be instructed to order a small quantity of Dust Allayer for use in the Library as an experiment. (3) That tenders be obtained for the printing of the new Catalogue of the Lending

Library, advertisements to be placed at the end of the book in order to reduce the cost. Resolved, That the recommendations of the Sub-Committee be approved subject to the addition now made to the list of books to be purchased, and that tenders be invited from local firms by advertisement for the printing of the Catalogue, the Sub-Committee being empowered to accept the lowest satisfactory tender.

3—Annual Conference of Library Association—Resolved, To authorise the Librarian to attend the Annual Conference of the Library Association to be held at Newcastle-upon-Tyne, on the 30th and 31st August, and 1st September

4—Windows in Reference Library—Resolved, To instruct the Borough Surveyor to have the windows in the Reference Library made to open.

M. J. KING-HARMAN,

Chairman.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 30th August, 1904—Present: Aldermen Skillicorne and Waghorne, Councillors Handley, King-Harman, Steel and Stroud (Alderman Waghorne in the chair).

1—Water Rate—Read, the Report of the Borough Accountant on the collection of this Rate. Amount received £5315 12s. 5d. Leaving outstanding £2265 8s. 4d.

2—General District Rate—Read, the Report of the Boroughs Accountant on the Collection of the first instalment of this Rate. Amount collected £22,231 13s. 11d. Leaving outstanding £4,363 17s. 1 ½ d.

3—Loan to Burton-on-Trent—Read, a letter from the Secretary of the Education Committee, Burton-on-Trent, agreeing to an increase on the rate of interest from 3 ½ to 3 ¾ per cent. on the loan advanced to them.

4—Loans—The Borough Accountant reported that he had received the following amounts upon loan to bear interest at 3 ¾ per cent. :—

£650 from the Widows' and Orphans' Lodge of Oddfellows.

£250 from the Hay Cottage Homes Trustees.

Repayable on six months' notice from either side at any time.

He expected to receive a further sum of about £200 on the same terms. Resolved, That debentures be sealed and issued for the amounts already received on account of the Winter Garden Loan of £650 and that authority be given for the affixing of the Corporate Seal to a debenture for the further loan mentioned when received.

The Borough Accountant reported that he had arranged. with Mr. J. J. Cavil] to continue his loan of £1010 (Rodney Road Improvement), with interest increased from 3 ½ per cent. to 3 5/8 per cent.

5—Investment of Sinking Funds—The Borough Accountant reported that he proposed to arrange with the Portsmouth Corporation for a reciprocal investment of sinking funds, as after the next meeting of the Council a sum of £5000 would be available for investment, the interest on either side to be 3 ½ per cent. Resolved, That the proposed arrangement be approved and that authority be given for the sealing and issuing of debentures and investment of funds accordingly.

6—Signature of Cheques—Resolved, That the present system of having each cheque signed by three Members of the Council be discontinued and that the Borough Treasurer be authorised to pay such amounts as may from time to time be ordered by the Council, on presentations of a cheque signed by the Borough Accountant, and that the order on the Borough Treasurer be in the following form, viz:

" The Town Council hereby authorise and order you to pay to the several Corporations, Companies and persons hereinafter mentioned the suns of money set opposite their respective names on production of a Cheque signed by the Borough Accountant " (followed by a Schedule containing the number of the cheque, the name of the payee and the amount payable).

Resolved also, That a form of cheque be adopted with a receipt at foot to be signed by the payee so that the cheque will constitute a voucher for the amount paid.

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1-Accounts—The Financial Statement of the Receipts and Expenditure since the last meeting, and the bills and accounts to be paid, were examined, and the latter, amounting to £12,801 7s. 4d., ordered to be paid by the Borough Treasurer. The Treasurer's accounts at the Bank were examined, and the balances found to be correct.

The following was the General Statement :—

Overdrawn on the 22nd July, 1904	£51,179 3 2
Paid since that date	<u>£13,107 11 8</u>
	£64,286 14 10
Received since ditto (including Loans (300)	<u>£23,543 17 7</u>
Overdrawn	£40,742 17 3
Being Bank Loan Account No. 2	£45,503 19 10
Do. No. 3	<u>£17,622 0 5</u>
	£63,126 0 3
Less in hand on General Accounts	£17,797 7 8
Do. Sinking Funds	<u>£ 4,585 15 4</u>
	£22,383 3 0
	£40,742 17 3

JOHN 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 3rd October, 1904.

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Wednesday, the 7th September, 1904—Present: Aldermen Norman and Skillicorne, Councillors M. Davis, King-Harman and Parsonage (Councillor Parsonage in the chair).

1—Sewage Disposal—Resolved, That the Committee pay a visit of inspection to the Birmingham Sewage Disposal Works on Saturday next.

E. H. PARSONAGE,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 12th September, 1904—Present : The Mayor, Aldermen Norman and Skillicorne, Councillors Bence, M. Davis, King-Harman and Parsonage (Councillor Parsonage in the chair).

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

3—Cleansing and Disinfecting at 31 Lypiatt Street and 29 Queen's 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 owners and occupiers to cleanse and disinfect the houses or parts thereof within the time specified in such notice.

4—Cleansing and Limewashing at Sherborne Arms, Sherborne Street, 2 Cyprus Cottages, Alston, 1 Grosvenor Place South, and 7 Coltham Fields.—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.

5—Nuisances from Drains, etc., at 1, 2, 3, & 4 Royal Well Place, Royal Well Tavern, Royal Well Place, and 19 Lansdown Place. The Inspector of Nuisances having made written application under Section 41 of the Public Health Act, 1875, stating that the drains, &cc., on or belonging to the above-named houses were in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to health, Resolved, That authority be given to the Inspector of Nuisances to open the ground, examine the drains, and report to the Committee.

6—Insanitary Property—viz.: No. 5 and 7 Park View, Tivoli ; 7 Queen's Street, 7 Coltham Fields, 40 and 44 Union Street, Fairview. The Medical Officer of Health reported that the above-mentioned premises were in such a state as to be a nuisance or 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 a nuisance or injurious to health, Notices under Sec. 94 of the Public Health Act, 1875, be served upon the Owners requiring them to put the same into a healthy condition, and for that purpose to carry out the works specified therein.

7—Houses without proper Ash Receptacles—The Inspector of Nuisances reported that the following houses had no proper ashpits or ash receptacles, viz :---4 Alexandra Street, 1 Essex Villas, Alexandra Street ; 19 Lansdown Place, 3 and 4 Royal Well Place, and 7 Coltham Fields. 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 Inspector of Nuisances on behalf of the Corporation.

8—Sewers in St. Peter's District—The Borough Surveyor requested the instructions of the Committee as to whether the reconstruction of the sewers in St. Peter's district should be done by contract or departmentally. On his recommendation, Resolved, That the work be carried out directly by the Council without the intervention of a contractor.

9—Closing and Demolition of Houses in Gunnell's Court—Read, a letter from Mrs. Welch, the owner of houses in Gunnell's Court, stating that she had now carried out the works required there, and asking for compensation. Resolved, That Mrs. Welch be informed that the Council have no power to make any compensation for houses closed as unfit for habitation.

10—Seizure and Destruction of Diseased Meat—The Medical Officer of Health reported that 2 forequarters of beef with offal, weighing 448 lbs, were seized at the abattoir on the 7th inst., and cremated at the Ash Destructor as being tuberculous and unfit for human food, the owner consenting to the destruction.

Read, a circular letter from the Local Government Board, calling attention to the recommendations of the Royal Commission on Tuberculosis with regard to the seizure and destruction of tuberculous meat, and the prosecution of the owners. Resolved, That the communication be referred to the Medical Officer of Health.

11—Lane Along South End of Lypiatt Terrace—The Medical Officer of Health reported that this lane appeared to be used as a tip for garden refuse, etc., the accumulations of which at present there caused a nuisance. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to remove the same, and that notice be given to the occupiers of the adjoining houses that no further deposits must be made there.

12—Sewage Disposal—The Chairman reported that the following Members of the Committee, viz Aldermen Norman and Skillicorne, Councillors Bence, Davis, King-Harman and himself visited the Works of the Tame and Rea Drainage Board, on the 7th inst., when they were courteously received and shown over the Works by Mr. Bryan, one of the Assistant Engineers to the Board. Resolved, To visit the Sewage Disposal Works at Nuneaton on Wednesday next.

Read, a letter from the Clerk to the Cheltenham Rural District Council, enquiring whether the Council were taking steps to improve the method of sewage disposal on their farms, and the Town Clerk's reply thereto. Resolved, That the reply be approved.

13—Prestbury Sewage—Resolved, To accede to an application from the Cheltenham Rural District Council for permission to connect the drainage of newly-erected houses near the Prestbury Road to the sewer in that road on the terms of the agreement between the Town Council and the Rural District Council as to the reception of Prestbury Sewage, subject to the Borough Surveyor being satisfied that no surface water will be delivered through such house drainage into the sewer.

11—New Buildings—The Borough Surveyor laid before the Committee the following notices and plans of intended new buildings, viz. :—

No. of Plan.	Name.	Description.
196	Mr. Layton	Bay window to Fairbank, Hewlett Road.
197	Barnby Bendall & Co.	Two cottages in Dagmar Road.
198	C. M. Haward	Stables and living room, &c., St. Stephen's Road.

Resolved, That plan No. 198 be disapproved, and that plans Nos. 196 and 197 be approved as regards drainage and other sanitary matters.

E. H. PARSONAGE,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, the 19th September, 1904—Present : The Mayor, Alderman Councillors M. Davis, King-Harman, and Parsonage (Councillor Parsonage in the chair).

1 —Zymotic Disease-4h. Medical Officer of Health reported that there had been notified since the last meeting of the Committee, 1 case of Scarlet Fever, which case had been sent into the Delancey Hospital, and that the number of cases then in the Hospital sent in by the Corporation was 4 of Scarlet Fever, 2 of Diphtheria, and 1 of Enteric Fever.

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16—Cleansing and Limewashing at 11 and 17 Waterloo Street, 7 Victoria Terrace, and 42 Stanhope Street. The Medical Officer of Health having certified under Sec. 46 of the Public Health Act, 1875, that the above-named dwelling houses were in such a filthy and unwholesome condition that the health of the inmates was affected or endangered thereby, Resolved, That Notice be given to the owners under the said Section requiring the houses to be cleansed and limewashed.

17-Nuisances from Drains, etc., at Nos. 19 and 20 Granville Street, 7 Park View, and 21, 22, 23, and 24 Lypiatt Street. The Inspector of Nuisances having made written application under Section 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 report to the Committee.

18—Insanitary Property—Nos. 29 Tivoli Street, 7 Victoria Terrace, 16 Cleveland Street, and 42, 43, and 44 Stanhope Street. The Medical Officer of Health reported that the above-mentioned premises

were in such a state as to be a nuisance or 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 a nuisance or 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—Overcrowding at No. 3 Exmouth Street—The Medical Officer of Health reported that the above premises were so overcrowded as to be dangerous or injurious to the health of the inmates. Resolved, That the Committee being satisfied of the existence of a nuisance on the said premises, Notices under Section 94 of the Public Health Act 1875, be served on the owner and occupier thereof requiring them to abate the same.

20—Houses without proper Ash Receptacles—The Inspector of Nuisances reported that the following houses had no proper ashpits or ash receptacles, viz :-7 Northfield Terrace, 5 Orchard Place, 25 Tivoli Street, 29 Montpellier Terrace, and 16 and 17 Waterloo 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 Inspector of Nuisances on behalf of the Corporation.

21—Notices not complied with—The Medical Officer of Health submitted a list of notices requiring the provision of ash receptacles, abatement of nuisances arising from defective drainage, &c., &c., which had been served but not complied with. Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to take the necessary proceedings to compel compliance.

22—Nuisance from Pigs—The Medical Officer of Health reported that he had received several complaints recently as to the nuisance resulting from the keeping of pigs, and in his opinion additional powers were required to prevent pigs being kept to the annoyance of residents. He also reported several cases of infringement of the Bye-laws as to pigs kept at Harp Hill and Naunton. Resolved, That notice be given requiring immediate compliance with the Bye-laws.

23—St. Paul's District Sewers--The Borough Surveyor's report upon the condition of the sewers in St. Paul's District was considered (a print of the Report accompanies these minutes). Resolved, That the recommendations of the Borough Surveyor be approved, that Scheme B, which includes the reconstruction of the Wyman's Brook Sower from Hanover Parade to Folly Lane, be adopted, and that application be made to the Local Government Board for sanction to a loan of £10,220, the estimated cost thereof.

24—Sewage Disposal—The Chairman reported that on Wednesday, the 14th inst., the following members of the Committee, viz. :-The Mayor, Aldermen Norman and Skillicorne, Councillors M. Davis and himself, visited Nuneaton, and inspected the Sewage Disposal Works at Hartshill. The members were courteously received by Mr. H. W. Cook, the Surveyor to the Nuneaton Council, who afforded every information in his power. The method of treating the sewage and the results obtained appeared to the members to be very satisfactory. The Borough Surveyor would now proceed with the preparation of his report as to the treatment of the sewage to be delivered at Hayden by the proposed new Outfall Sewer.

25—New Buildings—The Borough Surveyor laid before the Committee the following notices and plans of intended new buildings viz :—

No. of Plan.	Name.	Description.
195	Trinity School Managers	Washhouses and w.c.'s, Trinity School Lane
198	C. M. Haward	Stables and living room, St. Stephen's Road
199	F. J. Poulton	Two semi-detached houses in Alstone Lane
200	J. E. Bendall	Four semi-detached houses in Old Bath Road
201	J. Barton	Two semi-detached houses in Hall Road
202	T. W. Smith	Two semi-detached houses in Naunton Crescent
203	T. W. Smith	Eighteen semi-detached houses in Naunton Lane

Resolved That is far as drainage and other sanitary matters are concerned Plans Nos. 198, 199, 201, 202 and 203 be disapproved, that Plan No. 195 be approved subject to lights being placed in the washhouse roofs, and that Plan No. 200 be approved subject to proper provision being made for ventilation in the small bedroom in each house.

E. H. PARSONAGE,

Chairman

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FARMS MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Friday, the 16th September, 1904—Present: The Mayor, Alderman Skillicorne, Councillors H. Davis and King-Harman (Councillor M. Davis in the chair).

1-Farm Managers Report—Read, the Monthly Report of the Farms' Manager. Since the last Monthly Meeting, 16 bullocks, 5 heifers, and 37 sheep had been purchased for £316 7s. 6d., and 41 head of cattle and 25 sheep had been sold for £737 16s. 7d. The number of livestock on the Farms on the 16th instant, was 11 horses, 141 head of cattle, 59 sheep and 20 pigs. 58 fleeces of wool (12 tods, 2 lbs.) had been sold for £14 1s. 8d. Six tenders for the fruit had been received, and the tender of Mr. Minett, of Elmstone Hardwick for the fruit at Hayden, and of Mr. Griffiths, of Shurdington, for that at Barn Farm, at £11 10s. and £10 10s. respectively, the highest received, had been accepted. 4 tons, 6 cwts. of straw, and 4 tons, 3 qrs. of hay had been delivered to the Central Depot. He recommended that further purchases of cattle be made at suitable opportunities. Resolved, That the recommendation of the Farms' Manager be approved.

2—Shedding at Barn Farm—The Borough Surveyor submitted a plan of the additional shedding required at the Barn Farm. Estimated cost about £70. Resolved, That the same be approved and carried out.

M. DAVIS,

Chairman.

STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 13th September, 1904—Present The Mayor, Aldermen Haddon and Skillicorne, Councillors Baker, Bendall, Gridley, Ley Wood, Packer, and Parsonage (Councillor Bendall in the chair).

1—Cheltenham and District Light Railway Extensions—The Borough Surveyor submitted amended plans deposited by the Light Railway Company of the curves in High Street at the junction of North Street and Clarence Street, together with plan showing detail of junction box. Resolved, That the same be approved. Resolved also, That the Borough Surveyor be authorised to engage an additional clerk of the works, if necessary, to supervise the construction of the extensions.

2—Wood Paving—The Borough Surveyor recommended that the kerbing and channelling taken up in High Street should be removed to and relaid in other streets requiring kerbing and channelling. Resolved, That this be approved, and that it be left to the Surveyor to decide in what streets it should be relaid.

3—No. 5 Ambrose Street—The Borough Surveyor reported that he had received an offer from Messrs. Blackwell and Co., the contractors for the Light Railway Extensions, to take No. 5 Ambrose Street for 12 months from the 29th inst. at £20, the Corporation paying rates and taxes. Resolved, That the offer be accepted.

4—Report of Building Inspector—Road, the monthly report of the Building Inspector. Houses in course of erection 118. Completed since last report, 15. He reported two cases in which additions had been made to buildings without any plans having been submitted or notice given to the Corporation, and one case in which a condition on which a plan had been approved had not been complied with. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to write the persons in default, requiring the submission of plans and immediate compliance with the condition referred to.

5—Granley Road Private Improvement Works—Read, a letter from Mr. C. Daft, of The Woodlands, Gloucester Road, stating that most of the owners were prepared to have the road made up in the same manner as was done in 1892, and to kerb and make the footpaths good. Resolved, That Mr. C. Daft be informed that after carefully considering the matter the Council are unable to withdraw the specification already served, and must require the works therein specified to be carried out, and that the Borough Surveyor has been instructed to proceed accordingly

6—Footpath in Front of Edward Terrace, Norwood Road—Read a memorial signed by Mr. T. G. Poulston and four other occupiers of houses in Edward Terrace. asking that the footpath in front of their houses should be repaired. Resolved, To instruct the Borough Surveyor to report upon the matter at the next meeting.

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7—New Buildings—The Borough Surveyor laid before the Committee the following notices and plans of intended new buildings, viz :-

No. of Plan	Name	Description
196	Mr. Layton	Bay window to Fairbank, Hewlett Road
197	Barnby Bendall & Co.	Two cottages in Dagmar Road
198	C. M. Haward	Stables, living room, &c., St. Stephen's Road

Resolved, That 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 Tuesday, the 20th September, 1904—Present The Mayor, Alderman Haddon, Councillors Baker, Bendall, and Gridley (Councillor Bendall in the chair).

8—Light Railway—Byelaws—Draft bye-laws to be made by the Council under the provisions of the Cheltenham and District Light Railway Orders were considered, together with letters received from the Manager of the Light Railway Co. with regard to some of the provisions proposed. Resolved, That the Bye-laws as now settled be approved (a print accompanies these minutes), and that the draft be submitted to the Board of Trade before the bye-laws are formally adopted by the Council.

JOHN D. BENDALL,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, the 26th September, 1904—Present: The Mayor, Aldermen Haddon and Skillicorne, Councillors Baker, Bendall, Gridley, Ley Wood, and Parsonage (Councillor Bendall in the chair).

9—Borough Surveyor's Monthly Report re Highways—The Borough Surveyor reported that the work done by the Highways Department, from the 26th August to the 22nd September (both inclusive) had been as follows:—

Roads Repaired—Montpellier Street (3,688 super yards), Queen's Parade (2,009 super yards), Royal Parade (back of) (467 super yards), Prestbury Road (3,500 super yards), Lansdown Crescent (744 super yards), Lansdown Place (back of) (108 super yards), Henrietta Street (427 super yards), Six Chimney Lane (1,147 super yards).

Patching—Keynsham Road, Swindon Road, Clarence Street, Sun Street, Lansdown Crescent, Lane back of Lansdown Place, Old Bath Road, Naunton Lane, Charlton Lane, St. George's Place, Regent Street, and Crescent Place.

Kerbs Relaid—Burton Street (398 lineal yards). Channels Renewed—Burton Street (398 lineal yards). Crossings Renewed, 7. Crossings Relaid, 2. Manholes Raised to Surface, 4. Manholes Paved Round, 4. Hydrant Boxes Paved Round, 13. New Gullies Fixed, 1. Gullies Renewed, 3. Outfall Sewer Repaired, Arle Road. Dead Tree Cut Down, Pittville Lawn. Private Improvement Works, College Road (proceeding). Seiner Renewed, Berkeley Avenue (19 lineal yards of 12 inch pipes).

Gully Drains Renewed—Brick drain replaced with 6 inch pipes in High Street, Winchcombe Street, North Street, and Clarence Street. Cell Repaired at Ash Destructor.

Slab Factory—During the four weeks ended the 22nd September, 1904, 1078 square yards of slabs made.

Ashes Collection and Disposal—During four weeks ended 15th September, 1904, 867 loads collected, 55 tipped away, and 812 consumed, weight, 685 tons, 16 cwts., 2 qrs.

10—Road at back of Cloverdale Lawn, Painswick Road—Read a specification by the Borough Surveyor of the works required to be done to the above street. Resolved, That the same be approved, that the necessary plans, sections and estimates be prepared, and notices be given under Section 150 of the Public Health Act, 1875, to the owners of the premises fronting, adjoining or abutting upon the parts of the said street requiring to be severed, levelled, paved, metalled, flagged, channelled or made good, requiring them to do the specified works within 28 days : and that, if such notice is not complied with, the Surveyor do proceed to execute the works mentioned or referred to therein ; and that the expenses thereof be recovered in the manner provided by the Act, and the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1889.

11—Glencairn Park Road Private Improvement Works—The Borough Surveyor reported that the private improvement works ordered in Glencairn Park Road had been carried out by the Corporation on default of the owners at a cost of £665 14s. 10d., and he submitted an apportionment of the cost of the works based upon the greater or less degree of benefit to be derived by the abutting owners. Resolved, That in the opinion of the Council, regard should be had to the greater or less degree of benefit to be derived by the abutting owners from the works carried out, that the apportionment on this basis now submitted be approved and adopted, and that notice thereof and demand of repayment be served upon the abutting owners.

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The Borough Surveyor further reported that he had arranged with certain of the abutting owners to pay, in addition to the expenses apportioned to them, the estimated cost of replacing the present paving in front of their houses when required, amounting to £107 12s. 6d., in order that the road may be taken over as a public highway without waiting until the whole of the road was properly paved to the satisfaction of the Corporation. Resolved, That the arrangement be approved, and that on the amount of the present apportionment, together with the cost of the paving mentioned, being paid, the road be declared a highway repairable by the inhabitants at large.

12-Lansdown Place Paving—The Borough Surveyor submitted a plan and estimate of the cost of repaving the footpath Lansdown Road, opposite Lansdown Place. The estimated cost of paving for the full width was £730. Resolved, That the plan and estimate be approved, and that application be made to the Local Government Board for sanction to a loan of £730 to defray the cost of the proposed works.

13-Footpath opposite Edward Terrace—The Borough Surveyor reported that the cost of paving with concrete slabs and kerbing and channelling in front of Edward Terrace would be £14. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to carry out the work.

14-Plans for New Buildings—With reference to the Report of the Building Inspector at the last meeting of this Committee, read letters from Mr. G. H. Roberts and Mr. C. M. Haward with reference

to the non deposit of plans by them of new buildings recently erected. Resolved, That Mr. Roberts and Mr. Haward be informed that plans must be deposited without further delay,

15—Langdon Road Private Improvement Works—The Borough Surveyor reported that the private improvement works ordered in Langdon Road had been carried out by the Corporation on default by the owners at a cost of £114 0s. 2d., which sum he had apportioned amongst the abutting owners in accordance with their respective frontages. Resolved, That the apportionment be approved and adopted, and that notice thereof and of demand of repayment be served upon the abutting owners. Resolved also, That as soon as all the private improvement expenses due in respect of Langdon Road have been paid the road for its whole length be declared a highway, repairable by the inhabitants at large.

16—Light Railway—Existing Track—The Borough Surveyor reported that the Light Railway Company had discontinued the repaving of their existing track, and he submitted correspondence he had had with the manager of the Company on the subject. Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to make a representation to the Board of Trade unless the Company give an assurance that the work of relaying the track will be carried out without unnecessary delay.

17—Stores Sub-Committee—The Chairman reported that the Stores Sub-Committee had held three meetings, and after careful consideration had made arrangements, which in their opinion would place the Stores Account upon a satisfactory basis. Resolved, That the proposals of the Sub-Committee be approved and adopted.

18—Livorno Lodge Improvement—Resolved, That application be made to the Governors of the Grammar School to give up sufficient land to round off the corner of the Livorno Lodge property at the junction of St. Margaret's Road and North Street, the Corporation undertaking to take down and rebuild the boundary wall to the new line shown on the plan now submitted by the Borough Surveyor, and to pave the land thrown into the footway.

19—Hayward's Road—Read, a letter from the Clerk to the Charlton. Kings Urban District Council stating that his Council had been asked to take over that part of Hayward's Road within their district as a public highway, and enquiring whether the Corporation were willing to take over the part within the Borough. Resolved, That the Council cannot take over the road until the same has been put into a proper state of repair at the expense of the abutting owners.

20—Naunton Lane—The Borough Surveyor reported that Mr. J. E. Bendall had not carried out the widening of Naunton Lane to 36 feet in accordance with the building plans submitted by him and approved by the Council, and as required by the Byelaws. Resolved, That notice be given Mr. Bendall requiring this to be done, and that proceedings be taken if necessary to enforce compliance with the Byelaws.

21—Surface Water Drainage in Leckhampton Lane—Resolved, That the new surface water drain required in Leckhampton Lane be laid at an estimated cost of £90, provided the Rural District Council will pay one third of this cost and each authority to provide the necessary gullies and branches therefrom to the drain required on their respective sides of the road, and that the Resolution to Minute No. 17 of the 27th July last be varied accordingly.

22—New Buildings—The Borough Surveyor laid before the Committee the following notices and plans of intended new buildings, viz:—

No. of Plan	Name	Description
195	Trinity School	Managers Wash-houses and W.C.'s., Trinity School Lane.
199	F. J. Poulton	2 Semi-detached houses, Alstone Lane.
200	J. E. Bendall	4 Semi-detached houses, Old Bath Road.
201	J. Barton	2 Semi-detached houses, Hall Road.
202	T. W. Smith	2 Semi-detached houses, Naunton Crescent.
203	T. W. Smith	18 Semi-detached houses, Naunton Lane.

That as regards matters within the purview of this Committee, Plans Nos. 199, 200, and 203 be disapproved, and that Plans Nos. 195, 201, and 202 be approved.

JOHN D. BENDALL, Chairman.

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TOWN IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, the 19th September, 1904—Present : The Mayor, Alderman Winterbotham, Councillors Baker, Bainbridge, Bence, Handley and Rickerby (Councillor Rickerby in the chair).

1—Promenade Fountain—The Borough Surveyor submitted tenders for the renewal of the cascade steps of the Promenade Fountain. Resolved, That the tender of Messrs. Collies & Godfrey to renew the steps with concrete in situ for £48 be accepted.

2—Promenade Long Garden—Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be authorised to purchase and plant Bath Promenade long garden some rhododendron shrubs at a cost of about £18.

3—Pittville and Montpellier Gardens—Read, a letter from Mr. E. B. Shenton, asking the terms for the use of the Pittville or Montpellier Gardens on Whit Monday next. Resolved, That Mr. Shenton be asked to renew his application, with full particulars of what he requires the Gardens for, after the 1st. January next.

4—Town Hall or Winter Garden—Resolved, That the Chairman, the Mayor, Councillors Bainbridge and Handley be appointed a sub-committee to consider as to the practicability and cost of holding Band Concerts in the Town Hall or Winter Garden on several days each week during the ensuing winter from 3 to 5 p.m., and as to the terms of subscription or admission to such concerts, and also to ascertain, as far as possible, what support could be relied upon and to report fully thereon as soon as possible.

T. E. RICKERBY,

Chairman.

LIGHTING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 12th September, 1904—Present : The Mayor, Aldermen Norman and Rogers, Councillors Gridley and Handley (Alderman Norman, in the chair).

1—Chimney Stack at Electric Works—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that the chimney stack at the Works had been examined by Messrs. W. J. Furse & Co., Engineers and Contractors, Nottingham, and they recommended placing eleven wrought iron bands, each 4 ½ inches wide by ½ inch thick, and one band 6 inches wide by inch thick, round the stack at a total cost of £73. They also recommended that the chimney should be repointed for a height of 60 feet from the ground at an additional cost of £35, but the Borough Surveyor advised that this was not required at present. Resolved. That the bands be placed round the stack as suggested at a cost of £73, but that the repointing be not done for the present.

2—Extensions of Mains—The Boroughs Electrical Engineer reported that applications for electric supply had been received from Mr. Vincent A. Smith, of Hazlewood, The Park, and Mr. John Reynolds, of Rossmore, Eldorado Road, with equivalents of 75 and 95 eight candle power lamps, respectively, and that the cost of the necessary extensions of main would be about £21 and £26 10s. He also reported that he understood that a supply would shortly be required for Livorno Lodge for an installation equal to about 200 eight candle power lamps. The cost of the necessary extension of main would be about and of the service between £17 and £20.

Application had also been received from Messrs. Lance & Co. for additional supply equivalent to about 200 eight candle power lamps. In view of the fairly heavy load on the America Passage main from which supply would be given he recommended that the main be disconnected from the Albion Street branch and 36 yards of new main laid connected direct to Portland Street Sub-Station at a cost of about £16, the new main being placed in the same trench with the main for Livorno Lodge. Resolved, That the recommendations of the Borough Electrical Engineer be approved and adopted and that the extensions be made, subject to the usual guarantee of 20 per cent. on the outlay for three years being given in the case of the supply to Hazlewood, Rossmore and Livorno Lodge, and to the cost of the services being paid by the applicants.

3—Service Cable at Arle Court—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that Mr. Unwire wished the Corporation to provide and lay the cable for supplying his drive lamps and the lodge when laying the service cable to the house. The estimated cost was about £65, which Mr. Unwire was willing to pay. Resolved, That the Borough Electrical Engineer be authorised to lay the cable as requested.

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4—Supply to Eye, Ear and Throat Hospital—An application was received from Mr. A. W. Bryant, Treasurer of the Eye, Ear and Throat Hospital, that the Corporation should meet the Hospital Authorities in regard to the cost of the service estimated at £10 16s. 4d. Resolved, That the Committee regret they are unable to make an exception in this case, but that an extension of main past the Hospital for other purposes will render it unnecessary to require give supply to the Hospital, the usual guarantee of 20 per cent, for three years upon the cost of the main which would be otherwise necessary to give supply to the Hospital.

GEO. NORMAN, Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, the 21st September. 1904—Present The Mayor, Alderman Waghorne, Councillors Gridley, Handley, Ley Wood, Steel, and Stroud (Councillor Ley Wood in the chair).

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

ILLUMINATING POWER.		PURITY.	
1904		1904	Grains of Sulphur per 100 cubic ft.
Sept. 12th	15.46 candles	Sept 12-13	9.24
15 th	16.02		
19th	15.75		
	Average 15.74		

6—Gas Inspector's Report—The Gas Inspector reported that the hourly average consumption of Gas per lamp during the past month had been as follows :—Ordinary lamps 4.078 cubic feet ; Guildhall lamps with No. 4 Incandescent burners 5.113 cubic feet, and Ordinary lamps with No. 3 Incandescent burners 3.838 cubic feet.

7—Lamp Book—Produced and examined. Lamps extinguished Ordinary, 4 unmetred, 2 metred ; Incandescents : 9 unmetred, 2 metred : Burning dimly : Incandescents 3, ordinary 5.

8—Electrical Inspector's Report—The Electrical Inspector reported that he had tested the electric supply to the town during the past month with the following results, viz :—On the 12th and 19th inst., the voltage in each case being 208.

9—Lighting of Lane back of Leconfield—Read, a letter from Mr. G. G. Pruen asking that an improvement should be made in the lighting of the lane from Sandford Road at the back of Leconfield and other College boarding houses. Resolved, That Mr. Pruen be informed that as recently as March, 1908, the Council sanctioned an addition of 2 lamps for the lighting of the lasso referred to, making a total of 5 lamps in the lane.

10—Lane leading from High Street into Parish Churchyard by Messrs. Waite's—Read, a letter signed by Mr. T. P. Waite and other occupiers of premises adjoining the passage from the High Street into the Parish Churchyard asking for the removal of the present incandescent electric lamp there, and the substitution of a gas lamp owing to the fact that the former was frequently out. Resolved. That the complaint be referred to the Borough Electrical Engineer.

11—Lighting of Merestones Road—Read, a letter from Mr. H. Baird, of Woodleigh, The Park, asking that the Merestones Road should be properly lighted in order to prevent the commission of nuisances there. Resolved, That the Committee are unable to recommend the Connell to comply with this application.

12—Borough Electrical Engineer's Report—Read, the Monthly Report of the Borough Electrical Engineer. On the 20th inst., there were 778 customers with the equivalent of about 50,660 eight candlepower lamps connected to the private supply mains.

13—Extension of Main—The Borough Electrical Engineer recommended in view of the wood paving to be laid in the High Street, and of the considerable demand for energy probable in connection with the Grammar School extensions in Oxford Passage, that about 20 yards of large cable should be laid from the High Street Sub-station to the South carried West corner of North Street at a cost of about £12 10s. 0d. Resolved, That the recommendation be approved and carried out.

14—Attendance of Employees at "First Aid" Class—Resolved, To authorise the Borough Electrical Engineer to repay to the employees in his Department, who attend the course of instruction in " First Aid" at the Grammar School to be given shortly, the fees paid by them in joining the class.

ROBT. LEY WOOD,

Chairman.

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WATER COMMITTEE.

At meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, the 22nd September, 1904—Present : Councillors Baker, Bendall, M. Davis, King Harman, Packer, and Waghorne (Councillor Waghorne in the chair).

1—Borough Engineer's Report—The monthly report of the Borough Engineer was read :

DAILY YIELD OF SPRINGS.

	For 31 days, ended 19th Sept. 1904.	Average for corresponding period during last 3 years.	
Hewletts Springs	106,560 gallons	153,600 gallons	
Dowdeswell Springs	89,716 “	293,638 “	

CONTENTS OF RESERVOIRS.

	September 19th, 1904.		September 19th, 1903.	
	Depth,	Contents	Depth	Contents
Hewletts	-	15,052,276 gallons	-	27,937,767 gallons
Leckhampton	10 ft. 7 in.	1,429,569 “	7 ft. 4 in.	990,547 “
Dowdeswell	23ft. 4 in.	58,390,165 “	29 ft. 7 in.	87,518,498 “
	Total Storage	74,872,010 “		116,446,812

Pumping from Tewkesbury had proceeded continuously during the month, and also at Sandford.

The work of carrying the new 12 inch main from Tewkesbury across the Avon had been completed and tested, and the main would be coupled up this month.

2—Supply of Coal to Tewkesbury Works—On the recommendation of the Borough Surveyor. Resolved, To accept the tender of Messrs. Powell, Gwinnell and Co., Ltd., for the supply of Lydbrook Coal delivered by boat at the Tewkesbury Works at 10s 1d per ton, the contract to terminate on the 31st March next.

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

4—Fire Brigade—The Fire Brigade Captain reported that on the 15th inst., the Brigade was called to extinguish a fire at 3 Southampton Place caused by the upsetting of boiling tar. Damage £5. Extinction expenses £2 10s. 0d. Property insured.

5—Steam Fire Engine—Resolved, That it be referred to the Fire Brigade Sub-Committee to consider as to the provision of the necessary harness, &c., for the steam fire engine, with power to order same.

6—Water Supply to Apperley Court—The Town Clerk reported that Mr. Strickland, the owner and occupier of Apperley Court, had applied for a supply of water to his house, which was within the Water District, and was willing to pay the whole cost of the necessary main from Coombe Hill to Apperley, and of the service on his own property, estimated by the Borough Surveyor not to exceed £1000. The main to the boundary of Mr. Strickland's land to remain the property of the Corporation, and the water supplied to Apperley Court to be paid for according to the rates and charges for the time being in force. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be authorised to lay the said main on the terms mentioned, and that the Corporate Seal be affixed to the agreement embodying the same.

7—Tewkesbury Water Supply—The Town Clerk reported that the following members of the Committee, viz., The Slayer, Alderman Norman, Councillors Baker, Bendall, Al. Davis, and Packer visited Tewkesbury on the 9th inst., and had an interview with the members of the Tewkesbury Town Council with regard to the supply to Tewkesbury of Severn water only. Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to inform the Tewkesbury Corporation that this is receiving careful consideration, and that in the meantime a supply from the Severn will not be discontinued without notice.

8—N. J. Bloodworth. —Resolved, To accept an offer of 12s. 6d. in the £ in respect of £2 2s. 6d. duo from the above for water supply, and that assent be given to a Deed of Assignment accordingly.

H. WAGHORNE, Chairman.

GENERAL PURPOSES & WATCH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, the 16th September, 1904—Present : The Mayor, Aldermen Norman and Rogers, Councillors Bendall, M. Davis, Parsonage, and Stroud (Ald. Rogers in the chair).

1—South African War Memorial—The designs and estimates received for providing and fixing a South African War Memorial in the Town Hall were considered. Resolved, That the design submitted by Messrs. Letheren and Sons, of Cheltenham, be accepted, the same to be executed in Bronze, with inscription in relief, and ornamental relief work in hammered copper. and to be carried out by them at a cost of £110.

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2—Leckhampton Reading Room--Read, a letter from Mr. W. Mann stating that the Reading Room Committee had decided to close the same on the 29th inst., unless the Corporation could contribute

£20 per annum toward the same. He also stated that in any case some members of the Committee desired to keep the Room open for a month or so longer if the Council would sanction this. Resolved, That the Council regret they cannot make the contribution asked for, but they have no objection to the Room remaining open a little longer.

RICHARD ROGERS,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 20th September, 1904—Present: The Mayor, Alderman Waghorne, Councillors Bendall, M. Davis, King-Harman, Parsonage, and Stroud (The Mayor in the chair).

3—Diseases of Animals Acts—Inspector Parker reported that no further outbreak of disease amongst animals had taken place since the last monthly meeting.

1—Folly Lane Allotments--Cheltenham and Honeybourne Railway—The Town Clerk reported that the compensation required by the tenants in respect of the land taken by the Company amounted to £21 7s. 6d., of which the Company were willing to pay half in addition to the £150 to be paid as purchase money for the three pieces of land required by the Company shown on the Notice to treat containing 3a. 0r. 29 ½ p. Resolved, That the Council agree to pay half the compensation.

5—Printing of Committee and Council Minutes—The Town Clerk reported that the contract for the printing of the Minutes of the Council and Committees expired on the 31st prox. Resolved, That tenders be advertised for, the minutes of the Committees to be printed in book form only instead of as at present also on foolscap.

6—Weighbridge Office—On the application of the Collector of Tolls, Resolved, That the Weighbridge Office, Tewkesbury Road, be closed at 4 p.m. on Saturdays instead of 6 p.m. as heretofore.

7—Elementary (Provided) School, Keynsham Road--Read, a letter from Messrs. Ticehursts, McIlquham, and Wyatt objecting on behalf of the Cheltenham College authorities to the proposal of the Education Committee to erect an elementary school on land in Keynsham Road. Resolved, That consideration of the letter be adjourned, the matter being now under consideration by the Education Committee.

8—Coal Contract—The Borough Surveyor reported that the Coal Contracts would expire on the 30th inst., and as he thought it desirable that all such contracts should expire on the 31st March, he had communicated with the several contractors, and they were willing to continue supply at the contract rates to the 31st March next. Resolved, That the contracts be extended accordingly.

9—Numbering of Promenade Place, Clarence Street—Read, a letter from Mr. Ronald McLaren, of 2 Promenade Place, calling attention to the inconvenience caused him by the recent removal of the name plate " Promenade Place," and asking that his house should be numbered as being in Clarence Street. Resolved, That the suggestion be adopted, and Nos. 1, 2, and 3 Promenade Place renumbered Nos. 28, 29, and 30 Clarence Street.

10—Town Hall—Mr. Waller attended and laid before the Committee the accounts relating to the Town Hall, of which the following is a summary :—

Amount of Contract ... £29,310 0 0

Supplementary Estimates accepted by Council for enlargement of Orchestra and extension of Back Portico, additional foundations and drains, &c. £1,401 5 1

Sundry additional works sanctioned by the Council, including foundation stone, asphalt floor to part of basement, alterations to front approaches, &c. £378 0 6

Builders' work in fitting up the building as sanctioned by the Council, including fittings and sinks in Kitchen, extension of Orchestra and forming raised seats in End Gallery, cupboards in Corridors, dinner lifts, and other fittings £936 3 11

The following works necessary to comply with the requirements of the authorities or to improve the effect of certain portions of the work Additional sanitary work to comply with requirements of Health Department ; forming internal doors with glass panels and fitting with special hinges and locks ; additional lights over Carriage Porch ... and Octagonal Hall and stairs, &c.£1,063 2 9

Architect's and Surveyor's fees and Clerk of Works' salary £2,635 0 0

Total amount of Building £35,723 12 3

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ENGINEERING WORK, HEATING, VENTILATION AND FIRE APPLIANCES AS AUTHORISED BY COUNCIL.

Heating, Ventilation and Hot Water Service....	£1,938 8 0
Fire Hydrants	£168 12 0
Builder's work in connection with the above , Additional basement, trunks in roof, etc.	£1,708 0 0
Professional Fees ••	<u>£ 205 0 0</u>
	£4,020 0 0

LIGHTING EXECUTED UNDER THE DIRECTION OF MR. HAWTAYNE.

Wiring for Electric Light	£1,037 5 2
Fittings for Electric Light	£ 788 16 6
Fixing Fittings •••	£ 62 14 0
Builders' work including formation of Transformers' Chamber and attendance...	£237 0 0
Gas Service and Fittings ...	£ 30 0 0
Professional Fees	£150 0 0
Cost of laying Main	<u>£ 47 2 6</u>
	£2,352 18 2

N.B.—The sum included for wiring contract is the full sum claimed by the contractors.

PERMANENT AND COLOUR DECORATION.

Contract for coloring accepted by Council	£750 0 0
Estimate for altering woodwork accepted by Council ..	£ 35 0 0
Amount allowed by Council for additional constructional decoration ...	£500 0 0
Additional amount expended in alabaster columns in drawing room and enriched plaster work ...	£221 13 8
Professional Fees	<u>£120 1 6</u>
	£1,626 15 2

FURNISHING SANCTIONED BY COUNCIL.

Seats, chairs, lounges, tables, &c. ...	£974 5 2
Curtains and soft goods ...	£240 16 3
Gas stoves for Cooking	£166 8 0
	<u>£1,381 9 5</u>
	£45,104 15 0

Mr. Waller stated that he had been carefully through all the accounts connected with the Building Contract carried out under his supervision, and the accounts submitted furnished a complete statement of the expenditure, with the exception of the item for wiring the Town Hall (which was carried out under Mr. Hawtayne, and had not yet been settled with the contractors), and the item included for professional charges. The latter was approximately correct, but he had not yet been able to complete his account in respect of this. Resolved, That with the exception of the items for professional charges, and of the item of £1,037 for wiring the Town Hall, the above statement of accounts be accepted.

Wiring Contract—The Town Clerk read correspondence he had had with Mr. Hawtayne upon the subject of Messrs. Handley and Shanks' contract. Resolved, That Mr. Hawtayne be informed that before the Committee can further consider this matter they desire to have before them the additional particulars already asked for by the Town Clerk.

J. C. GRIFFITH, Chairman.

MINERAL WATERS, BATHS AND RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE.

At Meeting of this Committee, held on Friday, the 16th September, 1904—Present : The Mayor, Councillors Baker, King-Harman, Stewart and Stroud (Councillor Stroud in the chair).

1--Montpellier Baths—The Borough Accountant reported that the amount received during the present financial year was £345 10s. 9d., and the payments (exclusive of repayment of loans and interest) amounted to £214 0s. 8d.

2-Alstone Baths—The Borough Accountant reported that the receipts during the present financial year amounted to £201 19s. 6d., and the payments (exclusive of repayment of loans and interest) to £121 2s. 11d.

3-Mineral Water Wells—The Borough Surveyor reported that the work ordered to the Mineral Water Wells at Pittville had been completed and he would submit a detailed report at the next meeting.

HERBERT STROUD,

Chairman.

BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Friday, the 23rd September, 1904—Present The Mayor, Alderman Haddon, Councillors Baker and Gridley (Ald. Haddon in the chair).

1—Superintendent's Report—On the application of the Superintendent, Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to obtain 12 mole traps for use at the Cemetery.

2—Designs—Resolved, That the following designs be approved, viz. :—Headstone to Charlotte Ann Pilgrim. Memorial Cross to Amalie Wilhelmina Powell. Memorial Cross and Kerb to grave of Eric William Burrell.

JOHN HADDON,

Chairman.

PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 13th September, 1904—Present The Mayor, Alderman Rogers, Councillor King-Harman, The Baron de Ferrieres, Messrs. G. H. Palmer, C. Hayward, and W. Mann (Councillor King-Harman in the chair).

1—Librarian's Report—Read, the Monthly Report of the Librarian. Receipts, £4 7s. 2d. Presentations : S. R. Lysaght (1 vol.), T. C. Beckingsale (1 vol.), Trustees of the British Museum (2 vols.), Board of Trade (1 vol.), Baron de Ferrieres (2 vols.), Royal Engineers' Institute (1 vol.), Sir Brook Kay, Bart. (1 vol.), Merchant Venturers' Technical College, Bristol (1 vol.), Miss Eva Dobell, (1 vol.), J. H. Hume-Rothery (6 vols.)

2—Report of Sub-Committee—The Sub-Committee reported that they met on the 25th ultimo, (Present : Councillor King-Harman and the Rev. J. Evans), and considered the tenders received for the printing of the Lending Library Catalogue and accepted the tender of Mr. G. F. Poole for 2000 copies with paper covers at 7s 3d per page.

At a Meeting held on the 9th instant, there were present ; Councillor King-Harman and Mr. G. H. Palmer. The Sub-Committee recommended :

(1) That the list submitted of books to be purchased be approved, and

(2) That a Junior Assistant be advertised for at wages of 6s per week in place of H. Godwin resigned.

Resolved That the recommendations of the Sub-Committee be approved and adopted and that "Francis' Angling," be added to the books to be purchased at a cost of 11s

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3—Annual Conference of Library Association at Newcastle-upon-Tyne—The Librarian read a Report of the proceedings at the Annual Conference of the Library Association, at Newcastle in August, which he attended.

4—Presentation of Picture—The Baron de Ferrieres offered to present for exhibition in the News' Room, a picture showing the Savoy, London, at the beginning of the 16th, 18th, and 20th centuries. Resolved, That the same be accepted with the best thanks of the Committee for the same.

M. J. KING-HARMAN,

Chairman.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 27th, September, 1904—Present: The Mayor, Aldermen Skillicorne and Waghorne, Councillors Bence, Handley, King-Harman, and Steel (Alderman Waghorne in the chair).

1—General District Rate—Read, the monthly Report of the Borough Accountant on the Collection of the first instalment of this Rate. Amount collected £24,607 18s. 1d. Leaving outstanding £1,987 12s. 11 ½ d.

2—Water Rate—Read, the monthly Report of the Borough Accountant on the collection of this Rate. Amount received £10,562 7s. 6d. Leaving outstanding £1,018 13s. 3d.

3—Signature of Cheques—The Town Clerk submitted form of Indemnity required by Lloyds Bank consequent upon the alteration in the form of cheque approved by the Council at the last meeting so as to place the Bank in the same position with regard to the special form of cheque as they are in in respect of ordinary cheques. Resolved, That the Indemnity be approved and sealed.

4—Audit of Accounts—The resolution passed at the last meeting of the Council as follows was considered That it be " referred to the Finance Committee to take the necessary steps to provide in lieu of the present system for the " audit of the Corporation Accounts by an Auditor from a distance, who shall be a member of the Institute of "Chartered Accountants or of the Incorporated Society of Accountants and Auditors, the appointment to be subject " to the approval of the Local Government Board, and the Auditor to be subject to the duties and to have the " powers specified in the Report of the Joint Select Committee of the House of Lords and House of Commons on "Municipal Trading."

Resolved, That the matter be further considered at a special meeting.

(At this point the Chairman having to leave, Councillor Handley was appointed Chairman for the remainder of the meeting).

5—Loans—The Borough Accountant reported that instead of £200 as recommended last month, he had received £200 on loan at 3 ¼ per cent interest. Resolved, That a debenture on account of the Winter Garden £9,650 loan be sealed accordingly.

He also reported that two sums of £50 and one of £100 had been received by the Corporation in consideration of their undertaking to keep in order in perpetuity four graves at the Cemetery, and he suggested that the £200 should be taken as part of the Electric Lighting Loan of £16,600 to replace an equivalent sum recently paid off, and interest credited to the Burial Board Account at 3 ½ per cent per annum. Resolved, That the suggestion be approved and adopted.

6—Electricity Accounts—A Report from Major-General Babbage, one of the Elective Auditors, upon the completion of his Electricity Accounts for the year ending the 31st March, 1904, was laid before the Committee. Resolved, That consideration of the same be adjourned to the next meeting.

7—Deficit on Electricity Undertaking—Resolved, To instruct the Town Clerk to take the opinion of Mr. MacMorran, K.C., with reference to the application for powers to give security for the accumulated deficit on the Electricity undertaking to the 31st March, 1903.

8—Education (Provision of Working Balances') Act—Resolved, That the recommendation of the Education Committee that application be made to the Local Government Board under the provisions of the above Act for sanction to borrow a further sum of £2000 under Section 19 of the Education Act, 1902, be approved, and that application be made accordingly.

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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 £18,295 8s. 7d., ordered to be paid by the Borough Treasurer. The Treasurer's accounts at the Bank were examined, and the balances found to be correct.

The following was the General Statement :—

Overdrawn on the 30th August, 1904	£40,742 17 3
Paid since that date	<u>£10,879 0 9</u>
	£51,621 18 0
Received since ditto (including Loans £150)	<u>£ 9,012 17 3</u>
Overdrawn	£42,609 0 9
Being Bank Loan Account No. 2	£45,353 19 10
Do. No. 3	<u>£17,622 0 5</u>
	£62,976 0 3
Less in hand on General Accounts	£15,484 8 8
Do. Sinking Funds	<u>£4,882 10 10</u>
	<u>£20,366 19 6</u>
	£42,609 0 9

JOHN WAGHORNE, F. F. HANDLEY, Chairmen.

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Borough of Cheltenham.

MINUTES of the Committees of the Town Council to be submitted for approval at the Statutory Quarterly Meeting of the Council to be held on Wednesday, the 9th November, 1904.

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 10th October, 1904—Present The Mayor, Alderman Norman, Councillors Bence, M. Davis, King-Harman, Lawrence, 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, 9 cases of Scarlet Fever, 4 of Erysipelas, and 4 of Diphtheria; that 9 cases 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 9 of Scarlet Fever, and 2 of Diphtheria.

2—Cleansing and Disinfecting at 9 Hanover Parade and 4 Denmark Cottages, Millbrook Street—The Medical Officer of Health having certified that the cleansing, disinfecting, and purifying of these houses or parts thereof would tend to prevent or check infectious disease. Resolved, That the Council being of this opinion, notice be served on the owners and occupiers to cleanse and disinfect the houses or parts thereof within the time specified in such notice.

3—Cleansing and Limewashing at 48, Fairview Road, 5 Chester Walk, 29, Gloucester Place, and 6 and 10 Columbia 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.

4—Nuisances from Drains, etc., at 18 Grove Street and stables adjoining, 7 Fairview Street, 1, 2, & 3 Britannia Square, 18, 19, and 20 Granville Street, and Granville Cottage, Swindon Road. The Inspector of Nuisances having made written application under Section 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 report to the Committee.

5—Insanitary Property—viz.: No. 33, 35, and 54 Worcester Street, 22, Columbia Street, and 29, Gloucester Place. The Medical Officer of Health reported that the above-mentioned premises were in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to the health of the inmates owing to defective roofs, walls, ceilings, floors, etc. Resolved, That the Council being satisfied that the said premises are in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to health, Notices under Sec. 94 of the Public Health Act, 1875, be served upon the owners requiring them to put the same into a healthy condition, and for that purpose to carry out the works specified therein.

6—Overcrowding at Nos. 1 and 6 Little's Court, New Street—The Medical Officer of Health reported that the above premises were so overcrowded as to be dangerous or injurious to the health of the inmates. Resolved, That the Committee being satisfied of the existence of a nuisance on the said

premises, Notices under Section 94 of the Public Health Act 1875, be served on the owners and occupiers thereof requiring them to abate the same.

7—Houses without proper Ash Receptacles—The Inspector of Nuisances reported that the following houses had no proper ashpits or ash receptacles, viz :—Gloucester House, Gloucester Place ; 1, Hermitage Terrace ; Grosvenor Brewery ; Old Swan Tap ; Barley Mow, Tewkesbury Road ; 12, Columbia Street ; and Nos. 5, 6, 7, 8, and 10 Attewell's Court. 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 Inspector of Nuisances on behalf of the Corporation.

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8—Dairies, Cowsheds, and Milkshops, order--Read, an application from Mr. T. J. Smith, of Benhall Farm, to be registered as a dairyman at No. 3 Great Norwood Street. On the recommendation of the Medical Officer of Health. Resolved, That the application be acceded to subject to the removal of a manure receptacle on the premises to a position to be approved by the Medical Officer of Health. Read, an application from Mrs. Eliza Davies, of 2 Victoria Cottages, Tewkesbury Road, to be registered as a purveyor of milk. The Medical Officer of Health having reported that the premises were unsuitable. Resolved, That the applicant be not registered.

9—Destruction of Diseased Pork—The Medical Officer of Health reported that a carcase of pork (weight 64lbs) slaughtered at the abattoir, was found to be diseased, and unfit for the food of man, and was destroyed with the consent of the owner.

10—House unfit for Human Habitation—No. 1 Little's Court, New Street—The Medical Officer of Health certified under Section 32 of the Housing of the Working Classes Act, 1890, that this house was in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to health and unfit for human habitation. He also reported circumstances showing that the dwelling house mentioned was not reasonably capable of being made fit for human habitation. Resolved, That the Council being of opinion that the said house is in such a state as to be unfit for human habitation, and is not reasonably capable of being made so fit, proceedings be forthwith taken under the Housing of the Working Classes Acts, 1890-1903, for an order for the house to be closed.

11—Contravention of Bye-laws as to Pig-keeping—The Medical Officer of Health reported a case of continued contravention of the byelaws as to pig-keeping after notice upon two occasions of the provisions of the byelaws. Resolved, That the occupier of the premises be informed that unless the byelaws are forthwith complied with proceedings will be taken for the penalties, and that the Town Clerk be authorised to take such proceedings accordingly.

12—Urinals at the Fleece Hotel, Old Swan Tap, and the Brewery Vaults—The Medical Officer of Health having reported that these Urinals were in such a condition as to be nuisances owing to want of water supply for flushing and defects in structure. Resolved, That the Council being satisfied of the existence of nuisances from the state of the urinals, notices be served on the owners of the premises under Section 94 of the Public Health Act, 1875, 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.

13—Bacteriological Examinations—The Mayor reported that the arrangement made with University College, Bristol, entitling medical men in the county to obtain free of charge bacteriological examinations by Professor Stanley Kent in the case of certain notifiable diseases had now been extended to include tuberculosis.

14—Private Sewers—With reference to the resolution of this Committee of the 23rd November last directing a communication to be sent to the Local Government Board asking that provisions should be made in any Bill for the consolidation and amendment of the Public Health Acts, empowering Corporations to deal with defective private sewers as a nuisance, Resolved, That the attention of the Local Government Board be again called to the matter.

15—Stables, &c., in St. Stephen's Road—Read a memorial from Mr. Johns Sims and others objecting to the proposed erections of stables, etc., on land in St. Stephen's Road, abutting upon Oakfield Street. Resolved, That the memorialists be informed that the Corporation have no ground for disapproving the plans as now amended.

16—Extension of Sewer in Naunton Lane—Resolved, That the sewer in this road be extended at a cost of about £18 to receive the drainage of houses shortly to be erected, if Mr. Smith will contribute £10 towards the cost of the same.

17—New Buildings—The Borough Surveyor laid before the Committee the following notices and plans of intended new buildings, viz. :—

No. of Plan.	Name.	Description
198	C. M. Howard	Stables, etc., in St. Stephen's Road
199	F. J. Poulton	Two semi-detached houses, Alstone Lane
201	J. Barton	Two semi-detached houses in Hall Road
202	T. W. Smith	Two semi-detached houses in Naunton Crescent
203	T. W. Smith	Eighteen semi-detached houses, Naunton Lane
204	E. Ford	Shed at rear of 94 Naunton Crescent
205	Miss James	Additions to 12 Park Place
206	C. M. Harvard	Outhouse at Camperdown, St. Stephen's Road
207	T. G. Smith	New front to shop, Upper Bath Road
208	Captain Onslow	Porch at Camperdown, St. Stephen's Road
209	G. Ballinger	House near Great Western Road

Resolved, That as regards drainage and other sanitary matters all the plans be approved subject as regards Plan No. 204 to the building not being used for housing animals.

E. H. PARSONAGE,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 17th October, 1904—Present: The Mayor, Alderman Norman, Councillors Bence, M. Davis, King-Harman, 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, 5 cases of Scarlet Fever, 1 of Erysipelas, and 1 of Diphtheria, that 4 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 11 of Scarlet Fever and 2 of Diphtheria.

19—Cleansing and Limewashing at 49 and 34 Waterloo Street, Waterloo Cottage, Waterloo Street, 41 St. George's Street, 2 St. Paul's Street North, 2 Marsh Cottages, Marsh Lane ; and 23 and 24 Fairview Road. Tho Medical Officer of Health having certified under Sec. 46 of the Public Health Act, 1875, that the above-named dwelling houses were in such a filthy and unwholesome condition that the health of the inmates was affected or endangered thereby, Resolved, That Notice be given to the owners under the said Section requiring the houses to be cleansed and limewashed.

20—Nuisances from Drains, etc., at Cardiff House, Bath Road ; York Hotel, York Passage ; 2 and 3 Hinckley Collages, New Street ; and Malakoff Cottage, Fairview Road. The Inspector of Nuisances having made written application under Section 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 report to the Committee.

21—Insanitary Property—Nos. 43, 46, and 48 Waterloo Street, and 3 Hinckley Cottages, New Street. The Medical Officer of Health reported that the above-mentioned premises were in such a state as to be a nuisance or 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 a nuisance or 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.

22—Overcrowding at Malakoff Cottage, Fairview 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. 91 of the Public Health Act be served on the owners and occupiers thereof requiring them to abate the same.

23—Houses without proper Ash Receptacles—The Inspector of Nuisances reported that the following houses had no proper ashpits or ash receptacles, viz .---Plough Hotel Vaults, 5 Grange Crescent, Delhi Cottage, Waterloo Street ; Delhiville, Waterloo Street ; Wiltshire Brewery, Hewlett Place, 46 Waterloo Street, Cardiff House, Bath Road ; and 13 Princes Terrace. 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 Inspector of Nuisances on behalf of the Corporation.

24—House Unfit for Human Habitation—Malakoff Cottage, Fairview Road.—The Medical Officer of Health certified under Section 32 of the Housing of the Working Classes Act, 1890, that this house was in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to health and unfit for human habitation. He also reported circumstances showing that the occupation of the dwelling house mentioned should be immediately discontinued. Resolved, That the Council being of opinion that the said house, is in such a state as to be unfit for human habitation, and that occupation thereof should be immediately discontinued, proceedings be forthwith taken under the Housing of the Working Classes Act, 1890-1903, for an order for the house to be closed.

25—Dairies, Cowsheds, and Milkshops' Order.—Read, an application from Mr. H. Mitchell, of 1 Northwick Place, Bath. Road, to be registered as a Purveyor of Milk. The Medical Officer of Health having reported that the premises, a small general shop, were unsuitable. Resolved, That the application be not acceded to.

26—Seizure and Destruction of Unsound Meat.—The Medical Officer of Health reported a parcel of pig's heads at the Midland Goods Station, refused by the consignee, were found to be unsound, and in a state of decomposition, and were destroyed on the 14th inst. Weight, 282lbs.

27—Public House Urinals at Exmouth Stores, Rotunda Terrace, Norwood Arms, Leckhampton Road, and Plough Hotel Vaults, Plough Yard.—The Medical Officer of Health reported that these urinals were in such a condition as to be nuisances owing to want of water supply for flushing, and defects in structure. Resolved, That the Council being satisfied of the existence of nuisances from the state of the urinals, notices be served on the owners of the premises under Section 94 of the Public Health Act, 1875, 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.

28—Extension of Sewer in Naunton Lane.--Road, a letter from Mr. J. G. Crisp, stating that Mr. T. W. Smith was willing to pay £10 toward the cost of extending the sewer to take the drainage of 18 houses to be erected by him in Naunton Lane. Resolved, That this offer be accepted, and that the Borough Surveyor be instructed to proceed with the work.

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29—New Buildings—The Borough Surveyor laid before the buildings, viz :—

No. of Plan	Name	Description
210	G. H. Roberts	Four semi-detached houses in Hewlett Road.
211	A. H. Isher	Additions to rear of 19 Bennington Street.
213	F. Jenkins	Two semi-detached houses, Fairfield Park Road.
215	C. Smith	New stables at St. Philip's Mews, Grafton Road.

Resolved, That plan No. 210 be approved, subject to Borough Surveyor, that Plan Nos. 211 and 215 be and other sanitary matters are concerned.

Committee the following notices and plans of intended new

the gradient of the drain being made to the satisfaction of the disapproved, and Plan No. 213 be approved, so far as drainage

E. H. PARSONAGE,

Chairman

FARMS MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, the 14th October, 1904—Present The Mayor, Councillors Bence, M. Davis, King-Harman, and Steel (Councillor Davis in the chair).

1—Farms Manager's Report—Read the Monthly Report of the Farms' Manager. Since the last monthly meeting 33 head of cattle had been purchased for £300 17s. 6d., three two-year-old colts for £79, and two cart foals for £32 0s. 6d. (Total, £411 18s.) 17 head of cattle had been sold for £271 19s., and 18 sheep for £42 11s. 6d. (Total, £314 10s. 6d.) The number of livestock on the farms on the 14th inst. was 16 horses and colts, 157 head of cattle, 41 sheep, and 20 pigs, the whole with one exception being fairly well. He recommended that 6 heifers and 1 young shorthorn bull be purchased. Resolved, That the recommendation be recommended be approved and adopted.

2—Visit to Farms—The Chairman reported that a meeting of the Committee was held on the 4th inst., when there were present : Alderman Skillicorne, Councillors King-Harman, Steel, and himself. The Committee visited the farms and inspected the stock, and also land comprising about 120 acres at Elmstone Hardwicke, the occupiers of which were desirous of having the sewage applied to it. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to report as to the cost of the work necessary to deliver the sewage on the land suggested, and that in the meantime consideration of the matter be adjourned.

M. DAVIS,

Chairman.

STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, 3rd October, 1904—Present, The Mayor, Aldermen Haddon and Skillicorne, Councillors Bendall, Ley Wood, Gridley, Parsonage (Councillor Bendall in the chair).

1—Light Railway Extensions—The Committee considered and settled several details arising in connection with the carrying out of the Light Railway Extensions. Resolved, That the Chairman, Councillors Baker and Parsonage be appointed a Sub-Committee to assist the Borough Surveyor in connection with any points arising during the carrying out of the Extensions and the High Street wood paving.

JOHN D. BENDALL,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this commute, held on Tuesday, the 11th October, 1904—Present The Mayor, Alderman Haddon, Councillors Baker, Bendall, Gridley, Ley Wood, Packer and Parsonage (Councillor Bendall in the Chair).

2—Light Railway Extensions—Resolved, That without prejudice to the rights of the Council under the Agreements entered into by the Light Railway Company and under the provisions of the Light Railway Orders, the Council agree to bear the cost of raising or lowering the levels of the roads along which the extensions of the Light Railway are being laid where the level of the Railway track is required by the Council to be raised or lowered for the purpose of improving the gradient of the road, but that the Light Railway Company be required to bear the cost of raising or lowering the level of the road to coincide with the level of the Railway track fixed by the Borough Surveyor, where such alteration of level is in the opinion of the Borough Surveyor necessary in order to make a satisfactory Railway track.

3—Coalplate at Westcomb House, Hewlett Street—Read, an application received from Messrs. S. W. & W. J. Moore, for permission to fix a coalplate in the footpath opposite Westcomb House, Hewlett Street. Resolved, that the application be not acceded to.

4—Building Inspector's Report—Read, the Monthly Report of the Building Inspector, 113 new buildings now in course of erection, and 24 completed since the last Report. The Building Inspector also reported that the Manure Pit at Inglewood, Langdon Road, had not been covered in, in accordance with the condition upon which the plan was approved.

5—Street Projections—Read, a letter from Messrs. Steel Bros. applying for permission to fix two wrought iron brackets for electric lighting from the fascia of No. 75, High Street. Resolved, That the application be acceded to on the usual conditions.

6—Granley Road Private Improvement Works—This matter (referred back to the Committee by the Council) was further considered.

Read, a memorial from Mr. W. H. Smith and other owners of property abutting upon Granley Road, stating that they were willing that the Corporation should kerb the footpaths, make a proper foundation to the road, coat with local stone and roll with the steam roller. They saw no necessity for channelling and submitted that well rolled gravel footpaths would be sufficient. If the Council agreed to the above works the owners were willing to carry them out, and it would be understood that the road would not be taken over as a highway. Resolved, That the further consideration of the matter be adjourned for the views of the owners who have not signed the memorial to be ascertained.

7—Ditch in Leckhampton Road—Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to pipe the ditch on the East side of Leckhampton Road.

8—New Buildings—The Borough Surveyor laid before the Committee the following notices and plans of intended new buildings, viz :—

No. of Plan.	Name.	Description.
199	F. J. Poulton	Two semi-detached houses in Alstone Lane
200	J. E. Bendall	Four semi-detached houses in Old Bath Road
201	J. Barton	Two semi-detached houses in Hall Road
202	T. W. Smith	Two semi-detached houses in Naunton Crescent
203	T. W. Smith	Eighteen semi-detached houses in Naunton Lane
204	E. Ford	Proposed shed at rear of 94 Naunton Crescent
205	Miss James	Additions to 12 Park Place.
206	C. Howard	Proposed out-house at Camperdown, St. Stephen's Road
207	T. G. Smith	Proposed new front to shop in Upper Bath Road
208	Capt. Onslow	Proposed porch to Camperdown, St. Stephen's Road

Resolved, That plans Nos. 203 and 208 be disapproved, that plan No. 199 be approved subject to the road being set out to 36 ft. prior to commencement of building, that plan No. 300 be approved subject to front fence being set back in line with adjoining fence, that plan No. 207 be approved subject to the portion coloured green being shown on the plan as part of the public footpath, and that the remainder of the plans be approved as shown, so far as matters within the purview of this Committee are concerned.

JOHN D. BENDALL,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 24th October, 1904—Present: Alderman Haddon, Councillors Bendall, Gridley, Ley Wood and Packer (Councillor Bendall in the chair).

9—Borough Surveyor's Monthly Report re Highways—The Borough Surveyor reported that the work done by the Highways Department, from the 23rd September to the 20th October (both dates inclusive) had been as follows:—

Roads Repaired—Leamington Place (1141 super yards), College Road (3731 super yards), Park Place (1600 super yards), Suffolk Road (720 super yards).

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Patching—Granville Street, Swindon Road, Montpellier Terrace, Naunton Park Terrace, Francis Street, Naunton Crescent, St. Paul's Road, and Lane at rear of Montpellier Terrace.

Crossings relaid-10. New Crossings laid-6. Manholes raised to surface-3. Manholes pared round-5.

Hydrant boxes paved round--11. Crossings renewed-6. New Gullies fixed-10. Gullies renewed-9.

Private Improvement Works—College Road (completed). New Kerb fixed—High Street (proceeding).

Asphalt Footpath repaired—Stanhope Street. Trees pruned—Promenade, Cleeve Path Drive and Oriel Road.

Dead Trees taken clown-1 in Parabola Road, 1 in Montpellier Grove. 1 in St. George's Road, 2 broken young trees in Imperial Square, 1 In St. Luke's Road, 5 in Malvern Road and 2 in Leckhampton Road.

Ashes Collection and Disposal :—During four weeks ended 13th October, 1904-957 loads collected, 90 tipped away, and 867 consumed ; weight 823 tons, 10 cwts., 2 qrs.

Slab Factory—During four weeks ended 20th October, 1904, 935 ½ square yards of slabs made.

10—St. Paul's Street North—Footpath on West Side—Read, a memorial from Mr. Joseph Tinkler and others calling attention to the bad state of repair of the footpath on the West side of St. Paul's Street North and asking that it should receive attention. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to report as to the cost of the necessary repairs.

11—Light Railway Extensions—The Borough Surveyor reported that in contravention of the Light Railway Order surplus material excavated from the Light Railway track had been taken away and delivered to private individuals, no notice being given to the Corporation as required by the Order before so disposing of the material. He submitted correspondence he had had upon the matter with various contractors and other persons. Resolved. That the matter be left in the hands of the Town Clerk to deal with, and that he be empowered to take proceedings, if necessary.

The Borough Surveyor reported as to the progress made with the extensions and wood paving. A representative of the Acme Flooring and Paving Company attended this meeting and applied for permission to open out the High Street from Pittville Street to Cambray, the Company undertaking to complete the work in this part within 14 days. Resolved, That permission be given.

Mr. S. H. Fox, representing Messrs. Lance & Co., attended this meeting, and complained that between the curb and the tramway track opposite their premises sufficient space would not be left to allow carriages to stand when a car was passing along the line nearest the footpath. The Committee pointed out that it is now too late to reconsider the matter, as the work is in hand and that although the plans were approved in January last, no communication on the subject was received from them, Messrs. Lance & Co., until recently.

12—No. 15 Ambrose Street--The Borough Surveyor reported that the present tenant of No. 15 Ambrose Street had sublet the premises to the 25th December next, when his tenancy expires, to Mr. E. Ursell, who wished to continue as tenant of the Corporation at a rent of £25 per annum, exclusive of rates. He recommended that he should be accepted as the result of enquiries was satisfactory. Resolved, That Mr. Ursell be accepted as tenant, from the 25th December next, the tenancy to be determinable by 3 months notice on either side.

13—Street Projections—The Street Inspector reported that projecting advertisement signs had been put up without permission by Messrs. Pickford & Co., Ambrose Street, Mr. A. H. Channon, Clarence Street, and Sir. Arthur Workman, Clarence Street.

Applications were received from Mr. Channon and Mr. Workman for permission for their signs to be allowed to remain. Resolved, That Mr. Channon's application (relating to a swing sign) be not granted, and that Mr. Workman be asked to submit a sketch of his sign.

Resolved also, That the Town Clerk be instructed to write to Messrs. Pickford requiring them to remove the sign fixed by them forthwith.

14—Porch at Camperdown, St. Stephens Road.—The Borough Surveyor reported that notwithstanding that the plan submitted for a covered porch at Camperdown, St. Stephen's Road, had not been approved by the Council, the building of it was nearly completed. Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to give the necessary notice to the owner requiring him to show cause why the erection should not be removed.

15—Telephone Poles at rear of Lypiatt Terrace and in Gloucester Road.—Read, a letter from the National Telephone Company applying for permission to erect a telephone pole at the back of Lypiatt Terrace, and 2 poles in the Gloucester Road, near Lansdown Castle. Resolved, That the application be referred to the Borough Surveyor to deal with.

16—New Buildings—The Borough Surveyor laid before the Committee the following notices and plans of intended new buildings, viz:—

No. of Plan	Name	Description
198	C. M. Howard	Stables and living room to house in St. Stephen's Road
210	G. H. Roberts	Four semi-detached villas in Hewlett Road
211	A. H. Isher	Additions to rear of 19 Bennington Street
212	Mrs. Pike	New shop front to Lansdown Castle
213	F. Jenkins	Two semi-detached houses in Fairfield Park Road
214	D. J. Turner	New shop front to 5 Upper Bath Road
215	C. Smith	Proposed new stables at St. Phillip's Mews, Grafton Road

Resolved, That all the plans be approved as shown, so far as matters within the purview of this Committee are concerned

JOHN D. BENDALL, Chairman.

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At a Meeting of this Committee, held opt Thursday, 3rd November, 1904—Present: The Mayor, the Deputy Mayor, Aldermen Haddon and Skillicorne, and Councillors Baker, Bendall, Gridley, and Packer (Councillor Bendall in the chair).

17—Wood Paving—Resolved, That the Wood Paving in High Street be laid up to the point of intersection with the Western side of Berkeley Street.

Resolved also that, in the opinion of the Committee, the Bell Vue Cab Stand for two carriages should be removed.

18—Light Railway—Resolved, That the Contractors be authorised to proceed with laying the Rails and Wood Pavement in the portion of High Street between Cambray and Grosvenor Street, the Contractors undertaking to complete this in 14 days.

Resolved, That notices be issued to owners of traction engines and other heavy vehicles warning them against taking heavy traffic over the new pavement until the concrete has thoroughly set.

J. D. BENDALL, Chairman.

TOWN IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 17th October, 1904—Present : The Mayor, Aldermen Norman and Winterbotham, Councillors Baker, Bence, Handley, Packer and Rickerby (Councillor Rickerby in the Chair).

1—Town Hall Musical Afternoons—The Sub-Committee appointed to consider and report upon the desirability of inaugurating a series of Musical Afternoons at the Town Hall or Winter Gardens, reported that with a view to ascertain what support could be relied upon, and they had issued a circular setting forth their proposals, which had met with a favourable response, and they recommended that a series of Afternoon Concerts should be given upon the terms mentioned in the circular.

Read, a letter from the Cheltenham Chamber of Commerce, enclosing a copy of the following resolution passed by their Council :—

" That the scheme proposed by the Town Council for a series of Afternoon Concerts in the Town Hall be " approved, but that it be suggested to the Corporation that the price of single admission should be reduced " to 3d. per head, and that the Concerts should be held every week-day including Saturdays."

Mr. Lewis Hann kindly attended this meeting, and discussed the details of the arrangements proposed.

Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to obtain information as to the cost of providing a good band of 14 performers, and that in the meantime further consideration of the matter be adjourned.

2—Montpellier Gardens for Athletic Sports—Read, a letter from the Hon. Sec. of the Cheltenham Athletic Society applying for the use of the Montpellier Gardens on Easter Monday next, on the same terms as this year. Resolved, that the application be acceded to.

3—Advertising—Read, letters from Messrs. Hill., L. J. Jarvis, and the Health Resorts Development Association, with reference to advertising Cheltenham. Resolved, that the suggestions be not entertained.

4—Presentation of Swan to Pittville—The Borough Surveyor having reported that Sir Charles Parry had offered to present a Swan for Pittville Park, Resolved, that the same be accepted with the best thanks of the Council.

T. E. RICKERBY,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 18th October, 1904—Present The Mayor, Alderman Norma, Councillors Handley, Packer and Rickerby (Councillor Rickerby in the Chair).

5--Town Hall Musical Afternoons—Read, a letter signed by Mr. C. Lee Williams, Mr. Bellairs, Mr. Lewis Hann and Mr. F. W. Rouse, stating that is view of the proposals made by the Sub-Committee,

an open meeting had been held of representatives of the musical profession in Cheltenham, and they suggested that a young and energetic

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orchestral player should be invited to offer a tender for the supply of the intended band, and recommended Mr. Horace Teague, as being eminently adapted in their opinion to undertake the work. Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to write Mr. Horace Teague, on the subject, and to invite local firms to tender for the sole right to supply refreshments during the Concerts and to obtain terms for the use of a piano, and that in the meantime further consideration of the matter be adjourned.

T. E. RICKERBY,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Wednesday, the 26th October, 1904—Present: Alderman Winterbotham, Councillors Handley and Packer (Councillor Handley in the Chair).

6—Town Hall Musical Afternoons—Mr. Horace Teague attended this meeting and discussed with the Committee the proposal he had made as to a Band. Resolved, That the further consideration of the matter be adjourned.

F. F. HANDLEY,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Friday, the 28th October, 1904—Present: The Mayor, Alderman Norman, Councillors Bence and Handley (The Mayor in the Chair).

7—Town Hall Musical Afternoons—This matter was further considered and again adjourned to a meeting to be held on Monday next.

J. C. GRIFFITH,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 31st October, 1904—Present: The Mayor, Alderman Norman, Councillors Bence, Handley and Rickerby (Councillor Rickerby in the Chair),

8—Town Hall Musical Afternoons—This matter was further considered. The Town Clerk reported that the subscriptions promised amounted to about £150.

Resolved to recommend to the Council—

(1) That a series of Promenade Concerts be held in the Town Hall from the 21st November, 1904, to the 31st March, 1905, every week-day except Saturday, from 3 to 5 p.m. If the Town Hall is engaged for other purposes, the Concerts to be held in the Winter Gardens, the Corporation reserving the right to alter the hours mentioned, and to cancel the Concert on any occasion when neither the Town Hall nor the Winter Gardens is available, or for other sufficient reason.

(2) That the terms of subscription and admission be as follows :—

Family Subscription for the series (individual Tickets to be issued to each Member of the Family)	£1 1 0
Single Tickets for the series ...	£0 5 0
Single Admission	£0 0 6

(3) That Mr. Horace Teague be engaged to provide a Band of efficient musicians, to include the following instruments :—

1 Piano. 4 Violins. 1 Flute. 1 Clarionette. 1 Trombone. 1 Viola. 1 Violincello 1 Double Bass. 2 Cornets. 1 Drum, &c.

The engagement to be from the 21st November, 1904. to the 31st March, 1907, at a salary, to include Mr. Teague's services as Conductor, of £20 per week.

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(4) That the offer by Mr. H. G. Norman of the sum of £15 for the sole right to supply the Programmes at the Concerts be accepted.

(5) That the offer by Mr. J. Corbett of £5 for the sole right to supply Refreshments at the Concerts be accepted.

(6) That Mr. A. E. Woodward's offer to provide a Grand Piano for £1 11s. 6d., including tuning, for use at the Concerts, be accepted.

T. E. RICKERBY,

Chairman.

LIGHTING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Wednesday, the 19th October, 1904—Present: Alderman Norman, Councillors Gridley, Handley, Ley Wood, Steel 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 29th ulto., 210 volts, and on the 12th inst., 212 volts.

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

ILLUMINATING POWER.				PURITY.	
1904			1904		Grains of Sulphur per 100 cubic ft. 9.44
Sept. 29th	16.74	candles	Oct.	5-6	
Oct. 5th	16.07	"			
. 12th	16.48	"			
Average	16.43	"			

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 4.046 cubic feet ; Guildhall lamps with No. 4 Incandescent burners 4.514 cubic feet, and Ordinary lamps with No. 3 Incandescent burners 3.690 cubic feet.

4—Lamp Book—Produced and examined. Ordinary Lamps extinguished : 1 metered, 10 un-metered, ; burning dimly : 2 un-metered ; Incandescents extinguished : 19 un-metered, 1 metered.

5—Sale of Gas Stock—Read, a letter from the Clerks to the Gas Company, enclosing formal notice of the public sale of Gas Stock on the 17th November, 1904.

6—Public Lighting—Read a letter from Mr. J. Sawyer, asking that a lamp should be fixed near the School of Cookery, Tivoli, as soon as possible, as one was very much needed there. Resolved, That it be left to Councillors Ley Wood and Steel to visit the locality and, if they think fit, to order the placing of a lamp as requested.

With reference to complaints received from Mr. F. W. Strange, Col. Noyes and others as to the insufficiency of the public lighting in Sandford Mill Road, St. Stephen's Road and Montpellier Walk (near the Montpellier Exchange). Resolved, That consideration be adjourned for the Committee to view.

7—Service Cable to Hazlewood, The Park—Read, a letter from Sir. V. A. Smith, stating that he understood that the part cost of the service cable to his house to be paid by him would be about £9, whereas he had received an account for £10 17s. Under the circumstances, he asked that the Council should accept £10. Resolved, That this be accepted.

8—Electrical Engineer's Report—Read, the Monthly Report of the Borough Electrical Engineer. On the 17th instant, 786 customers with the equivalent of about 51,220 eight candle power lamps were connected to the private supply mains.

9—Condensing Plant Motors—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported-that some of the condensing plant motors were showing low insulation and he was having them overhauled by the Manufacturers. The cost would probably not exceed £25. Resolved, That the action of the Borough Electrical Engineer be approved.

10—Wiring at Works—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that some small extensions to the Wiring at the Works were necessary at an estimated cost of about £10. Resolved, That the work be carried out and be paid for out of revenue.

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11—Extension of Main—An application was received from Mr. Chambers, of Upper Bath Road for electric supply. The cost of the necessary extension would be about £6 10s., and of the service about £2 10s. The Borough Electrical Engineer recommended that the applicant be required to pay £4 and to guarantee a return of 20 per cent. for 3 years upon £5. Resolved, That the recommendation be approved and supply given on the terms mentioned.

12—Supply to Arle Court—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that Mr. Unwin was arranging to install a small motor and had asked whether he might place two or three lamps on the motor circuit, the energy to In charged for at the Power rate. On the recommendation of the Borough Electrical Engineer, Resolved, That the request be acceded to.

13—Light Railway Extensions—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported several small alterations and additions to the cables that had been rendered necessary by the Light Railway Extensions.

He also recommended that in view of the wood paving in Clarence Street, one additional service main should be laid along the East side of Clarence Street at a cost of about £3 10s. Resolved, That the recommendations be approved and adopted.

14—Cambray Sub-Station--The Borough Electrical Engineer submitted a plan showing the proposed tramway track at the junction of High Street with Cambray Place in relation to the Sub-Station there. He recommended that the plan be approved subject to a second (inverted) rail or iron girder being provided under the outside rail of the tramway and to the Company entering into a formal agreement providing that the Corporation shall not be liable for any damage or loss sustained through interruptions of the traffic on the Railway occasioned by work being done at the Sub-Station and agreeing to suspend the traffic on the tramway at this point when necessary for the use of shear-legs, &c., over the Sub-Station.

15—Coal Contract—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that Messrs. Critchlow and Sheppard could arrange that in-stead of their keeping 200 tons of coal at their Depot here, where the coal, not being under cover, deteriorated, the colliery proprietors at Lydbrook should keep on trucks a stock of from 200 to 300 tons of coal, which could be sent forward at any time. He recommended that this course be agreed to. Resolved, that this resolution be approved and adopted.

GEO. NORMAN,

Chairman.

WATER COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Thursday, the 20th October, 1904—Present: The Mayor, Alderman Norman, Councillors Baker, Bendall, Davis, and King-Harman (Councillor Baker in the chair).

1—Borough Engineer's Report—The monthly report of the Borough Engineer was read :

DAILY YIELD OF SPRINGS.

	For 29 days, ended 18th. Oct 1904.	Average for corresponding period during last 3 years.
Hewletts Springs	93,600 gallons	163,267 gallons
Dowdeswell Springs	183,168 “	476,674 “

CONTENTS OF RESERVOIRS.

	October 18th, 1904.			October 18th, 1903.	
	Depth.	Contents		Depth.	Contents
Hewletts	-	16,415,480 gallons		- -	29,345,163 galls
Leckhampton	8 ft. 4 in.	1,125,640 „		10ft. 0 in.	350,770 “
Dowdeswell	20ft. 5 in.	46,357,831 “		32 ft. 0 in.	100,023,701 “
		Total Storage 63,898,951 “			130,719,634 “

The new 8 inch main in Gloucester Road had been laid from the Tewkesbury Road to a point the Chelt. The old 2 inch and 3 inch mains had been taken out, and the house services connected to the new main.

Forty-ono yards of 4 inch main had been laid on the Fairfield Estate, and various improvements had been made in High Street in view of the new paving.

The new 12 inch main from Tewkesbury was now practically complete, and water was being passed through it.

Resolved, That the Chairman and Councillor Baker be appointed a sub-committee to inspect and report as to the condition of the Springs supplying the reservoirs.

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2—Water Supply to Hewletts Farm.—The Borough Surveyor reported that he had received a complaint from Mr. A. W. Agg of the shortness of water supply to Hewlett's Farm. Resolved, That the matter be adjourned for the Town Clerk to refer to the Agreement with the late W. J. Agg, Esq.

3—Report of Fire Brigade Captain.—The Fire Brigade Captain reported that the Brigade had not been called out to any fire during the month.

4—Fire Brigade Sub-Committee's Report.--The Fire Brigade Sub-Committee reported that a meeting was held on the 10th inst. Present : The Mayor, Alderman Norman, Councillors King-Harman and Waghorne (the Mayor in the chair).

Mr. Boyce Podmore and Capt. Such attended, and suggestions made by the former with a view to increasing the efficiency of the Brigade were considered. Mr. Podmore offered to place his services at the disposal of the Council.

Resolved, To recommend :—

(1) That Mr. Boyce Podmore be appointed Volunteer Major of the Cheltenham Fire Brigade.

(2) That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to obtain the necessary harness for 2 horses for horsing the steam fire engine, and to prepare plan and estimate for the proper housing of the engine.

(3) That 2 suitable horses be purchased for the Fire Brigade at a cost of about .60, the same to be kept at night at the Depot, and used by the Highways Department during the day, within a radius of about one mile of the Fire Station, no charge to be made for the keep or hire of such horses.

A meeting was also held at the Fire Station on the 10th inst. Present : Alderman Norman, Councillors Baker and King-Harman (Councillor Baker in the chair).

The Fire Brigade Captain reported that the following new fittings and appliances were required in connection with the new engine:—

One carriage jack (able to lift 1 ton). One drag shoe. One drag rope, 60 ft. by 3 inches in girth, spoke brushes, and chamois leathers. Four suits of overalls, at about 10s, per suit. Traces, etc., for manual engine. Uniform for driver of engine. Ten pairs of couplings, with ferrules 2 ½ inch (16s. per pair). Ten straps, with Marshall Saye's patent buckle. Cover, cushion, and strap for engine (40s.). Mounting ropes (18s.).

Resolved, That the question of uniform for the driver be adjourned, and that the other fittings, etc., be ordered by the Borough Surveyor, the chain traces offered by Mr. Smith for £2 10s. to be purchased for use with the manual engine.

The Captain also reported that he had ordered 1 ton of coal for the engine. Resolved, That his action be approved, and that the Borough Surveyor be authorised to order from time to time the coal required.

Resolved, To accept with the thanks of the Council two sway bars, presented by Mr. Podmore to the Brigade for use with the engine.

Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to provide for the temporary housing of the engine until permanent accommodation is provided

Resolved, That the recommendation of the sub-committee be approved and adopted.

5—Water Supply in Ashchurch Parish—Read, a letter from the Clerk to the Tewkesbury Rural District Council, asking on what terms they could be supplied with water for lifting purposes in connection with a proposed scheme for the sewerage of the Parish of Ashchurch. The quantity required would probably be at least 2,500 gallons per day, and this in a wet time would be considerably increased. Resolved, That the supply be offered at 1s. per 1,000 gallons plus meter rent.

6—Unpaid Accounts.—The Town Clerk submitted a list of unpaid accounts for water supply. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to discontinue supply if the amounts due are not paid forthwith.

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

WILLIAM A. BAKER, Chairman.

GENERAL PURPOSES & WATCH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 18th October, 1904—Present: The Mayor, Alderman Norman, Councillors Bendall, Davis, King-Harman, and Parsonage (the Mayor in the chair),

1—Report of the Art Gallery Sub-Committee. —The Art Gallery Sub-Committee reported that they met on the 23rd September last. Present The Mayor, Aldermen Haddon and Winterbotham,

Councillor King-Harman, the Baron de Ferrieres, and Dr. E. T. Wilson. (Alderman 1 Winterbotham in the chair).

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Report of the Curator—The Curator reported that there had been 5,389 visits made to the Art Gallery since May 17th last.

The 30 photographs of paintings of Italian Masters in the National Gallery, which have been on loan from the Victoria and Albert Museum since June, were returned on the 8th inst.

The new Show-Case for the exhibition of the reproductions of Pompeian and Herculanean Bronzes had been placed in the large Gallery. All the objects had been temporarily placed in the case and when the interior fittings were ready the bronzes will be arranged and descriptive labels provided.

The Motor for the Electric Fan was found to be in an unsatisfactory state, and, after consultation with the Borough Electrical Engineer, he had instructed Messrs. R. E. A. C. Marshall, Ltd., to examine the Motor and put it in good working order.

The Misses Wood, of Hiltwood House, Montpellier Terrace, had kindly lent to the Gallery an oil painting, a seascape, by J. W. Carmichael.

Miss Acton, 44, Lansdown Crescent, had offered to present to the Museum a collection of shells and some minerals, as a memorial of her late sister, Miss Anne Moore Acton, if the Committee would undertake to have them properly exhibited.

Application, had been made to the South Kensington Museum for another series of photographs representing the works of Masters of the Flemish and Umbrian Schools.

Resolved, That the Curator's action with regard to the Motor Fan be approved and adopted, that the thanks of the Council be rendered to the Misses Wood for their kind loan, that the offer made by Miss Acton be accepted with thanks, but that the Council regret that at present they have no coins to exhibit them.

2—Purchase of Objects—Read, a letter from the Board of Education asking whether the Council wished to make application for any portion of the Aid Grant at the disposal of the Department for the purchase of objects of art for exhibition in art galleries and museums. Resolved, That the Curator be instructed to report as to what objects should be purchased with a view to an application for a grant towards the cost, and that he be authorised to visit the South Kensington Museum to arrange an exchange of objects to be exhibited in the South Kensington show cases.

3—Loan of Pictures—Read, a letter from Messrs. Young, and Gilling stating that a client of theirs would be willing to lend to the Gallery a number of pictures. Resolved, the offer be referred to the Curator -to report upon. Resolved, That the recommendations of the Sub-Committee be approved and adopted.

4—Duties of Standing Committees of the Council—The Town Clerk suggested that the duties of the Standing Committees of the Council should be defined. at the time of their annual re-constitution.

Resolved, That the recommendation be adopted and that the following statement of the present duties of the Committees be approved.

Public Health Committee—To regulate and manage all matters relating to the public health or concerning the duties of the Medical Officer of Health and Inspector of Nuisances and to carry into effect the powers of the Council under the following Acts and Orders :—The Cheltenham Improvement Acts and Provisional Orders (Sanitary Provisions). Factory and Workshops Acts. Infectious Diseases (Notification) Act, 1899. Infectious Diseases (Prevention) Act, 1890. The Housing of the Working Classes Acts, 1890 to 1903. The Dairies, Cowsheds and Milkshops Orders.

The powers of the Council under the following sections of the Public Health Act, 1875, are delegated by the Council to the Committee :—sections 23, 24, 25, 35, 36, 37, 38, 40, 41, 46, 47, 49 and 50, sections relating to nuisances and unsound meat, sections 62 and 70, sections 120, 121, 123, 124, 126, 127, 128 and 129).

To examine and report upon all plans for new streets and buildings including the enforcement of the byelaws made by the Council with regard thereto so far only as drainage and other sanitary matters are concerned.

To deal with the repair and reconstruction of all sewers in the Borough and with the outfall sewers and sewage tanks and as to the method of treatment of the sewage before it is applied to the land.

Farms Management Committee—To have the management and control of the Sewage Farms of the Corporation, the application of the sewage to land of the Corporation and of any other person, and the purchase and sale of Stock, farming implements, &c.

Street and Highway Committee—To regulate and manage all matters relating to the repair of the streets, including public and private streets, and main and contribution roads, to examine and report upon all plans for new streets and buildings including the enforcement of the byelaws made by the Council with regard thereto (with the exception of drainage and other sanitary matters), and to consider all proposed public street improvements. To consider and report upon any matters arising in connection with the Cheltenham and District Light Railway within the Borough or in connection with the byelaws made by the Council with reference thereto.

To have the management of the Central Depot and the horses, materials and carts, &c., there, any matters in connection with the Borough Surveyor's Department and of any properties acquired by the Corporations in respect of street improvements. To deal with matters in connection with Street Projections. To enforce the provisions of the following Acts as far as regards new streets and buildings :—The Public Health (Buildings and Streets) 1888. The Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1852 and 1889, and the Cheltenham Order of 1896. (With the exception of drainage and other sanitary matters).

Town Improvement Committee--To have the control and management of the Montpellier Gardens, Pittville Park, the Promenade long garden, and Winter Garden, and of any building in connection with such properties, and to enforce the provisions of the byelaws made by the Council with reference to them. To manage and control any entertainments decided upon by the Council and to consider and report upon all matters in connection with the advertising of the Town and the provision of a Bland.

Lighting Committee—To regulate and manage all matters relating to the Electricity Undertaking of the Corporation the public lighting whether by electricity or gas, Cheltenham Electric Lighting and to carry out the provisions of the Electric Lighting Acts and the Cheltenham Electric Lighting Orders, 1890, 1899 and 1900 and the regulations of the Board of Trade made thereunder.

Water Committee—To regulate and manage all matters relating to the Water Undertaking of the Corporation and to manage all properties acquired by the Corporation in connection with their Water Undertaking. To carry into effect the provisions of the Cheltenham Corporation Waters Acts, 1878 and 1881 and the Provisional Orders amending the same. To regulate and manage all matters in connection with the Fire Brigade and the Fire Extinguishing Appliances.

General Purposes Committee—To regulate and manage the Town Hall and any properties of the Corporation and any other matters not specially referred to any other Committee, To discharge the duties of the Watch Committee under the Municipal Corporations Act, 1882, and to consider and report upon all matters arising in connection with the Petroleum Acts and with reference to matters of the Police. To regulate and manage all matters relating to the licensing of Hackney Carriages, Drivers and Conductors and Markets and Fairs, To be an executive Committee of the Council under the Diseases of Animals Acts with all the powers and authority conferred upon the Council (except the power to make a rate), and to carry into effect the Orders of the Board of Agriculture with relation thereto. To regulate and manage the allotments owned and rented by the Corporation under the Allotments Acts. To consider and report to the Council upon the re-numbering of houses in streets in the Borough.

Mineral Waters, Baths and Recreation Grounds Committee—.To regulate and manage the Alstone and Montpellier Baths and any matters in connection with the supply of the Mineral Waters, the property of the Corporation, and the Public Walks and Pleasure Grounds and the buildings thereon.

Burial Board Committee—To regulate and manage the Cheltenham Cemetery and all matters relating thereto.

Public Library Committee—To be empowered to act as the Library Authority for the Borough and to have delegated to it all the powers and duties of the Council as the Library Authority for the Borough, and to execute the provisions of the Public Libraries' Acts (except with regard to the Library building as to which they shall report from time to time for the approval of the Council).

Finance Committee—To regulate and manage all matters of Finance, including the preparation of Estimates for Rates, collection of Rates, and raising of loans. To consider and report upon all matters arising upon the report of any Auditor of the Corporation Accounts.

5—Petroleum Licenses—The following applications were received for renewal of Licenses to keep Petroleum

Name.	Premises.	Quantity.		
H. G. Norton & Co.	416, High Street	Stored 200 gallons (increased from 100)		
Meats & Co.	Montpellier Engineering Works ...	"	100	(increased from 60)
A. Lusty	196, High Street	"	40	
A. Lusty	7, 8 & 9, Larput Place	"	50	
M. Bellamy	251, High Street	"	40	
T. W. Harvey	180 & 181, High Street	"	100	
G. Tillott	1, Queen Street	"	80	
Executors of late John Fisher	34, Winchcomb Street	"	100	
D. Davies	149, High Street	"	50	
Sanders, Morgan & Co.	22, Clarence Street	"	80	
E. S. Holloway	3, St. Mark's Emporium	"	100	(increased from 60)
Miss L. Baughan E A. Stretton	2, Exchange Buildings, Bath Road Million Cycle Works, Bath Road ...	"	50 200	(increased from 100)

On the recommendation of the Borough Surveyor, Resolved, That the applications be granted, and that the Licenses be for 1 year from the 5th instant.

An application was also received from Amelia and Paul Kaminski (Jacobs, Smith & Co.), of 104a High Street for a license to store 40 gallons of petroleum at the rear of No. 104 High Street. The Borough Surveyor having reported that the premises were satisfactory, Resolved, That a licence be issued accordingly.

Explosion at No. 78 Winchcombe Street—Read a report front the Inspector under the Petroleum Acts as to the explosion at 78 Winchcombe Street.

Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to give notice by advertisement calling attention to the requirements of the Petroleum Acts.

6—Statutory Quarterly Council Meeting.—Resolved, That the Mayor be asked to summon the Council to meet in the Town Hall foe the next Quarterly Meeting.

7—Building plans.—Resolved, That this Committee recommend that a joint sub-committee, consisting of two members of the Public Health Committee and two members of the Street and Highway Committee, should be formed to consider the plans of new streets and buildings submitted.

J. C. GRIFFITH, Chairman.

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MINERAL WATERS, BATHS AND RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Friday, the 11th October, 1904—Present The Mayor, alderman Norman, Councillors Baker, fling-Barman, Stewart, Stroud (Councillor Strand in the chair).

1-Montpellier Baths—The Borough Accountant reported that the amount received during the present financial year was £374 18s., and the payments (exclusive of repayments of loans and interest) amounted to £26[?] 3s. 1d.

2-Alstone Baths—The Borough Accountant reported that the amount received during the present financial year amounted to £228 8s. 4d., and the payments (exclusive of repayment of loans and interest) to £144 16s. 5d.

Read, a letter from Mr. Ballinger, of Brooklyn, Great Western Road, complaining of the noise made by bathers when using the Alstone Baths. Resolved, That Mr. Ballinger be informed that the Committee regret the annoyance caused, and will endeavour to minimise it as much as possible,

3—Mineral Water Wells at Pittville.—The Borough Surveyor presented a report upon the work carried out to the Wells at Pittville together with a brief description of the Wells (a print of the Report accompanies these Minutes). He recommended that one of the pumps at present nearly 40 feet above the bottom of the mineral water well from which it delivers should be lowered 15 feet. The cost would not exceed £5. Resolved, that this recommendation be approved and adopted.

4—Agg-Gardner Recreation Ground—Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have part of this Recreation Ground underdrained.

5—Montpellier Baths—Shop—The Borough Surveyor reported that Mr. C. H. Scrivens, the tenant of the shop adjoining the Montpellier Baths had asked that the roof of the shop, at present very defective, should be repaired. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be authorised to do what repairs are necessary.

6—Mineral Waters—The Mineral Waters Sub-Committee reported that they had ordered 5,000 copies of a booklet revised by Dr. Garrett, dealing with the Cheltenham Mineral Waters, at a cost of £5 15s. They recommended that 25 gross of bottles, as per sample now submitted at 19s. per gross, be ordered. The design for the label was under consideration. Resolved, That the action and recommendation of the Sub-Committee be adopted, the method of distribution of the booklets ordered to be left to the Medical Officer of Health.

HERBERT STROUD,

Chairman.

BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE.

It a Meeting of this Committee, held on Friday, 21st October, 1904—Present Aldermen Haddon and Rogers, Councillors Baker, Bence, Gridley, Steel (Alderman Rogers in the chair),

1—Superintendent's Report—The Superintendent reported that the water closet near the Cemetery Chapel was out of repair, a new pan being required, and that a chimney pot at the Lodge needed refixing. It also asked to be supplied with a few loads of stone and gravel for the repair of the paths in the Cemetery. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have the necessary repairs carried out, and to supply the Superintendent with stone and gravel for the paths.

2—Grave Spaces Numbered 3134 and 3135 Q. and 5167 X—Read, a letter from Messrs. Hopwood and Son asking to be allowed to continue to keep these graves in order for 30s. per annum, as had been done for the late Mrs. Thackwell. Resolved, That the request be acceded to, the arrangement to commence from the 29th ult., and to be determinable by the Burial Board at any time by one month's notice.

3—Designs—The following designs Were examined and approved, viz. :—Memorial Crosses to Margaretta Stephens, Caroline Helen Bloxsome, Ann Morris Ward, J. F. Fitzpatrick Headstone to grave of Emma Knight Webb ; Tomb over grave of Lucy Ann Evans ; Curb to grave of Roy W. A. Swann.

RICHARD ROGERS, Chairman.

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PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 11th October, 1904—Present Councillors Davies, Stewart, Stroud, Lawrence and King-Harman The Baron de Ferrieres, Revs. J. A. Evans, J. A. Owen, and A. B. Phillips, Messrs. A. Beckingsale, J. G. Carr, C. Hayward, Mann, G. H. Palmer, and E. C. Rogers

1—Librarian's Report —Read, the monthly report of the Librarian. Receipts, £5 2s. 7d. Presentations : Mr. Agg-Gardner, 1 vol. ; Mr. W. L. Mellersh, 2 vols. ; the Town Clerk of Loudon, 1 vol.

2—Sub-Committee's Report.—The Sub-Committee reported that they met on the 16th ult., when there were present Alderman Haddon and Mr. G. H. Palmer. Eight selected candidates for the post of junior assistant were interviewed, and E. T. Wheeler was appointed. A meeting was also held on the 7th inst. (present : Alderman Rogers, Councillor King-Harman, Rev. J. Evans, and Mr. G. H. Palmer). The Sub-Committee recommended :—

That the use of the Dust Allayer be continued.

That the list of new books submitted be purchased for about £6.

That the Librarian be instructed to prepare lists of works of fiction and juvenile books, obtainable second-hand, to replace about 450 vols. withdrawn from circulation from time to time.

That a new 35-rung ladder be purchased for window cleaning.

That Ptolomey's Geographia be purchased for £2 out of the Solomon Bequest.

That the offer of Colonel Fergusson to supply the " Alliance News" for the Reading Room be accepted with thanks.

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

M. J. KING-HARMAN,

Chairman.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 25th October, 1904—Present The Mayor, Aldermen Skillicorne and Waghorne, Councillors Bence, King-Harman, Handley, Steel, and Strand (Alderman Waghorne in the Chair).

1—General District Rate—Read, the monthly Report of the Borough Accountant, dated 25th inst., on the Collection of the second instalment of this Rate. Amount collected £111 3s. 3d. Leaving outstanding £26,491 12s. 2d.

2—Water Rate—Read, the monthly Report of the Borough Accountant, dated the 25th inst., on the collection of this Rate. Amount received £548 16s. 3d. Leaving outstanding £10,801 17s. 11d.

3—Investment of Sinking and Loans Funds.—With reference to Minute 5 of this Committee of 30th August last' the Borough Accountant reported that he had arranged with Portsmouth Corporation to lend £6,641 on either side. The term to be 5 years certain, and afterwards six months' notice on either side, and the interest to be at the rate of 3 ½ per cent per annum. Resolved, That the arrangement be approved, and that the investment be made and debentures be sealed and issued accordingly, subject to the Town Clerk being satisfied with the reciprocal security offered by Portsmouth.

4—Loans.—Read, a letter from the Clerk to the Gloucestershire County Council, dated the 19th inst., requiring repayment of the £4,000 lent by the County Council to the Corporation at the expiration of six calendar months.

5—Farms Stock Account.—Resolved, That the sum of £100 be transferred to a separate account at the Bank to enable payments to be made from time to time as required for the purchase of stock for the Sewage Farms, the same to be drawn upon by cheques signed by three members of the Farms Management Committee. Further payments to be made into the account from time to time by Order on the Treasurer in repayment of the amounts paid out for purchase of stock.

6—Electricity Accounts.—A Report by Major-General Babbage, Elective Auditor, upon his audit of the Electricity Accounts for the year ending 31st March last, was read and considered.

7—Town Hall Loan.—The Town Clerk reported that the total amount of the accounts laid before the Inspector of the Local Government Board at the Inquiry held on the 25th October was £45,779, which included items of expenditure for advertisements for tenders and printing, cost of Local Government Board Inquiry, also an item of £393 for estimated cost of providing an additional staircase in the Octagonal Hall and of erecting the marble fountain. The amount of the additional loan, for which application for the sanction of the Board had been made, was £10,000.

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Resolved, That application be made to the Local Government Board to increase the amount, of the loan applied for to £10,770.

8—Audit of Accounts.—The resolution of the Council was further considered, together with a letter from the Cheltenham Property Owners' and Ratepayers' Association expressing the opinion that any system of audit which did not include power to surcharge would not meet with approval and stating

that the association protested against any alteration of the present system apart from, a Government Auditor or as professional accountant possessing the same powers.

The Chairman reported that the Mayor, the Town Clerk, and he had had an interview with one of the Assistant Secretaries of the Local Government Board with reference to the application for a provisional order authorising the raising of a loan for the accumulated deficit on the Electric Lighting Undertaking, and that the Assistant Secretary had intimated that in granting an order the Board would probably require provisions inserted therein for the audit of the accounts by a District Auditor.

Resolved, That the further consideration of the resolution of the Council as to the audit of the accounts by a professional accountant be adjourned pending the decision of the Local Government Board upon the application of the Council for a provisional order in respect of the accumulated deficit.

9—Deficit on Electricity Undertaking—Resolved, That application be made to the Local Government Board for a Provisional Order to amend the Cheltenham Improvement Acts, 1852 and 1889, and Provisional Orders amending the same, so as to enable the Council to raise a loan and levy a rate for the repayment of the accumulated deficit on the Electric Lighting Undertaking to the 31st March, 1903.

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 £17385 5s. 6d. ordered to be paid by the Borough Treasurer.

The Treasurer's accounts at the Bank were examined, and the balances found to be correct. The following was the General Statement

Overdrawn on the 27th September, 1904	£42,609 0 9
Paid since that date	<u>£17,311 9 0</u>
	£59,920 9 9
Received since ditto	<u>£ 5,647 0 11</u>
Overdrawn	£54,273 8 10
Being Bank Loan Account No. 2	£45,353 19 10
Do. No. 3	<u>£17,622 0 5</u>
	£62,976 0 3
Less in hand on General Accounts	£1,844 13 9
Do. Sinking Funds	<u>£6,857 17 8</u>
	<u>£8,702 11 5</u>
	£54,273 8 10

JOHN WAGHORNE,

Chairman.

Borough of Cheltenham

MINUTES of the Committees of the Town Council to be submitted for approval at the Monthly Meeting of the Council to be held on Monday, the 5th December, 1904.

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 14th November, 1904—Present: The Mayor, Aldermen Norman, and Skillicorne, Councillors Bence, M. Davis, Lawrence, Parsonage and Pilley (Councillor Parsonage in the chair).

1—Chairman—Resolved, That Councillor Parsonage be appointed Chairman of this Committee for the ensuing year.

2—Zymotic Disease—The Medical Officer of Health reported that there had been notified since the last meeting of the Committee, 16 cases of Scarlet Fever, 3 of Erysipelas, and 7 of Diphtheria ; that 14 case. of Scarlet Fever, and 5 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 13 of Scarlet Fever, and 4 of Diphtheria.

3—Cleansing and Disinfecting at No. 44 Union Street, 17 Townsend Street, and 38 Duke 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 owners and occupiers to cleanse and disinfect the houses or parts thereof within the time specified in such notice.

4—Cleansing and Limewashing at Nos. 9 and 13 Rutland Street, and No. 3 Regent Place. 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.

5—Nuisances from Drains, etc., at No. 27 Upper Park Street, 6, 56, 58 and 60 Union Street, The Cambridge Inn, North Street, and Unitarian. Chapel, Royal Well Place. The Inspector of Nuisances having made written application under Section 41 of the Public Health Act, 1875, stating that the drains, Ac,, 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.

6—Insanitary Property—No. 3 Rutland Street, 2 & 3 Cottage Place, 1 & 3 Regent Place, and 21 & 22 Hungerford Street. The Medical Officer of Health reported that the above-mentioned premises were in such a state as to be a nuisance or 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 a nuisance or injurious to health, Notices under Sec. 94 of the Public Health Act, 1875, be served upon the owners requiring them to put the same into a healthy condition, and for that purpose to carry out the works specified therein.

7—Overcrowding at No 1 Casino Place—The Medical Officer of Health reported that the above premises were so overcrowded as to be dangerous or injurious to the health of the inmates. Resolved, That the Committee being satisfied of the existence of a nuisance on the said premises, Notices under Section 94 of the Public Health Act 1875, be served on the owners and occupiers thereof requiring them to abate the same,

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8—Houses without proper Ash Receptacles—The Inspector of Nuisances reported that the following houses had no proper ashpits or ash receptacles viz :—Nos. 1 & 2 Upper Pilley, 1 & 2 Adelaide Buildings, 7 Worcester Street, Hewlett Arms, 201 High Street, and 38 & 40 St. James' 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 Inspector of Nuisances on behalf of the Corporation.

9—Closing of St. James' Girls' Schools—The Medical Officer of Health reported that in consequence of an outbreak of sore throat the St. James' Girls' School was closed on the 25th ulto., for a fortnight. Upon re-assembling it was again found necessary to close the School because of the illness amongst the children, and the School was now closed until the 1st December next. The above outbreak led to a careful examination of the school premises and he reported the results of such examination, and the works necessary- to put the premises into a sanitary condition. Resolved, That a copy of the Report of the Medical Officer of Health be forwarded to the Education Committee.

10—Dairies, Cowsheds, and Milkshops' Order—Read, applications to be registered as purveyors of milk from Mr. P. G. Hedger, of 1 Royal Well Place, and Messrs. Chambers & Smith, of Woodford House, Bath Road. On the recommendation of the Medical Officer of Health, Resolved, That the applications be acceded to.

Read an application from Mrs. Mary Belcher, of 264 High Street, to be registered as a Purveyor of milk. The Medical Officer of Health having reported that the premises, a greengrocery and general shop, were unsuitable. Resolved, That the application be not granted.

11—Public House Urinals at Hewlett Arms, Battledown Inn, and The Railway Hotel, Ambrose Street—The Medical Officer of Health reported that these Urinals were in such a condition as to be nuisances owing to want of water supply for flushing and defects in structure. Resolved, That the Council being satisfied of the existence of nuisances from the state of the urinals, notices be served on the owners of the premises under Section 94 of the Public Health Act, 1875, requiring them to abate the nuisances and for that purpose to lay on a sufficient and continuous supply of water so as to properly flush the urinals and to execute such structural works of amendment as shall be specified.

12—Building Plans Sub-Committee—Resolved, That as representing this Committee, the Chairman and Councillor Bence be appointed members of the Joint Building Plans Sub-Committee.

13—Wall at Back of York Terrace—The Town Clerk reported the negotiations he had had with the owners of Nos. 5 to 13 York Terrace with regard to the wall at the back of York Terrace, abutting upon the Chelt and with the owners of Nos. 8 and 9 York Terrace as to cutting down or lopping the

large elm trees at the end of their gardens. Resolved, That the owners be informed that, without admitting any liability whatever in the matter, the Corporation are willing to rebuild the wall on the owners agreeing to the terms contained in the Agreement now submitted.

14—Sewage Disposal—Read, The correspondence between Col. Griffith and the Clerk to the County Council, with reference to the representations made by the County Surveyor at the Local Inquiry recently held by the Local Government Board into the application of the Council for sanction to a loan for new sewerage works and outfall sewer.

E. H. PARSONAGE,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 21st November, 1904—Present The Mayor, Aldermen Norman and Skillicorne, Councillors Bence, M. Davis, Lawrence, Parsonage, Pilley and Waghorne (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 1 of Diphtheria ; that 1 case of Scarlet Fever and 1 of Diphtheria had been sent into the Delancey Hospital, and that the number of cases then in the Hospital sent in by the Corporation was 12 of Scarlet Fever and 4 of Diphtheria.

16—Cleansing and Limewashing at 4 and 62 Waterloo Street, 8 Rutland Street, and 42 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 Notice be given to the owners under the said Section requiring the houses to be cleansed and limewashed.

17—Nuisances from Drains, etc., at 45 Fairview Street, 54 Union Street, and cottage at back. The Inspector of Nuisances having made written application under Section 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 report to the Committee.

18—Insanitary Property—Nos. 6, 46, and 47 Waterloo Street, and 49 and 51a Fairview Street. The Medical Officer of Health reported that the above-mentioned premises were in such a state as to be a nuisance or 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 works 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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19—Overcrowding of Caravan in yard adjoining 53 Burton 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.

20—Houses without proper Ash Receptacles—The Inspector of Nuisances reported that the following houses had no proper ashpits or ash receptacles, viz :—Nos. 18 & 19 New Street, Wash Harp, Burton Street, 20 Tivoli Street, 13 Dagmar Terrace, and Hope Cottage, Lower Park Street. Resolved, That the necessary Notice 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 Inspector of Nuisances on behalf of the Corporation.

21—Notices not complied with—The Medical Officer of Health submitted a list of Notices requiring provision of ash receptacles, cleansing and limewashing, and the abatement of nuisances arising from defective roofs, yard pitching &c., which had been served, but not complied with. Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to take the necessary proceedings to compel compliance.

22—Public House Urinals at Burton Brewery, St. James' Street, Express Inn, Ambrose Street, Oxford Arms, Corpus Street and Grosvenor Brewery, Sherborne Place—The Medical Officer of Health reported that these urinals were in such a condition owing to want of water supply for flushing and defects in structure as to be nuisances. Resolved, That the Council being satisfied of the existence of nuisances from the state of the urinals notices be served on the owners of the premises under Section 94 of the Public Health Act, 1875 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.

23—Definition of Committee's Duties—Resolved. That the same be approved as now revised. Also Resolved, That the time spent by Sewage Farms Employees in cleansing watercourses be charged to the Public Health Committee.

24—Defective Sewer in York Passage—The Borough Surveyor reported that for some time past subsidences had taken place in the pavement at the High Street end of York Passage, and on examination it was found that several disused connections to the sewer had not been properly cut off, and this had now been done.

25—New Streets and Buildings—The Chairman submitted the Report of Building Plans Sub-Committee upon the plans of intended new streets and buildings (Report is set out hereunder). Resolved, That the report be approved and adopted.

E. H. PARSONAGE, Chairman.

PLANS SUB-COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Sub-Committee, held on Saturday, 19th November, 1904—Present :
Councillors Baker, Bence, Bendall, and Parsonage (Councillor Parsonage in the chair).

1—Chairman—Resolved, That Councillor Parsonage be appointed Chairman of this Sub-Committee for the ensuing year.

2—New Street and Buildings—The Borough Surveyor submitted the following plans of intended new streets and buildings, viz:—

No. of Plan	Name	Description
203	T. W. Smith	Eighteen semi-detached houses, Naunton Lane
215	C. A. Smith	New stables, St. Phillip's Mews, Grafton Road
216	Rev. J. Agg-Large	Additional room to No. 3 Clarendon Villas, Pittville
217	Imperial Lodge of Oddfellows	New w.c.'s at rear of No. 10 Russell Place
218	Managers of St. John's Schools ..	New Latrines, &c., at St. John's Schools
219	E. Steel	New house in Brunswick Street
220	T. Waite	New bath room at Glarus Done, Western Road
221	A. Hayward	Conversion of two cottages into business premises
222	Mrs. Hipwood	W.C. and bath room at Gresham Villa, St. George's Road
223	C. H. Rainger	New storey to workmen's shed at 10 Bath place, Bath Road
225	W. Sutton Gardner	Additions to Laurel Home, St. George's place

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Resolved, That Plans Nos. 203, 218, 221 and 222 be disapproved, that Plan No. 217 be approved subject to the drainage work being carried out to the satisfaction of the Sanitary Inspector, and to the existing drains being made water-tight and disconnected from the sewer, and that the remainder of the plans be approved as shown.

E. H. PARSONAGE,

Chairman

FARMS MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, the 18th November, 1904—Present : The Mayor, Alderman Skillicorne, Councillors Bence, M. Davis, Gridley, Green, Packer, Steel, and Waghorne (Councillor M. Davis in the chair).

1—Chairman--Resolved, That Councillor M. Davis be appointed Chairman of this Committee for the ensuing year.

2 —Farm Manager's Report—Read, the Monthly Report of the Farms Manager. Since the last monthly meeting 8 head of cattle had been purchased for £71 15s. 0d., and 19 head of cattle and 20 sheep had been sold for £409 7s. 0d. The hide of a bullock, which had had to be slaughtered, had been sold for 12s. The number of livestock on the farms on the 15th inst. was 16 horses, 145 head of cattle, 11 sheep, and 20 pigs.

Ten sheep had been sent to the butcher in consequence of their having been worried by stray dogs.

Thirteen and half tons of marigolds had been sold at 13s. per ton on the ground, and 6 tons, 9 cwts., 2 qrs. of hay, and 3 tons 11 cwts. of straw had been delivered to the Central Depot.

Resolved, That a reward of 20s. be offered for information leading to the discovery of the dog or dogs committing the damage reported by the manager.

3--Definition of Committee's Duties—The definition of the duties of this committee was considered. Resolved, That the same be approved.

M. DAVIS,

Chairman.

STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 15th November, 1904—Present : The Mayor, Alderman Haddon, Councillors Baker, Bendall, Gridley, Ley Wood, Packer and Parsonage (Councillor Bendall in the chair).

1—Chairman—Resolved, That Councillor Bendall be appointed Chairman of this Committee for the ensuing year.

2—Building Plans Sub-Committee—Resolved, That the Chairman and Councillor Baker be appointed members of the Joint Plans Sub-Committee as representing this Committee.

3—Street Projections—Read a letter from Messrs. Pickford, Limited, applying for permission to refix the swing sign at No. 11 Ambrose Street, which had been removed in accordance with notice given them. Resolved, That the application be not acceded to.

Read, a letter from Messrs. Sanders, Morgan & Co., applying for permission to fix a lamp outside the entrance to their premises in Clarence Parade. Resolved, That the application be acceded to subject to compliance with the usual conditions.

4—Tree Cuttings—Resolved, To authorise the Borough Surveyor to invite tenders for and sell the stock of tree cuttings at the Central Depot.

5—Steam Roller—The Borough Surveyor reported that the wheels of the 10 ton steam roller had worn too thin for further use, and required hooping with steel plates at a cost of £52 2s. 6d. Resolved, That this be done.

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6—Report of Building Inspector—Read, the Monthly Report of the Building Inspector. New buildings in progress 105. 29 completed since last report.

7—Stores Sub-Committee—Resolved, That Councillors Baker, Bendall, Gridley, and Parsonage be appointed the Stores Sub-Committee for the ensuing year.

8—Light Railway Sub-Committee—Resolved, That Councillors Baker, Bendall and Parsonage be appointed a Sub-Committee to assist the Borough Surveyor in connection with any points arising during the carrying out of the Light Railway extensions and the High Street wood paving.

9—Definition of Committee's Duties—The suggested definition of the duties of this Committee was considered. Resolved, That the same be approved.

10—Cheltenham and District Light Railway Byelaws—The Town Clerk submitted the draft byelaws as amended by the Board of Trade, and the same having been further considered, Resolved, That the Council be recommended to make the Byelaws as amended, and that the same be submitted to the Board of Trade for confirmation.

11—Porch at Camperdown, St. Stephen's Road—With reference to the erection of a porch at Camperdown, St. Stephen's Road, in contravention of the provisions of the Public Highway (Buildings in Streets) Act, 1888, read a letter from Captain Onslow, the present owner and occupier of this house, pleading ignorance of having acted in contravention of the provisions of the Act mentioned, and asking the Committee to reconsider their requirement as to the removal of the porch.

Mr. C. M. Haward, the previous owner of the property, and Mr. J. G. Crisp, the Architect, attended this Meeting with reference to the matter. Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to take proceedings for the penalties incurred if the porch is not removed forthwith.

12—Whaddon Lane—Read, a letter from Mr. James Page, complaining of the damage done to Whaddon Lane in connection with the carting of material from High Street during the last few weeks.

JOHN D. BENDALL,

Chairman.

At a meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 28th November, 1904—Present : The Mayor, Aldermen Haddon and Skillicorne, Councillors Baker, Bendall, Gridley, Ley Wood, Packer, and Parsonage (Councillor Bendall in the chair),

13—Borough Surveyor's Monthly Report re Highways—The Borough Surveyor reported that the work done by the Highways Department, from the 21st October to the 24th November 1904 (both dates inclusive) had been as follows:—

Roads Repaired—High Street (210 super yds.), Ambrose Street (663 super yds), Leckhampton Road (proceeding).

Patching—Rutland Street, Swindon Road, King Street, and Priory Terrace.

Private Improvement Works—Road between Painswick Road and Great Norwood Street, completed.

Footpaths Repaired with Gravel—Old Bath Road (315 super yards), Lansdown Road, opposite Castle (273 super yards), Tewkesbury Road, between kerb and paving (883 super yards).

Old Kerb from High Street Refixed—Tewkesbury Road, north side (413 lineal yds.).

Asphalt Footpath Repaired—Tewkesbury Road, north side (93 super yds,) New Kerb Fixed—High Street (proceeding).

Kerb Renewed—Road between Painswick Road and Great Norwood Street (138 lineal yds.), College Road (666 lineal yds.)

Gullies renewed, 31. Manholes paved round, 6. Manhole covers lowered, 2. New crossing fixed, 1. Renewed, 7. Crossings relaid, 8. Old kerb refixed, College road (295 lineal yds.). Channel refixed, College road (295 lineal yds.) Paving relaid, College road (333 super yds,). Asphalte renewed, College road (150 super yds).

Trees Pruned—Promenade, Battledown Approach, South of " Saxham," Pittville, The Park (the latter proceeding).

Dead Trees Cut Down-2 in Pittville Circus Road. Hedge proceed, Hester's Way.

Ashes Collection and Disposal—During five weeks ended November 17th, 1904, 1,318 loads 'collected, 257 tipped away, and 1,061 consumed ; weight, 1,039 tons, 16 cwts., 3 qrs.

Slab Factory—During five weeks, ended November 24th, 1904: 1,221 square yds, 7 square feet of slabs made.

14—View Meeting—The following members attended the View Meeting on Friday last :—Aldermen Haddon and Skillicorne ; Councillors Baker, Bendall, Gridley, and Parsonage.

15—Street Projections—Read, letters from Mr. C. Dickens, applying for permission to put additional lamps at 77 ½ High Street, and from Mr. R. Organ for permission to put up a lamp outside 88 Winchcombe Street. Resolved, That the applications be acceded to subject to compliance with the usual conditions

16—Tree in Oriel Road—The Committee having inspected the tree at the Bath Road end of Oriel Road, Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have the same cut down.

17—Crossing in Malvern Road, Opposite Christ Church—Read a letter from the Rev. A. P. Cox, asking that a crossing should be put down in Malvern Road, opposite the N.W. entrance gate to Christ Church. Resolved, That it be left to Councillor Parsonage and the Borough Surveyor to comply with the request if they deem necessary.

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18—Tip for Road Scrapings in College Road—The Borough Surveyor reported that the present provision of places of deposit for road scrapings, etc. was very inadequate, and that it would be a great advantage from the point of view of economy that some more central site for such purpose should be obtained. The Town Clerk submitted memorandums of the terms upon which Messrs. Harford's Trustees were willing to allow the Corporation to use land in College Road (area-2 a. 2 rds. 22 p.) belonging to them for a tip for road scrapings. The terms on to use were shortly as follows :—

(1) The land to be leased for 10 years at a rent of £30 per annum, with liberty to either party to terminate the same at the end of 7 years by 6 months notice.

(2) The Corporation to raise the land to the levels shown on the plan now submitted, or to such other levels as may be agreed upon by tipping thereon road scrapings.

(3) The Corporation to carry out the work of deviating the watercourse as shown, to keep the fences in proper repair, and after the expiration of 3 years to deliver up the same. any part of the land on three months' notice if the lessors require to sell

(4) The Corporation to have power to sub-let any portion of the land for grazing purposes. Resolved, That the terms be agreed to, and a lease be taken accordingly.

19—St. Paul's Street North—The Borough Surveyor, of the paving on the West side of St. Paul's Street that the cost of kerbing, channelling, and renewing a portion Street North would be £71 13s. 4d., kerbings, &c., from High Street being utilised as far as possible in carrying out the work. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have the footpath paved &c. accordingly.

20—Private Improvement Works in Naunton Park Road and Exmouth Street—Apportionment of Expenses—The Borough Surveyor reported that the private improvement works ordered in Naunton Park Road and Exmouth Street had been carried out by the Corporation at a cost of £32 14s. and £16 10s. 10d. respectively, which sums he had apportioned amongst the abutting owners in accordance with their respective frontages. Resolved, That the apportionments be approved and that notice thereof and of demand of repayment be served upon the abutting owners

21—Purchase of Slop Carts—On the recommendation of the Borough Surveyor, Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be authorised to obtain tenders from local firms for the supply 'of four additional slop carts similar to those last ordered by the Committee and to accept the lowest satisfactory tender.

22—Purchase of Sand Distributing Cart—On the recommendation of the Borough Surveyor, Resolved, That a sand distributing cart be obtained for a month or so on approval, particularly for use in the High Street when paved with wood, the price being £35.

23—Improvement at No. 408 High Street—Read a letter from Messrs. J. Playle and C. Barnett, stating that they proposed to carry out certain structural alterations at No. 408 High Street and were willing to set back the premises to the same line of frontage as the adjoining premises on either side upon certain terms. Resolved, That the Corporation will pay £20 to the owners of the property if they will set back the same to the line mentioned, the land so cleared of buildings to be thrown into and form part of the public footpath.

24—Ditch in Leckhampton Road.—Resolved, That this ditch be piped with 6-in. pipes at a cost of £30.

25.—Highbury Lane Private Improvement Works—Read, a specification from the Surveyor, accompanied by plans and estimate, of the works required to be done to the above street. Resolved, That the same as now settled be approved, and that the necessary plans, sections, and estimates be prepared, and notices be given under Section 150 of the Public Health Act, 1875, to the owners of the premises fronting, adjoining, or abutting upon the parts of the said street, requiring to be covered, 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.

26—Report of Plans Sub-Committee—The Chairman submitted the report of the Building Plans Sub-Committee upon the plans of intended new streets and buildings. Resolved, That the report be approved and adopted.

27—Porch at Camperdown, St. Stephen's Road.—Read, a letter from Messrs. Bubb & Co., solicitors for Captain Onslow, repeating that their client was quite innocent of any intention to disregard the authority of the Corporation in the matter of the erection of the porch, he believing that his builder had done all that was necessary in the matter of giving notices, &c. Mr. Neale Bubb attended this meeting in support of Captain Onslow's request that the Committee should reconsider their decision to require the removal of the building.

The Committee were satisfied that Captain Onslow was not personally to blame for the work having been proceeded with without waiting for the consent of the Council, for which the architect (Mr. Crisp) and Dr. Haward appeared to be responsible. Resolved, That under the special circumstances the building be allowed to remain, subject to Captain Onslow entering into a deed of covenant to remove the same upon three months' notice from the Corporation at any time, and that in any case the building shall be removed upon his ceasing to be the owner and occupier of Camperdown, the expenses of the deed of covenant to carry out this arrangement to be paid by him.

Resolved, also, That if Captain Onslow is unwilling to accept these terms, the Town Clerk be instructed to take proceedings for the penalties incurred.

JOHN D. BENDALL, Chairman.

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TOWN IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Friday, the 19th November, 1904—Present The Mayor, Aldermen Norman and Rogers, Councillors Bence, Packer, and Rickerby (Councillor Rickerby in the chair).

1—Entertainments Sub-Committee—Resolved, That the following members be appointed the Entertainments Sub-Committee for the ensuing year, viz. :--Alderman Rogers, Councillors Baker, Bence, and Packer.

2—Town Hall Musical Afternoons—The Committee considered and settled various matters in connection with the forthcoming musical afternoons. Resolved, That the Mayor be asked to formally inaugurate the concerts on Monday afternoon next, and that the members of the Council be invited to attend on that occasion.

T. E. RICKERBY,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 21st November, 1904—Present The Mayor, Alderman Norman, Councillors Bence, Marshall, Packer, and Rickerby (Councillor Rickerby in the chair).

3—Chairman—Resolved, That Councillor Rickerby be appointed Chairman of this Committee for the ensuing year.

4—Advertising—A deputation from the Cheltenham Chamber of Commerce, consisting of the following gentlemen, viz. :— Messrs. E. J. Burrow, M. C. Mansbridge, and W. Welstead, attended this meeting, and laid before the committee certain suggestions for the economical distribution through local firms, of information, relating to the town and as to the publication of a small pamphlet, and the establishment of an Information Bureau. Resolved, That further consideration of the suggestions be adjourned to the next meeting.

Dr. Garrett attended, and submitted for the approval of the committee a small pamphlet he had prepared for general circulation as to the advantages of the town, particularly from a health and educational standpoint.

Resolved, That further consideration be adjourned to the next meeting, a print of the proposed pamphlet to be in the meantime sent to each member of the committee.

Read, letters from the managers of "The World " and ' The Traveller," and Messrs. Mate and Sons as to the insertion of advertisements of the town. Resolved, That the offers be not entertained.

5—Definition of Committee's Duties—The suggested definition of the duties of this committee was considered. Resolved, That the same be approved, except that this committee are of opinion that they should have the control and management of the Town Hall.

T. E. RICKERBY, CHairman

LIGHTING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 14th November, 1904—Present: The Mayor, Alderman Norman, Councillors Green, Gridley, Ley Wood, Marshall, Merrett, Steel, and Waghorne (Councillor Ley Wood in the chair).

1—Chairman—Resolved, That Councillor Ley Wood be appointed Chairman of this Committee for the ensuing year.

ROBT. LEY WOOD, Chairman.

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At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Thursday, the 17th November, 1904—Present : The Mayor, Alderman Norman, Councillors Gridley, Ley Wood, Marshall, Merrett, Steel, and Waghorne (Councillor Ley Wood in the chair).

2—Extension of Main—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that he had received an application from Captain Holohan, of Montrose, 'Wellington Street, for electric supply for an equivalent of about

23 eight candle power lamps. The necessary extension would cost £22. Resolved, That supply be given upon the guarantee of 20 per cent. on the cost of the extension for three years being given.

3—Traction Plant—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported as to the additional plant required in order to afford supply to the Light Railway Company to work the extensions now being made. On his recommendation, Resolved, That a storage battery and booster be purchased, that tenders be invited by advertisements for the supply of the battery, and that the three principal manufacturers of boosters be invited to send in quotations for the booster required, and that the Borough Electrical Engineer be authorised to visit their works.

Resolved, further, That application be made to the Local Government Board for sanction to a loan of £2,000 for the purchase of the battery and booster required, including the cost of erection, switchboard, &c.

4—Invoice Forms—The Borough Electrical Engineer submitted tenders he had obtained for printing invoice forms. Resolved, That the tender of Messrs. Harvey and Healing at £4 4s. 6d. for 13,000 be accepted.

ROBT. LEY WOOD, Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Wednesday, the 23rd November, 1904—Present : The Mayor, Alderman Norman, Councillors Green, Gridley, Ley Wood, Marshall, Merrett, Steel, and Waghorne (Councillor Ley Wood in the Chair).

5—Electrical Inspector's Report—The Electrical Inspector reported the result of his tests of the Electric supply during the past month, as follows, viz :—On the 27th ult. and the 19th inst., 210 volts.

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

ILLUMINATING POWER.

PURITY.

1904 Oct. 20th "27th Nov. 10th " 12th " 19th Average	16.23 candles 16.37 " 16.25 " 15.36 " 15.82 " 16.01 "	1904 Nov. 10-11	Grains of Sulphur per 100 cubic feet. 11.63
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7—Gas Inspector's Report—The Gas Inspector reported that the hourly average consumption of Gas per lamp during the previous month had been as follows :—Ordinary lamps 4.020 cubic feet ; Guildhall lamps with No. 4 Incandescent burners 4.179 cubic feet, and Ordinary lamps with No. 3 Incandescent burners 3.606 cubic feet.

8—Lamp Book—Produced and examined. Ordinary Lamps extinguished : 17 unmetred, ; Incandescents extinguished, 6 ; burning dimly, 1.

9—Committee's Policy—Resolved, That the Committee will be guided by the following policy :—

(1) No capital expenditure outside the compulsory area without the minimum income being secured or in the case of new streets unless the builders undertake to wire the houses which, if connected up, would at least secure that minimum income or in the case of works extensions or alterations with a view to economy in working, but the Committee except from the above special or exceptional circumstances.

(2) They will endeavour to reduce cost of production if possible.

(3) No further extension of street electric lighting at present.

(4) To secure a remunerative return from the Light Railway having regard to the capital invested.

(5) Periodical visits to the works so as to keep in touch with the concern.

(6) No capital expenditure without first obtaining the sanction of the Local Government Board.

10—Public Lighting of Lansdown District, Portland Square, Eldorado Crescent, Cemetery Road, Harp Hill, and Alstone Avenue. Read, letters from Colonel King-Harman, Councillor Parsonage, W. F. Gibbon, G. A. Tovey and others with reference to insufficient lighting of the above district and streets. Resolved, That further consideration of the complaints be adjourned for the Committee to view.

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11—Definition of Committee's Duties—The proposed definition of the duties of this Committee was considered. Resolved, That the same be approved

12-Report of the Borough Electrical Engineer—Read, the Monthly Report of the Borough Electrical Engineer On the 16th instant., 792 customers with the equivalent of about 51,860 eight candle power lamps were connected to the private supply mains.

13—Purification of Exhaust Steam—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported as to certain experiments he had made with a view to the removal of the cylinder oil from the condensed steam from the engines so that the water might again be used in the boilers. Re recommended that samples of the water be submitted to the Vulcan Boiler Insurance Co., for analysis, at a cost of three guineas. Resolved, That this recommendation be approved and adopted.

14—Applications for supply—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that he had received an application from Mr. T. E. Whitaker for electric supply to White Lodge, which would necessitate an extension of main for about 185 yards at a cost of £45, exclusive of the building of the transformer chamber (which should be provided by the applicant) and of the cost of the transformer. Resolved, That supply be given upon payment of £10, and a guarantee of 20 per cent., for three years on £40, Mr. Whitaker to provide the transformer chamber.

An application had also been received from Mr. Leonard Petrie, of Gayton, Western Road, for electric supply for an equivalent of about 70 eight candle power lamps, which would require an extension of the main for about 45 yards (estimated cost £15). Mr. Petrie had signed a guarantee of

40 per cent. for three years upon this amount and would pay part of the service according to scale. Resolved, That the application be acceded to.

15—Meters—On the recommendation of the Borough Electrical Engineer. Resolved, That he be authorised to purchase six Eclipse meters at £2 0s. each, the same to be charged to revenue.

16—Sandfield Road Bridge—The Town Clerk read correspondence he had had with Messrs. Beale & Co., Solicitors for the Midland Railway Co., with regard to the removal of the electric cables laid across this bridge which is about to be rebuilt. The Company were willing to bear the cost of providing the new lengths of cables required to carry the cables permanently under the Railway, the Corporation paying the cost of the removal. Resolved, That the proposed arrangement be approved, provided that the Company accept these terms in satisfaction of any claim for compensation in respect of the cables being laid on the Bridge.

17—Street Arc Lighting— Resolved, That the Borough Electrical Engineer be authorised in his discretion to light with the all-night circuit lamps only during the next month or so where necessary. The Notice of Motion given by Councillor Stroud for the next Meeting of the Council was considered. Resolved, That in the opinion of this Committee it is inexpedient to adopt the course suggested.

18—Return of Cable—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that he had arranged with Messrs. Callender to take back 4,200 yards of cable ordered some time since by the Council for street lighting on terms which would not involve any loss to the Corporation.

19—Charges for Traction—The charge to be made to the Light Railway Company for electric supply for traction purposes was considered. Resolved, That a flat rate of 2 ½ d. per unit be made as recommended by Mr. Swinburne's report, and that the Committee be authorised to engage Sir. Swinburne to support this price if necessary.

ROBT. LEY WOOD,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 29th November, 1904—Present : The Mayor, Alderman Norman, Councillors Green, Gridley, Ley Wood, Marshall, Merrett, Steel and Waghorne (Councillor Ley Wood in the chair).

21—Report of Mr. James Swinburne re Electricity Undertaking—The Report of Mr. James Swinburne upon the Electricity Undertaking was considered. Resolved, (1) That in view of the heavy burden upon the ratepayers in order to comply with the statutory requirements as to the provision of sinking fund and payment of interest and the discharge of the accumulated deficit upon the undertaking the Committee cannot at present recommend the Council to provide additional sums by way of depreciation, which they are not legally required to do.

(2) That this Committee recommend that a rent of £8 per annum be charged the Electricity for Department Destructor in respect of the land occupied by the Central Station. (The purchase money for the land, purchased at was £1500, the area being 4 acres, 1 rood, 29 porches, and the area occupied by the Electricity Works is about 2 roods, about one-ninth of the whole).

(3) That before deciding as to the expediency of appointing a canvasser, the local wiring contractors be invited to attend a conference with this Committee with a view to increasing the demand for the electric light.

(4) That further consideration of the recommendations and suggestions contained in the report be adjourned until the Committee have before them certain information to be obtained by the Borough Electrical Engineer.

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22—Borough Electrical Engineer—The question as to whether the Borough Electrical Engineer should be required to devote his whole time in the service of the Council and not be permitted to engage in private practice was considered. Mr. Kilgour informed the Committee that while not required by the terms of his appointment to devote his whole time as a matter of fact he had necessarily been compelled to do so during the last five or six years, and he was quite willing to undertake to devote his whole time to the duties of his office. Resolved, That this offer be accepted.

23—Tenders for Storage Battery—The Tenders nine in number, received in response to the advertisement, were opened and considered. On the recommendation of the Borough Electrical Engineer, Resolved, That the tender of the Pfluger Accumulator Company for the supply of a battery of 265 cells at £827 12s., plus £3 3s. 6d. for each extra cell required, be accepted.

24—Purchase of Booster— Resolved, To authorise the Chairman and the Borough Electrical Engineer to open the tenders received for the Booster required, and to accept the most advantageous tender.

ROBT. LEY WOOD,

Chairman.

WATER COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Thursday, the 17th November, 1904—Present The Mayor, Alderman Norman, Councillors Baker, Bendall, Stroud and Waghorne (Councillor Waghorne in the chair).

1—Chairman--Resolved, That Councillor Waghorne be appointed Chairman of this Committee for the ensuing year. H. WAGHORNE, Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Thursday, the 24th November, 1904—Present: The Mayor, Alderman Norman, Councillors Baker, Bendall, Stroud and Waghorne (Councillor Waghorne in the chair).

2—Borough Engineer's Report—The monthly report of the Borough Engineer was read :
Hewletts Leckhampton Dowdeswell

DAILY YIELD OF SPRINGS.				
		For 31 days, ended	Average for corresponding	
		18th Nov. 1904.	period during last 3 years.	
Hewletts Springs		82,080 gallons		90,720 gallons
Dowdeswell Springs		177,120 “		868,896 “

CONTENTS OF RESERVOIRS.					
		November 18th, 1904.		November 18th, 1903.	
	Depth	Contents		Depth	Contents
Hewletts	-	17,170,244 gallons		-	27,228,202 gallons
Leckhampton	8 ft. 6 in.	1,148,152 “		8ft. 4 in.	1,125,640 “
Dowdeswell	17ft. 9 in.	36,319,577 “		32 ft. 0 in.	100,023,701 “
	Total Storage	54,637,973 “			128,377,513

Hewletts and Dowdeswell Springs yielded a total of only 258,200 gallons, one-fifth the actual consumption in the water area. Dowdeswell Reservoir was only about one-third full.

Pumping at Tewkesbury had proceeded continuously night and day during the past month and daily at Sandford. The laying of the new mains had been completed in the Christ Church district and hydrants fixed in Western and Malvern Roads.

3—Fire Brigade—Captain's Report—Tho Fire Brigade Captain reported that on the 2nd instant, the Brigade was called to a rick fire near Combo Hill. Damage about £10. Expenses incurred £13 8s. The new steam fire engine proved of very great service.

Appointment of Fire Brigade Sub-Committee—Resolved, That Alderman Norman, Councillors Baker, M. Davis, and Waghorne be appointed the Fire Brigade Sub-Committee for the ensuing year.

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Water Supply and Hydrants for Fire Extinction—Read, a Report by Major Podmore on the result of the tests made of the Pressure of water and supply of same for the Fire Engine in various parts of the Borough, in which certain recommendations were made as to the provision of additional hydrants. Resolved, That the Report be referred to the Fire Brigade Sub-Committee for consideration and report.

Appliances, &c.—Resolved (1) That Major Podmore's offer to lend leaden' harness complete during his residence in Cheltenham on condition that the same is kept properly- clean be accepted with the thanks of the Council for the same.

(2) That Major Podmore's offer of a new hose cart be accepted with the thanks of the Council.

(3) That the question of the provision of electric bell connections with the houses of members of the Brigade be referred to the Sub-Committee for consideration.

(4) That the Borough Engineer be authorised to order a number of small tools required by the Brigade.

(5) That Major Podmore and Captain Such be authorised in their discretion to appoint another Lieutenant in the

(6) That the purchase of horses for the Fire Engine be left to the Sub-Committee,.

Fire Engine House—The Borough Surveyor submitted three sketch plans for the provision of accommodation for the new fire engine and other appliances, Resolved, That the plan now selected by the Committee (estimated cost £ 350) be approved and that the Borough Surveyor be instructed to prepare and submit detailed plans and specification.

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

EI. WAGHORNE,

Chairman.

GENERAL PURPOSES & WATCH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 22nd November, 1904—Present : The Mayor, Aldermen Haddon, Norman, Rogers, and Waghorne, Councillors Bendall, M. Davis, Parsonage, and Stroud (Alderman Norman in the chair).

1—Chairman—Resolved, That Alderman Norman be appointed Chairman of this Committee for the ensuing year.

2—Diseases of Animals' Acts—Supt. Hopkins reported that the Borough was entirely free from contagious disease amongst animals.

3—Transfer of Hackney Carriage Licence—Read, letters from Mr. A. Spreadbury and Messrs, F. Bishop and Son, applying for the transfer of Hackney carriage licence No. 5 from the former to the latter, the carriage having been purchased by them. Resolved, That the application be acceded to.

4—Hackney Carriage Driver's Licence--Read, an application from A. S. Webb, of Hewlett Road Dairy, for a licence to drive a Hackney carriage. Resolved, That the application be granted.

5—Appointment of Art Gallery Sub-Committee—Resolved, That Aldermen Haddon, Norman, Rogers, and Winterbotham, together with the Baron do Ferrieres and Dr. E. T. Wilson, be appointed the Art Gallery Sub-Committee for the ensuing year.

6—Collection of Fossils—Read, a letter from the Hon. Soc. of the Cotteswold Naturalists' Field Club, enclosing a copy of the following resolution of the Club :—

" That this Meeting of the Cotteswold Naturalists' Field Club, recognising the important place taken by Museums in public education, and being informed that valuable collections of fossils and other objects of scientific interest are stored in the buildings of the Cheltenham Free Library, respectfully

urge upon the Corporation of that Borough the desirability of utilising these collections as the nucleus of a public museum."

Resolved, That the resolution be referred to the Art Gallery Sub-Committee for consideration.

7—Place of Meeting of Council—Resolved, That this committee recommend that the Council meet in future in the large Drawing Room at the Town Hall.

8.—Definition of Duties of Committee—The suggested definition of the duties of this Committee was considered. Resolved, That the same as now settled be approved.

9—Town Hall Wiring Contract—Mr. Hawtayne attended, and gave particulars of the extras charged, of which a detailed account had been submitted by Messrs. Handley and Shanks. Mr. Hawtayne stated that the amount due to Messrs. Handley and Shanks was £980 0s. 5d., on account of which they had received £700, leaving a balance of £280 0s. 5d. now payable. Resolved, That the sum of £280 0s. 5d. be paid to Messrs. Handley and Shanks in settlement of their claim under the contract, such payment to be without prejudice to any claim the Council may have against the Agents for ordering extras without the authority of the Council, and not to be taken as confirming the order for such extras.

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10—Cheltenham Grammar School—The Town Clerk stated that under the existing schemes of the Charity Commission, as amended by the Scheme of 1900, it was provided that so long as the County Council paid a yearly sum of not less than £1,000 to the Funds of the Foundation, there should be 17 Governors appointed as follows :—(1) The Mayor, Ex-officio. (2) Five by the County Council, (3) Five by the Town Council, (4) Four by Corpus Christi College, and (5) Two by Parents of Day Scholars.

The said sum of £1,000 to be applied exclusively for the purpose of the School of Science carried on at the Grammar School or in connection with any classes open to and attended by boys of the Grammar School held in connection with the School of Science and Technical School and School of Art, carried on in the Public Library Buildings or in some other suitable building.

On the 1st May, 1899, the Town Council passed a resolution undertaking in the event of Cheltenham becoming a County Borough to relieve the County Council of any further liability in respect of the Capital Expenditure they may have made in respect of the School.

It was now proposed to make additions and alterations to the existing building to provide accommodation for a Pupil Teachers' Centre at an estimated cost of £20,000, and the County Council had agreed to increase their contribution to £2,200 per annum.

An amended Scheme had been submitted for the approval of the Charity Commissioners, which provided that so long as the County Council pay a yearly sum of not less than £2,200 the number of Governors appointed by them shall be increased to seven, and also providing that the sum of £2,200 shall be applied exclusively for the purpose of a Pupil Teachers' Centre of Evening Classes and of a daily Training College open to boys of the Grammar School or girls of the Girls' Secondary School, to be held in the Grammar School or other suitable building or generally in accordance with the requirements of the County Council. The Governors to provide for the education of the County

Scholars to the satisfaction of the County Council subject to the regulations of the Board of Education.

In order to enable a loan to be raised for carrying out the proposed alterations, the County Council were willing to enter into a Covenant guaranteeing the payment of £1,200 for 30 years, provided the Town Council were willing to take over the liability in the event of Cheltenham becoming a County Borough, and he had received a letter from the Clerk of the County Council enquiring whether the Town Council would enter into an Agreement to do so. In his letter the Clerk of the County Council stated that the proportion of the Custom and Excise Duties, which Cheltenham would be entitled to on becoming a County Borough based on the receipts for the year ending 31st March last, was calculated to be about £1,908 16s. 5d.

Resolved, That this Council do undertake in the event of Cheltenham becoming a County Borough to take over the liability under the proposed deed of Covenant, provided that in such event the County Council and the Governors agree to the Amendment of the Scheme so as to confer on the Town Council the benefits which will be derived by the County Council under the existing Schemes, as amended by the proposed draft Scheme, and that the taking over such liability shall be accepted in full settlement of any claim for financial adjustment in respect of the said School (subject to any arrangement which may be made hereafter between the Town Council and the County Council as to any further Capital Expenditure by the County Council). Provided that any such amendment of the Scheme shall provide in the event of Cheltenham not becoming a County Borough within a period of ten years from this date that the County Council shall retain three representatives on the Governing Body of the School.

Resolved Also that an agreement embodying these terms be entered into between the County Council, the Governors of the Grammar School and the Town Council.

11—Pawnbroker's Certificate—Read, a letter from Mr. Harry Higgins, of 314 and 315 High Street, applying for the renewal of his Pawnbroker's Certificate, and asking for a reduction in the fee charged for the same (10s 6d). Resolved, That the certificate be renewed, but that the applicant be informed that the committee cannot recommend any reduction in the fee.

12—Committee Fixtures for 1905—Resolved, That the Meetings of the Committees of the Council for 1905 be fixed as fall upon a public holiday shall be held upon such other days as may be follows (except that any meetings that May more convenient), viz. :—

THREE WEEKS PREVIOUS TO COUNCIL MEETING.

1st Week.

Thursday	Lighting Committee 3 p.m.
Friday	Farms Management ... 3 p.m.
	Mineral Waters, Baths, and Recreation Grounds... 4 p.m.

2nd Week.

Monday	Plans Sub-Committee 10.30 a.m.
	Public Health (Second Meeting) 3 p.m.
	Town improvement 4.30 p.m.
Tuesday	General Purposes and Watch 4 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) 3.30 p.m.
Tuesday Finance 3.30 p.m.

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WEEK FOLLOWING COUNCIL MEETING WEEK.

Monday Public Health 3. p.m.
Tuesday Street and Highway 3. p.m.
 Public Library 4.15 p.m.

GEORGE NORMAN,

Chairman.

MINERAL WATERS, BATHS AND RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Friday, the 18th November, 1904—Present: The Mayor, Alderman Norman, Councillors Bence, Bendall, Davies, Merrett, Pilley, and Stroud (Councillor Stroud in the chair).

1—Chairman—Resolved, That Councillor Stroud be appointed chairman of this Committee for the ensuing year.

2—Mineral Waters Sub-Committee—Resolved, That the Chairman and Councillors Bence and Davies be appointed a Mineral Waters Sub-Committee.

3—Visitors for Baths and Recreation Grounds—Resolved, That the following members of the Committee be appointed visitors for the Baths and Recreation Grounds undermentioned until further notice :—

Agg-Gardner Recreation Ground—Councillors Baker and Pilley.

Naunton Park—Alderman Norman and Councillor Bendall.

Whaddon Lane Recreation Ground—Councillors Bence and Merrett.

Grove Street Ground—Councillor Bence.

Montpellier Baths—Councillors Stroud and Davies.

Alston Baths—Alderman Norman and Councillor Baker.

4—Duties of Committees—The suggested definition of the duties of this Committee was considered. Resolved, That the same as now amended be approved.

5—Montpellier Baths—The Borough Accountant reported that the amount received during the present financial year was £107 2s. 10d., and the payments (exclusive of repayment of loan and interest) £291 17s. 7d.

6—Alstone Baths—The Borough Accountant reported that the receipts during the present financial year were £133 0s. 2d., and the payments (exclusive of repayment of loans and interest) £158 6s. 5d.

7—Mineral Water Wells—The Borough Surveyor reported that the owner of St. Florence, Eldorado Crescent, had called his attention to a mineral water well, which had been uncovered upon his premises, the well, being about 87 feet deep, and the water within 9 feet of the surface. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have the condition of the well examined, and necessary repairs executed, and the well domed over, and that he be also instructed to inspect all the mineral water wells comprised in the conveyance to the Corporation, and prepare plans of their exact positions.

8—Agg-Gardner Recreation Ground—With reference to the resolution passed at the last meeting, directing a portion of the Agg-Gardner Recreation Ground to be underdrained, the Borough Surveyor reported that in consequence of the reduction of this Committee's estimates by the Finance Committee, it would be impossible to carry out the work without exceeding the estimates. Resolved, That the work be deferred until April next.

9—Bedding-out Plants for Agg-Gardner and Whaddon Lane Recreation Grounds—Resolved, To authorise the Borough Surveyor to supply what bedding-out plants he considers necessary to the superintendents of the Agg-Gardner and Whaddon Lane Recreation Grounds.

HERBERT STROUD, Chairman.

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BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE.

At a meeting of this Committee, held on Thursday, the 17th November, 1904—Present : The Mayor, Aldermen, Haddon and Rogers, Councillors Baker Bence, Gridley, Merrett, Pilley, and Steel (Alderman Raddon in the chair).

1—Chairman—Resolved, That Alderman Haddon be appointed Chairman of this Committee for the ensuing year.

JOHN HADDON,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Friday, the 25th November, 1904—Present : The Mayor, Aldermen Haddon and Rogers, Councillors Baker, Gridley, Merrett, and Steel (Alderman Haddon in the chair).

2—Designs—Resolved, That the following designs be approved, viz. :-- Memorial Crosses, &c., to William Walter Pemberton and Francis Blennerhassett Walker ; Headstone to grave of Caroline Townsend King ; Marble Kerb to grave of Elizabeth Mary Woodward.

3—Duties of Committee—The suggested definition of this Committee's duties was considered. Resolved, That the same be approved.

JOHN HADDON,

Chairman.

PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 15th November, 1904—Present: The Mayor; Alderman Rogers ; Councillors Davies, Lawrence, Marshall, Merrett, Pilley and Stroud ; Baron de Ferrieres; Col. King-Harman ; Revs. J. Evans, A. Beynon Phillips and J. A. Owen ; Messrs. C. Hayward, A. Mann, G. H. Palmer, E. C. Rogers, and J. Stewart (Alderman Rogers in the chair).

1—Chairman—Resolved, That Alderman Rogers be appointed Chairman of this Committee for the ensuing year.

2—Librarian's Report—Read, the Monthly Report of the Librarian. Receipts £6 8s. 3d. Presentations British Museum Trustees (5 vols.), Borough Accountant (1 vol.), G. H. Bayley (2 vols.), University Tutorial Press (1 vol.), Baron do Ferrieres (2 vols.), Major Pottinger (50 vols.)

3—Appointment of Sub-Committee—Resolved, That the following be appointed the Sub-Committee for the ensuing year, viz :—Alderman Rogers, Councillors Marshall, Merrett, and Pilley, the Rev. J. Evans, Colonel Ring-Harman, Messrs. C. Hayward and G. H. Palmer.

4—Leckhampton Reading Room—Read, a letter from the Hon. Secretary of the Leckhampton Reading Room Committee asking for the loan of three or four of the bookshelves at present not in use at the Library. Resolved, That the application be acceded to.

5—Suggestion Book—Read, a letter from Mr. F. J. Butler, regretting that the Committee had not seen fit to purchase in accordance with his suggestion, a copy of Fraser's Philosophy of Theism. Resolved. That the Committee regret, that at present they cannot see their way to purchase the work referred to, but hope to do so at a future date.

RICHARD ROGERS,

Chairman.

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FINANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Thursday, the 17th November, 1904—Present :—The Mayor, Alderman Waghorne, Councillors Merrett, Parsonage, Steel and Stroud (Alderman Waghorne in the chair).

1—Chairman—Resolved, That Alderman Waghorne be appointed Chairman of this Committee for the ensuing year.

JOHN WAGHORNE, Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 29th November, 1904—Present : The Mayor, Aldermen Waghorne and Skillicorne, Councillors Bence, Merrett, Parsonage, Rickerby, Steel, and Stroud (Ald. Waghorne in the chair).

2—General District Rate—Read, the monthly Report of the Borough Accountant, on the collection of the second instalment of this Rate. Amount collected £6,736 9s. 9d. Leaving outstanding £19,866 5s. 8d.

3—Water Rate—Read, the monthly Report of the Borough Accountant on the collection of this Rate. Amount received £3,377 5s. 2d. Leaving outstanding £7,760 10s. 3d.

4—Investment of Sinking Funds—The Borough Accountant reported that instead of £6,641 as reported last month the Portsmouth Corporation were only in a position to invest £6,307 at the present time, and consequently the amount to be advanced by the Cheltenham Corporation to them should be reduced to the same amount. Resolved, That the previous resolution of this committee of the 25th October last be varied accordingly.

5—Loans—The Borough Accountant reported that Mrs. Margrett was willing to allow £3,000 of the £3,816, in respect of which she had given notice of repayment to the Corporation, to remain if the rate of interest were increased to 3 $\frac{3}{4}$ per cent. Resolved, That the offer be accepted.

6—Definition of Duties of Committee—The suggested definition of the duties of this committee was considered. Resolved, That the same as now settled be approved.

7—Audit—Read, a letter from Major General Babbage, one of the Elective Auditors, enclosing a copy of a Report made by him to the burgesses with reference to a note attached by him to the auditors' certificate at the end of the accounts.

8—Assessment of Waterworks in Tewkesbury Union—The Town Clerk having reported that Messrs. Medley, Mason, and Hedley had been engaged by the Tewkesbury Union Assessment Committee to revalue the waterworks in that union, Resolved, That the Town Clerk be authorised, if necessary, to appeal against the Valuation List and Rate when made, and, if necessary, to engage an expert valuer to be approved by the Committee. to the approval of this committee.

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 £24469 18s. 5d. ordered to be paid by the Borough Treasurer. The Treasurer's accounts at the Bank were examined, and the balances found to be correct. The following was the General Statement

£ s. d.

Overdrawn on the 25th October, 1904	£54,273 8 10
Paid since that date	<u>£12,268 5 8</u>
	£66,541 14 6
Received since that date	<u>£22,142 7 7</u>
	Overdrawn £44,399 6 11
Being Bank Loan Account No. 2	£45,353 19 10
Do. No. 3	<u>£17,622 0 5</u>
	£62,976 0 3

Less in hand on General Accounts	£11,332 17 9
Do. Sinking Funds	£ <u>7,243 15 7</u>
	<u>£18,576 13 4</u>
	£44,399 6 11

JOHN WAGHORNE, Chairman.

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LECKHAMPTON HILL RIGHTS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 14th November, 1904—Present : The Mayor, Alderman Norman, Councillors Baker, Bendall and Stroud, Messrs. W. F. Hicks-Beach and J. H. McIlquham (Councillor Stroud in the chair).

1—Leckhampton Hill Rights—The Town Clerk and the Clerk to the Cheltenham Rural District Council reported their negotiations with Mr. W. H. Russell, on behalf of the Leckhampton Quarries Company, and as to the present position of matters, and submitted a draft Agreement, which it was understood Mr. Russell would recommend the Company to agree to if approved by the Town Council and the Rural District Council.

Resolved, That this Committee, whilst recommending the proposed agreement to their respective Councils for adoption (4 feet being substituted for 4 feet 6 inches in Clauses 3 and 4 thereof), appeals to the Quarries Company, in the interests of peace, not to erect the fence of the proposed cottage nearer to the Tramway than the site marked blue on the plan.

HERBERT STROUD,

Chairman.

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