

Borough of Cheltenham.¹

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 2nd January, 1905.

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 12th December, 1904—Present : Alderman Skillicorne, Councillors Bence, Parsonage, and Pilley (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, 12 cases of Scarlet Fever, 1 of Erysipelas and 3 of Diphtheria; that 11 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 17 of Scarlet Fever and 5 of Diphtheria.

2—Cleansing and Disinfecting at No. 2, Adelaide Buildings, Both 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 owners and occupiers to cleanse and disinfect the houses or parts thereof within the time specified in such notice.

3—Cleansing and Limewashing at 39 & 45 Rutland Street, 5 Grove Street, 1 Barnes Yard, Grove Street and 263 High Street. Tho 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 No. 19 Bath Parade, and 16 St. Paul's Street South. 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.

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5—Insanitary Property—Nos. 49, 52, 53, 58, 59, 60, 62 & 63 Rutland Street, 1 Orchard Place and 10 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 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.

6—Houses without proper Ash Receptacles---The Inspector of Nuisances reported that the following houses had no proper ashpits or ash receptacles, viz :—Nos. 28, 44, 58, 60 and 63 Rutland Street,

and 20 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.

7—Public House Urinals—The Medical Officer of Health reported that the Urinals at the Waterloo Bar, Original Cooperage London Ale & Porter Stores and The Shamrock Inn 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.

8—Mackintosh for Ambulance Driver—On the recommendation of the Medical Officer of Health, Resolved, That a new mackintosh be purchased for the ambulance driver.

9—Private Sewers—Read, a letter from the Local Government Board stating that with reference to the difficulties experienced by the Council in connection with the repair of private sewers they could not hold out any expectation of dealing with this particular matter by legislation in a public bill.

Read, a Report by the Medical Officer of Health upon the subject of the private sewers in the Borough in which he again urged the necessity of dealing with the question particularly as it affects the Tivoli sewers. The matter had been drifting for years, and its consideration was latterly postponed pending the receipt of the answer from the Local Government Board.

He had advised the Committee of the bad structural condition of some of the Tivoli Sewers according to the experience gained in his department in dealing with the house drains connected with them, and the late Borough Surveyor had made a detailed examination of the whole of the Tivoli sewers, and reported that they were generally defective.

The Corporation had approached the owners, or receivers of the rent charges, of these sewers, with a view to obtaining terms under which the ownership of the sewers should be acquired and they replied asking a sum equivalent to 12 ½ years purchase of the rent charges for one portion of the sewers, and 20 years purchase for the remainder. This offer was not accepted and an effort to get the question settled by acquiring new powers by a Bill in Parliament had failed.

He suggested that they should consider the desirability of making another effort to settle the matter with the owners of the sewers by treaty, and failing which there appeared to be no other satisfactory way of dealing with the matter than by promoting another Bill, and this he advised should be done without further loss of time

Resolved. That the further consideration of the matter be adjourned.

10—Hatherley Brook Sewer and St. Peter's District Sewers Reconstruction—Read a letter front the Local Government Board with reference to the Council's application for sanction to borrow £12603 for reconstructing the Hatherley Brook Sewer and St. Peter's District Sewers and enclosing copies of letters addressed to the Board by the Clerks to the County Council, the Cheltenham Rural District

Council, the Tewkesbury Rural District Council, and the Chairman of the Boddington Parish Meeting, and Mr. Arkell. The Town Clerk submitted draft letter he proposed to send in reply. Resolved, the same be approved and sent.

E. H. PARSONAGE, Chairman.

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At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 19th December, 1904— Present : The Mayor, Aldermen Norman and Skillicorne, Councillors Bence, Pilley and Parsonage (Councillor Parsonage in the chair).

11—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 2 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 14 of Scarlet Fever, and 4 of Diphtheria.

12—Houses without proper Ash Receptacles—The Inspector of Nuisances reported that the following houses had no proper ashpits or ash receptacles, viz :—No. 12 Grosvenor Street, 5 Victoria Place, Bath Road, and 15 Lypiatt 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.

13—Cleansing and Limewashing at Nos. 1, 3, 4 and 6 Belmont Terrace, 3 and 5 Elm Cottages, Swindon Road, Coffee Tavern, Gloucester Road, and 20 St. George's 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.

14—Nuisances from Drains, etc., at Nos. 7, 8 and 9 Montpellier Retreat, Garden Cottage, Montpellier Retreat, 16 to 21 Victoria Place, Bath Road, 3 Lansdown Place, 3 Elm Cottages, Swindon Road, and 1 Belmont Terrace. 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.

15—Insanitary Property—Nos. 3, 4, 5 and 6 Belmont Terrace, 3 Elm Cottages, Swindon Road, Nos. 1 to 7 Barnes Yard, Grove Street, and 28 Rose & Crown Passage. 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, chimney, &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.

16—Dairies, Cowsheds, and Milkshops' Order—Read, an application from Mr. W. E. C. Minett, of 14 Northwick Terrace, Suffolk Road, to be registered as a dairyman. Resolved, That the application be acceded to.

17—House unfit for Human Habitation, viz ; 1 Exmouth Buildings, Bath 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 the 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 said house to be closed.

18—Factory Without Sufficient W.C.—The Inspector of Nuisances reported that a factory in Knapp Road was without a sufficient water closet. Resolved, That notice be given to the owner or occupier of the said factory under Section 36 of the Public Health Act, 1875, requiring the provision of sufficient water closet accommodation.

19—Slaughter House Licence—Read, a letter from Messrs. Story Co., applying for the renewal of the licence for their slaughter house in Whaddon Lane which expires on the 31st instant. Resolved, That leaving regard to the distinct understanding contained in the Council's resolution when the licence was last renewed that it would not be again renewed, the Committee cannot recommend that the application be acceded to.

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20—Wall at back of " Rainow," St. George's Road—Read, a letter from Messrs. Winterbotham, Gurney & Co., enclosing a cheque for £10, the first instalment of the amount agreed to be paid by Mr. A. G. Pollock in respect of the work done by the Corporation to the wall at the back of " Rainow," but asking the Council to forego the remaining three instalments. Resolved, That the Committee regret they cannot recommend the Council to agree to this.

21—Plans Sub-Committee—The Chairman reported as to the proceedings of the Plans Sub-Committee at their meetings on the 13th and 10th instant. Resolved. That the same be approved so far as drainage and other sanitary matters are concerned.

22—Offal at Abattoir—The Borough Surveyor having reported that Mr. Cook had by notice terminated his agreement to take the offal at the Abattoir. Resolved. That the matter be left in the hands of the Medical Officer of Health and the Borough Surveyor to consider and report as to what arrangements should be made for the future.

23—Disinfecter—The Borough Surveyor having reported that the use of the boilers for the disinfecter should be discontinued for a short time to allow of their examination, &c. Resolved, That the Delancey Hospital authorities be asked to allow the Corporation to use the Disinfecter at the Hospital during such period if required.

E. H. PARSONAGE, Chairman.

PLANS SUB-COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Sub-Committee, held on Tuesday, the 13th December, 1904—Present: The Mayor, Councillors Baker, Bence, Bendall and Parsonage (Councillor Parsonage in the Chair).

1—New Buildings—The Borough Surveyor submitted the following plans of intended new Buildings, viz :-

No. of Plan	Name	Description
224	Thos. Sewell	Mission Hall, Swindon Road.
227	H. J. & A. J. Bradshaw	Two semi-detached Villas, Naunton Park Road.
228	H. Russell	Re-instating No. 78, Winchcomb Street.
229	G. H. Roberts ..	New Wing, Bath Room, &c., to Homelea, All Saints' Villas Road.
230	Council of Cheltenham College ..	New Bath Room to the College Block Delancey Hospital.
203	T. W. Smith	18 Semi-detached Houses, Naunton Lane.
218	Committee of St. John's Schools ..	New Latrines at St. John's Schools.
231	Dr. Pruen	Conservatory at Lypiatt Lodge, Suffolk Place.

Resolved, That plan No. 203 be approved subject to the fences being set back so as to give a width of 36 feet to the street, before building is commenced, and that the remainder of the plans be approved as shown.

E. H. PARSONAGE, Chairman.

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At a Meeting of this Sub-Committee held on Monday, the 19th December, 1904--Present : Councillors Bence, Bendall and Parsonage (Councillor Parsonage in the Chair).

2-- New Buildings—The Borough Surveyor submitted the following plans of intended new buildings, viz:—

No. of Plan	Name	Description
221	A. Hayward	Converting two cottages into business premises in road at rear of Montpellier Villas.
226	W. Dutton	Bath room and W.C. to house in St. George's Square.
232	T. Taylor	Proposed Roofing in yard, Suffolk Road.
233	National Provincial Bank of England Ltd. ..	New bank premises, Montpellier Walk.

Resolved, That plans No. 221 and 233 be approved, that plan No. 226 be approved subject to the condition endorsed on plan as to the cottage at back, and that plan No. 232 be disapproved. Resolved also, That as regards plan No. 233 the Council approved the proposed height of the building under Sec. 46 of the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1889.

E. H. PARSONAGE,
Chairman.

FARMS MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Friday, the 16th December, 1904—Present Councillors Bence, M. Davis, Gridley and Steel (Councillor M. Davis in the chair).

1—Farms' Manager's Report—Read, the Monthly Report of the Farms' Manager. The sales during the month had been as follows : 8 bullocks and 10 heifers for £314 1s., and 4 pigs for £14 12s. 9d. The Stock on the Farms on the 16th instant was 16 horses, 127 head of cattle, 11 sheep and 16 pigs, the whole being healthy and well. In view of the abundance of keep on the farms he recommended that 15 or 20 strong bullocks be purchased when suitable opportunities offered. Forty sacks of oats and 25 sacks of wheat had been threshed since the last meeting and 1 ton, 18 cwts. of straw had been delivered to the Central Depot. Resolved, That the recommendation of the Farms Manager be approved and adopted.

M. DAVIS,

Chairman.

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STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, 13th December, 1904: Present—The Mayor, Alderman Haddon, Councillors Baker, Bendall, Gridley, Ley Wood, and Parsonage (Councillor Bendall in the chair).

1—Street Projections—Read, a letter from Messrs. R. Organ & Sons, applying for permission to place 2 lamps outside No. 147 High Street, subject to the usual conditions. Resolved, That the application be acceded to.

2—Improvement at No. 408 High Street—The proposed improvement opposite No. 408 High Street was further considered. Resolved, That the Committee re-affirm their offer to pay £20 to the owners of the property if they will set back to the same line of frontage as the adjoining premises on either side, the lands so cleared of buildings to be thrown into and form part of the public footpath.

3—Livorno Lodge Improvement—Read, a letter from the Clerk to the Grammar School Governors stating that it had been suggested that the desire of the Corporation to minimise the danger to traffic at the corner of St. Margaret's Road might be attained by substituting for the high wall round Livorno Lodge a dwarf wall with iron railings, and if the Corporation were willing to carry out this alteration the Governors had no objection. Resolved, That the Committee cannot recommend the Council to agree to the proposal.

4—Cheltenham and District Light Railway—Mr. S. H. Fox, of Messrs. Lance & Co., Ltd., attended this meeting with reference to the inconvenience and loss they anticipated in consequence of the Light Railway passing in front of their premises, and suggested that some of the present unnecessarily wide footpath should be thrown into the roadway so as to enable customers' carriages to stand opposite their premises. The Borough Surveyor having reported that the cost of carrying out the suggestion would be about £227. Resolved, That the further consideration of the matter be adjourned.

5—Building Inspector's Report—Read, the Monthly Report of Building Inspector. New buildings in progress 107. Completed since date of last report 23.

JOHN D. BENDALL,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Friday, the 23rd December, 1904: Present—Aldermen Haddon and Skillicorne, Councillor Bendall, Gridley, Ley Wood, and Parsonage (Councillor Bendall in the chair).

6—Slab Factory--The Committee visited the Slab Factory. The Borough Surveyor presented a Report on the working of the same to the 24th ult. The account to the end of March, 1903, showed a deficit of £416 0s. 5d. This had now been removed, and the factory was now paying its way on the sale of slabs at a price much below what they could be purchased for elsewhere. The following statement of account was included in the Report :—

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STATEMENT OF ACCOUNT FROM COMMENCEMENT OF SLAB FACTORY TO 24th NOVEMBER, 1904.

Cr.[edit].

Slabs sold to 31st March. 1903 ...	£1040 11 0
Kerbs sold to 31st March, 1903	18s 0d
Slabs sold year ended 31st March, 1904 ...	£ 498 3 6
Kerbs	£ 77 11 0
Slabs sold 1st April to 24th Nov., 1904	£1189 19 11
Kerbs sold 1st April to 24th Nov., 1904	£ 428 2 0
Slabs in stock 24th Nov., 1904, 8967 1/3 square yds at 2s 9d ...	£ 1233 0 2
Kerbs in stock 24th Nov., 1904 1892 square yds at 2s 9d (calculated at 2 1/2 in, thick) £ <u>260 3 0</u>	
	£4728 8 7

Dr.[Debit]

Wages, materials, etc., five months ended 31st March, 1903 ...	£ 332 13 9
Ditto year ended 31st March, 1903	£1290 8 11
Do. Do. 1904	£1231 2 6
Do. 1st April to 24th Nov., 1904	£ 956 8 11
Proportion of Interest and Sinking Fund ditto ...	£ <u>165 3 4</u>
	£3975 17 5

INTEREST AND SINKING FUND PAID OUT OF RATES AND NOW PROPOSED TO BE REFUNDED.

Year ended 31st March, 1902 ...	£242 17 2	
Do. Do. 1903 ...	£245 14 7	
Do. Do. 1904 ...	<u>£247 14 3</u>	
		£736 16 17
Surplus ...	<u>£ 16 5 2</u>	
		£4728 8 7

The Borough Surveyor suggested that £736 6s. 0d. for interest and sinking fund paid out of the rates should be refunded and utilised for the Lansdown Place paving instead of making application for sanction to a loan for the latter. The quality of the slabs had much improved. The stock had been reduced from 12,000 to 9,000 square yards within the last 12 months. The value of the slabs sold outside the town was £103 4s. 10d, and locally £21 7s. 2d.

Resolved, That the Committee record their appreciation of the valuable services rendered by Mr. Pickering in improving the working of the Slab Factory, and placing the same on a sound financial basis.

Resolved, also, That the recommendation of the Borough Surveyor with regard to the Lansdown Place paving be approved and adopted, and that the resolution to Minute No. 12 of the 26th September last snaking application for sanction to a loan be rescinded accordingly.

7—Borough Surveyor's Monthly Report re Highways—The Borough Surveyor reported that the work done by the Highways Department from the 25th November to the 21st December (both inclusive) had been as follows :—

Roads Repaired—Leckhampton Road and Charlton Lane (proceeding).

Patching—Milsom Street, Swindon Street, Pittville Circus Road, Hewlett Road, Albion Street, St. James' Square, Manchester Street, North Street, Clarence Street, Sherborne Street, Selkirk Street, St. George's Road, Leighton Road, and St. Anne's Terrace.

New Kerbing and Paving—High Street (proceeding). McDougall Brick Paving Relaid—York Passage, 75 ½ super yards.

Gullies Renewed-4. New Crossings Fixed—Near Christ Church. Crossing Renewed—. Manhole Cover Fixed-1.

Trees Cut Down-1 in Oriel Road and 1 in Montpellier Gardens.

Trees Lopped and Pruned—The Park, Montpellier Terrace, and Albion Street.

Footpaths Coated—Keynsham Road (466 super yards), (gravel) ; Chelt Alley (903 super yards), (clinker).

Trees Set Back to New Line of Footpath-16 in Leckhampton Road.

Ashes Collection and Disposal—During four weeks ended 15th December, 1062 loads collected, 263 tipped away, and 794 consumed. Weight, 846 tons 4 cwts.

Slab Factory—During four weeks ended 22nd December 799k square yards of slabs made and 51 lineal feet of kerbs.

8-Firewood at Central Depot—The Boroughs Surveyor reported that the only tender received in response to the advertisement was that of Mr. J. Warren, who offered 5s. 6d. per ton for the firewood at the Depot. Resolved, That the same be accepted, the wood to be removed within one month.

9—Sand Distributing. Cart—Resolved, That the Sand Distributing Cart obtained on approval be purchased.

10—Improvement at No. 408, High Street—Mr. John Playle, one of the owners of 408, High Street, attended this meeting with reference to the terms recommended by this Committee for the setting back of No. 408, High Street. Resolved, That the Committee cannot increase the offer made by their resolution at the last meeting.

11—Approach Road to Destructor, Electric Light Station, &c. Resolved, That the Borough-Surveyor be instructed to have this road repaired, subject to the Electric Light Department agreeing to pay half the cost of the work as on previous occasions.

12—Slop Carts—The Borough Surveyor reported that he had received five tenders for the supply of the four new slop carts required, and had accepted that of the Mr. E. Haidon, New Street, at £16 10s. each, that being the lowest. Resolved, That his action be approved.

13—St. George's Place Improvement-----Read a letter from Mr. P. Bendall stating that on the stable at the back of No. 7, Royal Crescent being vacated he would like to set back the wall if terms could be arranged, the Corporation to pay reasonable compensation for the land given up and snake the footpath, allowing a space for a roadway of, say, 10 ft. in width. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to prepare a plan and estimate of the cost of the proposed-improvement, and that the Town Clerk be instructed to ascertain Mr. Bendall's terms.

14—Granley Road Private Improvement Works—Resolved, That the abutting owners in Granley Road be required to carry out the private improvement works there in accordance with the notices already served upon them, except that the paths be gravelled and not paved, and that the resolution to minute No. 13 of this Committee of the 29th February last and the specification, &c., therein referred to, be varied accordingly.

15—Plans Sub-Committee—The Chairman reported the proceedings of the Plans Sub-Committee at their meetings on the 13th and 10th inst. Resolved. That the same be approved.

16—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 at a cost of £689 4s. 0d., 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. 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 £84 3s. 4d., 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.

17—Montpellier Street Paving, &c.—Read, letters from the Secretary of the Ladies' College calling attention to the defective condition of the paving hi Montpellier Street and to the want of proper channelling there. Resolved. That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to put the paving and channelling in proper order, the College having agreed to pay half the cost of the channelling.

18—Cab Stands in High Street—Read, a Memorial from Col. Aislabie and other owners and occupiers of houses in Berkeley Place objecting to the placing of a cab stand in Hewlett Street alongside the garden in front of their houses. Resolved, That this Committee recommend to the General Purposes Committee that is cabstand should be made in High Street, from Berkeley Street to Hewlett Street and that if any further accommodation is required a stand should be made on the West side of College Road.

JOHN D. BENDALL,

Chairman.

TOWN IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 19th December, 1904 : Present—Aldermen Rogers and Winterbotham, Councillors Bence, Marshall, Packer, and Rickerby (Councillor Rickerby in the chair).

1—Report of Entertainments Sub-Committee—The Entertainments Sub-Committee recommended that a payment of 3s. 0d. should be made to allow of the use of certain French copyright music at the Musical Afternoons. Resolved, That the recommendation be approved and adopted.

2—Use of Bowling Green at Winter Garden—Read, a letter from the Hon. Secretary of the Bowling Club applying or terms for the use of the Bowling Green at the Winter Garden. Resolved, That further consideration of the application be adjourned.

3—Advertising—Read, a letter from Messrs. T. Cook & Sons-applying for the renewal of the half-page advertisement of Cheltenham in Cook's Holiday Tours at a charge of £7 for one year, the number of copies printed being 50,000. Resolved, That the advertisement be renewed on the terms mentioned.

With reference to the pamphlet submitted by Dr. Garrett at the last meeting, Resolved, That 2,000 copies he printed for circulation at a cost of £4 4s. 0d.

The following gentlemen attended as a deputation from the Cheltenham Chamber of Commerce in support of the suggestions made at the last meeting for the printing and economical distribution of small pamphlets relating to Cheltenham, and the establishment of an Information Bureau, viz.— Messrs. E. J. Burrow, David Lewis, W. H. Tuck, A. H. Whitcombe, and W. Welstead. Resolved, That further consideration of the suggestion be adjourned.

4—Cotswold and Yale—Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to arrange for the placing of copies of Mr. Branch's book " Cotswold and Vale," on the principal liners and in the principal hotels in the Country, and otherwise as he may deem advisable.

5—Death of the Rev. M. A. Smelt; M.A.—Resolved unanimously, That an expression of the sympathy of the Council be conveyed to the family of the late Rev. M. A. Smelt, M.A., in the loss they have sustained by his death.

6—Presentation to Pittville Park—The Borough Surveyor reported that Mr. E. Workman, of 15 Clarence Square, had presented a coat for Pittville Park. Resolved, That the same be accepted with the best thanks of the Council.

7 —Skating at Pittville—The Town Clerk submitted draft byelaws with regard to skating at Pittville. Resolved, That the same be approved and that the Council be recommended to adopt the same (a print accompanies these Minutes), and that the Common Seal be affixed thereto.

T. E. RICKERBY, Chairman.

LIGHTING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Wednesday, the 21st December, 1904: Present—The Mayor, Alderman Norman, Councillors Green, Gridley, Ley Wood, Marshall, Merrett, and Steel. (Councillor Ley Wood in the chair).

1—Electrical Inspector's Report—The Electrical Inspector reported the result of his tests of the Electric supply during the past month, as follows, viz. :-On December 1st 208 volts, and December 14th 212 volts, the legal standard being 210 volts.

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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 feet.
Dec. 1st	15.80 candles	Dec. 1-2	11.01
" 3rd	15.95 "	" 13-14	10.29
" 14th	15.49 "		
Average	15.75 "	Average	10.65

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 4.055 cubic feet ; Guildhall lamps with No. 4 Incandescent burners 3.685 cubic feet, and Ordinary lamps with No. 3 Incandescent burners 3.477 cubic feet.

4—Lamp Book—This Book was produced and examined. Incandescents extinguished, 55 ; burning dimly, 20. Ordinary Lamps extinguished : 36 unmetered, 4 metered ; burning dimly 49.

Resolved, That the attention of the Gas Company be called to the large number of lamps of both classes reported extinguished or burning dimly during the past month.

5—Charges for Traction—Mr. Swinburne attended this meeting and discussed with the Committee the suggestions contained in his report as to the charges for supply of traction power to the Light Railway Company. Resolved, That Mr. Swinburne be authorised to negotiate with the Light Railway Company with a view to arranging the charge for traction by agreement if possible without going to arbitration, and report to the Committee the result of his negotiations.

6—View Meeting re Public Lighting—The Chairman reported that a meeting of this Committee was held on the 15th inst. : (present—Councillors Green, Gridley, Marshall, Merrett, Steel, and himself), when visits were made to the following places in respect of which complaints had been received as to the public lighting, and they recommended as follows :—

Portland Square, St. Stephen's Road and Cemetery Road—The Committee were of opinion that the present lighting is sufficient.

Harp Hill—That, subject to the Charlton Kings Urban District Council agreeing to pay for one lamp in this road, an additional lamp be fixed in and an existing one be removed to the positions settled by the Committee.

Sandford Mill Road—That the present lamps be re-arranged and an additional lamp placed in this road.

Lansdown District—The Committee having previously viewed this district, in view of the annual cost involved in substituting shadowless lanterns for flat flame burners the Committee cannot recommend the Council to incur this expenditure.

Eldorado Crescent—That an additional lamp be fixed near " Inchmalo."

Rowanfield Road—That one lamp be removed and refixed in the position indicated by the Committee.

Collum End Road—That the Cheltenham Rural District Council be asked to provide two lamps in this road, in which case the Town Council will provide another lamp in addition to the one already provided by them.

Alstone Avenue—That two lamps be fixed in this road and that a lamp in Alstone Lane be removed to the position now decided upon.

Fairhaven Road—That a lamp be placed in this road.

High Street at junction of North Street and Clarence Street—That the present electric lamp at the corner of North Street be removed to the opposite side of High Street, about a yard from the corner of Clarence Street.

Winchcombe Street—To instruct the Borough Surveyor to bring up a plan with a view to a better arrangement of the lighting of Winchcombe Street at its junction with Albion Street.

Resolved, That the recommendations be approved and adopted.

7 —Borough Electrical Engineer's Report—Read, the Monthly Report of the Borough Electrical Engineer. On the 16th instant there were 798 customers with the equivalent of about 53,070 eight candle power lamps connected to the private supply mains.

8 —Accumulator Battery—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that it would be necessary in order to make room for the new traction battery that about 28 cells of the existing battery should be removed and refixed. The Tudor Accumulator Company, who maintained the present battery under contract, were willing to do the work for Resolved, That the offer be accepted and the work carried out forthwith.

9--Oil Contract—On the recommendation of the Borough Electrical Engineer, Resolved, That the existing contract with the Valvoline Oil Company be renewed for one year.

10 ---Meters for Traction Supply—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that according to tests made by him the meters for traction supply were 4 per cent. and 1 per cent. slow, respectively, and a corresponding increase had been made upon the weekly quantities registered, but the Light Railway Company objected to this and were willing to pay the cost (which would probably not exceed £5), of independent tests of the accuracy of the meters, the Corporation to pay such cost if the tests made by the Borough Electrical Engineer were not found to be within 2 per cent. of the independent tests. Resolved, That this course be agreed to.

11—Guard Rails for Engines—Resolved, To instruct the Borough Electrical Engineer to comply with a requirement of the Factory Inspector to put extra guard rails on three engines at the Works.

12—Borough Electrical Engineer—On the application of the Borough Electrical Engineer, Resolved, That he be granted four weeks leave of absence in consequence of ill health.

ROBT. LEY WOOD, Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Thursday, the 29th December, 1904—Present : The Mayor, Alderman Norman, Councillors Gridley, Ley Wood and Marshall (Councillor Ley Wood in the chair).

13—Tenders for Booster—The Tenders, three in number, received for the booster required were opened and considered. Resolved, That the further consideration be adjourned for the Borough Electrical Engineer to consider and report thereon.

ROBT. LEY WOOD, Chairman.

WATER COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Thursday, the 22nd December, 1904—Present : The Mayor, Alderman Norman, Councillors Baker, M. Davis, and Stroud (Councillor Baker in the chair).

1-Report of Fire Brigade Captain—The Fire Brigade Captain reported that on the 13th instant the Brigade was called to extinguish a fire at Messrs. Dicks & Sons, High Street. Damage £40. Expenses of extinction £3 1s. 6d. Cause of fire, an overheated gas bracket shade.

2—Report of Fire Brigade Sub-Committee—The Fire Brigade Sub-Committee reported that they met on the 15th inst., when there were present : Alderman Norman, Councillors M. Davis and Waghorne (Councillor Waghorne in the chair). Councillor Baker was appointed Chairman of the Sub-Committee for the ensuing year.

Fire Hydrants—Major Podmore's Report upon the result of his tests of the pressure and supply of water for fire extinction purposes in various parts of the Borough was considered. He reported that he had sent a copy to the Ladies' College who were carrying out his suggestions.

Resolved, That a double sluice valve hydrant be placed in Queen's Circus, and 5 sluice valve hydrants in Hatherley Road, the exact positions to be settled by the Borough Engineer, and that the existing ball hydrants in Old Well Walk be replaced by sluice valve hydrants.

Protection of Town Hall, &c.,—Resolved, That the caretaker and fitter at the Town Hall join with the Brigade when a drill is held there.

Electric Bell Connections for Firemen's Residences—Major Podmore's recommendation that some, if not all, of the residences of the firemen should be connected by electric bells with the Fire and Police Stations was considered. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to obtain estimates of the cost of carrying out the suggestion.

Horses for Fire Engine—Resolved, That an advertisement be inserted in the local papers inviting offers of suitable horses, height between 15-3 and 16 hands, age not under 6 years.

A suggestion that the driver for the engine should live at the Central Depot cottage was adjourned for the Committee to visit the Depot before making any recommendation.

Practice and Drills—Major Podmore reported that he had made arrangements for some additional practices and drills and that these would not involve any extra expense to the Council.

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

3—Land in Keynsham Road—Resolved, That application be made to the Local Government Board (under Sec. 93 of the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1889) for their consent to the appropriation of the land in Keynsham Road not required for waterworks purposes as a site for a public elementary school.

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

DAILY YIELD OF SPRINGS.

	For 31 days, ended 19th Dec. 1904.	Average for corresponding period during last 3 years.
Hewletts Springs	95,300 gallons	130,280 gallons
Dowdeswell Springs	416,448 "	855,445 "

CONTENTS OF RESERVOIRS.

	December 19th, 1904.		December 19th, 1903.	
	Depth	Contents	Depth,	Contents
Hewletts	-	18,273,891 gallons	-	29,210,035 gallons
Leckhampton	6 ft. 1in.	821,718 "	11ft. 0 in.	1,485,847 "
Dowdeswell	16ft. 10 in.	33,142,634 "	31ft. 11 in.	99,584,732 "
	Total Storage	52,238,243 "		130,280,614 "

The rainfall during the present month had increased the yield of water at Hewletts and Dowdeswell, the total being nearly double that of the previous month. but the contents of the Reservoirs had further decreased by 2 ½ million gallons. Pumping had been continued day and night at Sandford.

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He reported the extensions and alterations of mains made and hydrants fixed during the past month, and he recommended that the three 10-inch meters on the trunk main in High Street which had been removed at the cost of the Light Railway Co. should with an additional meter be fixed near Dowdeswell Reservoir in order to measure the whole of the water supplied from that source. The cost of the new meter would be about £60 and the fittings

He also recommended that the two pumping mains from Tewkesbury should be provided with a proper air vessel near the Pumping Station in order to overcome the concussion which now takes place in the mains. The cost of the air vessel and the necessary pump would be £110 fixed complete which could be charged to the loan account for the new main. Resolved, That the recommendations be approved and carried out.

5—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 20th December, 1904—Present—Aldermen Haddon, Norman and Waghorne, Councillors Bendall, M. Davis, Ley Wood, Parsonage, and Stroud (Councillor Parsonage in the chair),

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

2—Diseases of Animals Acts—Supt. Hopkins reported that the Borough was entirely free from contagious disease amongst animals. Read. a letter from the Board of Agriculture, enclosing prints of the Swine Fever (Movement from Ireland) Order, 1904.

3—Borough Surveyor's Assistants—The Borough Surveyor reported that Mr. W. Henry, A.M.I.C.E., his second assistant, had obtained an appointment in the Public Works Department of the Malay Federated States. On the recommendation of the Borough Surveyor, Resolved. That the salary of Mr. B. Nation, at present third assistant, be increased from £104 to £115 per annum, and that the Borough Surveyor be authorised to engage another assistant at a salary of £100, rising to £120 by annual instalments of £10 subject to the Borough Surveyor reporting favourably of his work.

Resolved also, That the Council record its appreciation of the efficient and assiduous manner in which Mr. W. Henry, A.M.I.C.E., has discharged his duties as Second Assistant to the Borough Surveyor and Water Engineer during the past four years, and congratulate him upon the appointment now secured by him, in which they wish him every success, and that the Corporate Seal be affixed to a copy of this resolution.

4 —Town Hall—Loan—Read, a letter from the Local Government Board, enclosing their sanction to the additional loan of £10,779 for the building of the Town Hall, including furniture, the period for repayment being equated at 24 years.

Chairs—The Borough Surveyor having reported that the third-class chairs at the Town Hall needed repair. Resolved, That he be authorised to have the necessary repairs executed.

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Music Stands—Resolved, To accept a tender from Mr. A. E. Woodward to supply 14 music stands, as per sample now submitted, at 4s. each.

Lamps in Great Hall—Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have what may be necessary done to the large lamps suspended from the ceiling of the Great Hall in order to remove all possibility of danger.

Council and Education Committee Meetings—Resolved, That the sum of £2 2s. 0d. be credited to the Town Hall account in respect of each meeting of the Town Council and the Education Committee held there, and that the Education Committee be notified accordingly.

9—Income Tax—Read, a letter from the Secretary of the Municipal Corporations Association, stating that it was proposed in the interests of Corporations generally to select a test case, or, if necessary, two or more cases, with a view to obtaining an authoritative decision as to whether the Inland Revenue Authorities are right in their present practice of assessing each undertaking separately as regards income tax, or whether, as was contended by the Law Committee of the Association, the Corporation should be regarded as one entity, although carrying on several businesses, and therefore entitled to retain from the amount deducted from interest a sum equal to the whole of the income tax paid by the Corporation in respect of the whole of their properties and undertakings. In order to defray the expense of obtaining Counsel's opinion and carrying the cases into court, a fund was being raised in proportion to rateable value and the Association desired to know whether the Council would subscribe on that basis. Resolved, That having regard to the importance of the matter, the Committee recommend the Council to subscribe, subject to the Committee being satisfied that a sufficient number of other Corporations have agreed to subscribe to prevent the Corporation from incurring any serious liability.

10—Tenders for Printing Minutes—The tenders received in response to the advertisement for the printing of the Council Agendas and Minutes and the Committee's Minutes for 1905 were as follows :—Harvey & Healing, agendas per page, 1s 10d; Council minutes per page, 2s 5d; Committee minutes per page, 3s 4d ; 2 Copies on hand-made paper per page, 1d ; G. F. Poole, all round at 4s per page. Resolved, That the tender of Mess's. Harvey & Healing be accepted.

11—Street Names—Read, a letter from Councillor Lawrence calling attention to a number of duplicates in street names in the Borough.

12—Committee Agendas—Resolved, That it be an instruction to the Town Clerk that no proposition or motion or matter for discussion be put upon any Agenda of any Committee at the request of any member unless the same be accompanied by the name of the member introducing the same.

13—Art Gallery Sub-Committee's Report—The Art Gallery Sub-Committee reported that they met on the 20th inst. Present : Aldermen Haddon, Norman, and Winterbotham, and the Baron de Ferrieres.

Chairman—Resolved, That Alderman Winterbotham be appointed Chairman of this Sub-Committee for the ensuing year.

Curator's Report—Read the following Report of the Curator :—

" There had been 2,833 visits made to the Gallery since the 18th September. The pictures offered for loan to the Gallery by Mr. J. R. Ormrod, had been inspected, 11 oil paintings selected, which were received at the Gallery on the 4th October.

The Paleolithic and Neolithic Stone Implements in the Glass Case in the Vestibule of the Library had been re-arranged, mounted, and labelled.

He had visited the South Kensington Museum on the 29th and 30th September to confer with the Officers of the Board as to the purchase of objects.

The purchase of Electrotypes examples of English Silversmith's work of the 15th, 16th, 17th, and 18th Centuries, met with their entire approval, and they strongly recommended the procuring of a representative collections at a cost of about £300, the amount to be spread over a period of three years, half of which sum would be paid by the Board.

As the Electrotypes were difficult to obtain, the Authorities kindly undertook, for this year, to select and procure examples to the amount of £100 decided upon by this Committee.

The loan of the First and Third Series of Historical Water Colours was promised as soon as they were at liberty, and another set of Photographs of the Paintings of Old Masters wits being prepared for loan to this Gallery.

The Authorities hoped to be able to change the objects at present on exhibition in the four cases some time in December.

He had visited the British Museum for the purpose of examining some local prints and to seek information about the collection of ancient stone implements in the Art Gallery.

The Authorities gave their permission for photographs to be taken of two views, viz., North-West view of Cheltenham Spa in 1748: and view of Old Spa and Well Walk in 1788, by Lorraine Smith.

Mrs. E. L. Voile, Sydenham Lawn, has presented a small collection of fossils and minerals for the Museum.

Purchase of Books—Resolved, That 8 volumes of Newnes' Art Library at 3s 6d per volume be purchased for use in connection with the Art Gallery.

Exhibition of Fossils—Read, letters from the Hon Secs. of the Cheltenham Natural Science Society and the Cotteswold Naturalists' Field Club enclosing copies of resolutions passed by them urging upon the Council the desirability of utilizing the collections of fossils already in the possession of the Council as the nucleus of a public museum.

Resolved, That the Sub-Committee regret that at present there is no space available in the Art Gallery or Library for the exhibition of the fossils, but that the suggestions will receive due consideration when the Council are in a position to deal with the matter.

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

E. H. PARSONAGE,

Chairman

LECKHAMPTON HILL RIGHTS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 20th December, 1904—Present : Alderman Waghorne, Councillors Bence, Bendall and Stroud (Councillor Stroud in the chair).

1—Leckhampton Hill Rights—Read, a letter from the Clerk of the Rural District Council enquiring what course the Town Council wished to take as he had received a letter from Mr. W. H. Russell, stating that he had been instructed by the Quarries' Company to brief Counsel to apply by motion to the Court at the beginning of the sittings in January next, to have the paths defined by the Court. A Memorandum by the Town Clerk was also read. Resolved, That the question be referred for the decision of the Council in Committee, and that in the meantime a full copy of the proposed agreement be sent to each member together with a copy of the Town Clerk's Memorandum.

HERBERT STROUD, Chairman.

MINERAL WATERS, BATHS AND RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Friday, the 16th December, 1904—Present: Councillors Bence, Bendall Merrett, Pilley and Stroud (Councillor Stroud in the chair).

1—Montpellier Baths—The Borough Accountant reported that the amount received at these Baths during the present financial year was £416 17s. 11d., and the expenditure (exclusive of repayment of loans and interest) £234 13s.

2—Alstone Baths—The Borough Accountant reported that the receipts at these Baths during the present financial year amounted to £345 19s. 7d., and the expenditure (exclusive of repayment of loans and interest) was £171 1s. 3d.

The Borough Surveyor recommended that while these Baths were closed the walls of the office and adjoining rooms should be coloured and the ceilings whitened. Resolved, That the recommendation be approved and that the question of the provision of a drying closet in connection with the laundry at the Baths, also mentioned by the Borough Surveyor, be adjourned, and that the Town Clerk be instructed to communicate with the Great Western Railway Company, enquiring when the proposed crossing of the Baths by the Company's line would be carried out.

3—Automatic Weighing Machines at Recreation Grounds—Read, a letter from Messrs. W. & T. Avery, Ltd., applying for permission to place automatic weighing machines in the recreation grounds in the Borough on sharing terms. Resolved, That the permission be given subject to the Corporation receiving 33 per cent. of the takings and to the exact positions for the machines being settled by the Borough Surveyor.

4—Cricket at Recreation Grounds—Read, letters from the Imperial Cricket Club (Messrs. Shirer & Haddon's employees) and the Cheltenham Original Brewery Cricket Club applying for the allotment of pitches at the Agg-Gardner Recreation Ground for next season. Resolved, That the Committee are unable to accede to the applications.

5—Football at Agg-Gardner Recreation Ground—Read, a letter from Mr. A. G. Webley, on behalf of the King Street Sunday School Football Club, asking permission to play football matches at the Agg-Gardner Ground, on the 27th and 28th instants, and also for permission to play on Wednesday afternoons for the remainder of the season. Resolved, That the application be acceded to, if the ground is available having regard to the permits already given.

6—Naunton Park—Football Match—Resolved, That permission be given for the playing of the Annual Boxing Day Football Match at Naunton Park on the 26th instant, and for the roping in of the playing space on that occasion.

HERBERT STROUD,

Chairman.

BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Friday, the 23rd December, 1904—Present : Alderman Haddon, Councillors Gridley, Merrett, and Pilley (Alderman Haddon in the chair).

1—Superintendent's Report—The Superintendent requested to be supplied with about 200 rails and a few stay posts, for the repair of the fences at the Cemetery. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to supply these.

2—Designs—Resolved, That the following designs be approved, viz. :—Memorial Crosses to Ellen Leitch and Charles Bowdler Fuller. Headstones to graves of Charles Granville Clissold and Edward Douglas Harvest.

JOHN HADDON,

Chairman.

PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 13th December, 1904—Present—Alderman Rogers, Councillors Davies, Marshall, Merrett, Pilley, and Stroud, The Baron de Ferrieres, Rev. J. Evans, Messrs. C. Hayward and G. H. Palmer (Alderman Rogers in the chair).

1—Librarian's Report—Read, the Monthly Report of the Librarian. Receipts £6 10s. 10d. Presentations :—The Rev. G. Gardner (1 vol.), 3. W. Gray (1 pamphlet), Hampton's Scholastic Directory Company (1 vol.), 100 copies of the Lending Library Catalogue had been received from the printer and 56 had been sold. The advertisements had produced £22.

2—Report of Sub-Committee—The Sub-Committee reported that they met on the 9th instant, when there were present : Councillors Pilley (Chairman), Marshall, Merrett, Col. King-Harman, Rev. J. Evans, Messrs. C. Hayward and G. H. Palmer.

They recommended :—

That a suggestion that the " Morning Post " should be added to the papers for the News Room be not acceded to.

That the General Purposes Committee be asked to have the walls, &c., in the basement of the Library whitewashed.

That F. W. Turner, formerly an assistant at the Library, be engaged to assist on Saturday evenings from 6 to 8 o'clock at 1s per evening.

That Knight's " Ecclesiastical Architecture of Italy " (2 vols.) be purchased for £1 18s. That the selection of books for replacement of worn out copies be purchased for £7 1s. 6d.

That the list of new books submitted be approved and the books purchased at the cost of about £5.

That the offer of Miss Bostock, 5 York Terrace, to present the " Catholic Weekly " be accepted with thanks.

That the wages of A. C. Dunn be increased from 10s to 14s per week from the 1st instant.

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

RICHARD ROGERS,

Chairman.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Wednesday, the 28th December, 1904: Present—The Mayor, Alderman Waghorne, Councillors Bence, Merrett, Parsonage, Steel, and Stroud (Ald. Waghorne in the chair).

1—General District Rate—Read, the monthly Report of the Borough Accountant, on the collection of the second instalment of this Rate. Amount collected £10,615 4s. 1d. Leaving outstanding £15,987 11s. 4d.

2—Water Rate—Read, the monthly Report of the Borough Accountant on the collection of this Rate. Amount received £4,782 12s. 3d. Leaving outstanding £6,362 9s. 10d.

3—Parliamentary Registration—The Town Clerk laid before the Committee an account of the expenses of carrying into effect the provisions of the Acts for the Registration of Voters for the year 1904-5, amounting to £79 3s. 8d. Resolved, That the said amount be certified to be payable, and be apportioned between the Parishes of Cheltenham and Charlton Kings, as follows :—Cheltenham, £68 4s. 3d. Charlton Kings, £10 19s. 5d.

4—Electric Lighting £18,756 Loan—The Borough Accountant reported that he had received an offer to lend £3,756 at 3 $\frac{3}{4}$ per cent. for 12 months certain, and afterwards subject to six months' notice on either side. Resolved, That the offer be accepted, and that a debenture be sealed and issued accordingly on account of the Electric Lighting £18,756 Loan.

5— Loan of £300—Read, a letter from Mr. R. McLaren, on behalf of the Executor of the late Sir. R. Buswell, giving notice for repayment of a loan of £300, and asking that under the special circumstances mentioned by him the Corporation should pay off the loan in less than the 6 months mentioned in the debenture. Resolved, That repayment be made on the 1st April, 1905.

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 £16,801 14s. 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 29th November, 1904	£44,399 6 11
Paid since that date	<u>£14,861 0 10</u>
	£59,260 7 9
Received since that date	<u>£12,083 5 3</u>
Overdrawn	£47,177 2 6
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	£8,561 12 2
Do. Sinking Funds	£7,237 5 7
	<u>£15,798 17 9</u>
	£47,177 2 6

JOHN WAGHORNE, Chairman.

Borough of Cheltenham.

At a Monthly Meeting of the Town Council of the Borough of Cheltenham, duly convened and held in the Town Hall, in the said on Monday, the 2nd January, 1905, at 3 p.m. Present :

THE MAYOR (GEORGE DIMMER, ESQ.) in the chair. THE DEPUTY MAYOR (COUNCILLOR EDWARD HENRY PARSONAGE). Aldermen: WILLIAM NASH SKILLICORNE, JOHN WAGHORNE. JAMES BATTEN WINTERBOTHAM. JOHN HADDON GEORGE NORMAN, COLONEL RICHARD ROGERS.

Councillors: WILLIAM ALFRED BAKER, GEORGE BENCE, JOHN DAVID BENDALL, RICHARD DAVIES MOSES DAVIS EDWINSON, CHARLES GREEN, EDWARD GRIDLEY ,ROBERT LEY WOOD, RICHARD EEDE MARSHALL, WILLIE JOHN MERRETT ,TOM HERBERT PACKER, JOSEPH PILLEY, THOMAS ELLERSON RICKERBY, ROBERT STEEL, HERBERT STROUD, HENRY WAGHORNE

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1—Minutes of last Meetings—Resolved, That the Minutes of the Meetings of the Council, on the 5th and 13th December last, having been printed and a copy sent to each Member, be taken as read, and that the same be hereby adopted and confirmed.

2—Public Health Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Public Health Committee, at their Meetings of the 12th and 19th December last, be approved and confirmed.

3—Farms Management Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Farms Management Committee, at their Meeting of the 16th December last, be approved and confirmed.

4—Street and Highway Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Street and Highway Committee, at their Meetings of the 13th and 23rd December last, be approved and confirmed, subject to the following amendment, viz :—That Minute No. 8 (Tenders for Firewood) be referred back to the Committee, and that the Committee be empowered to deal with the matter.

5—Town Improvement Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Town Improvement Committee, at their Meeting of the 19th December last, be approved and confirmed.

6—Lighting Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Lighting Committee, at their Meetings of the 21st and 29th December last, be approved and confirmed.

7--Water Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Water Committee at their Meeting of the 22nd December last, be approved and confirmed.

8--General Purposes & Watch Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the General Purposes and Watch Committee, at their Meeting of the 20th December last, be approved and confirmed.

9-Mineral Waters, Baths and Recreation Grounds Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Mineral Waters, Baths and Recreation Grounds Committee at their Meeting of the 16th December last, be approved and confirmed, subject to the following amendment, viz : That Minute No. 3 (Weighing Machines at Recreation Grounds) be referred back to the Committee for reconsideration.

10—Burial Board Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Burial Board Committee, at their Meeting of the 23rd December last, be approved and confirmed.

11—Finance Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Finance Committee, at their Meeting of the 28th December last, be approved and confirmed.

Resolved also, That an Order on the Borough Treasurer be signed accordingly authorising and ordering him to pay to the several Corporations, Companies and persons mentioned in the Schedule of Accounts the sum of money set opposite their respective names upon production of a cheque signed by the Borough Accountant.

12—Cheltenham -and District Light Railway Order, 1900, Section 70—The motion by Councillor Stroud on this subject was not moved by him.

13—Public Lighting by Electricity—The motion by Councillor Stroud on this subject was not seconded.

14—Light Railway Passes—Councillor Ley Wood moved pursuant to notice and Councillor Bence seconded:

(1) " For a return of the names of all Members of the Council and Officers of " the Council, who, during the year 1904, have held a free pass on " the Light Railway," and (2) " That in the opinion of this Council the practice hitherto in vogue of Members " and officers of the Council accepting free passes on the Light Railway is a " practice which is not conducive to public confidence in its Members and " Officers and cannot be countenanced."

On the same being put to the Meeting the names of the Members of the Council voting for and against were by request taken down by the Town Clerk as follows :—

For—Alderman Skillicorne, Councillors Baker, Bence, Bendall, M. Davis, Green, Gridley, Ley Wood, Marshall, Merrett, Pilley and Steel (12).

Against—The Mayor, Aldermen Norman, Rogers, Waghorne and Winterbotham, Councillors Davies, Packer, Parsonage, Rickerby, Stroud and Waghorne (11).

The Mayor thereupon declared the Motion carried.

15—Admission of Visitors to Gardens and Entertainments—The Notice of Motion by Councillor Ley Wood on this subject, having been duly proposed by him and seconded by Councillor Steel, it was proposed by Alderman Waghorne and seconded by Councillor Stroud : " That the Council proceed to the other business of the day," and this latter motion upon -being put to the Meeting was carried.

16--Standing Orders—On the motion of Councillor Packer of which due notice had been given. It was Resolved, " That the following addition be made to the Standing Orders of the Council : That no member shall speak for more than ten minutes at any meeting of the Council except by permission of the Council.' "

17 —Notices of Motion—The following notices of motion for the next Quarterly Meeting of the Council were given :—

By Councillor Green :—

" That in view of the serious increase of our rates—chiefly due to the Electric " Lighting Undertaking—the time has come when in the best interests of the " Ratepayers, the present unnecessarily large management expenses should " be reduced, the office of Borough Electrical Engineer abolished, and a " combined practical Works Manager and Engineer substituted." By Councillor Merrett : " That the Marle Hill Annexe be open free to the public forthwith, except at such " times as it may be required for fetes or any other special purposes."

18 —Leckhampton Hill Rights—The Council then resolved into Committee to consider the present position of the Leckhampton Hill Rights question and give the Town Clerk instructions.

GEO. DIMMER, Mayor.

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Borough of Cheltenham.

MINUTES of the Committees of the Town Council to be submitted for approval at the Quarterly Meeting of the Council to be held on Monday, the 6th February, 1905.

GENERAL PURPOSES & WATCH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 24th January, 1905—Present The Mayor, Aldermen Haddon, Noman, and Rogers, Councillors M. Davis, Ley Wood and Stroud (Alderman Norman in the chair).

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

2—Lightning Conductor on Public Library—The Borough Surveyor reported that he had examined the lightning conductor on the Library, which had been damaged by a recent gale, and found that the wood plugs used for fixing had been drawn from the wall and that the conductor was very unsafe. He had obtained estimates from a local firm, and Messrs. Furse & Co., of Nottingham, the latter, being the lowest, amounting to £4, and as the matter was urgent he had with the approval of the Chairman put the work in hand. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor's action be approved.

3--Town Hall—Ceiling Lamps—The Borough Surveyor reported that he had examined the arrangements for raising and lowering the 16 ceiling lamps at the Town Hall, and he recommended that a small hoist should be provided for each lamp at a total cost of £25 in order to obviate any risk of damage when the lamps are lowered for cleaning. Resolved, That the recommendation be approved and adopted.

Contract for Wiring—The Town Clerk reported with reference to the resolution passed on the 5th December last that with the exception of some small items, written orders has been produced for

the alterations in the specification, but it appeared that on the ground of urgency the work had been put in hand More an estimate of the cost had been

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obtained and submitted for the approval of the Council. Resolved, That £280 0s. 5d. be offered to Messrs. Handley & Shanks in settlement of their claim under the contract, such payment to be without prejudice to any claim the Council may have against their Agents for ordering extras without the authority of the Council, and not to be taken as confirming the order for such extras.

Fire Extinguishing Apparatus—Read, a report by Mr. E. Boyce Podmore, Volunteer Major Cheltenham Fire Brigade, upon an examination made by him of the fire extinguishing apparatus at the Town Hall, and making certain recommendations thereon. Resolved, That Mr. Podmore be thanked for his report and suggestions and that the Borough Surveyor be instructed to obtain for the Town Hall an `Ajax " Chemical Fire Extinguisher at a cost of £4, and additional hose and couplings for use near the kitchen at a cost of £3 10s.

4—Standing Orders of the Council--Resolved, To recommend the Council to make the following Standing Order in lieu of that passed: on the 2nd instant, and that the resolution referred to be rescinded :—

" No Member shall speak for more than ten minutes at any one time except when moving the adoption of the Minutes of a Committee or when replying to a discussion thereon, or by permission of the Council to be signified by vote without debate. The decision of the Mayor or Chairman as to the time occupied by a speaker shall be final. "

5— Tenders for Tolls at Mops and Fairs, 1905—The Borough Surveyor submitted the following tenders for the Market Tolls at the Mops and Fairs, 1905: Mr. J. Studt, £71; Messrs. Hill & Sons, £70 ; Mr. W. Symonds, £70, Resolved, That the tender of Mr. J. Studt be accepted, the money to be paid on or before the 1st September next.

6—Health Department Offices—Resolved, That the Mayor, Alderman Rogers, and Councillor Ley Wood be appointed a Sub-Committee to consider and report as to the provision of better office and laboratory accommodation for the Medical Officer of Health.

7—Church Street Offices—The Town Clerk reported that the owners of Church Street Offices in the occupation of the Corporation were willing to provide a new cowl for the chimney of the offices to replace the present defective one if the Corporation would pay half the cost (£1 5s.) Resolved, That this sum be paid.

8—Licences for Motor Omnibuses'—Read, a letter from Mr. D. Thomas, applying on behalf of the G.W.R. Co., for licences for two Motor Omnibuses', which it was proposed to run between Cheltenham and Winchcombe to carry twenty passengers in addition to the drivers, the cars to commence running on the 1st proximo. Resolved, That the application be acceded to and also that licences be issued for the drivers and conductors subject to compliance with the usual requirements of the Council.

GEO. NORMAN, Chairman.

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Wednesday, the 11th January, 1905—Present : The Mayor, The Deputy Mayor Aldermen, Norman and Skillicorne, Councillors Bence, M. Davis, Lawrence and Pilley (The Deputy Mayor in the Maw).

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, 5 of Erysipelas and 10 of Diphtheria ; that 7 cases of Scarlet Fever and 3 of Diphtheria had been sent into the Delaney Hospital, and that the number of cases then in the Hospital sent in by the corporation was 10 of Scarlet Fever and 3 of Diphtheria.

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2—Cleansing and Disinfecting at No. 3, Oriel Place, and No. 3 Victoria Street, St. Paul's—The Medical Officer of Health having certified that the cleansing, disinfecting, and purifying of these houses or parts thereof would tend to prevent or check infectious disease. Resolved, That the Council being of this opinion, notice be served on the owner, and occupiers to cleanse and disinfect the houses or parts thereof within the time specified in such notice.

3—Cleansing and Limewashing at No. 9 Victoria Street, St. Paul's and 4, 5, 6 and 7 Barnes Yard, Grove 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 Nos. 15 and 16 Naunton Park Terrace, 13 Selkirk Street, 2, 3, and 4, Belmont Terrace, and Warehouse, Belmont Terrace. 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—No. 21 Gt. Norwood Street, 3 Hatherley Street, and 1, 2, 13 & 14 King Street Gardens. 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.

6—Houses without proper Ash Receptacles—The Inspector of Nuisances reported that the following houses had no proper ashpits or ash receptacles, viz Belle Tue Lawn, Llanberis, Southend and Alfellenda, Swindon Road, and 4 Hatherley 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.

7--Special Report by Medical Officer of Health upon the Public Elementary Schools in the Borough--
The Medical Officer of Health submitted a special report he had prepared upon the condition of all the public elementary schools in the Borough. Resolved, That the Medical Officer of Health be instructed to obtain tenders for printing the Report and to accept one of them, a print to be supplied to each member of this Committee.

8--Sewer for New Street, near Alstone Baths--The Borough Surveyor reported that the Great 'Western Railway Company had accepted his estimate of £130 for laying a new sewer under the street to be made from Millbrook Street to Great Western Road, opposite Alstone Baths, and he recommended that the Corporation should as desired by the Company carry out the work. Resolved, That the recommendation be adopted.

9--Dovey's Cottages, Maud's Elm--On the recommendation of the Borough Surveyor, Resolved, That the sewer in Swindon Road be extended to take the drainage of Dovey's Cottages, near Maud's Elm, at an estimated cost of £20.

10--Hairdressers' Saloons--Read, a letter from the Clerk to the Incorporated Guild of Hairdressers, London, asking the Council to join in introducing a voluntary system of registration amongst hairdressers with a view to obtaining more attention to sanitary matters in hairdressers' saloons. The Guild desired that the Medical Officer of Health should be authorised to give a certificate in respect of the sanitary condition of the premises of hairdressers applying for registration and upon this Certificate being obtained the Guild would register the applicants on their undertaking to comply with certain regulations, framed by the Medical Officer of Health of the City of London, in carrying on their business.

Resolved, That further consideration of the matter be adjourned for the Town Clerk to obtain further information desired by the Committee from the Guild and as to the views of local hairdressers.

E. H. PARSONAGE,

Chairman.

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At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 23rd January, 1905. Present : The Deputy Mayor, Aldermen Noman and Skillicorne, Councillors M. Davis, Lawrence and Pilley (The Deputy Mayor in the chair).

11--Zymotic Disease --The Medical Officer of Health reported that there had been notified since the last meeting Committee, 1 case of Scarlet Fever, 1 of Erysipelas, and 2 of Diphtheria ; that 2 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 10 of Scarlet Fever, and 2 of Diphtheria.

12--Cleansing and Disinfecting at Manley Villa, Oakfield 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.

13—Cleansing and Limewashing at Nos. 5, 9, 11, and 41 Elm 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.

14—Nuisances from Drains, etc., at Nos. 13 Princes Terrace, 19 Sherborne Place, and 3 Bedford Buildings. 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.

15—Insanitary Property—Nos. 5, 9, and 11 Elm Street, and 18 and 19 Hatherley 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, chimney, &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.

16 —Overcrowding at Nos. 3 and 13 King Street Gardens. The Medical Officer of Health reported that the above premises were so overcrowded as to be dangerous or injurious to the health of the inmates. Resolved, That the Committee being satisfied of the existence of a nuisance on the said premises, Notices under Sec. 94 of the Public Health Act be served on the owners and occupiers thereof requiring them to abate the same.

17—Houses without proper Ash Receptacles—The Inspector of Nuisances reported that the following houses had no proper ashpits or ash receptacles, viz :—No. 5, 6, 9, 21, 25, and 26 Hatherley Street, 2, 3, and 41 Elm Street, 1 Witcombe Place, and 1 Hinckley Cottages, New 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.

18—Notices not complied with—The Medical Officer of Health submitted a list of Notices requiring provision of ash receptacles, cleansing and limewashing, &c., which had been served, but not complied with. Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to take the necessary proceedings to compel compliance.

19—Dairies, Cowsheds and Milkshops Order—Read, an application from Miss Rose May, of Banbury House, Manchester Street, to be registered as a purveyor of milk. Resolved, That the applicant be registered.

20—St. Peter's District Sewers—Read, a letter from the Local Government Board enclosing sanction to a loan of £6,651 for works of Sewerage in St. Peter's district, the period for repayment being 30 years. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to proceed with the work.

21--Hatherley Outfall Sewer—With regard to this, the Board intimated in their letter that they were unable to issue their sanction to the loan for this sewer until the matter had been further considered.

Read, a Report by the Borough Surveyor as to a site for the construction of the proposed works for the treatment of the sewage. He was of opinion that the sewage could be best treated on land at Hayden Farm close to the point of delivery by the proposed new outfall sewer. At this point works could be constructed suitable for the treatment, if necessary, of the whole of the sewage of the town. Resolved, That the report be approved, and that a copy of the same be forwarded to the Local Government Board.

22--Special Report upon the Public Elementary Schools by the Medical Officer of Health—The Medical Officer of Health reported that he had obtained tenders for the printing of his Report upon the Elementary Schools, and had accepted that of Mr. G. F. Poole, his being the lowest. Resolved, That 150 copies of the Report be printed.

23—Building Byelaws—Read a letter from Colonel King-Harman suggesting the inclusion of a provision in the Building Byelaws that every dwelling house let for occupation by a family shall be provided with a grate suitable for cooking.

E. H. PARSONAGE,

Chairman.

PLANS SUB-COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Sub-Committee, held on Tuesday, the 10th January, 1905—Present : The Deputy Mayor, Councillors Baker, Bence and Bendall (The Deputy Mayor in the chair).

1—New Buildings—The Borough Surveyor laid before the Sub-Committee the following plans of intended new Buildings, viz.

No. of Plan	Name	Description
234	B. W. Pearce & Co., Ltd.	House in Alstone Avenue
235	Mrs. Bain.	Additions to Cotswold Villa
236	R. Booy	Additions to 4, Clarence Square
237	Mrs. Watford	House in Charlton Lane

Resolved, That Plan No. 234 be approved subject to the footpath troughs being of a pattern approved by the Borough Surveyor. That Plan No. 235 be approved subject to the existing drains being made watertight. That Plan No. 236 be approved subject to the conditions as to drainage endorsed on the plan being carried out to the satisfaction of the Inspector of Nuisances and that Plan No. 237 be approved as shown.

E. H. PARSONAGE,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Sub-Committee, held on Friday, the 27th January, 1905—Present : The Mayor and Councillor Bendall (Councillor Bendall in the chair).

2—New Buildings—The Borough Surveyor laid before the Sub-Committee the following plans of intended new Buildings, viz:—

No. of Plan	Name	Description
238	Mr. Jones	New Shop Front and Additions to 16, Great Norwood Street
239	F. W. Strange	Two Semi-detached Villas, Battledown Approach
240	C. Dangerfield	New Storey and Pavement Lights, 6, Pittville Street
241	Cheltenham and District Light Railway Co.	Alterations to Car Sheds, St. Mark's
242	C. Barnett	Alterations to 408, High Street
243	C. M. Haward	Additions to 27, Lansdown Crescent
244	T. W. Smith	Alterations to Shops adjoining Exmouth Arms, Bath Road
245	Miss Foaker	Conservatory and Rustic Porch, Homestead, Church Road, St. Mark's
232	T. Taylor	Roofing in Yard, Suffolk Road

Resolved, That Plans No. 238, 244 and 245 be disapproved ; that Plans No. 239, 242 and 243 be approved that Plan No. 240 be approved subject to the back wall being carried to the full height of the building and to the usual agreement of indemnity as to the pavement lights being entered into ; that Plan No. 241 be approved subject to the brick walls front and back being 18 inches in thickness ; and that Plan No. 232 be approved subject to an agreement being entered into as to the removal of the building.

JOHN D. BENDALL, Chairman

FARMS MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Friday, the 20th January, 1905—Present: The Mayor, Alderman Skillicorne, Councillors M. Davis, Gridley and Steel (Councillor M. Davis in the chair).

1—Report of Farms Manager—Road, the Monthly Report of the Farms Manager. The sales during the month had been as follows :-11 bullocks and 8 heifers for £328 13s. 6d., 21 sheep for £44 8s., and 4 pigs for £14 12s. 9d. (Total, 1.) £387 14s. 3d.) 9 steers had been purchased for £110 7s. 6d. The number of livestock on the farms on the 20th inst. was as follows :-16 horses, 117 head of cattle, and 12 pigs, all being healthy. 19 bushels of wheat had been sold at 4s. per bushel, and 5 tons. 13 cwts. of hay for 15s. per ton on the ground. 5 tons 3 cwts. of hay had been delivered to the Central Depth. He recommended the purchase of 100 oak posts and the same number of rails for repairing the fences along the road leading to Barn Farm. Resolved, That the recommendation be approval and adopted.

M. DAVIS, Chairman.

STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, the 10th January, 1905—Present : The Mayor, Tire Deputy-Mayor, Aldermen Haddon and Skillicorne, Councillors Baker, Bendall, Gridley, and Ley Wood (Councillor Bendall in the Chair).

1—View Meeting—The following members attended the View Meeting on the 5th inst :—The Deputy-Mayor, Alderman Skillicorne, Councillors Baker, Bendall, Gridley, and Ley Wood.

2—Street Projections—Read, a letter from Messrs. R. Organ and Sons, applying for permission to place a lamp outside No. 110 High Street. Resolved, That the application be granted upon the usual conditions.

3—Slab Factory—The Borough Surveyor reported that he had received an enquiry from a local firm as to the price charged for slabs to sell again. Resolved, That the trade price for slabs be fixed at 3s per square yard at the Factory for cash within one month.

4—House at Barrett's Mill—The Borough Surveyor reported that the house at Barrett's Mill, occupied by one of the road foremen, required attention to remedy its present damp condition. The cost of the works he recommended would be about £25. Resolved, That the work be carried out.

5—Cheltenham and Honeybourne Railway—New Street—The Borough Surveyor reported that the G.W.R. Co. had accepted his estimate of £149 14s. 0d. for making 100 feet of new street from Millbrook Street to Great Western Road, opposite Alstone Baths, and he recommended that the work be carried out by the Corporation at the cost of the Company. Resolved, That this be agreed to.

6—Firewood at Central Depot—The resolution of this Committee on this subject having been referred back by the Council, the Borough Surveyor reported that he had received a tender from Mr. Andrew Page of 7s. 6d. per ton for the firewood at the Central Depot. Resolved, That the tender be accepted.

7—Gloucester Road Private Improvement Expenses—Mr. Arthur Lamb attended this meeting as representing nearly all the owners of property who have been called upon to pay for private improvement works in Gloucester Road, and asked as a matter of grace whether the Committee, under the special circumstances of the case, could see their way to make any abatement in the amount claimed. Resolved, That the Committee recommend the Council to allow off the cost of channelling (£74 16s. 9d.), this offer to be without prejudice, and if not accepted the Town Clerk to take the necessary steps to recover the full amounts apportioned.

8—Building Inspector's Report—Read, the Monthly Report of Building Inspector. New buildings in progress 118. Completed last month 7.

9—St. Ann's Road, Sandford Mill Road, and Road from Alstone Lane to Sandfield Road—Resolved, That the Boroughs Surveyor be instructed to bring up plans and specifications of the works required to be done in these streets by the abutting owners.

10—Shurdington Road, Footpath opposite Moorend Lodge—With reference to the complaint from Major Parsons, as to the footpath opposite his house, Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to gravel the footpath.

11—Hayward's Road—Read a letter from the Cleric of the Charlton Kings Urban District Council asking whether the Town Council were willing to take over as a highway the part of Hayward's Road within the Borough already repaired at the expense of the abutting owners. Resolved, That the Committee are of opinion that the remainder of the road as far as Rosehill Street should first be repaired at the expense of the abutting owners, and that notice should now be given by the Town Council and the Urban District Council accordingly.

12--Cheltenham and District Light Railway—With reference to Minute No. 4 of this Committee of the 13th ultimo, Mr. S. H. Fox again attended before the Committee as to the suggestion of Messrs. Lance & Co. that the roadway between North Street and Pittville Street should be widened by the reduction in width of the present wide footpath on the North side of the High Street. The Borough Surveyor reported that the cost of this work would be about £106, and Messrs. Lance & Co. having offered to pay £100 if the improvement were made, Resolved, That this offer be accepted and the work carried out.

JOHN D. BENDALL,

Chairman.

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At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 30th January, 1905—Present : The Mayor, the Deputy Mayor Alderman Skillicorne, Councillors Bendall, Gridley, and Ley Wood, (Councillor Bendall in the Chair),

13—View Meeting—The following members attended the View Meeting, on Friday last, viz : The Mayor, Councillors 1hnczdall and Gridley.

14—Borough Surveyor's' Monthly Report re Highways --The Borough Surveyor reported that the work brie by the work done by the Highways Department from the 22nd December, 1904, to the 26th January, 1905 (both inclusive) had been as follows :—

Roads Repaired—St. George's Road (446 super yds.), Carlton Street '(2,479 super yds.), Charlton Lane (2,133 super yds,), Leckhampton Road (5,421 super yards), Hewlett Road (proceeding).

Patching:—Gloucester Road, Norwood Road, Suffolk Street, St. George's Road, Russell Place, Dunalley Parade, back of Montpellier Terrace.

Gravel Footpath Repaired :—Shurdington Road (377 super yards). Gullies Renewed:-2. New Gullies Fixed :-13.

New Manhole built:-1.

Crossings renewed:-8. Crossing taken up and relaid in Imperial Spare at new entrance to Winter Garden.

Hydrant Boxes' paved round :-2. Gullies repaired:-4.

Trees planted:-3 in Pittville Circus Road, 1 in Leckhampton Road, 1 by Promenade Fountain, and 4 in Clarence Road.

Trees cut down:-21 in Keynsham Road and 6 in Overton Road. Trees pruned :—Overton Road.

Kerb refixed :—Montpellier Street (124 lineal feet), St. George's Road (252 lineal feet).

New Channel laid :—Montpellier Street, by Ladies' College (119 lineal feet).

Kerb renewed George's Road (69 lineal feet). Channel renewed :-332 ½ lineal feet.

Asphalt gateway crossings retail:-2 in St. George's Road. Silver grey crossing relaid:-1 in St. George's Road.

Side of paving coated with stone:—St. George's Road by Ladies' College (124 super yards).

Paving relaid:—St. George's Road by Ladies' College (27 super yards). Snow removed :-2,590 loads. Ashes collection and disposal:-1303 loads collected, 329 tipped away, and 974 consumed, weight 1,038 tons, 1 cwt. 1 qr. during 5 weeks ended 19th January, 1905.

Slab Factory :—During five weeks ended the 26th January, 1905, 677 2/3 yards of slabs made.

15—Apportionments of Private Improvement Expenses—College Road and Road from Painswick Road and Great Norwood Street. The Borough Surveyor reported that the private improvement works in College Road and the Road from Painswick Road to Great Norwood Street had been carried out by the Corporation at a cost of £545 3s. 10s. and £69 17s. 2d., respectively, and these amounts 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.

16—Pillar Letter Box in Eldorado Road—Read a letter from the Postmaster applying for permission to erect a pillar letter box in Eldorado Road, near Queen's Road. Resolved, That the application be acceded to.

17—Light Railway Extensions—Road, a letter from Messrs. Winterbotham, Gurney & Co., giving notice that the Cheltenham and District Light Railway Company are applying to the Board of Trade for extension of the time allowed for the construction of the Railways authorised by the Orders of 1903, to the 31st March, 1905, and in the case of Railways No.1 and 12 High Street (from Ambrose Street), and Tewkesbury Road and Gloucester Road, until the 8th February, 1907. Resolved, That the Council have no objection to the extension to the 31st March next, but they strongly object to the long extension proposed in the case of Railways No. 1 and 12, and are also of opinion that whatever extension is granted should be subject to an undertaking being given by the Company that the railways will be constructed within such extended time.

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18—Reddings Road—Read, a letter from Mr. W. W. Bliss, stating that at a meeting of the inhabitants of the Reddings District, held on the 18th instant, it was resolved to ask the Corporation to repair and maintain the Railway Embankment or Reddings Road. Resolved, That Mr. Bliss be informed that as the road is a private road the abutting owners are liable for the repairs.

19—Footpath in All Saints' Road—Read a letter from Mrs. A. Angus of Hamilton, All Saints' Road, calling attention to the condition of the footpath from Winstonian road to Glenfall Terrace. Resolved, That further consideration of the matter be adjourned.

20—Hoarding in Gloucester Road (West Side)—Read, letters from a number of owners and occupiers of houses in the Gloucester Road calling attention to the large hoarding for billposting purposes recently erected on the West side of Gloucester Road, and asking the Council to take action in the matter with a view to the abatement of the nuisance and damage caused. Resolved, That the Council regret they have no power to interfere.

21—St. George's Place Improvement—Read, a letter from Mr. Peter Bendall stating that he was willing to set back the wall of 7, Royal Crescent in accordance with the plan prepared by the Borough Surveyor, the land given up to form part of the public footpath, the Corporation to pay £20 and form the footpath and road. Resolved, That this offer be accepted.

22—Collum End Road—Read, a letter from Mr. W. Revell of Brampton, Collum End Road, calling attention to the state of repair of Collum End Road. Resolved, That the attention of the Rural District Council be called to the complaint, they being responsible for the repair of the part of the road referred to.

23—Fairfield Avenue and Sydenham Roads—Read, a memorial from Mr. M. Jessop and other occupiers of houses in Fairfield Avenue calling attention to the bad condition of Fairfield Avenue. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to bring up plans and specifications of the works required to be done in the above streets by the abutting owners.

24—Street Projection—Read, a letter from Mr. E. B. Shenton applying for permission to place a V shaped sign outside the Victoria Rooms, High Street. Resolved, That further consideration of the application be adjourned.

25—Trees opposite Hartville, Hewlett Road—Read a letter from Mr. W. T. Pates on behalf of Mrs. Walker, of Hartville, asking that the large trees in front of her house should be removed. Resolved, That Councillor Gridley and the Borough Surveyor do inspect the trees and decide what should be done.

26—Building Plans Sub-Committee—The Chairman reported as to the proceedings of the Plans Sub-Committee at their meetings on the 10th and 27th inst. Resolved, That the same be approved and adopted.

JOHN D. BENDALL, Chairman.

TOWN IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 23rd January, 1905 --Present : The Mayor, Aldermen Norman, lingers and Winterbotham, Councillors Marshall and Rickerby (Councillor Rickerby in the chair).

1—Athletic Sports at Montpellier Gardens—Read, a letter from the Hon. Sec. of the Cheltenham Athletic Society applying for permission to put up a screen along the Spa Buildings side of Montpellier Gardens on Easter Monday next, the screen to be of clean canvas, and to be erected

immediately before the commencement of the sports and lowered immediately after the last race. Resolved, That the application be acceded to, the arrangements for erecting the screen to be subject to the approval of the Borough Surveyor.

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2-Archery Club —Read, a letter from Miss Carnegie, Hon. Sec. of the Archery Club, applying for the use of the Archery, Ground in Montpellier Gardens from the 1st April to the 31st October next on the same terms as in previous year, viz., a payment of £11 for the ground and the services of a man to put up and take down the targets, an additional sum of 2s. 6d. to be paid on Bow Days for the use of a room at the Lodge. Resolved, That the application be acceded to.

3-Bowling Green at Winter Garden—Read a letter from the Hon. Sec. of the Cheltenham Bowling Club applying for the use of the Bowling Green at the Winter Garden, and stating that the Club were willing either to pay a fixed sum of £30 or so much per member as had been done for the last few years. The Borough Surveyor reported that the amount received in 1903 was £21, and in 1904 £28, and he recommended that the fixed sum offered be accepted. Resolved, That the Club be allowed the use of the Green for the season 1905 on payment of £30, the terms and conditions in other respects to be as last year.

4—Cheltenham Dog Show—Messrs. E. Boyce Podmore, J. H. Boulter, and E. Attwood Evans attended on behalf of the Committee of the Cheltenham Dog Show, and asked that in view of the heavy expenses entailed by the Show, some reduction should be made in the charges for the use of the Winter Garden. Resolved, That the Committee are unable to recommend the Council to make any further reduction in the charge, which is less than the amount usually charged for hire of the building.

5—Deputation from Chamber of Commerce—The suggestions made by the Deputation from the Cheltenham Chamber of Commerce were further considered. Resolved, That 50,000 copies of the small illustrated leaflet submitted by the Deputation be printed at a cost of £22 5s. (less any amount received for hotel advertisements, etc.), and distributed outside the town through local tradesmen as offered by the Deputation.

6—" Cotswold and Vale "—The Town Clerk reported the arrangements he had made for the placing of copies of " Cotswold and Vale " in the leading hotels in the country and on some of the principal litters.

Read, a letter from the Union Castle Steamship Company stating that they were willing to place 25 copies of the book in their libraries if the Council would bear the cost of re-binding them in a style uniform with the rest of the books therein at a cost of 2s. 6d. each. Resolved, That this be agreed to.

T. RICKERBY, Chairman.

LIGHTING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 3rd January, 1905: .Present—The Mayor, Councillors Green, Gridley, Ley Wood, Marshall, Merrett, Steel (Councillor Ley Wood in the chair).

1—Tenders for Booster.—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported upon the tenders sent in for the booster battery. Resolved, That further consideration of the same be adjourned for a further report from the Borough Electrical Engineer after a visit to the works of one of the Firms tendering.

ROBT. LEY WOOD Chairman.

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At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Thursday, 12th January, 1905 : Present —The Mayor, Alderman Norman, Councillors Green, Gridley, Ley Wood, Marshall, Merrett, and Steel (Councillor Ley Wood in the chair).

2--Inspection of Works—The Committee met at the Electricity Works, Arle Road, and inspected the works and plant.

8 --Tenders for Booster—The Borough Electrical Engineer having reported further as to the tenders received, Resolved, That the tender of the Lancashire Dynamo and Motor Co., Ltd., Trafford Park, Manchester, to supply and erect an Automatic Reversible Booster (exclusive of Switchboard) for £325 0s. 0d. be accepted, delivery to be made within 4 weeks of the date of order.

ROBT. LEY WOOD,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Thursday, the 19th January, 1905—Present Alderman Norman, Councillors Green, Gridley, Ley Wood, Marshall, Merrett, and Steel (Councillor Ley Wood in the chair).

4-Electrical Inspector's Report—The Electrical Inspector reported the result of his tests of the electrical supply during the past month as follows :--On the 5th inst. 210 volts, and on the 14th inst. 212 volts, the legal standard being volts.

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

ILLUMINATING POWER.		PURITY.	
			Grains of Sulphur per 100 cubic feet
1904			
Dec. 22nd	15.34 candles		
1905		1905	
Jan. 5th.	15.74 "		
"14th	16.91 "	Jan. 12-13	9.65
Average	16 "		

6—Lamp Book—This Book was produced and examined. Incandescents extinguished, 40 (4 metered) ; burning dimly, 14 ; Ordinary Lamps extinguished, 14 ; burning dimly 1.

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 4.091 cubic feet; Guildhall lamps with No. 4 Incandescent burners 4.851 cubic feet, and Ordinary lamps with No. 3 Incandescent burners 3.533 cubic feet.

8—Lighting of Ewlyn Road—Read, a memorial from Mr. C. H. Saunders and other owners and occupiers, of houses in Ewlyn Road asking that another lamp should be erected at the lower end of the road. Resolved, To adjourn consideration of the application for the Committee to view.

9—Report of Borough Electrical Engineer—Read, the Monthly Report of the Borough Electrical Engineer. On the 16th inst. there were 803 customers with the equivalent of about 53,660 8 candle-power lamps connected to the private supply mains.

10--Conference with Local Wiring Contractors—Representatives of the following local firms of wiring contractors attended this meeting upon the invitation of the Committee, and made certain suggestions with a view to increasing the demand for the light. viz. :—Messrs. R. E. & C. Marshall, Ltd., R. Organ and Sons, and Steel Bros. Resolved, That further consideration of the suggestions made be adjourned

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11 ----Experimental Nernst Lamp in place of an Arc Resolved, That the Borough Electrical Engineer be instructed to substitute a Nernst lamp for an Arc lamp in Hewlett Street for a week or so commencing on the 4th proximo.

12---Meters for Traction Supply—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that the result of the tests made by the Electrical Standardizing Institution upon one of the Traction meters was in exact accordance with the results of the test made by him, viz: that the same was found to be 5 per cent. slow.

13- -Additional Traction Plant—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that he proposed to alter the foundation of the discarded 30 K. W. alternator to receive the booster without employing a contractor, the cost to be charged to the Revenue Account. He asked for authority for this work, and to order the necessary cable for connecting up the battery, booster, and switchboard at an estimated cost of £45. Resolved, That the Borough Electrical Engineer be authorised accordingly.

ROBT. LEY WOOD, Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Thursday, the 26th January, 1905—Present : Alderman Norman, Councillors Gridley, Marshall, Merrett, Ley Wood and Steel (Councillor Ley Wood in the chair).

14—New Switchboard for Traction—On the recommendation of the Borough Electrical Engineer. Resolved, That the Nolder's tender of the Lancashire Dynamo and Motor Company to supply and erect a new switchboard, fitted with starter, switches, Nolder's special recorder and other necessary fittings for £153 be accepted.

15—Applications for Supply—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that he had received an application from Messrs. Doxsey & Son, for supply to their works near St. James' Square. The

installation would be equivalent to 80 eight candle power lamps and the cost of the necessary extension of main would be £25. Resolved, That supply be given on Messrs. Doxsey guaranteeing a return of £10 per annum for three years.

He also reported that Messrs. Barnby Bendall & Co. had applied for the fixing of a transformer at their premises in St. George's Place, the latter being only partly supplied from the Corporation mains. Resolved, That the application be not acceded to.

16—Contract for Public Gas Lighting—Resolved, That the Chairman, The Mayor, and Councillor Marshall be appointed a Sub-Committee to interview the Directors of the Gas Company with a view to the reduction of the present charges for gas for street lighting and to report.

17—Traction Plant--The Borough Electrical Engineer submitted the following amended estimate of the additional plant required for traction.

A Battery of 300 Ampere-hour capacity (on 1 hour rate of discharge) and consisting of 255 cells, including wooden staging in 2 tiers, all included in provisional contract with the Pfluger Works ...
£870 17 6

Removal and Infixing of 23 cells of existing battery as agreed with the Tudor Company£33 0 0

A Reversible Booster for above, including switches and appliances £152 0 0

A Recording Ammeter and Voltmeter for feeder £30 0 0

Cable for extensions £45 0 0

 Total £1456 17 6

Contingencies £ 7 10 0

 £1464 7 6

Say £1,465.

Resolved, That, this be approved.

ROBT. LEY WOOD, Chairman.

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WATER COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this committee, held on Thursday, the 26th January, 1905—Present : The Mayor, Alderman, :Norman, Councillors Bendall, M. Davis, Lawrence, Stroud, 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 Jan. 1905.	Average for corresponding period during last 3 years.
Hewlett,: Springs	80,640 gallons	266,400 gallons
Dowdeswell Springs	406,080 “	1,098,532 “
Leckhampton	5,496 “	-

CONTENTS OF RESERVOIRS.

	January 19th, 1905.		January 19th, 1904.	
	Depth	Contents	Depth	Contents
Hewletts	-	15,606,290 gallons	-	28,660,893 gallons
Leckhampton	3 ft. 6 in.	472,767 “	11ft. 8 in.	1,575,895 “
Dowdeswell	16ft. 10 in.	33,142,634 “	31 ft. 11 in.	99,584,732 “
Total Storage		49,221,691 “		129,821,520 “

During the year 1901 the consumption had been as follows :-

	Gallons for year.	Gallons per day.	Gallons per day.
Tewkesbury Water Supply	25,302,000	-	69,000
Other Meter Supplies, viz. :—			
Cheltenham ...	63,120,000	-	-
Ashchurch ...	10,342,003	73,461,000	201,000
Domestic & other Supplies			
Unmetered	<u>400,154,000</u>	1,097,000	1,298,000
Total Yearly Consumption	498,918,000		
Daily average excluding Tewkesbury...			1,298,000
“ including “			1,367,000

The population supplied was about 59,190 (exclusive of Tewkesbury), and the consumption per head per day (after allowing for street watering, sewer flushing, public baths, urinals, etc.) was about 17 ½ gallons. The number of baths supplied was 1,950, of horses 486, and carriages 324.

2-Report of Fire Brigade Captain—The Fire Brigade Captain reported that on the 27th ult. the Fire Brigade was called to extinguish a fire at Stoke Orchard. The property involved consisted, of six cottages, two of which were totally destroyed and two partially destroyed. Cause unknown. Damage £500. Extinction expenses £13 12s.

On the 28th ult. they were summoned by a false alarm of fire at 376, High Street, smoke having been seen issuing from the grating in front of the shop. Expenses incurred £3 4s. 6d.

On the 31st ult. the Brigade were called to a rick fire at Bowman's Farm, Cubberley. Damage £60: Extinction expenses £17 12s. 6d.

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3—Water for Charlton Kings Fire Brigade Practices—Read, a letter from the Clerk of the Charlton Kings District Council enquiring whether the Corporation would supply the Charlton Kings Fire Brigade with water from the Corporation mains for Brigade practice. Resolved, That the Charlton Kings Urban District Council be informed that Water may be used at Fire Brigade practices on payment of 1s. per 1,000 gallons, to be by a portable meter attached to the stand-pipe used.

4—Fire. Brigade Rules and Regulations—Resolved, That for Fires outside the Borough, a minimum charge of £5 5s. is made for the use of the Steam Fire Engine and other appliances and also a charge of £1 1s. for the services of the Major of the Brigade at fires attended by him, and that the Fire Brigade Rules and Regulations be varied accordingly.

5—Fire Hydrants in Charlton Kings District—Read, a letter from the Surveyor of the Charlton Kings Urban District Council applying for the fixing of a new hydrant near Coxhorne Farm, London Road. As the fixing of this hydrant was desirable in order to wash out the main at this point, the Borough Engineer recommended that the same be fixed on the same terms as in previous cases, viz : an annual payment of 6 per cent. on the cost, and 1s per annum, for maintenance. Resolved, That a hydrant be fixed accordingly.

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

H. WAGHORNE,

Chairman.

MINERAL WATERS, BATHS AND RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 3rd January, 1905—Present : Councillors Bence, Davies, Merrett, Pilley and Stroud (Councillor Stroud in the chair).

1—Physical Culture School at Montpellier Baths—Read, a letter from Messrs. Hunt & Barnett of Gloucester, applying for the use of the Swimming Bath at Montpellier Baths during the Winter months for classes for physical culture, if the Council were willing to board over the bath and satisfactory terms as to rent could be arranged. Resolved, That further consideration of the matter be adjourned and that the Borough Surveyor be instructed to prepare an estimate of the cost of covering in the Bath.

HERBERT STROUD,

Chairman.

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At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 16th January, 1905—Present : The Mayor, Alderman Norman, Councillors Baker, Davies, Merrett, Pilley, and Stroud (Councillor Stroud in the chair).

2—Superintendents of Montpellier Baths—Read, is letter from Mr. H. C. Braint, tendering the resignation of his wife and himself as Superintendents of the Montpellier Baths, on their appointment to a similar position at Acton. Resolved, That an advertisement be at once inserted inviting applications for the vacancies, the joint salary, allowances, etc., to be as at present, viz., £100 per annum, with house, fuel and light and one-third of swimming tuition fees, and that the Chairman and the Borough Surveyor be asked to draw up and submit for the approval of the Committee on Friday next a statement of the duties attaching to the appointment.

HERBERT STROUD, Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Friday, the 20th January, 1905—Present The Mayor, Alderman Norman, Councillors Baker, Bendall, Merrett, Pilley and Stroud (Councillor Stroud in the chair).

3—Montpellier Baths—The Borough Accountant reported that the amount received at these Baths during the present financial year was £425 7s. 9d., and the payments £383 5s. 5d. (exclusive of the proportion of interest and repayment of loans £401 15s. 3d.)

4—Alstone Baths—The Borough Accountant reported that the amount received at these Baths during the present financial year amounted to £383 1s. 5d., and the payments 193 11s. (exclusive of the proportion of interest and repayment of loans £250 3s. 6d.)

5—Superintendents of Montpellier Baths—The Chairman submitted a statement of the duties of the Superintendents of the Montpellier Baths prepared by himself and the Borough Surveyor. Resolved, That the same as now settled be approved.

6—Automatic Machines at Recreation Grounds—The resolution of this Committee at its last Monthly Meeting on the subject of automatic weighing machines at the Recreation Grounds, referred back by the Council, was further considered.

Read, a letter from Messrs. W. & T. Avery, Ltd., stating that they could not give the Corporation more than 25 percent. of the takings. Resolved, That permission to place machines at the Recreation Grounds be not granted.

7—Physical Culture School at Montpellier Baths—With reference to the application made at the last meeting, the Borough Surveyor reported that the cost of covering in the Bath at Montpellier would be between £70 and £80. Mr. Barnett attended this Meeting, and the matter having been discussed, Resolved, That the further consideration be adjourned to the next Monthly Meeting for a definite proposal from Messrs. Hunt and Barnett as to the rent they are willing to pay, and for how many years they will enter into an agreement to rent the room.

8—Agg-Gardner Recreation Ground—The Superintendent of the Agg-Gardner Recreation Ground reported the gift of a Rugby football by the Cheltenham Rugby Football Club. Resolved, That the thanks of the Committee be conveyed to the Club.

9—Cheltenham & Honeybourne Railway—Alstone Baths—Read, a letter from the Solicitor to the Great Western Rail way Company, stating that the Company had come to the conclusion that an alternative scheme rendering unnecessary acquirement of a casement over the Alstone Baths was preferable in the interests of the Company and the public.

HERBERT STROUD,

Chairman.

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At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Wednesday, 1st February, 1905—Present: Councillors Bendall, Davies, Merrett, Pilley and Stroud (Councillor Stroud in the chair.)

10—Appointment of Superintendents of Montpellier Baths—Seventeen applications for this appointment were considered. Resolved, That four of the applicants and their wives be invited to attend a Special Meeting of this Committee, to be held on Friday, the 10th instant, at 3 p.m., Third Class Railway fares and a reasonable allowance for other expenses to be allowed to candidates. Resolved, Also, That as the present Superintendents leave on the 12th instant, this Committee be empowered by the Council to make the appointment.

HERBERT STROUD, Chairman.

BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Friday, the 27th January, 1905—Present : Aldermen Haddon and Rogers, Councillors Baker, Gridley, Merrett, and Steel (Alderman Haddon in the chair).

1—Superintendent's Report—The Superintendent reported that there were 639 interments in the Cemetery during 1904, as compared with 577 in 1903. The iron cover lid in the Main Road in the Cemetery was broken and required immediate attention. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to at once have the cover referred to put in order.

2—Designs—Resolved, That the following designs be approved, viz. : —Headstone to grave of Margaret Louisa Clark ; Tomb to Bessie O'Conor.

JOHN HADDON, Chairman.

PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 17th January, 1905—Present--The Mayor, Councillor Davies, Lawrence, Marshall, Merrett, Pilley, and Stroud, The Revs. J. Evans, A. B. Phillips, J. Ferrieres, Messrs. A. Beckinsale, C. Hayward, G. H. Palmer, and E. C. Rogers (The Mayor in the chair)

1—Librarian's Report—Read, the Monthly Report of the Librarian. Receipts, £13 10s. 5d., and for advertisements in Lending Library Catalogue £19 12s. 5d. Presentations : The Baron Ferrieres, 6 vols. Rev. G. Gardner, 1 vol.

2—Sub-Committee's Report—The Sub-Committee reported that they met on the 13th inst., when there were present Alderman Rogers (Chairman), Councillors Marshall, Merrett, and Pilley, Rev. J. Evans, Col. King-Harman, Messrs C. Hayward and G. H. Palmer . They recommended:-

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1. That the list of new books submitted be approved and purchased at a cost of about £6 10s. 0d.
2. That certain books entered in the Proposition Book be purchased at a cost of £1 10s. 0d.
3. That the list of second-hand books, to re-place worn-out copies, be approved and purchased for about £7 18s. 0d.
4. That the list of books on Electricity submitted be approved and purchased for the Reference Library at about £1 6s. 8d.

Resolved, That the recommendations be approved and adopted, except that the books on Electricity be placed in the Lending Library.

3—Lightning Conductor—The Librarian reported that during the gale on Sunday last about 50 feet of the Lightning Conductor had broken away, and that this had been temporarily secured for the present. Resolved, That the matter be referred to the General Purposes Committee to give the necessary instructions for repairing the damage.

4—" Labour Leader." Resolved, That the " Labour Leader " be taken for the News Room (subscription 4s 4d per annum).

GEO. DIMMER, Chairman.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 31st January, 1905: Present—The Mayor, Aldermen Skillicorne and Waghorne, Councillors Merrett, Steel, and Stroud (Aid. Waghorne in the chair).

General District Rate—Read, the monthly Report of the Borough Accountant, on the collection of the second instalment of this Rate. Amount collected £16,725 1s. 9d. Leaving outstanding £9,877 13s. 8d.

2—Water Rate—Read, the monthly Report of the Borough Accountant on the collection of this Rate. Amount received £7,091 9s. 5d. Leaving outstanding £4,053 12s. 8d.

3—Loans—The Borough Accountant reported that he had received an offer from Mr: A. A. Hollowell of £50 at 3 $\frac{3}{4}$ per cent. interest, subject to six months' notice on either side. Resolved, That the offer be accepted, and that a debenture on account of the Winter Garden £9,650 Loan be sealed accordingly.

Notice had been received from Miss Isabel Tallack, of Bristol, to repay £400, now at 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. on the 30th June next. Resolved, That the Borough Accountant be authorized to arrange for a continuance of the loan at 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ per cent.

4—Investment of Sinking Funds--The Borough Accountant reported that the Corporation of Newport (Mon.) were willing to lend £11,096 at 3 ¼ per cent. in exchange for a reciprocal investment of sinking funds for a similar amount on the same terms. Resolved, That this offer be accepted and that a Debenture for £10,000 be sealed and issued to the Newport Corporation on account of the loan of £10,779 sanctioned the 17th December, 1904, for the purposes of the Town Hall ; and that a Debenture of £1,096 be also sealed and issued to the Newport Corporation in respect of the loan sanctioned the 30th January, 1903, for the purposes of the Montpellier Gardens, such Debentures to bear interest at 3 ¼, and not to be repayable within a period of three years from the date thereof.

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5—Report of the Borough Elective Auditors—The Report of the Borough Elective Auditors for the year ended the 31st March 1904, was submitted. Resolved, That consideration of the same be adjourned to the next monthly meeting.

6-Private improvement Expenses—Hayward's Road--Read, a letter from an owner of property in Hayward's Road asking that he might, be allowed to pay the balance of £3 18s. 5d., due 1from him for private improvement works by instalments of 16s. per month. Resolved, That this be agreed to,

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 £18,562 12s. 11d., ordered to be paid by the Borough Treasurer.

The Treasurer's accounts it the Bank were examined, and the balances found to be correct. The following was the General Statement :—

The Treasurer's accounts it the Bank were examined, and the balances found to be correct. The following was the General Statement :—				
Overdrawn on the 28th December, 1901		£47,177	2s	6d
Paid since that date		£21,727	0	0
		£68,904	2	6
Received since that date		£23,371	0	0
	Overdrawn	£45,533	2	6
Being Dank Loan Account No. 2	£46,224 12 1			
Do. No 3	£17,997 1 1			
		£61,221 13 2		
Less in hand on General Accounts	£7,637 17 9			
Do. Sinking Funds	£11,050 12 11			
		<u>£18,688 10 8</u>		
		£45,533 2 6		

JOHN WAGHORNE, Chairman.

LECKHAMPTON HILL RIGHTS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 31st January, 1905—Present: The Mayor, Alderman Norman and Waghorne, and Councillors Bendall and Stroud (Councillor Stroud in the chair). Mr. W. Hicks-Reach and Mr. C. J. Tinson as Representatives of the Cheltenham Rural District Council also attended the Meeting.

1-Leckhampton Hill Rights--The Town Clerk read the Joint Opinion of Counsel taken by him. Resolved, That this Committee having heard the joint opinion of Counsel recommend that the Town Clerk and the Clerk to the Rural District Council be instructed to take all necessary steps to appeal against the Order as to costs as advised by Counsel.

HERBERT STROUD, Chairman

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Borough of Cheltenham.

At a Quarterly Meeting of the Town Council of the Borough of Cheltenham, duly convened and held in the Town Hall, in the said Borough, on Monday, the 6th February, 1905, at 3 p.m. Present :

THE MAYOR (GEORGE DIMMER, ESQ.) in the chair. THE DEPUTY MAYOR (COUNCILLOR EDWARD HENRY PARSONAGE).

Aldermen : GEORGE NORMAN, WILLIAM NASH SKILLICORNE, COLONEL RICHARD ROGERS. JOHN WAGHORNE. JAMES BATTEN WINTERBOTHAM.

Councillors : WILLIAM ALFRED BAKER, JOHN DAVID BENDAL, L RICHARD DAVIES, MOSES DAVIS EDWINSON, CHARLES GREEN, EDWARD GRIDLEY, EDWARD LAWRENCE, ROBERT LEY WOOD, RICHARD EEDE MARSHALL, WILLIE JOHN MERRETT, TOM HERBERT PACKER, JOSEPH PILLEY, THOMAS ELLERSON RICKERBY, ROBERT STEEL, HERBERT STROUD, HENRY WAGHORNE.

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1-Minutes of last Meeting-Resolved, That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Council, on the, 2nd January, 1905, having been printed and a copy sent to each Member, be taken as read, and that the same be hereby adopted and confirmed.

2—Election of Auditors-Resolved, That Alderman Haddon, be appointed in the absence of the Mayor to execute the powers and duties of the Mayor in connection with the Election of Auditors for the Borough to be held on the 1st proximo.

3—Employees' Outing—Resolved, That the Annual Outing of the Corporation Employees take place as usual this year and that the following Members of the Council be appointed a Committee to make the necessary arrangements, viz : The Mayor, the Deputy Mayor, Aldermen Norman, Rogers and Waghorne, Councillors Baker and Bendall.

4—General Purposes & Watch Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the General Purposes and Watch Committee, at their Meeting of the 24th January last, be approved and confirmed.

5—Public Health Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Public Health Committee, at their Meetings of the 11th and 23rd January last, be approved and confirmed.

6—Farms Management Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Farms Management Committee, at their Meeting of the 20th January last, be approved and confirmed.

7—Street and Highway Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Street and Highway Committee, at their Meetings of the 10th and 30th January last, be approved and confirmed, subject to the following amendments, viz :—That Minute No. 18 (Reddings Road) be referred back to the Committee, for further consideration.

That Minute No. 26 (Plans Sub-Committee) be amended and that plan No. 238 be approved and that the Council consent under the provisions of the Public Health (Buildings in Streets) Act, 1888, to the building being brought forward as shown on the plan, subject to the owner giving up the remaining land in front of his premises for free and uninterrupted user by the public as part of the public footpath.

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8—Town Improvement Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Town Improvement Committee, at their Meeting of the 23rd January last, be approved and confirmed.

9—Lighting Committee--Resolved, That the proceedings of the Lighting Committee, at their Meetings of the 3rd, 12th, 19th and 26th January last, be approved and confirmed.

10—Water Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Water Committee at their Meeting of the 26th January last, be approved and confirmed.

11—Mineral Waters, Baths and Recreation Grounds Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Mineral Waters, Baths and Recreation Grounds Committee, at their Meetings of the 3rd, 16th, and 20th January last, and 1st February instant, be approved and confirmed.

12—Burial Board Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Burial Board Committee, at their Meeting of the 27th January last, be approved and confirmed.

13—Finance Committee---Resolved, That the proceedings of the Finance Committee, at their Meeting of the 31st January last, be approved and confirmed.

Resolved also, That an Order on the Borough Treasurer be signed accordingly authorising and ordering him to pay to the several Corporations, Companies and persons mentioned in the Schedule of Accounts the sum of money set opposite their respective names upon production of a cheque signed by the Borough Accountant.

14—Leckhampton Hill Rights' Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Leckhampton Hill Rights Committee, at their Meeting of the 31st January last be approved and confirmed.

15—Notices of Motion—The following notices of motion for the next Monthly Meeting of the Council were given :—

By Councillor Merrett : " That the Marle Hill Annexe be opened free to the public on and after the 1st " April, 1935, except at such times as it may be required for fetes, entertain-" meets or any other special purposes, and that Minute No. 1 of the Minutes

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" of the Town Improvement Committee, of the 9th March, 1894, No. 1 of the " 8th May, 1894, No. 6 of the 18th January, 1897, and No. 12 of the 19th " February, 1900, be rescinded or varied as far as may be necessary to give " effect to this motion."

By Councillor Green :—

"That owing to the serious increase in our rates, largely due to the Electric Light Undertaking, the time has come when in the best interests of the ratepayers " (1) the cost of Staff of the Department should be reduced by notice to the " present Chief Electrical Engineer of a reduction of Salary by £200 per " annum. (2) By the transference of the office of the department to the " works, and any necessary portion of the clerical work to the Borough " Accountant's Office."

GEO. DIMMER,

Mayor.

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Borough of Cheltenham.

MINUTES of the Committees of the Town Council to be submitted for approval at the Monthly Meeting of the Council to beheld on Monday, the 6th March, 1905.

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 13th February, 1905—Present : The Deputy Mayor, Aldermen Norman and Skillicorne, Councillors Bence, M. Davis, and Lawrence (The Deputy Mayor in the chair).

1—Zymotic Disease—The Medical Officer of Health reported that there had been notified since the last meeting of the Committee, 13 cases of Scarlet Fever, 3 of Enteric Fever, 2 of Erysipelas and 2 of Diphtheria that 9 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 12 of Scarlet Fever and 2 of Diphtheria.

2—Cleansing and Disinfecting at No. 20 Townsend 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 owners and occupiers to cleanse and disinfect the house or parts thereof within the time specified in such notice.

3—Cleansing and Limewashing at Nos. 14 & 15 Elm Street, Nos. 1 & 2 Stanley Cottages, Elm. Street, 4 Suffolk Road, and 15 Russell Street. The Medical Officer of Health having certified under Section 46 of the Public Health Act, 1875, that the above-named dwelling houses were in such a filthy and

unwholesome condition that the health of the inmates was affected or endangered thereby. Resolved, That Notice be given to the owners under the said Section requiring the houses to be cleansed and limewashed.

4—Nuisances from Drains, etc., at No. 20 Townsend Street, No. 7 Princes Terrace, and 6 Pittville 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.

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5—Insanitary Property—Nos. 1, 2 & 3 Trent Cottages, Gloucester Place, 8[?] Newark Cottage, Gloucester Place, and Nos. 5, 6, 7, 10, & 11 Exmouth, 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.

6—Overcrowding at Newark Cottage, Gloucester Place. The Medical Officer of Health reported that the above premises were so overcrowded as to be dangerous or injurious to the health of the inmates. Resolved, That the Committee being satisfied of the existence of a nuisance on the said premises, Notices under Sec. 94 of the Public Health Act, 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 —Nov.: 1, 2, and 3 Trent Cottages, Gloucester Place, Newark Cottages, Gloucester Place, 10 Gratton Street, Nos. 1, 2, 3 & 6 Fairfield Avenue, No. 2 Mapledean Terrace, No. 2 Painswick Terrace and No. 1 Hatherley 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.

8—Water Closets without Flushing Apparatus—The Medical Officer of Health reported that the following houses had water closets without flushing apparatus, viz :—No. 21 Hatherley Street, Old Post Office, Collum End Road, Warehouse in Belmont 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.

9—Factory without Sufficient W.C.—The Inspector of Nuisances reported that the Albion Saw Mills, Swindon Road, were without a sufficient water closet. Resolved, That notice be given to the owner or occupier of the said factory under Section 36 of the Public Health Act, 1875, requiring the provision of a sufficient water closet.

E. H. PARSONAGE, Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 20th February, 1905—Present : The Deputy Mayor, Aldermen Norman and Skillicorne, Councillors Bence, M. Davis, Lawrence and Pilley (The Deputy Mayor in the chair).

10—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 Erysipelas ; 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 11 of Scarlet Fever.

11—Cleansing and Disinfecting it No. 18 Sun 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.

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12—Cleansing and Limewashing at Nos. 6, 7, 10 & 24 Exmouth Street and 47 & 48 Francis 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.

13—Nuisances from Drains, etc., at Nos. 1 to 7 (both inclusive) Beaufort Cottages, No. 4 Birdlip Place 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.

14—Insanitary Property—Nos. 32, 34, 35, 38, 41 & 42 Francis Street, No. 38 Whitehall Street and No. 17 Victoria Place, Bath 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, chimney, &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.

15—Overcrowding at No. 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 Sec. 94 of the Public Health Act be served on the owners and occupiers thereof requiring them to abate the same.

16—Houses without proper Ash Receptacles—The Inspector of Nuisances reported that the following houses had no proper ashpits or ash receptacles, viz :—No. 25 Exmouth Street, and Nos. 13, 18, 22, 27, 29, 30, 31, 32, 36, 38, 41 and 43 Francis 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.

17—Notices not complied with—The Medical Officer of Health submitted a list of Notices requiring abatement of nuisances arising from defective pitching, roofs, &c., and the provision of ash receptacles, which had been served, but not complied with. Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to take the necessary proceedings to compel compliance.

18—Destruction of Diseased Meat—The Medical Officer of Health reported that 6 kegs of tripe (weight 120 lbs.) sent from America in a preservative liquid were reported by the consignee for inspection and the tripe being found unsound the same was destroyed.

19—Houses Let in Lodgings--The Medical Officer of Health recommended that the landlords of the following houses let in lodgings, viz : No. 1 Rodney Terrace, 38 Montpellier Terrace, "Andover" Grosvenor Street, 27 & 28 Grosvenor Street, 1 Exeter Villas, Grosvenor Street, and 1 York Place, Swindon Road, should be required to give the necessary information for registration. Resolved, That the landlords of the houses above-mentioned be served with notices signed by the Town Clerk requiring them within seven days to supply the information necessary for the registration of the houses as lodging houses by the Council as specified in Byelaw No. 7 of the Byelaws in force with respect to houses let in lodgings, except as to the age and sex of the occupants and the names of lessees.

20—Contravention of Byelaws as to Pigkeeping—The Medical Officer of Health reported two cases of pigkeeping in contravention of the Byelaws. Resolved, That notice be given to the occupiers of the premises 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.

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21—Smoke Nuisance in Queen's Road—The Medical Officer of Health reported that several complaints had been received of the nuisance caused by the burning of garden refuse on land in Queen's Road. Resolved, That the Council being satisfied of the existence of a nuisance on the said premises, notice be served upon the occupiers under Section 94 of the Public Health Act, 1875, requiring them to abate the nuisance.

22—Insufficient W.C. Accommodation at Queen's Cottage, Queen's Road—The Inspector of Nuisances reported that house, Queen's Cottage, Queen's Road, without a sufficient water closet. Resolved, That notice be given under Section 36 of the Public Health Act, 1875 to the owner or occupier of the said premises, requiring the provision of a sufficient water closet.

23—Annual Report of Medical Officer of Health—The Medical Officer of Health presented his Annual Report. 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.

24—Hairdressers' Saloons—The letter received from the Clerk to the Incorporated Guild of Hairdressers with regard to the introduction of a voluntary system of registration amongst hairdressers with a view to improvement in sanitary matters was further considered together with

the replies received from local hairdressers as to their views upon the proposal. Resolved, That no further action be taken in the matter.

25--Cheltenham and Honeybourne Railway—White Hart Street, &c.—Read, a letter from the Local Government Board asking for the observations of the Council upon a letter the Board had received from the Great Western Railway Company stating that they desired to pull down 25 of the old houses in White Hart Street, &c. As 25 of the new houses erected by the Company were now completed and ready for occupation, and it was anticipated that the remainder of the 42 would be completed by the end of August next, the Company desired the consent of the Board to the demolition of the 25 old houses without waiting for the completion of the whole number of houses provided for under the scheme approved by the Board. Resolved, That the Local Government Board be informed that the Council have no objection to the Company's proposals.

E. H. PARSONAGE,

Chairman.

FARMS MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Friday, the 17th February, 1905---Present : Alderman Skillicorne, Councillors Bence, M. Davis, Gridley and Steel (Councillor M. Davis in the chair).

1—Report of Farms' Manager—Read the Monthly Report of the Farms' Manager. 26 head of cattle had been purchased during the month for £308 10s., and the following sales had been made: 13 head of cattle for £371 3s. 6d., and bay horse " Dragon " for £82 10s. The stock on the farms on the 17th instant, was 15 horses, 174 head of cattle, and 12 pigs, all appearing healthy and doing fairly well.

100 posts and 100 rails had been purchased for £7 16s. 8d. 3 tons, 14 cwts. of hay had been sold for 55s per ton. 4 tons 8 cwts. 2 qrs. of hay and 2 tons, 15 cwts. of straw had been delivered to the Central Depot. He recommended that 30 strong cattle be purchased as opportunity offered and that eight sacks of oats be purchased for seat. Resolved. That the recommendations be approved and adopted.

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2—Petty Disbursements—Resolved, That £5 be advanced to the Farms Manager to cover petty disbursements made by him, an account of the same to be submitted periodically to the Committee.

M. DAVIS,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 28th, February, 1905—Present : Alderman Skillicorne, Councillors Bence, M Davis, Green, Gridley, and Steel (Councillor M. Davis in the chair).

3—Farms Manager--Read, a letter from Mr. R. H. Otter, the Manager of the Sewage Farms, resigning his position on his appointment to a similar position under the Leicester Corporation. Resolved, That an advertisement be inserted in the " Contract Journal," " Birmingham Daily Post," " Sanitary

Record," " Berkshire Chronicle," " Yorkshire Post," and two local papers, inviting applications for the appointment on the terms and conditions on which Mr. Otter was appointed.

M. DAVIS,

Chairman.

STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 6th February, 1905—Present: The Mayor, The Deputy Mayor, Alderman Skillicorne, Councillors Baker, Bendall, Gridley, Ley Wood and Packer (Councillor Bendall in the chair).

1—Alterations and Additions to 16 Great Norwood Street—With reference to the resolution of the Plans Sub-Committee approved by this Committee disapproving plan No. 236 for alterations and additions to No. 16 Great Norwood Street, read a letter from Mr. Jones the owner and occupier of the premises stating his willingness, if permission was given for the bringing forward proposed, to give up the remaining land in front of his premises for the free and uninterrupted use by the public as part of the public footpath. Resolved, That the Committee have no objection to the plan being approved by the Council upon an agreement being entered into embodying the above terms.

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At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 14th February, 1905—Present: The Deputy Mayor, Aldermen Haddon and Skillicorne, Councillors Baker, Bendall and Gridley (Councillor Bendall in the chair).

2—Footpath in Bath Road—Read, a letter from Messrs. H. G. Norton & Co., offering to pay the cost of paving from the High Street corner of their premises to the first entrance to the shop in Bath Road, the Corporation to do the work, and pay the cost of refixing the curb. Resolved, That the offer be accepted.

3—Building Inspector's Monthly Report—Read, the Monthly Report of the Building Inspector. Buildings in 118. Completed during January, 5.

4—Light Railway Extensions—Read, a letter from the Board of Trade stating that the Board, after careful consideration, had made an Order extending the time for the construction of all the railways (except Nos. 1 and 12) authorised by the Cheltenham and District Light Railways Orders, to the 31st proximo, as desired by the promoters, but as to Railways 1 and 12, Lower High Street and Tewkesbury Road, and Gloucester Road, an extension had been allowed to the 8th February, 1906 (instead of to 1907 as applied for), the Company being informed that if a further extension is desired in respect of Nos. 1 and 12, the Board will be prepared to entertain an application for a period not exceeding 12 months, subject to notice being given to the Corporation as Road Authority.

5—Telephone Poles at rear of Lypiatt Terrace and in Gloucester Road—With reference to Minute No. 15 of this Committee, of the 24th October last, read, a letter from the Local Manager of the National Telephone Company, stating that as regards the proposal to erect two poles in Gloucester

Road, near Lansdown Castle, circumstances had rendered this unnecessary. The Borough Surveyor having reported that there was no objection to the pole proposed to be erected at the rear of Lypiatt Terrace, Resolved, That permission be given accordingly, subject to the usual agreement, the annual payment to be 2s 6d.

6—Reddings Road—The resolution to Minute No. 18 of this Committee, having been referred back to the Committee by the Council, was further considered. Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to communicate with Mr. Bliss on the subject of the repair of Reddings Road.

7—Main and Contribution Roads—In view of the expiration of the agreement between the Town Council and the County Council as to the main and contribution roads within the Borough on the 31st proximo. Resolved, That the Deputy Mayor, and Councillors Baker and Bendall be appointed a Sub-Committee to go into the matter with the County Highways Committee and County Surveyor, and report.

JOHN D. BENDALL,

Chairman

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 27th February, 1905—Present: The Deputy Mayor, Aldermen Haddon, and Skillicorne, Councillors Baker, Bendall, Gridley, Ley Wood (Councillor Bendall in the chair).

8—Borough Surveyor's Monthly Report re Highways—The Borough Surveyor reported that the work done by the Highways Department from the 27th January to the 23rd February, 1905 (both inclusive) had been as follows :—

Roads Repaired—Hewlett Road (3,065 super yards), Hewlett Place (382 super yards), Bath Road (636 super yards), Suffolk Square (1,341 super yards), Montpellier Street (355 super yards), St. George's Road (566 super yards), Ambrose Street (247 super yards), Wellington Toed (306 super yards), Pittville Circus Road and London Road (proceeding). Private Improvement Works—Granley Road (proceeding).

Roads patched—St. James' Square, Gloucester. Road, Albion Street, Sandford Street, Montpellier Drive, Tewkesbury Road, New Street, Leckhampton Road, St. George's Road, Wellington Road.

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Footpaths coated—Sandford Street (358 super yards), and Leckhampton Road (505 super yards).

Crossings renewed—6. Crossings relaid-3. Gateway Crossings fixed-1 by Lamb Hotel and 1 by 420 High Street.

Manholes raised to surface—6. New Manhole covers fixed-2. New Gullies fixed-21. Gullies renewed-5.

Gulley Gratings renewed—5. Paving and Kerbing—High Street (proceeding).

Kerb refixed—Bath Road (48 lineal yards). Paving relaid—Bath Road (109 lineal yards). #Trees cut down-12 in Parabola Road, 1 in Bays Hill Road, and 15 in Hewlett Road.

Trees pruned—Pittville Circus Road by Inholmes School, Promenade by Cambridge Villas, Imperial Square by No. 25, Leckhampton Road and St. Philip's Terrace.

Ashes collection and disposal—1103 loads collected, 294 tipped away, and 899 consumed, weight, 863 tons, 8 cwts., 3 qrs., during four weeks, ended 16th February, 1905.

Slab Factory—Slabs made during four weeks, ended 23rd February, 1905—688 square yards.

9—View Meeting—The following Members attended the View Meeting, on Friday last, viz : The Chairman, the Deputy Mayor and Councillor Baker.

10—Selkirk Street—Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to bring up a specification of the works required to be done to the footpaths in Selkirk Street by the abutting owners.

11—Hayward's Road —Read, a letter from the Clerk to the Charlton Kings Urban District Council stating that having regard to the fact that building operations were now in progress in the upper portion of Hayward's Road they preferred to wait until the buildings were completed before taking steps to have the portion of the road referred to put in order when they would be glad to act jointly with the Town Council. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to prepare a specification for the formation, paving, kerbing, and channelling of a footpath on the south side of the road where not already done.

12—Winstonian Road—Read, a letter from Mr. R. R. Skemp, asking the Council to declare Winstonian Road a highway. Resolved, That as soon as all the private improvement expenses payable in respect of the road have been paid, and proper provision to the satisfaction of the Borough Surveyor has been made for conveying the rain water from the house roofs to the street channelling, the same be declared a highway repairable by the inhabitants at large, and that the Borough Surveyor be instructed to give notice to the owners affected as to the requirement with respect to the rainwater pipes.

13—Light Railway Extensions—Read, a letter from the Manager of the Cheltenham & District Light Railway Co., agreeing to pay towards the cost of making up the carriageways and roads necessitated by the construction of the Light Railway extensions. Resolved, That this offer be accepted.

14—Tenders for Supply of Materials, Forage, &c.—Resolved, To refer the tenders for the supply of road materials forage, &c., when received to the Stores Sub-Committee for consideration and report.

15—Report of Plans Sub-Committee—The Deputy Mayor reported as to the proceedings of the Plans Sub-Committee at their meetings on the 14th and 24th instant. Resolved, That the same be approved and adopted.

16—With reference to Plan No. 244 for alterations to promises in Bath Road, at the corner of Upper Bath Street, Read, a letter from Mr. T. W. Smith dated the 30th ultimo, regretting that he could not adhere to the offer to give up the land required to widen the road for £30, which he made in June last, before he had actually purchased the property, but expressing his willingness to accept £100, the Corporation in addition to do all the necessary road making, or £65 if he were allowed to build two small shops on the remaining land.

17—Clarence Street Footpath—Read, a memorial from Messrs. Marshall and other tradesmen in Clarence Street, asking that in view of the uneven state of the paving on the West side of Clarence Street, the opportunity afforded by the rekerbing necessary in connection with the wood paving should be taken advantage of to relaid the paving there. Resolved, That the application be acceded to and the paving relaid on the West side of Clarence Street, from Street to the entrance to the Churchyard.

JOHN D. BENDALL, Chairman

PLANS SUB-COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Sub-Committee, held on Tuesday, the 14th February, 1905—Present : The Deputy Mayor, Councillors Baker, Bence and Bendall (The Deputy Mayor in the chair).

1—New Buildings—The Borough Surveyor laid before the Sub-Committee the following plans of intended new Buildings, viz. :—

No. of Plan	Name	Description
244	T. W. Smith	Two shops in Bath Road, corner of Upper Bath Street (Amended Plans)
245	Miss Foaker	Conservatory and porch at " Homestead," St. Mark's (Amended Plans)
246	W. A. Davis	Alterations at No. 330 High Street
247	A. C. Billings & Sons, Ltd., ..	Extension of Office at 54 Winchcomb Street
248	C. Barnett	Alterations and additions to 409 High Street
249	Moore & Sons	Additions to No. 10 Bath Parade
251	J. Davis	New Bath Room at 3 Christ Church Villas
252	C. Jaynes	New shop in front of Maldon House, Bath Road
253	Mrs. Carter	New Bath Room at Mulberry Villa, London Road
254	B. Weaver	Workshop at rear of 4 Glenfall Terrace

Resolved, That Plans No. 240, 247, 251, 253 and 254 be approved that Plan No. 244 be approved subject to the owner entering into an agreement to give up the land coloured pink on the plan for free and uninterrupted use by the public as part of the public footpath. That Plans No. 245 and 249 be approved and that consent be given in these Cases under the Public Health (Buildings in Streets) Act, 1888, to the bringing forward of the buildings as shown on the plans, and that Plans No. 248 and 252 be disapproved.

E. H. PARSONAGE, Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Sub-Committee, held on Friday, the 24th February, 1905—Present: The Deputy Mayor, Councillors Baker, Bence and Bendall (The Deputy Mayor in the chair)

2—New Buildings—The Borough Surveyor laid before the Sub-Committee the following plans of intended new Buildings, viz:—

No. of Plan	Name	Description
248	C. Barnett	Additions and alterations to 409 High Street
250	C. M. Haward	Additions to " Brampton," Malvern Road
255	S. Billings	Additions to " Inholmes." Pittville Circus Road
256	C. Greenslade	Additions to 16 Francis Street
257	Council of Cheltenham	
	College	Morris Tube Rifle Range, rear of General Hospital
258	Wilding & Adams	New Laundry at rear of house, Fairfield Road
259	Major Pottinger	New Headquarters for Rifle Volunteers, North Street
260	W. A. Gibbs	New Shop Front in Montpellier Walk

Resolved, That Plans No. 255 and 256 be approved, that Plans No. 257 be approved subject to the wall piers being 18 inches in width and not more than 10 feet apart, that Plan No. 259 be approved, subject to the Borough Surveyor being satisfied as to the intended thickness of the walls, and provision of proper amount of air space ; that Plan No. 260 be approved, and that the consent of the Council be given under the Public Health (Buildings in Streets) Act, 1888, to the proposed bringing forward 6 inches in front of the existing line ; and that Plans No. 248, 250 and 258 be disapproved.

E. H. PARSONAGE, Chairman.

TOWN IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 20th February, 1905—Present: Aldermen Norman, and Rogers, Councillors Baker, Marshall, Packer and Rickerby (Councillor Rickerby in the chair).

1—Presentations to Pittville Park—The Borough Surveyor reported that the following gifts had been made to Pittville Park, viz : By Mr. Port, of Oakleigh, Lansdown Road, 3 Aylesbury Ducks, and by Mr. E. D. Gatacre, of Trouville, Evesham Road, 3 Oak Trees. Resolved, That the best thanks of the Council be tendered to the donors for their gifts.

2—Report of Entertainments Sub-Committee—The Entertainments Sub-Committee reported that they had considered the arrangements to be made for concerts during the summer season and made certain suggestions thereon. Resolved, That further consideration of the matter be adjourned to a special meeting to be held on Monday next.

3—Advertising—Read, a letter from the Publicity Department, the Gordon Hotels, Ltd., applying for a renewal of the page advertisement of Cheltenham which has appeared for two years past in " Where to Stay " (total circulation 20,000 copies). Resolved, That the advertisement be renewed at a cost of £9 9s.

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4—Sale of Sterilized Milk in Montpellier and Pittville Gardens—Read, a letter from Mr. James Wood, applying for permission to sell sterilized milk in the Montpellier and Pittville Garden. Resolved, That consideration of the application be adjourned.

T. E. RICKERBY, Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 27th February, 1905—Present : Alderman Rogers, Councillors Baker, Bence, Marshall, Packer and Rickerby (Councillor Rickerby in the chair).

5—Report of Entertainments Sub-Committee—Mr. Baring attended this Meeting and the question of the arrangements to be made for the ensuing summer was considered. Resolved. That the further consideration of the matter be adjourned

T. E. RICKERBY,

Chairman.

LIGHTING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Thursday, the 16th, February, 1905;—Present:: Alderman Norman, Councillors Gridley, Ley Wood, Marshall, Merrett, and Steel (Councillor Ley Wood in the chair).

1—Electrical Inspector's Report The Electrical Inspector reported the result of his tests of the electrical supply during the past month as follows February 2nd and 14th, 210 volts, and on the 15th inst. 212 volts.

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

ILLUMINATING POWER.		PURITY	
		Grains of Sulphur per 100 cubic feet.	
1905		1905	
Jan. 25th	16.10 candles		
Feb. 2	16.26 "	Feb. 1-2	11.55
Feb 11	15.30 "	Feb 14-15	<u>12.22</u>
Feb 15	<u>16.19</u> "	Average	11.88
Average	15.96 "		

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3—Lamp Book—This Book was produced and examined. Incandescents extinguished, 32 (1 metered); burning dimly, 7 ; Ordinary Lamps extinguished, 28.

Read, a letter from the Clerks to the Gas Company, stating that the large number of lamps reported extinguished during December was due to the severity of the weather causing a deposit of naphthalene in the pipes, to prevent which the latest methods were adopted by the Company. Resolved, That the attention of the Council be called to the fact that during the month ending this date the number of lamps reported extinguished is again large.

4—Gas Inspector's Report—The Gas Inspector reported that the hourly average consumption of Gas per lamp during the previous month had been as follows :—Ordinary lamps 3.069 cubic feet ; Guildhall lamps with No. 4 Incandescent burners 4.742 cubic feet, and Ordinary lamps with No. 3 Incandescent burners 3.569 cubic feet.

5—Contract for Public Gas Lighting—The Chairman reported that the Sub-Committee appointed by this Committee had an interview with the Directors of the Gas Company on the 10th inst. with a view to the reduction of the present charges for public gas lighting, and promised to supply further information desired by the Company as to the charges in other towns, particularly for maintenance, cleaning, lighting, &c. of the lamps. The Company desired to fit the 5 lamps in the Promenade at the back of the Long Garden with a new incandescent mantle, and also to fit one lamp in the same way in Pittville district as an experiment. Resolved, That the request be agreed to.

6—Lighting of Harp Hill—Read, a letter from the Clerk to the Charlton Kings Urban District Council, stating that having regard to the fact that the portion of Harp Hill in which the additional lighting was proposed was in the Borough, they did not feel justified in providing a new lamp. Resolved, That the matter be adjourned for a joint view meeting by this Committee and representatives of the Charlton Council.

7—Lighting of Collum End Road—Read, a letter from Mr. B. G. Thompson, the Clerk to the Leckhampton Parish Meeting, with reference to the lighting of Collum End Road, as to which the Town Council had expressed willingness to provide an additional lamp if the Rural District Council would provide 12 lamps in the road. Resolved, That consideration of the matter be adjourned with a view to arranging a meeting between this Committee and representatives of the Rural District Council and Parish Meeting to inspect the present lighting.

8—Lighting of Kew Place—Councillor Bendall having complained of the insufficiency of the public lighting in Kew Place. Resolved, That the Committee visit the street at their next view meeting.

9—Cost of Production of Electrical Energy—In pursuance of Paragraph (2) of Minute No. 9 of this Committee of the 23rd November last " That the Committee will endeavour to reduce the cost of production if possible," Resolved, That the Borough Electrical Engineer be instructed to prepare and submit a return, giving full particulars as to those employed in the Electric Lighting Department, the duties of each and his salary or wages.

10—Monthly Report of the Borough Electrical Engineer—Read, the Monthly Report of the Borough Electrical Engineer. On the 11th inst. 807 consumers were connected to the private supply mains with an equivalent of 53,980 8 candle power lamps. Three interruptions of supply had occurred, all in the evening of the 7th instant, due to workmen employed by the contractors for the Light Railway and the Wood Paving. He submitted an account of the cost of repairing the damage, etc. Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to apply to the contractors concerned for payment of the amounts due from them in respect of the interruptions.

11—Experimental Nernst Lamp—Resolved, To replace the $\frac{1}{4}$ ampere Nernst lamp in Hewlett Street by a one ampere Nernst lamp.

12—Arc Lamp in High Street, corner of North Street—Resolved, That the Chairman and Alderman Norman be authorised to fix the new position for the arc lamp in High Street at the corner of North Street, and the best method of suspending the same.

13—Application for Supply—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that an application for supply for six 8 a power lamps and a 1 horse-power motor at No. 7 Bennington Street had been received. An extension of main for about 20 yards (already authorised) would be necessary at a cost of about Resolved, That supply be given on a guarantee of £3 for 3 years.

ROBT. LEY WOOD,

Chairman.

WATER COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Thursday, the 23rd February, 1905—Present : Alderman Norman, Councillors Baker, Bendall, M. Davis, Stroud, 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 Feb. 1905.	Average for corresponding period during last 3 years.
Hewletts Springs	77,760 gallons	280,430 gallons
Dowdeswell Springs	300,384 “	1,215,694 “
Leckhampton	5,496 “	---

CONTENTS OF RESERVOIRS.				
	February 19th, 1905.		February 19th, 1904.	
	Depth	Contents	Depth	Contents
Hewletts	--	18,205,130 gallons	--	27,978,095 gallons
Leckhampton	8ft. 6in.	1,148,154 „	11ft. 0 in.	1,485,847 “
Dowdeswell	15ft. 2 in.	27,694,127 „	32 ft. 0 in.	100,023,701 “
Total Storage		47,047,411 “		129,487,643 “

Pumping had been proceeding night and day at Tewkesbury and daily at Sandford.

The 3-inch main to Apperley Court had been completed and the premises were now being supplied. A 9-inch reflux valve had been fixed on the 9-inch main in Tewkesbury Road.

2—Fire Engine Boiler--Resolved, That the boiler of the Steam Fire Engine be insured in the sum of £500 at an annual premium of £2 5s. against damage (otherwise than by fire) to the boiler or to property and any loss or liability under at Common Law, caused by the Employer's Liability Act, 1880, and the Workmen's Compensation Act, 1897, or explosion or collapse of the boiler.

3-Fire Brigade Sub-Committee's Report—The Fire Brigade Sub-Committee reported that they met on the 2nd instant. Present : Alderman Norman, Councillors Baker and m. Davis (Councillor Baker in the chair).

Horses for Steam Fire Engine—Major Podmore submitted for the approval of the Sub-Committee an arrangement he had made with Mr. Addis, of Plough Yard, for the supply of horses required for the Steam Fire Engine on the following terms, viz : 12s 6d for drills and £2 2s. for all calls to fires. Leaders and wheelers £4 4s. In consideration of a guaranteed minimum payment of £10 per annum, Mr. Addis undertook to have horses at the Fire Station with collars on at any hour of the night within ten minutes of the call being received. Resolved, That this arrangement be approved and adopted, subject to the Council having power by giving one month's notice to terminate the arrangement at any time. Resolved, That in view of the arrangement above specified, the purchase of horses for the engine be deferred for the present.

Electric Bell Connections for Firemen's Residences—The Borough Surveyor submitted the following tenders he had received for connecting the residences of the members of the Fire Brigade with the Fire and Police Stations by means of electric bells making 17 connections altogether.

	Installation	Annual Charge for Maintenance
Steel Bros. (single wire system)	£49 0 0	£6 10 0
R. E. & C. Marshall, Limited	£92 10 0	£1 10 0
Sanders, Morgan & Co.	£103 15 6	not stated.

He reported that at his request the Borough Electrical Engineer had examined and reported upon the tenders and recommended that the tender of Messrs. Marshall be accepted. The amounts did not include any sum for wayleaves, which would have to be arranged for by the Corporation. Resolved, That the Water Committee be recommended to accept Messrs. Marshall's tender and to make provision in the estimates for the ensuing financial year for £100 to carry out the work.

Attendance of Firemen at Town Hall—The question of the attendance of two members of the Brigade at the Town Hall on the occasion of large gatherings there was further considered. Resolved, That the matter be referred to the General Purposes and Watch Committee to deal with.

Additional Hydrant in Swindon Road—On the recommendation of Major Podmore, Resolved, That a sluice valve hydrant be fixed in Swindon Road at the end of St. George's Street.

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

4—Report of Fire Brigade Captain—The Fire Brigade Captain reported that the Brigade had been called to a fire at the Albion Flour Mills, Swindon Road. Cause unknown. Damage £5000. Extinction expenses £21 18s. The property was insured.

5—Tewkesbury Water Supply—Extension of Main—Read, a letter from the Town Clerk of Tewkesbury, asking that a 3-inch main should be laid along Union Place, Chance Street, Tewkesbury, for a distance of about 60 yards. Resolved, That the extension be made, subject to the payment of 6 per cent. per annum, upon the cost.

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 21st February, 1905—Present Aldermen Haddon, Norman, and Rogers, Councillors Bendall, M. Davis, Ley Wood and Stroud (Alderman Norman in the chair).

1—Diseases of Animals Acts—Superintendent Hopkins reported that the Borough was entirely free from contagious disease amongst animals. Read, a letter from the Board of Agriculture, enclosing copies of three Orders made by the Board with reference to sheep scab, and also a letter from the Clerk of the County Council, stating that the County Executive Committee proposed to ask the Board to make an order enabling them to make the general dipping of sheep compulsory in the county. It was desirable that all the local authorities in the county should act in unison in the matter, and the letter contained certain suggestions as to the methods to be adopted. Resolved, That this Committee are prepared to co-operate with the County Committee on the lines suggested.

Read, a letter from the Board of Agriculture, calling attention to the provisions of the Rabies Order of 1897 with reference to the seizure of stray dogs.

2—Hackney Carriage Drivers Licences—Dead, applications from Cecil. Arthur Locke, William James, and Frederick Cole for licences to drive hackney carriages. Resolved, That the applications be acceded to.

3---Transfer of Hackney Carriage Licence—Read, letters from Mr. William Hammond, of 3 Tivoli Place and Mr. Frederick Cole, of 11 Norwood Terrace, applying for the transfer of Hackney Carriage Licence No. 2 from the former to the latter. Resolved, That the application be granted.

4—Hackney Carriage Stands—Resolved, That a temporary Stand for Hackney Carriages be provided in Rodney Road near the High Street, in place of the one in Cambray Place, displaced by the Light Railway, and that Alderman Rogers, Councillors Bendall and Davis be appointed to settle the exact position of stand and number of cabs to be allowed there.

On the recommendation of the Street and Highway Committee, Resolved, That a Hackney Carriage Stand for 3 carriages be placed at the High Street end of College Road on the west side of the road in substitution for the stand for 2 carriages in High Street below Berkeley Street.

5—Cheltenham and Honeybourne Railway—Folly Lane Allotments—The Town Clerk reported that the G.W.R. Co. found it necessary to construct the occupation road and bridge on the northern side of the land purchased from the Corporation, and he had obtained an offer to pay £50 additional compensation to the Corporation, and to agree to maintain the occupation roadway. Resolved, That the offer be accepted.

6--Re-Numbering of Winstonian Road—Resolved, To instruct the Borough Surveyor to bring up a plan for the re-numbering of the houses in Winstonian Road.

7 ----Borough Surveyor's Staff—The Borough Surveyor reported that he had appointed Mr. J. S. Sawdon, of the Surveyor's Office, Uxbridge, as one of his assistants, as authorised by the Council,

and that he had made temporary arrangements for the carrying on of the work of his department, pending Mr. Sawdon's arrival. Resolved, That the action of the Borough Surveyor be approved.

8 —Leckhampton Reading Room—Read, a letter from the Hon. Sec. of the Leckhampton Reading Room Committee, asking the Council to have the words " Public Reading Room " painted upon the windows at a cost of about 10s. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to comply with the request.

9---Report of Art Gallery Sub-Committee—The Art Gallery Sub-Committee reported that at a meeting held on the 9th inst, there were present ; Aldermen Haddon and Winterbotham, the Baron de Ferrieres, and Dr. H. T. Wilson.

Curator's Report—The Curator reported that there had been 1,971 visits made to the Gallery since the 20th December last, the date of the last meeting.

Thirty frames of photographs of the Italian Masters of the Umbrian School had been received from South Kensington Museum on loan for 3 months.

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A case of antique silver, jewellery, etc., had been lent to the Gallery by the Mayor.

An oil portrait of Lord Tennyson, painted from an unpublished photograph, by Mr. J. Rushton, had been lent by the artist.

The twelve plaster casts of panels of bronze figures by Donatello had been bronzed and framed in two frames, and a photograph of the Church showing their position has been placed below.

Twelve lithographic plates of Ecclesiastical and domestic metal work had been placed in exhibition frames and hung in the Gallery. The plates so exhibited would be changed from time to time.

A double-barrelled flint-lock pistol had been presented for the Museum by Mr. George A. Tovey.

Resolved, That the thanks of the Council be conveyed to the Mayor, Mr. Rushton, and Mr. Tovey for their loans and gift.

Photographs—Resolved, That a photograph of two old prints of Cheltenham now in the British Museum be obtained at a cost of 12s. each.

Pedestal Stands and Show Case—Resolved, That another show case be obtained from Messrs. H. H. Martyn and Co. at a cost of £15 for exhibition of reproductions of English Silversmiths work of the 15th—18th centuries, and that 4 elm pedestal stands for busts be obtained from Messrs. Smith Bros. at a cost not exceeding 10s. each.

Painting of Walls—Tenders obtained by the Curator for painting the walls of the Municipal Art Gallery were considered. Resolved, That the tender of Mr. M. H. Reay at £16 0s. 0d. (the lowest) be accepted.

Closing of Gallery for Cleaning, Painting, &c.—Resolved, To recommend that the Art Gallery be closed for one month, commencing Monday, the 13th proximo, to enable the painting of the walls

and necessary cleaning of the pictures, etc., to be carried out, and that the General Purposes Committee be asked to arrange for the removal of the portraits of Mayors, etc., of the Borough from the Art Gallery by the date mentioned.

Resolved, That the recommendations of the Sub-Committee be approved and adopted; except that the question of the removal of mayoral portraits be adjourned for further consideration.

10—Traffic Regulations to and from Races—Superintendent Hopkins submitted draft regulations for the traffic to and from the race-course on the 9th and 10th proximo. Resolved, That the same be approved.

11—Temporary Licences—Resolved, That the Town Clerk be authorised to issue one temporary license to each licensed hackney carriage proprietor for use on the occasion of the races next month.

GEO. NORMAN, Chairman.

MINERAL WATERS, BATHS AND RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Friday, the 10th February, 1905—Present: Alderman Norman, Councillors Bence, Baker, Davies, Merrett, Pilley and Stroud (Councillor Stroud in the chair)

1—Appointment of Superintendents, Montpellier Baths—The following candidates for this appointment attended and were interviewed by the Committee :-

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Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Chandler, 31 Cambray, Cheltenham. Mr. and Mrs. J. Simcock, Public Baths, Stourbridge, Worcestershire. Mr. and Mrs. G. Stretton, Gannow Baths, Burnley. Mr. and Mrs. W. Walker, of Leeds.

Resolved, That Mr. and Mrs. J. Simcock be appointed on the terms set out in the statement of duties approved by this Committee at their Meeting on the 20th ultimo.

2—Mr. and Mrs. Braint—Resolved, That this Committee record their appreciation of the efficient and satisfactory manner in which Mr. and Mrs. Braint performed their duties during the four years that they were Superintendents of the Montpellier Baths and wish them success in their new appointment at Acton.

HERBERT STROUD,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Friday, the 17th February, 1905—Present : Alderman Norman, Councillors Baker, Bence, Bendall, Davies, Merrett, Pilley and Stroud (Councillor Stroud in the chair).

2—Montpellier Baths—The Borough Accountant reported that the amount received at these Baths during the present financial year was £444 19s. 1d., and the payments £409 4s. 1d. (exclusive of the proportion of interest and repayment of loans £277 19s. 5d.)

3—Alstone Baths—The Borough Accountant reported that the amount received at these Baths during the present financial year amounted to £237 9s. 3d., and the payments to £215 9s. 5d. (exclusive of the proportion of interest and repayment of loans £449 14s. 1d.)

4—Superintendents of Montpellier Baths—Read, a letter from Mr. J. Simcock, stating that his wife and himself would take up their duties at Montpellier Baths, on the 1st proximo.

5—Report of Mineral Waters Sub-Committee—The Mineral Waters Sub-Committee reported that they met on the 17th instant, (Present : Councillors Bence, Davies and Stroud, Chairman). The Chairman reported the result of a conference he had had with the local chemists with regard to the sale of the Cheltenham Natural aperient Water. Resolved, To make the following recommendations :

(1) That the Cheltenham Natural aperient Water be sold to the chemists at the rate of 12s per dozen bottles, subject to 25 per cent. discount protected, and that the retail price be fixed at 1s nett per bottle, the question of terms to wholesale dealers to be further considered.

(2) The Corporation may reserve to itself the right to sell the Water at the agreed retail price but at the Spas, Gardens and Baths only.

(3) That a small leaflet, showcards and show bottles be issued to the local chemists in connection with the sale of the water.

(4) That a sample bottle of the water be sent to the medical men in the County and District. Resolved, That the recommendations be approved and adopted.

6- Shop adjoining Montpellier Baths—The Inspector of Nuisances having reported that the drainage of the shop adjoining Montpellier Baths was defective. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have the defects remedied.

7---Agg-Gardner Recreation Ground—Resolved, That a 25-round ladder be purchased for the Agg-Gardner Recreation Ground, and that councillor Baker be asked to see to the repair or renewal of the flower baskets.

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Cricket—Resolved, That applications received from the following Clubs for permission to play Cricket at the Agg-Gardner Ground during next season be acceded to on the same conditions as last year, viz: The Police, Bennington United, Gas Green, and Mr. A. N. Cole's Clubs.

8—Whaddon Lane Recreation Ground—Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to increase the number of seats at the Whaddon Lane Recreation Ground to 12.

Cricket—Read, an application from Martyn's Athletic Society for permission to play Cricket at the Whaddon Lane Ground. Resolved, That the same could not be acceded to.

9—Naunton Park—Read, an application from the Saracens Cricket Club for permission to play in Naunton Park during next season. Resolved, That the same be not granted.

10—Inspection Meeting—The Chairman reported that on the 15th inst., the Committee visited the Naunton Park, Montpellier Baths, and Alstone Baths, and recommended (1) That certain small

repairs, painting, cleaning, etc., should be executed at the Caretaker's House at Montpellier Baths, and to the exterior of the baths. (2) That a Disused Shelter should be placed at Naunton Park for use as a Tool Shed. (3) That the Borough Surveyor should obtain estimates for the fixing of proper urinal basins at the Alstone Baths. Resolved, That the recommendations be approved and adopted.

Messrs. Smith Bros. having proposed an exchange of land with the Corporation at Naunton, the Committee having inspected, Resolved, That the proposal be not entertained.

HERBERT STROUD,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Wednesday, the 1st March, 1905—Present Alderman Norman, Councillors Baker, Bence, Bendall, Davies, Merrett and Stroud (Councillor Stroud in the chair).

11—Superintendents of Alstone Baths—Read, an application from Mr. G. H. Fouracre, for an increase in his salary. Resolved, That the salary of Mr. and Mrs. Fouracre be increased from £65 to £75 as from the 1st April, 1905, rising thereafter to the fixed maximum of £90, by annual instalments of £5, and that Minute No. 10 of this Committee, passed on the 1st April, 1903, be varied accordingly.

HERBERT STROUD,

Chairman.

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BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Friday, the 24th February, 1905--Present:--Alder iron Haddon and Rogers, Councillors Baker and Merrett (Alderman Haddon in the chair).

1—Superintendents Report—The Superintendent reported that he required 100 more rails and 12 stay posts to complete the repairs to the fences at the Cemetery. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to supply these.

2- Designs--Resolved, That the following designs be approved :—Memorial Cross and Kerb to grave of Eleanor Charlotte Berkley; Memorial to C. S. P: Mansbridge ; Headstones to James and Mary Foxwell and Emma Ashcroft a design for a Monument to Eliza Underhill was. disapproved; the particulars given as to measurements being insufficient.

:1--Inspection of Cemetery—Resolved, To visit the Cemetery on Friday next.

JOHN HADDON, Chairman.

PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 14th February, 1905—Present: Alderman Rogers, Councillors Davies, Marshall, Merrett and Stroud, Baron de Ferrieres, Col. King-Harman,

Revs. J. Evans, A. Beynon Phillips, and A. C. Turberville, Messrs. J. C. Carr, A. Mann. A. Beckingsale, W. Cresswell, C. Hayward, and G. H. Palmer (Councillor Davies in the chair).

1—Librarian's Report—Read, the Monthly Report of the Librarian. Receipts, £8 1s. 5d. Presentations : British Museum Trustees (9 vols.), Baron de Ferrieres (2 vols.), Secretary, Durham University (1 vol.), University Tutorial Press (2 vols.), Incorporated Society of Musicians (1 vol.)

2--Sub-Committees Report--The Sub-Committee reported that they met on the 10th instant, when there were present : Alderman Rogers (Chairman), Councillors Marshall and Merrett, Col. King-Harman, Rev. J. Evans and Mr. C. H. Palmer. They recommended that 3 books on approval entitled " Drawings of the Great Masters " be purchased after the end of the present financial year.

3---Lists of New Books recommended for Purchase—Resolved, That the Librarian be instructed to send to each member of the Committee, prior to the Monthly Meeting, a copy of any list of new books recommended by the Sub-Committee for purchase.

RICHARD DAVIES,

Chairman.

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FINANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 28th February, 1905: Present—Alderman Waghorne, Councillors Bence, Merrett, Steel, and Stroud (Alderman Waghorne in the chair).

1—Water Rate—The Report of the Borough Accountant of date the 28th inst., on the collection of this Rate was read. Amount received £9,893 15s. 4d. Leaving outstanding £1,962 0s. 10d.

2 —General District Rate—The Report of the Borough Accountant, on the collection of the second instalment of this Rate was read. Amount collected £23,197 11s. 1d. Leaving outstanding £3,405 4s. 4d.

3—Audit of Stock Accounts—The Borough Accountant reported that on the 16th instant, he had audited the Corporation Stock Accounts at the National Provincial Bank, London, and found them in satisfactory order, and he had made the necessary half-yearly return to the Inland Revenue authorities as to stamp duty.

4—Loans—Read, a letter from Messrs. Brydges, Mellersh & Mellersh, dated the 3rd instant, giving six months notice for the repayment of £6,660 lent on debenture by Messrs. Attwater & Villar.

Read, a letter from Sir. S. H. Belk, Solicitor, West Hartlepool, enclosing notice for repayment of sums amounting to £25,374 lent by the Trustees of the late Sir William Gray, on the expiration of six months from the 11th instant.

5—County Rate Basis—The Assistant Overseer laid before the Committee a Return made by the Overseers to the Gloucestershire County Rate Committee, as to the Rateable Value, &c., of the property in the Parish of Cheltenham, for the preparation of the County Rate Basis.

6—Colonnade Improvement—Olive. The Town Clerk submitted an account of Messrs. Peacock & Goddard's charges in connection with recent applications for payments out of court in the Colonnade Improvement, amounting to £25 16s. 8d., out of which they were prepared to make the usual agency allowance to the Town Clerk, if authorised to receive this. Resolved, That the account be passed for payment and that the Town Clerk be authorised to receive the agency allowance.

7—The Town Clerk reported he had received an offer of a loan of about £5000 at 3 ¾ per cent., interest, on condition that the same should remain on foot for a period of 13 years being thereafter repayable by six months' notice. Resolved, That the offer be accepted and a Debenture be sealed accordingly for the amount which the lender was able to advance.

8.—The Town Clerk reported other offers of about £5,400 at 3 ¾ per cent. Resolved, That these offers be accepted and that Debentures be sealed accordingly.

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 £18,183 4s. 2d., ordered to be paid by the Borough Treasurer. The Treasurer's accounts at the Bank were examined, and the balances found to be correct.

The following was the General Statement

Overdrawn on the 31st January, 1905	£45523 2 6
Paid since that date (including Sinking Fund Investment with Newport £11,096)	<u>£19061 5 10</u>
	£64594 8 4
Received since that date, including £11,096 Loan from Newport	<u>£26896 1 3</u>
Overdrawn	£37 698 7 1
Being Bank Loan Account No. 2	£45,128 12 1
Do. No. 3	<u>£17,997 1 1</u>
	£63,125 13 2
Less in hand on General Accounts	£24,988 9 3
Do. Sinking Funds	<u>£ 438 16 10</u>
	<u>£25,427 6 1</u>
	£37,698 7 1

JOHN WAGHORNE, Chairman.

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LECKHAMPTON HILL RIGHTS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 28th February, 1905—Present : Alderman, Norman, Councillors Bendall and Stroud (Councillor Stroud in the chair).

1—Leckhampton Hill Action—The Town Clerk submitted supplementary Agreement with the Cheltenham Rural District Council as to costs of Appeal, which he had received from Mr. McIlquham. Resolved, That the Council be recommended to resolve into Committee to consider the same.

HERBERT STROUD, Chairman.

Borough of Cheltenham.

At a Monthly Meeting of the Town Council of the Borough of Cheltenham, duly convened and held in the Town Hall, in the said Borough, on Monday, the 6th March, 1905, at 3 p.m. Present :

THE MAYOR (GEORGE DIMMER, ESQ.) in the chair. DEPUTY MAYOR (COUNCILLOR EDWARD HENRY PARSONAGE).

Aldermen:

JOHN HADDON GEORGE NORMAN COLONEL RICHARD ROGERS. WILLIAM NASH SKILLICORNE JAMES BATTEN WINTERBOTHAM.

Councillors:

WILLIAM ALFRED BAKER JOHN DAVID BENDALL RICHARD DAVIES MOSES DAVIS EDWINSON CHARLES GREEN EDWARD GRIDLEY EDWARD LAWRENCE ROBERT LEY WOOD
RICHARD EEDE MARSHALL WILLIE JOHN MERRETT TOM HERBERT PACKER JOSEPH PILLEY THOMAS ELLERSON RICKERBY ROBERT STEEL HERBERT STROUD HENRY WAGHORNE

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1—Minutes of last Meeting—Resolved, That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Council, on the 6th February, 1905, having been printed and a copy sent to each Member, be taken as read, and that the same be hereby adopted and confirmed.

2—Appointment of Overseers of the Poor—Resolved, That William Alfred Baker, of No. 60 Marle Hill Parade, Cheltenham, Gentleman, Charles Hall, of Hillsborough, Leckhampton Road, Cheltenham, Gentleman, Robert Steel, of No. 1 Oriel Terrace, Cheltenham, Gentleman, and Edward Henry Parsonage, of Western Villa, Cheltenham, Gentleman, be appointed Overseers of the Poor for the Parish of Cheltenham for the ensuing year, and that the Common Seal be affixed to such appointment.

3—Public Health Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Public Health Committee, at their Meetings of the 13th and 20th February last, be approved and confirmed.

4—Farms Management Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Farms Management Committee, at their Meetings of the 17th and 28th February last, be approved and confirmed.

5—Street and Highway Committee-Resolved, That the proceedings of the Street and Highway Committee, at their Meetings of the 6th, 14th and 27th February last, be approved and confirmed.

6—Town Improvement Committee-Resolved, That the proceedings of the Town Improvement Committee, at their Meetings of the 20th and 27th February last, be approved and confirmed.

7—Lighting Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Lighting Committee, at their Meeting of the 16th February last, be approved and confirmed.

8—Water Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Water Committee at their Meeting of the 23rd February last, be approved and confirmed.

9—General Purposes & Watch Committee-Resolved, That the proceedings of the General Purposes and Watch Committee, at their Meeting of the 21st February last, be approved and confirmed.

10—Mineral Waters, Baths and Recreation Grounds Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Mineral Waters, Baths and Recreation Grounds Committee, at their Meetings of the 10th and 17th February last, and 1st March instant, be approved and confirmed.

11—Burial Board Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Burial Board Committee, at their Meeting of the 24th February last, be approved and confirmed.

12—Finance Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Finance Committee, at their Meeting of the 28th February last, be approved and confirmed, subject to the following amendment, viz :—That Minute No. 7 (Loan of £5000) be referred back to the Committee for further consideration.

Resolved also, That an Order on the Borough Treasurer be signed accordingly authorising and ordering him to pay to the several Corporations, Companies and persons mentioned in the Schedule of Accounts the sum of money set opposite their respective names upon production of a cheque signed by the Borough Accountant.

13—Opening of Marle Hill Annexe—On the motion of Councillor Merrett, of which due notice had been given, Resolved, " That the Marle Hill Annexe be " opened free to the public on and after the 1st April, 1905, except at such " times as it may be required for fetes, entertainments or any other special " purposes, and that Minute No. 1 of the Minutes of the Town Improvement " Committee, of the 9th March, 1894, No. 1 of the 8th May, 1894, No. 6 of " the 18th January, 1897, and No. 12 of the 19th February, 1900, be " rescinded or varied as far as may be necessary to give effect to this " motion."

14—Notices of Motion—The following notices of motion for the next Monthly Meeting of the Council were given :—

By Councillor Lawrence :—" That in view of the accounts of the Corporation being audited by a Local " Government Board Auditor, particulars of all receipts of Corporation money " be entered in the minute book from month to month, as prescribed by the " Local Government Board or required by their District Auditor."

By Councillor Green :—" That the Street and Highway Committee be instructed not to alter the character " of our pavements by forming unnecessary gutters across them to the " inconvenience and danger of foot passengers."

"That owing to the serious increase in our rates, largely due to the Electric Light " Undertaking, the time has come when in the best interests of the ratepayers " (1) the cost of Staff of the Department should be reduced by notice to the " present Chief Electrical, Engineer of a reduction of Salary by £200 per " annum. (2) By the transference of the office of the department to the " works, and any necessary portion of the clerical work to the Borough " Accountant's Office."

15—Memorials, Complaints, Etc.—Resolved, That the following letters be referred to the undermentioned Committees, viz :—

Clerk to the Cheltenham Rural District Council re Reddings Road ; and Secretary Cheltenham Trade and Labour Council re Unemployed, to the Street and Highway Committee.

Miss Hanson, re Cabstands in London Road, to the General Purposes and Watch Committee.

15—Leckhampton Hill Rights' Committee—The Council resolved into Committee to consider draft agreement with the Cheltenham Rural District Council as to costs of appeal.

Resolved, That the Agreement be approved and that the Common Seal be affixed thereto.

GEO. DIMMER, Mayor.

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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 3rd April, 1905.

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 13th March, 1905—Present : The Mayor, The Deputy Mayor, Alderman Skillicorne, Councillors Bowe, M. Davis, Lawrence and Pilley (The Deputy Mayor in the chair).

1—Zymotic Disease—The Medical Officer of Health reported that there had been notified since the last meeting of the Committee, 3 cases of Scarlet Fever, 1 of Enteric Fever, 3 of Erysipelas and 4 of Diphtheria ; that 3 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 11 of Scarlet Fever, 1. of Diphtheria and 1 in quarantine.

2—Cleansing and Disinfecting at No. 1 Fanlight Cottages, Tivoli—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 owners and occupiers to cleanse and disinfect the house or parts thereof within the time specified in such notice.

3—Cleansing and Limewashing at Nos. 2, 3 & 4 Kew Place, Bath Road, 7 Upper Bath Street, and 39 Bloomsbury 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 No. 6 Wellington Passage and No. 32 Montpellier Villas—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.

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5—Houses without proper Ash Receptacles—The Inspector of Nuisances reported that the following houses have no proper ashpits or ash receptacles, viz :—No. 41, Russell Street, No. 6 Wellington Passage, Nos. 9, 17, 18, 48 and 44 Bloomsbury Street, and No. 32 Fairview Road. 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, 188y, 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.

6—Dairies, Cowsheds and Milkshops Order—Read, an application from Mr. E. H. Cook, of Dunalley Lodge, St. Pauls Road, to be registered as a Dairyman. Resolved, That the application be granted. Read, an application from Mr. L. Giles, of No. 76 Tewkesbury Road, to be registered as a purveyor of milk. The Medical Officer of Health having reported that the premises, a baker's and general shop, were unsuitable. Resolved, That the applicant be not registered.

7—Houses Let in Lodgings—The Medical Officer of Health recommended that the landlords of the following houses let in lodgings, viz: Berkeley House, Berkeley Street, Winslowe and Lyndhurst, Hewlett Street, and No. 1 St. Alban's Villas, Hewlett Street, should be required to give the necessary information for registration. Resolved, That the landlords of the houses above-mentioned be served with notices signed by the Town Clerk requiring them within seven days to supply the information necessary for the registration of the houses as lodging houses by the Council as specified in No. 7 of the Byelaws in force with respect to houses let in lodgings, except as to the age and sex of the occupants and the names of lessees.

8—Offensive Trade at No. 8 Francis Street—The Medical Officer reported that the trade of a tripe boiler was carried on at No. 8 Francis Street, the premises not having been first registered. The premises were unsuitable for the trade. Resolved, That the premises be not registered and that the occupier be so informed.

9—Destruction of Diseased Meat—The Medical Officer of Health reported that on the 24th ultimo, the carcase and organs of a pork pig slaughtered at the Abattoir were found to be diseased and were seized and destroyed.

E. H. PARSONAGE,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 20th March, 1905—Present: The Mayor, The Deputy Mayor, Aldermen Norman and Skillicorne, Councillors M. Davis, Bence, Lawrence, and Pilley (The Deputy Mayor ill the chair).

10—Zymotic Disease—The Medical Officer of Health reported that there had been notified since the last meeting of the Committee, 5 cases of Scarlet Fever, and 2 of Enteric Fever that 5 cases of Scarlet Fever and 2 of Enteric Fever had been sent into the Delancey Hospital, and that the number of cases then in the Hospital sent in by the Corporation was 13 of Scarlet Fever, 1 of Diphtheria, and 2 of Enteric Fever.

11—Cleansing and Disinfecting at Nos. 11 Exmouth Street and 7, Knapp Place, New 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.

12—Cleansing and Limewashing at Nos. 17, 20 & 30 Stoneville Street, 1, 3, 5, 6, & 8 Knapp Place, New Street, 17 & 48 Malvern Street, and 10 Exmouth Street. The Medical Officer of Health having certified under Sec. 46 of the Public Health Act, 1875, that the above-named dwelling houses were in such a filthy and unwholesome condition that the health of the inmates was affected or endangered thereby, Resolved, That Notice be given to the owners under the said Section requiring the houses to be cleansed and limewashed.

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13-Nuisances from Drains, etc., at Nos. 5 St. George's Square, 78, Fairview Road, 6, Bloomsbury Street, 21 & 22, Upper Norwood Street, 22, Gloucester Place, 2, Stoneville Street, 5, Ambrose Place, and 1, Hill View Villas, Harp Hill. 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.

14-Insanitary Property-Nos. 1, 5 & 8 Knapp Place, New Street, and Nos. 14, 15 & 25 Stoneville 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.

15-Overcrowding at Nos. 2, 3, 5, 6, 7, 8 Knapp Place, New Street, and No. 2, Waterloo Street.-The Medical Officer of Health reported that the above premises were so overcrowded as to be dangerous or injurious to the health of the inmates. Resolved, That the Committee being satisfied of the existence of a nuisance on the said premises, Notices under Sec. 94 of the Public Health Act, 1875, be served on the owners and occupiers thereof requiring them to abate the same.

16-Houses without proper Ash Receptacles-The Inspector of Nuisances reported that the following houses had no proper ashpits or ash receptacles, viz :-Nos. 6, 7, 8, 13, 14, 16, 25, 26, 27, and 28 Stoneville Street, 2, School Lane, St. James's Square, 22, 39, 47 & 48 Malvern, Street, and 8, Knapp Place. 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.

17-Water Closets without Flushing Apparatus-The Medical Officer of Health reported that the following houses had water closets without flushing apparatus, viz :-Nos. 3, 4, 5, & 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.

18-Notices not complied with-The Medical Officer of Health submitted a list of Notices requiring provision of ash receptacles, flushing apparatus, abatement of nuisances arising from defective yard paving, &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.

19-Houses Let in Lodgings-The Medical Officer of Health recommended that the landlords of the following houses let in lodgings, viz., Nos. 14 & 16 St. Paul's Street South, and 22 & 23 Gloucester Place should be required to give the necessary information for registration. Resolved, That the landlords of the houses above mentioned be served with notices signed by the Town Clerk, requiring them within seven days to supply the information necessary for the registration of the houses as lodging-houses by the Council as specified in No. 7 of the Bye-laws in force with respect to houses let in lodgings except as to the age and sex of the occupants and the names of lessees.

20-Seizure and Destruction of Diseased Meat-The Medical Officer of Health reported that on the 14th inst. the carcase of a sheep was seized at the Abattoir as unwholesome and destroyed.

21-House Unfit for Human Habitation, viz., No. 5, Painswick Parade. 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 the 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 said house to be closed.

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22—St. Peter's District Sewers—Agreement with M.R. Co.—The Town Clerk submitted draft agreement between the Corporation and the Midland Railway Co. to enable the Corporation to carry two sewers with manholes, etc., through property of the Company in connection with the reconstruction of the sewers in St. Peter's District. The agreement provided for the payment by the Corporation of an annual acknowledgment of 5s., the Corporation also agreeing to indemnify the Company against any loss or damage arising from the construction of the sewers etc., and to fill up an existing sewer under the Company's line. Resolved, That the agreement be approved, and that the Corporate Seal be affixed to the same.

23—Estimates of Receipts and Expenditure The estimates of receipts and expenditure for 1905-6 were considered and settled.

E. H. PARSONAGE,

Chairman.

FARMS MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Friday, the 17th March, 1905—Present : Councillors M. Davis, Bence, Grid ley, and Green (Councillor M. Davis in the chair).

1—Report of Farms Manager—Read, the Monthly Report of the Farms Manager. Thirty-eight head of cattle had been purchased during the month for £426 12s. 6d., and the following sales had been made, viz., 17 head of cattle for £299 4s. 0d., and 11 pigs for £29 16s. 6d. The stock on the farms on the 17th inst. was 15 horses, 145 head of cattle and 9 pigs, all appearing healthy and to be doing fairly well. Four quarters of seed oats had been purchased at 24s. per qr. One ton, 13 cwts. of hay had been sold at 65s. per ton, 1 toss, 15 cwts., 3 qrs. at 55s. per ton, and 3 tons, 7 cwts., 3 qrs. had been delivered to the Central Depot. He recommended that a young sow be purchased for breeding purposes, and that a mare in foal be insured against foaling risks. Resolved, That the recommendations be approved and adopted.

2—Annual Stocktaking and Valuation—Resolved, That the Committee visit the farms on the 29th inst. for the annual stocktaking and valuation.

M. DAVIS,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Wednesday, the 22nd March, 1905—Present: Alderman Skillicorne, Councillors Bence, M. Davis, Green, Gridley, and Steel (Councillor M. Davis in tie chair).

3—Farms Manager—The applications, 131 in number, received for the appointment of Farms Massager, were considered. Resolved, That the following candidates be invited to attend a meeting of this Committee on Tuesday next, viz. ; Thomas Drackley, Sewage Farms Massager, Keighley Corporation ; John H. Ion, Sewage, Farms Manager, Watford, ; George Sharp, Sewage Farms Manager, Banbury Corporation ; Percy F. Smith- Sewage, Farms Manager, Shrewsbury Corporation.

M. DAVIS,

Chairman.

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At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 28th March, 1905—Present : Alderman Skillicorne, Councillors Bence, M. Davis, Green, Gridley, and Steel (Councillor M. Davis in the chair).

4—Farms Manager—The four selected candidates for the appointment of Farms Manager attended this meeting, and were interviewed by the Committee. Resolved, That Mr. George Edward Sharp, of Banbury, be appointed Farms Manager, on the terms and conditions contained or referred to in the advertisement inviting applications. .

M. DAVIS,

STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 14th March, 1905—Present : The Mayor, The Deputy Mayor, Alderman Haddon, Councillors Baker, Bendall, Gridley, and Ley Wood (Councillor Bendall in the chair),

1—Unemployed—Read a letter from the Secretary of the Cheltenham and District Trade and Labour Council enclosing copy of a resolution urging the Town Council, in view of the large number of unemployed in the Town, to push on with all possible speed any work they may have in contemplation. Resolved, That the Trade and Labour Council be informed that the Town Council have always put in hand such works as are possible to provide employment when trade is slack, and that the Borough Surveyor already has instructions from the Council to commence the St. Peter's District Sewerage Works at once.

2—Reddings Road—Read a letter from the Clerk to the Cheltenham Rural District Council, enclosing a copy of a resolution passed by the Rural District Council asking that the portion of Reddings Road within the Borough should be taken over and repaired as a public highway, as was already the case with the portion of the road outside the Borough. Resolved, That further consideration of the matter be adjourned to the next meeting.

3—Cheltenham and Honeybourne Railway—G.W.R. (Additional Powers Bill, 1905. With reference to the Company's proposal to construct a new station for their through-traffic on land between Malvern Road, and Queen's Road. Resolved, That if the new station is to be constructed in this position, the Company should be required to widen the Malvern Road bridge to 36 feet to accommodate the extra traffic, and that (if necessary) a Petition be presented against the Bill.

JOHN D. BENDALL,

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 27th March, 1905—Present: The Mayor, The Deputy Mayor, Aldermen Madden and Skillicorne, Councillor's Bendall and Gridley (Councillor Bendall in the chair).

4 —View Meeting—The following members attended the View Meeting on Friday last—The Mayor, The Deputy Mayor, Alderman Haddon, Councillors Bendall and Gridley.

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5--Borough Surveyor's Monthly Report re Highways—The Borough Surveyor reported that the work done by the Highways Department from the 24th February to the 23rd March, 1905 (both inclusive) had been as follows :—

Roads Repaired—Pittville Circus Road (7,296 super yards), London Road (1,820 super yards), Swindon Road (6,300 super yards).

Private Improvement Works—Granley Road (proceeding). Footpaths Coated with Stone—Montpellier Terrace (East side) (1,245 super yards). Roads

Patched—Leamington Place, Prestbury Road, Gloucester Road, St. Luke's Place, Fiddler's Green Road, Brunswick Street, Granville Street, St. James's Square, St. George's Place, Manchester Street, Clarence Street, High Street, and Bath Road.

Cabstand Renewed—High Street (110 super yards).

Crossings Renewed-11. Crossings Repaired, 1. Gully Gratings Renewed, 3. Gullies Renewed, 14. New Gullies Fixed, 9. Gullies Raised, 5. New Gully Drain Laid—Pittville Circus Road, 22 lineal yards of 9 inch pipes and 27 yards of 6 inch.

Kerb Refixed—Cambray (113 lineal yards). Channel Refixed—Cambray (80 lineal yards). Bath Street (74 lineal yards). Paving Relaid—Bath Street (180 super yards). New Paving Laid—High Street (proceeding).

Trees Cut Down—One in Montpellier Terrace, and 7 on site of G.W.R. New Road.

Trees Pruned—Vittoria Walk and Blenheim Terrace.

Trees Planted—One by Needwood House, Clarence Square.

Ashes Collection and Disposal-1,068 loads collected, 322 tipped away, and 746 consumed, weight, 772 tons, 6 cwts., during 4 weeks ended the 16th March, 1906.

Slab Factory—Slabs made during four weeks ended the 23rd March, 1905 :-839 square yards.

6—Private Improvement Works—Haywards Road (Part of)—The Borough Surveyor submitted a specification, plan, and estimate of works required to be done to part of 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 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.

7—Private Improvement Works to Footpaths in Alstone Croft and Trafalgar Street (part of)—The Borough Surveyor submitted specifications, plans, and estimates of the works required to be done to the above streets. Resolved, That the same as now settled 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 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. Resolved, also, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to renew the kerbing in Alstone Croft.

8—Estimate of Expenditure 1905-6—The Committee considered and settled an estimate of its expenditure for the year 1905-6.

9—Report of Plans Sub-Committee—The Deputy Mayor reported as to the proceedings of the Plans Sub-Committee on the 14th and 24th inst. Resolved, That the same be approved and adopted.

10—Reddings Road—The Town Clerk reported that he had ascertained that certain owners of land at the Reddings were under covenant to keep the Reddings Road in repair. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to Prepare a specification of the works required to be done to put the road into a proper state of repair with an estimate of the cost and of the annual cost of maintenance, and that in the meantime further consideration of the matter be adjourned.

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11—Albion Street Roadway—Resolved, That the Cheltenham and District Light Railway Co. be required to pave the whole of the roadway in Albion Street between the channelling and their line.

12—Naunton Lane—Read, a letter from Mr. F. G. Dallimore, complaining of the condition of the footpath in Naunton Lane. Resolved, That the letter be referred to the Borough Surveyor to deal with.

13—Crossing in St. James's Square—Read, a letter from the G.W.R. Co., asking that a crossing should be placed in St. James's Square from their station. Resolved, That the request be acceded to, and that the Borough Surveyor be instructed accordingly.

14—Rolling Way at Albion Vaults, Sherborne Place—The Borough Surveyor submitted an application for permission to place a Rolling Way in the Footpath at the Albion Vaults, Sherborne Place. Resolved, That the application be granted, subject to an agreement of indemnity being entered into with the Corporation.

15—Cheltenham and District Light Railway Extensions—The Town Clerk reported that the extensions to the Light Railway would be inspected on behalf of the Board of Trade on the 28th inst.

JOHN D. BENDALL, Chairman

PLANS SUB-COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Sub-Committee, held on Tuesday, the 14th March, 1905—Present: The Mayor, The Deputy Mayor, Councillors Baker, Bence and Bendall (The Deputy Mayor in the chair)

1—Report of Building Inspector—Read, the Monthly Report of the Building Inspector. New Buildings in progress (including 13 additions to existing buildings), 122. Completed (including 13 additions to existing buildings) 27.

2—New Buildings —The Borough Surveyor laid before the Sub-Committee the following plans of intended new Buildings, viz:—

No. of Plan	Name	Description
248	C. Barnett	Additions to 409 High Street.
250	C. M. Haward	Additions to Brampton, Malvern Road.
258	Adams & Wilding	Laundry in Fairfield Road.
261	A. C. Saxby	New Shop Front to 397 High Street

262	H. Towell	Stables, Grove Street.
263	G. M. May	Two houses in Charlton Lane.
264	W. T. & R. A. Hunt	Stable at rear of 2 Eldon Villas.
265	W. S. Edney	House in Andover Road, corner of Tivoli Place.
266	Mrs. Hipwood	Additions to Gresham Villa, St. George's Road.

Resolved, That Plans No. 261, 262, 263 and 266 be disapproved, that plan No. 264 be approved, subject to compliance with the requirements of the Borough Surveyor and Inspector of Nuisances, that Plan No. 258 be approved, subject to the plan being corrected as regards drainage and ventilation to the satisfaction of the Borough Surveyor, and that Plans No. 248, 250, and 265 be approved.

E. H. PARSONAGE, Chairman.

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At a Meeting of this Sub-Committee, held on Friday, the 24th March, 1905—Present : The Mayor, The Deputy mayor, Councillors Bence, and Bendall (The Deputy Mayor in the chair).

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

No. of Plan	Name	Description
261	A. C. Saxby	New Shop Front at 397 High Street (amended plans)
266	Mrs. Hipwood	Additions to Gresham Villa, St. George's Road (amended plans)
267	T. Boulton	Bay Windows to Beaufort House, Montpellier Terrace
268	Miss Burr ridge	Additions to 11 Montpellier Villas
269	A. E. Sturrock	New Shop Front to 20 Montpellier Walk
270	C. M. Haward	Additions to 4 Priory Parade
271	John Lance & Co., Ltd.	Reconstruction of Premises at rear of 127 High Street
272	Smith Bros., Ltd.	New Roads and Sewers on Building Estate, Naunton Lane, adjoining Naunton Park

Resolved, That Plans No. 261, 266, 267, and 270 be approved, that Plan No. 268 be approved subject to the height of the rooms being increased to 8 feet, and that Plans No. 269, 271 and 272 be disapproved.

E. H. PARSONAGE, Chairman.

TOWN IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 20th February, 1905—Present: The Mayor, Aldermen Norman, Rogers, and Winterbotham, Councillors Baker, Bence, Marshall, and Packer (Councillor Packer in the chair).

1—Advertising—Read a letter from Messrs. A. and C. Black, offering to insert a page advertisement of Cheltenham in their 58 Guide Books for £5 5s. 0d. Resolved, That the offer be accepted. Resolved,

That. the weekly advertisement in the " Times of India " be renewed at a charge of 2s. 6d. each insertion.

2—Presentation of Thermometers--Read, a letter from Mrs. Smelt, of Heath Lodge, offering to present to the Corporation a set of thermometers, which belonged to her late husband, for use in the daily observations taken by the Borough Meteorologist. Resolved, That the offer be accepted, with the best thanks of the Council for the same.

3—Wild Flower Garden at Pittville—Mr. W. L. Mellersh attended, and suggested a removal of the wild flower garden at Pittville to another position in the Gardens. He also offered for the acceptance of the Council an ornamental sun dial to be placed in the Park to commemorate the completion of the wild flower garden. Resolved, That Mr. Mellersh be thanked for his kind offer, which the Committee are pleased to accept, and that he be asked to meet-the Committee at Pittville to consider as to the proposed removal.

4—Report of Entertainments Sub-Committee—The Entertainments Sub-Committee recommended as follows (1) That the terms of subscription to Pittville and Montpellier Gardens remain as at present.

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(2) That arrangements be made with Mr. A. W. Newton to provide concert parties, bands, etc., from the 12th June to the end of August, 1905, on sharing terms —85 per cent. of the gate receipts and chair money to be received by Mr. Newton.

(3) That the charge for admission to the concerts be 3d., except in the case of military bands, and other special engagements, when the charge will be 1s. in the afternoon and 6d. in the evening, subscribers half-price.

(4) That an awning be provided for use in front of the Proscenium at Montpellier or if occasion required at Pittville at a cost not exceeding £65.

(5) That the offer of the Municipal Orchestra to give two sacred concerts on Good Friday next in the Town Hall, the Corporation to receive 15 per cent. of the gross takings for the use of the Hall, including cost of lighting, be accepted. Resolved, That the recommendation as to an awning be adjourned for further consideration, and that the other recommendations be adopted.

5—Estimates of Receipts and Expenditure—The Committee considered and settled the estimates of receipts and expenditure for the year 1905-6 as regards Pittville, Montpellier, Promenade Long Garden, and the Winter Garden.

6—Free Opening of Marle Hill Annexe—Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to place a suitable gate at the Marle Hill end of the subway between the Annexe and Pittville Gardens, and that the question of making an additional entrance to the Annexe be adjourned for further consideration.

T. H. PACKER,

Chairman.

LIGHTING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Wednesday, the 15th March, 1905—Present : Councillors Green, Gridley, Ley Wood, Marshall, and Merrett, (Councillor Ley Wood in the chair).

1—Electrical Inspector's Report—The Electrical Inspector reported the result of his tests of the electrical supply during the past month as follows :—On the 23rd ult. and 8th inst., 210 volts.

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

ILLUMINATING POWER. PURITY.

			Grains of Sulphur per
1905			100 cubic feet.
Feb. 23rd	15.15 candles		
		1905	
Mar. 4	15.21 "		
" 8	17.36 "	Feb. 22-23	10.61
Average	15.91 "		

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3-Gas Inspector's Report—The Gas Inspector reported that the hourly average consumption of Gas per lamp during the previous month had been as follows :—Ordinary lamps 4.151 cubic feet ; Guildhall lamps with No. 4 Incandescent 1%utliers 4.750 cubic feet, and Ordinary lamps with No. 3 Incandescent burners 1.752 cubic feet.

4 - Lamp Book—This Book was produced and examined. Incandescents extinguished, 16 (1 metered) ; burning dimly, 9 Ordinary Lamps extinguished, : 22 (2 metered).

5-Additional Traction Plant—Read, a letter from the Local Government Board, enclosing their sanction to a loan of 1,600 for the provision of additional traction plant, the period allowed for repayment being 11 years.

The Borough Electrical Engineer reported the results of his tests of the booster at the Manufacturers' Works on the 6th inst., the same being satisfactory. The booster was delivered at the works to-day, the switchboard would be delivered to-morrow, and the erection of the battery would be completed by Saturday next. He submitted quotations Irons the Lancashire Dynamo Co. for spares for the booster, amounting to £62. Resolved, That the same be ordered.

6—Borough Electrical Engineer's Monthly Report—Read, the Monthly Report of the Borough Electrical Engineer. On the 11th inst. there were 812 customers with the equivalent of about 54,240 8 candle power lamps, connected to the private supply mains. On March 11th, last year the corresponding figures were 758 and 47,930.

7—Cost of Production of Electrical Energy—The Borough Electrical Engineer submitted as instructed a return of the employees in his department with particulars of the duties and salary or wages of

each. Resolved, That the further consideration of the same be adjourned for the Borough Electrical Engineer to obtain additional information desired by the Committee.

ROBT. LEY WOOD,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Wednesday, the 22nd March, 1905—Present : The Mayor, Councillors Green, Gridley, Ley Wood, Marshall, Merrett, and Steel (Councillor Ley Wood in the chair).—

1—Sandfield Road Bridge—With reference to Minute No. 16 of this Committee of the 23rd November last, read correspondence between the Borough Electrical Engineer and the Engineer to the Midland Railway Co. with regard to the removal of the electric cables across the Sandfield Road Bridge.

2 -Chief Assistant Engineer—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that Mr. H. E. Soper, his Chief Assistant, intended resigning his appointment as from the 30th prox. View Meeting—Resolved, To meet for view re Public Lighting on Tuesday, the 4th prox.

ROBT. LEY WOOD,

Chairman.

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WATER COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Thursday, the 23rd March, 1905—Present: The Mayor, Councillors M. Davis, Lawrence, Stroud, 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 21st Mar. 1905.	Average for corresponding period during last 3 years.
Hewletts Springs	216,000 gallons	314,400 gallons
Dowdeswell Springs	1,261,440 “	1,511,909 “
Leckhampton	5,496 “	—

CONTENTS OF RESERVOIRS.

	March 21st, 1905.		March 21st, 1904.	
	Depth	Contents	Depth	Contents
Hewletts	--	19,825,277 gallons	--	28,990,033 gallons
Leckhampton	6 ft. 1 in.	821,658 “	12ft. 2in.	1,643,436 “
Dowdeswell	24ft. 11 in.	65,323,610 “	31ft. 11in.	99,584,732 “
	Total Storage	85,970,545		130,218,201 “

Pumping had proceeded night and day at Tewkesbury, and daily at Sandford. He also reported the mains laid and hydrants fixed during the past month.

2—Extensions of Main—An application was received from Mr. R. W. Boulton for a further extension of 200 yards of main in Swindon Lane. Resolved, That the same be acceded to on the same terms as previously, viz., a guarantee by Mr. Boulton of 10 per cent. per annum upon the cost of the extension.

An application was read from Messrs Smith Bros. on behalf of Mr. W. W. Theobald for an extension of main in Hatherley Road. Resolved, That the application be acceded to upon a guarantee of 10 per cent. per annum upon the cost of the extension or payment by the applicant of the cost of the extension whichever he may prefer.

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

4—Report of Fire Brigade Sub-Committee—The Fire Brigade Sub-Committee reported that they met on the 8th March, 1905. Present Alderman Norman and Councillor Baker (Councillor Baker in the chair).

Hon. Surgeon to Brigade—Read, a letter from Dr. Mouat Biggs to Major Podmore offering his services as Hon. Surgeon to the Brigade. Resolved, That the offer be accepted with thanks.

Fire Station—Plans prepared by the Borough Surveyor for housing the new fire engine, and the other appliances were considered. Resolved, That the Sub-Committee recommend that the same be approved, and that tenders be advertised for the carrying out of the same.

Hose Cart—The Sub-Committee inspected the new hose cart presented by Major Podmore to the Brigade, and the same was formally handed over by the donor to the Chairman of the Sub-Committee on behalf of the Council. Resolved, That in the absence of the Members of the Sub-Committee above mentioned, the consideration of the plans for the housing of the engine and appliances be adjourned until the next meeting, and that the other recommendations of the Sub-Committee be approved and adopted.

5—Estimate of Fire Brigade Receipts and Expenditure, 1905-6—The Estimate of Receipts and Expenditure in respect of the Fire Brigade for the year 1905-6 was considered and settled.

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6—New filters at Tewkesbury—The Borough Engineer submitted plans of proposed new filter beds at Tewkesbury at an estimated cost of £3,230. Resolved, That the plans be approved, that application be made to the Local Government Board for sanction to a loan of £3,230 to carry out the proposed works, and that tenders for the work be advertised for.

7—Appeals—The easements 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 21st March, 1905—Present The Mayor, The Deputy Mayor, Aldermen Haddon, Norman, and Rogers, Councillors M. Davis, Ley Wood and Stroud (Alderman Norman in the chair).

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

2—Applications for Hackney Carriage Drivers Licences—Read Applications from Henry Stephen Coates, Frederick Westborough, and Othniel Obed Archer for licences to drive hackney carriages, Resolved, That the same be acceded to.

Read a letter from the Station Master G.W.R., Cheltenham, applying for the issue of a licence to Harry Atkins to drive the Company's Motor Bus in the place of a licence sent in to be cancelled. Resolved, That the application be granted.

3—Wheel Chair Licence—Read an application from Mr. Percy Spawton of 14 Tivoli Street for a licence for a wheel chair. Resolved, That the application be granted subject to the vehicle being inspected and approved by the Chairman.

4—Town Hall Wiring Contract—With reference to minute No. 3 of the 24th January last the Town Clerk reported further correspondence with Messrs. Handley Shanks with reference to their account, and that they had now offered to accept £300 in settlement. Resolved, That this offer be accepted.

5—Report of Health Department Offices Sub-Committee—The Sub-Committee, appointed on the 24th January last " to consider and report as to the provision of better office and laboratory accommodation for the Medical Officer of Health," reported that they had carefully considered the question, and recommended (1) That the Mayor's waiting-room be allotted to the Medical Officer of Health for his office, the existing laboratory to be used as a store room and the present office occupied by Dr. Garrett, to be used by the Chief Sanitary Inspector ; (2) That the room on the upper floor at the Town Hall adjoining the Winter Garden be fitted up as a laboratory for the Medical Officer of Health. Resolved, That the first recommendation be approved and adopted but that the question of providing a new laboratory be adjourned.

6—Cheltenham and Honeybourne Railway—Folly Lane Allotments—The Town Clerk .submitted contract for sale of a portion of the Folly Lane Allotments to the G.W.R. Co. Resolved, That the Corporate seal be affixed to the same.

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7—G.W.R. (Additional Powers) Bill 1905—The Town Clerk reported that he had obtained an undertaking from the G.W.R. Co's. solicitor that the non-presentation of a petition against the Bill in the first House should be without prejudice to the presentation of a petition in the second House. Resolved, That the Chairman, the Mayor and the Deputy Mayor be appointed a Sub-Committee to confer with the Company as to their proposals to construct a station for through traffic.

8—Mayors Portraits—Resolved, That the Mayor, Aldermen Haddon and Rogers be appointed a Sub-Committee to arrange for re-hanging of the Portraits in the Art Gallery in suitable positions in the Town Hall.

9—Junior Clerk in Town Clerk's Department- Resolved, That the salary of Mr. M. C. Taylor, junior clerk in the Town Clerk's department be increased from 15s to 17s 6d per week.

10—Tenders for Coal—Resolved, To refer the tenders for coal to the Stores Sub-Committee of the Street and Highway Committee for consideration.

11—Estimate of Receipts and Expenditure 1905-6—The estimate of receipts and expenditure as regards matters within the purview of this Committee for the ensuing year was considered and settled.

GEO. NORMAN, Chairman.

MINERAL WATERS, BATHS AND RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Friday, the 17th March, 1905—Present: Alderman Norman, Councillors Baker, Bence, Davies, Merrett, and Stroud (Councillor Stroud in the chair).

1—Montpellier Baths—The Borough Accountant reported that the amount received during the present financial year was £454 2s. 0d., and the payments amounted to £456 17s. 9d. exclusive of repayment of loans and interest £539 15s. 0d. Resolved, To instruct the Borough Surveyor to make provision for the better ventilation of the pay office at the Montpellier Baths.

2—Alstone Baths—The Borough Accountant reported that the amount received at these Baths during the present financial year amounted to £239 0s. 9d., and the payments to £239 6s. 7d. (exclusive of repayment of loans and interest £334 11s. 4d.)

Resolved, That the application of the 1st Cheltenham Boys' Brigade for the exclusive use of the Swimming Bath at Alstone for one hour each week from 9 p.m. at a charge of 1d. per head for admission be granted.

3—Agg-Gardner Recreation Ground—Read, a letter from the Hon. Sec. of the Original Brewery Cricket Club renewing their application to be allowed to play cricket at the Agg-Gardner Recreation Ground during next season. Resolved, That the application be acceded to, and the Resolution to Minute No. 4 of the 16th December last be varied accordingly ; also, Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have the entrances to the ground gravelled.

4—Whaddon Lane Recreation Ground—Read, a letter from Mr. G. Hannis, of Brookfield Farm, Churchdown, offering to take the grazing for sheep only at the Whaddon Lane Ground this year. Resolved, That the grazing be let to Mr. Hannis for £5, the rent to be paid in advance, subject to his entering into an agreement to be prepared by the Town Clerk.

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Resolved, also, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have a seat placed along the wall on the South side of the ground.

5—Estimates for 1905-6—The Committee considered and settled the estimates of Receipts and Expenditure for the year 1905-6.

HERBERT STROUD, Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Wednesday, the 22nd March, 1905—Present: The Mayor, Alderman Norman, Councillors Bence, Bendall, Merrett, and Pilley (Councillor Pence in the chair).
6—Chairman—In the absence of the Chairman. Resolved, That Councillor Bence be appointed for this Meeting.

7—Naunton Park Recreation Ground—Exchange of Land—Resolved, That title Committee recommend the Council to approve of the appropriation of a piece of land at the South-west corner of the Naunton Park Recreation Ground, containing about 1 ¼ acres as a site for a new Elementary School, to be erected by the Local Education Authority, provided that a piece of land, containing not less than 2 ½ acres, adjoining the Eastern side of the Recreation Ground, is added in place thereof, the cost of carrying out the proposal including any necessary alteration in the Recreation Ground to be charged against the Education Account. Resolved, also, That application be made under Section 93 of the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1889, to the Local Government Board for sanction to such appropriation.

3—Montpellier Baths—Resolved, That the charge for a whole Season Ticket (available 7 calendar months) be reduced from £1 1s. to 15s., and for a half-season ticket (available 3 calendar months) from 12s. 6d. to 7s. 6d., and that the Resolution to Minute No. 3 of the 18th February, 1904, be varied accordingly. Also, Resolved, That lady members of the Cheltenham Swimming and Water Polo Club be allowed to use the swimming bath at Montpellier on payment of 4d. each. Resolved, That the use of these baths be granted to the Cheltenham Swimming and Water Polo Club for Aquatic Displays on payment of £1 1s. 0d. for each occasion, the Club to pay for the cost of hauling chairs required, and for practices from 9 to 10 p.m. on payment of 2d per head for admission, with a minimum of 2s. 6d.

GEORGE BENCE, Chairman.

BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Friday, the 24th March, 1905—Present:—The Mayor, Aldermen Haddon, and Rogers, Councillors Bence, Gridley, Merrett and Pilley (Alderman Haddon in the chair).

1—Designs—Resolved, That the following designs be approved, viz.:—Headstones to graves of Edward Webb, Emily Edith Yarnold, Mary and Josiah Mills, and Mary Ann Barnett. Headstones and Kerb to grave of George Dawson trawling Edith Venn Rymer, and Henry Arthur Dutton. Monuments to Edgar James Palmer and Maurice Allen Smelt. Kerbing and Inscriptions to grave of Thomas and Frances Mary Fletcher.

2—Estimates for 1905-6—The Estimates of Receipts and Expenditure for the year 1903.6 were considered and settled.

JOHN HADDON, Chairman.

PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 14th March, 1905—Present : Alderman Rogers, Councillors Davies, Lawrence, Marshall, Merrett, Pilley and Stroud, The Baron de Ferrieres, Revs. J. Evans, A. Beynon Phillips, Messrs. W. Cresswell, G. H. Palmer and E. C. Rogers (Alderman Rogers in the chair).

1—Librarian's Report—Read, the Monthly Report of the Librarian. Receipts £6 1s. 3d. Presentations : Executors of the late Mr. E. T. Brydges, (47 vols. and 12 pamphlets), Trustees of the British Museum (3 vols.), The Baron de Ferrieres (1 vol.), C. T. Gardner, C.M.G. (1 vol.), .7. Fletcher (2 vols.), University Correspondence College (1 vol.), Dr. J. H. Garrett (1 vol.)

2—Sub-Committee's Report—The Sub-Committee reported that they met on the 10th instant, Present : Alderman Rogers (Chairman), Councillors Marshall and Merrett, Col. King-Harman, Rev. J. Evans and Mr. G. H. Palmer).

Correspondence with the Principal of Cheltenham College, with reference to a suggestion that greater publicity should be given to the facilities afforded to the public to inspect the Pierson Museum was read. Resolved, That the Principal be thanked for his letter and that a notice be placed in the Library Vestibule as to the days and times when the public are afforded admission to the Museum.

Resolved (1) That consideration of a letter from Drs. Wilson and Collins as to the use of the School of Science Rooms for the Medical Library be adjourned.

(2) That the Salary of Mr. McAdam, Chief Assistant, be increased per annum, from the 1st proximo.

(3) That the thanks of the Committee be sent to the Executors of the late Mr. E. T. Brydges for the gift of 47 volumes and 12 pamphlets on Archaeology, &c., from the Library of Mr. Brydges.

Medical Library—The Librarian reported that there were 19 Subscribers to this Library and that the cataloguing of the books was proceeding.

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

3—Cheltenham Subscription Library—Read, a letter from Mr. H. A. Prothero on behalf of the Committee of the Cheltenham Library, Royal Crescent, suggesting the union or amalgamation of that Library with the Public Library. Resolved, That the Sub-Committee together with the Baron de Ferrieres and Councillor Davies be appointed a Sub-Committee to consider the matter and confer with the Subscription Library authorities and report to this Committee.

RICHARD ROGERS.

Chairman.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 28th March, 1905: Present—The Deputy Mayor, Aldermen, Waghorne and Skillicorne, Councillors Bence, 211errett, Steel, and Stroud (Alderman, Waghorne in the chair).

1—Water Rate—The Report of the Borough Accountant of date the 28th inst., on the collection of this Rate was read. Amount received £10,957 3s. 10d. Leaving outstanding £1,055 11s. 3d.

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2—General District Rate—The Report of the Borough Accountant, on the collection of the second instalment of this, was read. Amount collected £25,792 8s. 5d. Leaving outstanding £1,810 7s. 0d.

3—Report of Elective Auditors—Read, a Report of the Borough Elective Auditors upon their examination of the Corporation Accounts for the half-year ended 30th September last.

4—Loans—The Borough Accountant reported that he had received upon loan £400 from the Manchester Unity Fidelity Guarantee Society, interest to be 3 $\frac{3}{4}$ per cent., repayment to be made upon six months notice at any time. Also from another source £2,000 for a term of 3 years, and afterwards at 6 months' notice, interest at 3 $\frac{3}{4}$ per cent. Resolved, That debentures be sealed and issued accordingly on account of the Winter Garden £9,650 loan.

The Borough Accountant also reported that notice had been received from the executors of the late Mr. Edwin Lawrence requiring repayment as agreed of a further sum of £150 part of a loan of £1,000.

The Town Clerk reported that he had obtained an offer of £2,000 at 3 $\frac{3}{4}$ per cent. interest on condition that the same should remain on foot for a period of 5 years, being hereafter repayable by 6 months' notice. Resolved, That the offer be accepted, and a Debenture be sealed accordingly.

5—Bank Loans—Resolved, That the Chairman, the Town Clerk, and the Borough Accountant be authorised to confer with Lloyds Bank with a view to the advance by the Bank of the loans required to be repaid shortly.

6—Accounts—The Financial Statement of the Receipts and Expenditure since the last meeting and the Bills and Accounts to be paid were examined, and the latter, amounting to £11,854 13s. 5d., ordered to be paid by the Borough Treasurer. The Treasurer's accounts at the Bank were examined, and the balances found to be correct. The following was the General Statement :—

Overdrawn on the 28th February, 1905	£37,698 7 1	
Paid since that date	<u>£11,800 5 8</u>	
	£49,498 12 9	
Received since that date, including Loans	£4,156	<u>£15,006 14 4</u>
Overdrawn	£34,491 18 5	
Being Bank Loan Account No. 2	£40,972 12 1	
Do. No. 3	<u>£17,997 1 1</u>	
	£58,969 13 2	

Less in hand on General Accounts	£23,177 7 3
Do. Sinking Funds	<u>£ 1,300 7 6</u>
	<u>£24,477 14 9</u>
	£34,491 18 5

JOHN WAGHORNE,

Chairman

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Borough of Cheltenham.

At a Monthly Meeting of the Town Council of the Borough of Cheltenham, duly convened and held in the Town Hall, in the said Borough, on Monday, the 3rd April, 1905, at 3 p.m. Present : THE MAYOR (GEORGE DIMMER, ESQ.) in the chair. THE DEPUTY MAYOR (COUNCILLOR EDWARD HENRY PARSONAGE).

Aldermen : COLONEL RICHARD ROGERS, JOHN WAGHORNE, JAMES BATTEN WINTERBOTHAM, JOHN HADDON, GEORGE NORMAN.

Councillors: WILLIAM ALFRED BAKER, GEORGE BENICE ,JOHN DAVID BENDALL, RICHARD DAVIES, MOSES DAVIS EDWINSON, CHARLES GREEN, EDWARD GRIDLEY, EDWARD LAWRENCE, ROBERT LEY WOOD, RICHARD EEDE MARSHALL, WILLIE JOHN MERRETT, Tom HERBERT PACKER, JOSEPH PILLEY, THOMAS ELLERSON RICKERBY, ROBERT STEEL, HERBERT STROUD.

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1—Minutes of last Meeting --Resolved, That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Council, on the 0th W1 arch, 1905 (including the Minutes of the Council in Committee), having been printed and a copy sent to every Member of the Council, be taken an read, and that the same be adopted and confirmed.

2—Public Health Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Public Health Committee, at their Meetings of the 13th and 20th March last, be approved and confirmed.

3—Farms Management Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Farms Management Committee, at their Meetings of the 17th, 22nd and 28th March last, be approved and confirmed.

4—Street and Highway Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Street and Highway Committee, at their Meetings of the 14th and 27th March last, be approved and confirmed.

5—Town Improvement Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Town Improvement Committee, at their Meeting of the 20th March last, be approved and confirmed.

6—Lighting Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Lighting Committee, at their Meeting of the 15th and 22nd March last, be approved and confirmed.

7—Water Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Water Committee at their Meeting of the 23rd March last, be approved and confirmed.

8—General Purposes & Watch Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the General Purposes and Watch Committee, at their Meeting of the 21st March last, be approved and confirmed.

9—Mineral Waters, Baths and Recreation Grounds Committee--Resolved, That the proceedings of the Mineral Waters, Baths and Recreation Grounds Committee, at their Meetings of the 17th and 22nd March last, be approved and confirmed, subject to the following amendment, viz :

That the second and third Resolutions to Minute No. 8 (Montpellier Baths) be referred back to the Committee for further consideration.

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10—Burial Board Committee-- Resolved, That the proceedings of the Burial Board Committee, at their Meeting of the 24th March last, be approved. and confirmed.

11—Finance Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Finance Committee, at their Meeting of the 28th March last, be approved and confirmed.

Resolved also, That an Order on the Borough Treasurer be signed accordingly authorising and ordering him to pay to the several Corporations, Companies and persons mentioned in the Schedule of Accounts the sum of money set opposite their respective names upon production of a cheque signed by the Borough Accountant.

12—Entry of Receipts in Minute Book—The motion by Councillor Lawrence on this subject was not carried.

13—Gutters across Pavements—The motion by Councillor Green on this subject was not carried.

14—Electricity Department Staff—The motion, of which Councillor Green had given notice, on this subject was not moved.

GEO. DIMMER, Mayor.

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Borough of Cheltenham

MINUTES of the Committees of the Town Council to be submitted for approval at the Quarterly Meeting of the Council to be held on Monday, the 1st May, 1905.

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Wednesday, the 12th April, 1905—Present : The Mayor, The Deputy Mayor Alderman Norman and Councillor Lawrence (The Deputy Mayor 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 Enteric Fever, 2 of Erysipelas and 11 of Diphtheria ; and that 8 cases of Scarlet Fever 7 of Diphtheria and 2 of Enteric Fever had been sent into the Delancey Hospital.

2—Cleansing and Disinfecting at No. 28 Waterloo 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 owners and occupiers to cleanse and disinfect the house or parts thereof within the time specified in such notice.

3—Cleansing and Limewashing at No. 4 Clare Cottages, Clare Place, 39 Malvern Street, 27 Bath Terrace & Nos. 1, 3, & 6 Hereford Place. The Medical Officer of Health having certified under Section 46 of the Public Health Act, 1875, 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 requiring the houses to be cleansed and limewashed.

4—Nuisances from Drains, etc., at Nos. 35 & 36 Francis Street, 42 & 43 St. Georges Street, The Vineyards, Gloucester Road, & 1, 2, 3, and 4 Hill View Villas, Harp Hill.—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 that report to the Committee.

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5—Insanitary Property—Nos. 5, 6, 7, 8 & 9 Stanhope Street, 31, Jersey Street, and 2 cottages in rear, & 27, 28, and 29 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 04 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 No. 27 New Street.--The Medical Officer of Health reported that the above premises were so overcrowded as to be dangerous or injurious to the health of the inmates. Resolved, That the Committee being satisfied of the existence of a nuisance on the said premises, Notices under Sec. 94 of the Public Health Act, 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 :—Nos. 3 Hamilton Place, St. Paul's, Sycamore, Langdon Road, 13, 29, 33, and 35 Bath 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.

8—Closing of School—The Medical Officer of Health reported that in consequence of the prevalence of measles amongst the children attending Coltham Fields School, the same had been closed until after the Easter Holidays.

9—Dairies, Cowsheds, and Milkshops Order—Read, an application from Mr. J. N. Corbett, of the Model Dairy, Promenade, to be registered as a dairyman and purveyor of milk. Resolved, That the application be acceded to. Read, an application from Mr. H. Packer, of 20 Townsend Place, Tewkesbury Road, to be registered as a purveyor of milk. The premises being a small general shop unsuited for storing milk, Resolved, That the applicant be not registered.

10—Destruction of Diseased Meat—The Medical Officer of Health reported that the carcasses of 4 pigs with offal, weighing 10 cwts., 2 qrs., were seized in a private slaughter house on the 5th and 6th inst. and destroyed with the consent of the owner.

11—House Without Proper Water Supply—No. 15 Portland Street. It appearing on the Report of the Borough Surveyor that the above premises were without a proper water supply, but that such supply could be furnished at a cost not exceeding the Water Rate authorised by the Cheltenham Corporation Water Acts, Resolved, That notice be given under Section 62 of the Public Health Act, 1875, to the owners requiring them to obtain such a supply and do all such things as may be necessary for that purpose.

12—House Unfit for Human Habitation, viz., No. 4, Stanhope 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 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 the 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 said house to be closed.

13—Sewage Disposal—The Borough Surveyor submitted a Special Report upon the subject of the purification and treatment of the sewage. Read, a letter from the Local Government Board stating that upon receipt of a resolution of the Town Council under-taking to provide without delay such additional means as are necessary to ensure the proper disposal of the sewage of the Borough, the Board would sanction the loan required for the construction of the new outfall sewer from Hatherley Tank to Hayden Farm. Resolved, That consideration of the Report and letter be adjourned.

E. H. PARSONAGE, Chairman.

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At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 17th April, 1905—Present The Mayor, The Deputy Mayor, Alderman Norman, Councillors M. Davis and Pilley (The Deputy Mayor in the chair).

14—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, which had been sent into the Delancey Hospital.

15—Cleansing and Disinfecting at Bradwell Lodge, Sandford Mill 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 owners and occupiers to cleanse and disinfect the house or parts thereof within the time specified in such Notice.

16—Nuisances from Drains, etc., at Nos. 143 and 145 Fairview Road, and 1 & 2 School Lane, St. James' Square. 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.

17—Overcrowding at No. 4, Clare Place, Bath Road. —The Medical Officer of Health reported that the above premises were as 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 nuisance.

18—Houses without proper Ash Receptacles—The Inspector of Nuisances reported that the following houses had no proper ashpits or ash receptacles, viz —Nov.: 37, 39 and 41 Bath Terrace, and 1, 2, 3, and 6 Hereford Place. 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.

19—Notices not complied with—The Medical Officer of Health submitted a list of Notices requiring the provision of ash receptacles, and the abatement of nuisances arising from defective drainage, which had been served, but not complied with. Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to take the necessary proceedings to compel compliance.

20—Dairies, Cowsheds, and Milkshops Order—Read, an application from Mr. W. F. Williams, of 3 Cotswold View, Marsh Lane, to be registered as a purveyor of milk. Resolved, That the applicant be registered.

21—Houses Let in Lodgings—The Medical Officer of Health recommended that the landlords of the following houses let in lodgings, viz., No. 20 St. George's Street and York Cottage, Swindon, Road, should be required to give the necessary information for registration. Resolved, That the landlords of the houses above mentioned be served with notices signed by the Town Clerk, requiring them within seven days to supply the information necessary for the registration of the houses as lodging-houses by the Council as specified in No. 7 of the Bye-laws in force with respect to houses let in lodgings except as to the age and sex of the occupants and the names of lessees.

22—Sewage Disposal—The Special Report of the Borough Surveyor upon the purification of the sewage was considered. Resolved, That the further consideration be adjourned to a special meeting of the Committee to be called at an early date.

23—Sewer under No. 8 Bath Place, Bath Road—The Borough Surveyor reported that the public sewer passing under No. 8 Bath Place was defective, and that Mr. C. H. Rainger, the owner of the house, was willing to contribute £15 towards the cost of filling up the old sewer and providing a new one, which should not pass under the house. He estimated the cost at about £35, and recommended

that the work should be done. Resolved, That Mr. Rainger's offer be accepted, and that the Boroughs Surveyor be authorised to put the work in hand.

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24—Sewer near Shurdington Road—The Borough Surveyor reported that Mr. W. Hall was desirous of laying a new 9 inch cast-iron sewer under the railway near Shurdington Road, in connection with a new building estate there, and asked the Corporation to do the work for him at his expense, he indemnifying the Corporation against any risks in connection with the work. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be authorised to carry out the work on the conditions mentioned.

E. H. PARSONAGE,

Chairman

FARMS MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Friday, the 14th April, 1905—Present: The Mayor, Councillors M. Davis, Gridley, Green, and Steel (Councillor M. Davis in the chair).

1—Farms Manager's Report—Read, the Monthly Report of the Farms Manager. Since the last monthly meeting 4 head of cattle had been purchased for £53 10s. 0d., and the following sales had been made, viz., 11 head of cattle for £299 6s. 6d., and the skin of a heifer which had died for 10s. 6d. The number of livestock on the farms on the 14th inst. was 15 horses, 131 head of cattle, and 9 pigs, all appearing fairly well. He recommended that 50 head of cattle and 150 sheep be purchased. The harness used for the cob on the farms was completely worn out. 4 tons, 3 cwts., 2 qrs. of wheat straw had been delivered to the Central Depot. A small heap of manure had been sold for £3. Five quarters of white oats had been purchased at 20s per quarter.

Resolved, That the recommendation of the Farms Manager be approved, and that a set of second-hand harness be purchased for the cob.

2—Farms Manager—The Town Clerk reported that Mr. Sharp would be able to commence his duties here on the 30th inst. Resolved, That Mr. Otter be relieved from his appointment as Farms Manager on that date.

3—Assessment of Barn Farm—The Town Clerk reported that he had received notice of a new Valuation List for the Parish of Elmstone Hardwick, in which the Barn Farm was assessed at £400 gross and £310 rateable (including £25 10s. 0d. buildings).

Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to appeal against the assessment.

4 —Stocktaking and Valuation—The Chairman reported that the Annual Stocktaking and Valuation took place at the Farms on the 29th ult., there being present—Ald. Skillicorne, Councillor Gridley and himself.

5—Estimate for Rates—Resolved, That this Committee estimate the deficiency on the working of the farms for 1905-6 at £300

M. DAVIS, Chairman.

STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday the 11th April, 1905—Present: Alderman Haddon, Councillors Baker, Bendall, Gridley and Ley Wood (Councillor Bendall in the chair).

1-Byelaws as to Locomotives on Highways—The Town Clerk submitted draft Byelaw; with respect to the use of the locomotives on highways in the Borough. Resolved, That the same be approved and that before the final adoption by the Council, the same be forwarded to the Local Government Board for their provisional approval. (A print of the Byelaws accompanies these Minutes),

2-Glencairn Park Road—Read, a Memorial received from Mr. J. W. Adams and other owners of houses abutting on the Glencairn Park Road asking the Council to at once declare the road a highway. Resolved, That the Memorialists be informed that as soon as the private improvement expenses have been paid and also the amounts agreed upon in certain cases for paving to be carried out by the Council in the future the road will be declared a highway repairable by the inhabitants at large.

3—Oriel Place and Brandon Terrace—Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have necessary repairs carried out to the footpaths in Oriel Place and Brandon Terrace.

4—Waiting Rooms for Light Railway Passengers—Mr. H. J. McCormick, Manager of the Cheltenham and District Light Railway, attended this meeting and stated that the Company were considering the provision of waiting rooms for passengers at Southam, and at the terminus at Charlton Kings and Leckhampton.

5—Cheltenham and District Light Railway—Read, a letter from the Board of Trade stating that they had received an assurance from the Light Railway Company that the relaying of the old track would be completed by the 1st June next except as regards St. George's Road, and that the statutory sanctions had been issued by the Board in respect of the extensions carried out.

6—Footpath In Leckhampton Road from Prospect to Church Road—Read, a Memorial from Mr. Charles Hall and other owners and occupiers of houses in Leckhampton Road, asking that the footpath down the West side of Leckhampton Road from Prospect to Church Road should be paved down the centre. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed, to report as to the paving, etc., required with an estimate of the cost.

JOHN D. BENDALL,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Wednesday, the 19th April, 1905-- Present The Mayor, The Deputy Mayor, Alderman Haddon, Councillors, Baker, and Gridley (Councillor Bendall in the chair),

7 -View Meeting-The following members attended the View Meeting on the previous day, viz :—The Mayor, The Deputy Mayor, Councillors Baker, Bendall and Gridley

8-Borough Surveyor's Monthly Report re Highways—The Borough Surveyor reported that the work done by the Highways Department from the 24th March to the 17th April, 1905 (both inclusive) had been as follows :—

Roads Repaired- Pittville Circus (2,380 super yds.), Wellington Road (from Prestbury Road to Pittville Lawn) (1,590 super yds.), Bath Street (1,208 super yds.), Cambray (704 super yds.), Bath Road, Sandfield Road (proceeding).

Roads Patched-Regent Street, Royal Well Place, Devonshire Street, New Street, Malthouse Lane, Duke Street, Hester's Way, Bath Parade, High Street, Bayshill Road, and Gloucester Road.

Private Improvement Works-Granley Road(proceeding). Footpath High Street (proceeding).

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New Gullies Fixed—5. New Gully Drains Laid-36 lineal feet of 6-inch pipes in Bath Road, 164 lineal feet of 6-inch pipes in Pittville Circus.

Gullies Renewed, 7. Gullies Repaired, 10. Crossings Renewed, 10. Manhole Raised to Surface, 1.

Ashes Collection and Disposal—During 3 weeks ended 6th April, 1905: 796 loads collected, 210 tipped away, and 580 consumed ; weight, 589 tons, 15 cwts, 3 qrs.

Slab Factory—During 3 weeks, ended the 13th April, 1905, 228 square yards of slabs, 1,328 lineal feet of kerb, and 1,434 lineal feet of channel made.

9—Report of Stores Sub-Committee—The Stores Sub-Committee reported that they met on the 5th inst. Present—The Deputy-Mayor, Councillors Baker, Bendall, and Gridley (Councillor Bendall in the chair).

Tenders for Stores, &c.—The 413 tenders received and the samples submitted were considered. Resolved, To recommend the acceptance of the schedules of prices for the supply of goods which may be required by the Corporation for the ensuing year from the following tradesmen. :—

Cement—The South Wales Portland Cement Co., at £1 10s. 0d. per ton.

Tools—D. Davies, R. Strang & Sons, Harvey & Sons, Mason, and Sheffield Tool Stores.

Forage—J. L. Brookes, Best white oats at 2s 8d per bushel of 40 lbs. (sample No. 1), and clover (first cut at 67s 6d per ton).

Messrs. Ride & Co. for black oats (No. 1 sample) at 2s 4 ½d per bushel of 40 lbs., and linseed at 6s 6d per bushel of 52 lbs.

Corporation Sewage Farms—Wheat straw 55s per ton and meadow hay at 65s per ton. E. Snowsell, English beans at 4s- per bushel of 60 lbs., and wheat bran at 87s 6d per ton.

J. Holder, Indian corn at 3s per bushel.

Wrought Irons, Steel, and Files—Mason, Messrs. Gittings, Powell, Gwinnell & Co., Messrs. Harvey & Sons, Boshier, and Schofield.

India-Rubber Hose, etc.—Smith Brothers (Leicester), Cooper & Co., J. Brunskill, Powell, Gwinnell & Co., Wilcox & Co., Dunlop Cover Co.

Lime, Bricks, and Sand—Greaves, Bull & Lakin, Stonehouse Brick and Tile Co., Pearce & Co., Ltd., Powell, Gwinnell & Co., G. Hickman, Mark Williams & Co., Webb Bros., Ltd., and Messrs. Hadley.

Drawing Materials, Stationery, etc.—Messrs. Hidden & Co. and Reynolds & Co. (drawing materials), W. W. Bastin, Harvey & Healing, Cossens & Knight, E. Parker, Banks & Son, H. Edwards, W. H. Brasher, and Reynolds & Co. (stationery.)

Setts, Kerbs and Disinfectants—The Borough Surveyor will order from prices quoted by different makers as required.

Coal—House coal (Birch coppice), Critchley & Keen, 14s 7d per ton. Baker's nuts (Abattoir) at 14s Chritchlow & Sheppard, slack for Montpellier and Sandford (Lydbrook), 10s 3d per ton : slack (for Alstone Baths), Pates & Co., 7s 6d per ton ; Welsh smokeless steam coal, J. Williams & Co. (for Fire Engine), at 20s per ton.

Stone—As required at prices quoted from Tytherington Stone Co., Cleo Hill Co., Rowley Regis Granite Co., Ellis & Everard, and others.

Ironmongery—Powell, Gwinnell & Co., C. E. Gittins & Co., R. Strang, J. Perks, The Plumbers' Supply Co., Ltd., T. W. Harvey & Sons, D. Davies, F. Wilkins, W. R. Ireland & Co.

Electric Light Fittings—Gittins & Co., Sanders, Morgan & Co., R. E. and C. Marshall, Ltd., A. K. Baylor, G. Braulik, Mackintosh & Co., Electric Trades Supply, Strang & Sons, Steel Eros., General Electric Co., R. Woods & Co., R. Organ & Sons.

Timber—Smith Bros., B. W. Pearce & Co., Bowerman & Sons, and G. Hickman.

Castings—Middlesex Foundary Co., Butt & Co., Parsons & Wills, Hardy & Padmore, General Engineering Co., Municipal Engineering Co., Meats & Co., Bird & Co.

Lead Piping—R. Strang, Rowe Bros., Wynn & Co., Sheldon Bush Co., Powell, Gwinnell & Co., Baxendale & Co.

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Household Goods—T. E. Whitaker & Co., T. W. Harvey & Sons, F. Beckingsale & Co., D. Davies, Joyner & Son, J. Tickler, W. B. Kendall, Silk & Son, E. L. Ward, London Supply Stores, Blind Institute, Ley & Sons, C. Bailey, A. N. Cole, and Box & Gillham.

Stoneware Pipes—Powell, Gwinnell & Co.

White Lead, Oil, etc.—Middleton Bros., W. J. Newth, C. Nicholas & Co., S.C. H. Dix & Co., Smith & Co., Ltd., Powell, Gwinnell & Co., J. and J. Taylor & Co., Mander Bros.

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

10—Report of Plans Sub-Committee—The Chairman reported the proceedings of the Plans Sub-Committee at their meetings on the 11th and 19th inst. Resolved, That the same be approved and adopted.

11—Cheltenham and Honeybourne Railway—Read, a letter from the Engineer to the G.W.R. Co., asking whether the Corporation desired the Company to carry out the lowering of the High Street where the above railway would cross it so as to provide a headway of 16 feet, or that the levels of the roadway should remain as at present, which would give a headway of 15 feet. Resolved, That the levels of the roadway remain as at present, subject to the Company undertaking to lower the roadway as mentioned at any future time if called upon by the Corporation to do so.

12—Telephone Wire Attachment to Tree—Read, a letter from the District Manager, National Telephone Company, applying for permission to attach a telephone wire to a tree in Montpellier Drive. Resolved, That the application be not acceded to.

13—Hackney Carriage Stands—Resolved, That the question of the provision of proper indicators, etc., for the hackney carriage stands be referred to the Stores Sub-Committee to deal with.

14—Footpath on East Side of Hewlett Road Opposite St. Kilda, &c.—Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to bring up a specification of the works required to be done to this footpath by the abutting owners.

15—Langdon Road—Read, a letter from Mr. H. T. Young asking that Langdon Road should be taken over as a public highway. Resolved, That Mr. Young be informed that as soon as all the private improvement expenses are paid the road will be declared a highway.

16—Footpath, East Side of Gloucester Road (from Malvern Road to Malvern View Villas)—The Borough Surveyor submitted a specification plan and estimate of the works required to be done to the above footpath. 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.

17—St. George's Place Improvement—Read, a letter from Messrs. Locke & Sons accepting the offer made by the Council of £50 for the setting back of their new premises in St. George's Place, provided the footpath and necessary paving to yard entrances was altered and made good by the Corporation. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to put in hand the necessary paving, etc.

18—Bearing Reins on Corporation Horses—Read, a letter from Miss Hutchinson asking that bearing reins should not be used on any of the Corporation horses. Resolved, That Miss Hutchinson be informed that no bearing reins are used by the Corporation.

JOHN D. BENDALL, Chairman.

PLANS SUB-COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Sub-Committee, held on Tuesday, the 11th April, 1905—Present : Councillors Baker and Bendall (Councillor Bendall in the chair).

1—New Buildings—The Borough Surveyor laid before the Sub-Committee the following plans of intended new Buildings, viz. :—

No. of Plan	Name	Description
273	J. H. Bullock	Two Houses iii Granley Road.
274	H. Cuss & Waite	Additions to " Wyncliffe " and " Rosemead," Hewlett Street.
275	A. Such	Store Shed at Hampton Villa, Ewlyn Road.
269	Burns & Co. ..	New Shop front to No. 20 Montpellier Walk (Amended plan).
271	Lance & Co., Ltd. ..	Reconstruction of Domestic Offices at rear of No. 127 High Street.
277	A. D. Middleton	Additions to No. 19 St. Paul's Street, N.

Resolved, That Plan No. 275 be approved as a temporary building, subject to the usual agreement being entered into, and that the remainder of the plans be approved.

JOHN D. BENDALL,

Chairman

At a Meeting of this Sub-Committee, held on Wednesday, the 19th April, 1905—Present: The Mayor, The Deputy Mayor, Councillors Baker and Bendall (The Deputy Mayor in the chair)

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

No. of Plan.	Name	Description
278	Mr. Mitchell	Additions to No. 3 Windsor Street.
279	T. Fitzroy	Fenwick Additions to Chandos Lodge, Thirlestaine Road.
280	F. Jenkins	Porches to two Villas, Fairfield Park Road.
281	Mr. Tibbles	New Shop, St. George's Place.
282	J. Williams	Store Sheds at rear of No. 24 Alstone Avenue.
276	J. E. Bendall	Nine Houses in Ewlyn Road.
272	Smith Bros.	Building Estate (Roads and Sewers), Naunton Lane.

Resolved, That Plan Nos. 278, 281, 276, and 272 be disapproved, that Plan No. 279 be approved, and that Plan No. 282 be approved as a temporary building, subject to the usual agreement being entered into. As regards Plan No. 280, Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to write to Mr. F. Jenkins, calling his attention to the penalties incurred by him in building without having first given notice and deposited plans, and asking for an explanation.

E. H. PARSONAGE, Chairman.

TOWN IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Friday, the 31st March, 1905—Present: The Mayor, Aldermen Rogers, and Winterbotham, Councillors Baker, Bence, Marshall, and Packer (The Mayor in the chair).

1—Pittville Park—Wild Flower Garden—The Committee met at Pittville Park and considered the suggested removal of the Wild Flower Garden. Resolved, That further consideration of the matter be adjourned for the present,

The position for the Sun Dial was settled with Mr. Mellersh. Marle Hill Annexe—Resolved, That a gate and turnstile be provided at the Marle Hill end of the Sub-way at an estimated cost of about £28, the turnstile to afford ingress to but not egress from the Annexe.

(2) That an entrance be made from Evesham Road to Marle Hill between the sub-way and "Saxham."

(3) That the present entrance opposite Hanover Street, from the Agg-Gardner Recreation Ground to the Annexe, be altered to prevent the entrance of sheep, and that further consideration of a suggestion for the improvement of the entrance at the back of Saxham be adjourned.

(4) That the temporary arrangements proposed by the Borough Surveyor as regards the men employed in the Annexe in view of the free opening of the same be approved.

2—Crossing in Clarence Road—An application was received from the Rev. P. Waller for a crossing from the Tyros House corner of North Place to opposite the side entrance, of Holy Trinity Vicarage. Resolved, That the application be acceded to.

GEO. DIMMER,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 10th April, 1905—Present : The Mayor, Aldermen Norman and Rogers, Councillors Baker, Marshall, Packer and Rickerby, (Councillor Rickerby in the chair).

3—Montpellier Gardens Proscenium—The Borough Surveyor called attention to the necessity for the provision of improved lavatory and w.c, accommodation at the Proscenium at Montpellier. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to put the work in hand as soon as possible.

4—Pittville Park—Marle Hill Annexe—The Borough Surveyor submitted designs for entrance gate from the Evesham Road to the Marle Hill Annexe. Estimated cost £5. Resolved, That the same be approved.

Read a letter from Mrs. Parr of Saxham objecting to the provision of the gate referred to on the ground of possible injury to her property. Resolved, That Mrs. Parr be informed that the Committee are of opinion that no detriment to her property will be caused by the proposed entrance.

5—Clarence and Wellington Squares--Byelaws—The Town Clerk reported that the Byelaws approved by the Council in March 1904 for the regulation of the enclosed Gardens in Clarence and Wellington Squares had been posted up in the Gardens since that date and no representations had been received upon the subject from owners or occupiers of houses in the Squares, The Byelaws had been submitted to the Local Government Board and subject to one unimportant amendment the Board saw no objection to them. Resolved, That the Byelaws as now amended be made by the Council at its next meeting and that application be made after due notice for the Board's confirmation of such Byelaws,

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6--Skating Byelaws—The Town Clerk reported that he had received from the Local Government Board the draft Byelaws as to skating in Pittville Park, to which they saw no objection as slightly Resolved, That the Bye-laws as amended be made by the Council at its next Meeting and that application be made after due notice for the Board's confirmation of such Byelaws.

7—Winter Garden—Resolved, That the Winter Garden grounds be opened free to the public except when let privately, children not to be admitted unless in charge of an adult, and no dogs to be admitted.

8—Advertising Weather Reports—Read a letter from Mr. G. W. May of the Health Resorts Development Association stating the result of communications he had had with the London daily papers as to the terms on which they would insert sunshine and weather reports of Cheltenham. The " Daily Express " and " the Morning Leader " would insert such Reports free if telegraphed each day. Resolved, That Mr. May be thanked for his letter, and that the Borough Meteorologist be asked to send daily reports to the " Daily Express " and the " Morning Leader " accordingly."

T. E. RICKERBY,

Chairman.

LIGHTING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Thursday, the 20th April, 1905—Present: The Mayor, Alderman Norman, Councillors Green, Gridley, Ley Wood, Marshall, Merrett, and Steel (Councillor Ley Wood in the chair).

1—Electrical Inspector's Report—The Electrical Inspector reported that the result of his tests of the electrical supply on the 4th instant had been as follows :-208 volts.

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

ILLUMINATING POWER.

1905

Mar. 18th 15.59 candles

April 4 15.79 "

" 8 15.43 "

Average 15.60

PURITY.

1905 Grains of Sulphur per 100 cubic feet.

Mar. 16-17 12.28

Mar. 29-30 10.09

Average 11.18

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-4.134 cubic feet ; Guildhall lamps with No. 4 Incandescent burners 4.718 cubic feet ; Ordinary lamps with No. 3 Incandescent burners 3.850 cubic feet.

4—Lamp Book—This book was produced and examined. Incandescents extinguished 20 (1 metered), burning dimly, 4; Ordinary lamps extinguished 15 (1 metered), burning dimly, 2.

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5—Borough Electrical Engineer's Monthly Report —Read the Monthly Report of the Borough Electrical Engineer. On the 16th instant there were 817 customers with the equivalent of about 54,640, 8 candle power lamps connected to the private supply mains. On April 16th, last year, the corresponding figures were 759 and 48,460.

6—Tenders for Supply of Meters—The Tenders, 6 in number, received in response to the advertisement, for the supply of meters, were opened. Resolved, That the same be referred to the Borough Electrical Engineer to tabulate and report upon, and that the Chairman, and Councillors Gridley, Merrett and Steel be appointed a Sub-Committee to consider such report, and accept one of the tenders.

7—Arc Lamp Carbons—Resolved, That tenders for the supply of arc lamp carbons be advertised for.

8—Coal—Resolved. That tenders for the supply of slack coal for the works, for the year ending 31st May, 1906, be advertised for.

9—Telephone Connection to Residence of Assistant Engineer—On the recommendation of the Borough Electrical Engineer, Resolved, That the residence of Mr. Robb be connected to the Telephone Exchange from the 30th inst.

10—Scrap Cable. &c.—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that he had purchased from Messrs. Blackwell & Co., the Contractors for the Light Railway Extensions, a quantity of scrap cable, &c. for £5. Resolved, That the purchase be approved.

11—Electricity Deficit—The -Town Clerk reported that he had received from the Local Government Board the draft of the Provisional Order proposed to be issued by the Board, authorising, inter alia, the borrowing by the Corporation with the sanction of the Board upon the security of the electric light revenue and the district fund and rate the accumulated deficit upon the undertaking, the period of repayment not to exceed 10 years.

12 -View Meeting re Public Lighting—The Chairman reported that at a view meeting of the Committee, held on 4th inst. there were present—Councillors Green, Gridley, Marshall, Merrett and himself. The following localities were visited and the following recommendations agreed upon :—

Harp Hill. The improvement of the lighting was discussed with representatives of the Charlton Kings Urban District Council, and a re-arrangement of the existing lamps was approved, an additional gas lamp to be placed in the road by the Charlton Kings Council in the position shown upon the plan now submitted.

Collum End Road.—That an additional gas lamp be placed in this road by the Corporation (the Committee met representatives of the Leckhampton Parish Meeting).

Resolved, That the recommendations be approved and adopted, and that an additional gas lamp be placed in Kew Place as recommended by the Chairman after view by him.

13—Estimates Public Lighting—The estimate for public lighting (gas and electricity) for the year 1905-6 was approved.

ROBT. LEY-WOOD,

Chairman.

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WATER COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Thursday, the 20th April, 1905—Present : The Mayor, Councillors Baker and M. Davis (Councillor Baker in the chair).

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

DAILY YIELD OF SPRINGS.

	For 28 days, ended 18th April, 1905.	Average for corresponding period during last 3 years.
Hewletts Springs	259,200 gallons	320,000 gallons
Dowdeswell Springs	1,326,240 “	1,140,000 “
Leckhampton	5,496 “	—
	Total 1,590,936 “	1,460,000 “

CONTENTS OF RESERVOIRS.

	April 18th, 1905.		April 18th, 1904.	
	Depth	Contents	Depth	Contents
Hewletts	--	25,875,217 gallons	--	27,728,109 gallons
Leckhampton	5 ft. 10 in.	787,945 “	5ft. 6in.	742,923 “
Dowdeswell	30ft. 3 in.	90,997,760 “	31ft. 10in.	99,145,769 “
	Total Storage	117,560,922		127,616,801 “

The rainfall during the past month had increased the storage of water in the reservoirs nearly 32 million gallons and Dowdeswell was now within two feet of being full.

Pumping at Tewkesbury had been continued but had ceased at Sandford.

2—Additional Main from Tewkesbury—The Borough Engineer, in submitting a final certificate of the amount due to the contractor for the laying of the 12 inch main from Tewkesbury, reported that the work had been satisfactorily maintained for six months. The gross amount of Mr. Riley's contract was £4,144 11s. 11d., but as measured up the net cost was £4,039 13s. 10d. The entire cost of the main had been £16,950, the loan sanctioned for the work being £18,500.

3—Assessment of Water Mains, &c., in Elmstone Hardwick—The Town Clerk reported that a new Valuation List had been made for the Parish of Elmstone Hardwick in which the water mains, &c., of the Corporation were assessed at £108 gross and £86 rateable. Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to appeal against the assessment.

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

5—Fire Brigade Sub-Committee's Report—The Fire Brigade Sub-Committee met on the 5th instant (present: Alderman Norman, Councillors Baker and M. Davis, (Councillor Baker in the chair).

The plans for housing the fire engine and other appliances were further considered. Resolved, That the same as now modified be approved at an estimated cost of £500.

Major Podmore submitted a satisfactory report of his tests of the new double hydrant near the Ladies' College and of the protection from fire available for the Ladies' College Boarding Houses in Suffolk Square.

Resolved, That the recommendation of the Sub-Committee be approved, that tenders for the erection of the buildings be advertised for and that application be made to the Local Government Board for sanction to a loan for the cost of the work.

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6—Provisional Order for further Borrowing Powers—The Town Clerk reported that he had received from the Local Government Board, Draft Provisional Order authorising the Corporation to borrow such further sums for the purposes of the Waterworks as might be sanctioned by the Local Government Board, the period for repayment not to exceed 60 years.

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 April, 1905—Present: The Mayor, The Deputy Mayor, Aldermen Haddon, Norman, and Rogers, Councillors Bendall and M. Davis, (Alderman Norman in the chair).

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

2—Sheep Scab Order—Read, a letter from the Board of Agriculture and Fisheries, calling attention to the provisions of the Sheep Scab Order of 1905, particularly with reference to the prompt notification of suspected cases of sheep scab to the Board by Veterinary Inspectors of local authorities together with the results of their examination of such cases. With the letter the Board forwarded a suggested form of report showing the particulars required by the Board. Resolved, That

the Town Clerk be instructed to obtain copies of the circular and form, and communicate with the Veterinary Inspector of the Corporation thereon.

3—Transfer of Hackney Carriage Licence—Read, a letter from Mr. H. Mansell, of the Swan Hotel Mews, High Street, applying for the transfer to him of Hackney Carriage Licence No. 72, previously held by his mother, now deceased. Resolved. That the further consideration of the application be adjourned.

4—Annual Inspection and Licensing of Hackney Carriages—Resolved, That the Annual Inspection of the licensed hackney carriages be held at the Central Depot sic Friday, 2nd June next, at 9.30 a.m., and the Annual Licensing Meeting of the Council at the Central Depot on Friday, 9th June, at 10.30 a.m.

5—Hackney Carriage Stands—The Sub-Committee appointed to consider the positions for the stands to replace those displaced by the Light Railway, recommended that instead of the proposed removal of the stand from Cambray to Rodney Road, a stand for 2 carriages should be placed by the side of the National Provincial Bank in Cambray, and one for 3 carriages lower down in Cambray Place in the centre of the road, commencing from Bath Street, and that to replace the stand near the Belle Vue Hotel proposed to be discontinued a stand for 2 carriages be placed on the West side of College Road at the High Street end.

Read memorials and letters from the Manager, National Provincial Bank, Mr. John How, Mr. W. J. Geeves and others, objecting to the proposed stand next the hank.

Resolved, That the recommendation of the Sub-Committee be approved and adopted, except that the stand next the Bank be for one carriage only.

The Borough Surveyor called attention to the fact that the present stands as regards the provision of indicator boards and otherwise required revision. Resolved, Th the matter be referred to the Street and Highway Committee to deal with.

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6—Folly Lane Allotments—Read, a letter from Mr. J. H. Morgan, an allotment holder in Folly Lane, complaining of the position of the bridge to be erected by the G.W.R. Company, and also suggesting that the Corporation should lay on a supply of water to the allotments.

7—Storage of Petroleum—Read, a Memorial signed by Mr. A. Miles and other occupiers of premises in Winchcombe Street, requesting the Council to take such measures as they may deem necessary to prevent a recurrence of any explosion similar to that which recently happened at No. 78 Winchcombe Street. Resolved, That the attention of the Inspector under the Petroleum Acts be called to the matter.

8—Municipal Offices—The Borough Surveyor reported that the chimney stacks at the Municipal Offices required attention. Resolved, That the owners be asked to carry out the necessary works of repair.

9—Underground Telephone Wayleaves—Read, a letter from the District Manager of the National Telephone Co., asking the Corporation to make some concession to the Company as regards the

amount to be paid for last year under the agreement with regard to underground wayleaves as the first piece of cable was laid in April, 1904, but no use could be made of it until September, 1904, so that they were paying six months rent for nothing. Resolved, That the Company be informed that the Council are unable to depart from the terms of the agreement.

10—Leckhampton Reading Room—The Borough Surveyor reported that certain repairs, to which attention had been called by the local Committee, were necessary in the way of colouring, etc., at Leckhampton Reading Room. Resolved, That if the local Committee will see to the carrying out of the necessary repairs to the satisfaction of the Borough Surveyor, the sum of be allowed them.

GEO. NORMAN,

Chairman.

MINERAL WATERS, BATHS AND RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held sit Friday, the 14th April, 1905—Present: The Mayor, Councillors Baker, Bendall, Davies, Merrett, and Stroud (Councillor Stroud in the chair)

1—Grove Street Recreation Ground—Resolved, That the asphaltting in this ground be replaced by slabs where required at a cost not exceeding £7.

2—Agg-Gardner Recreation Ground—Read, a letter from the Secretary of the Clarence United Cricket Club, applying for permission to play cricket at the Agg-Gardner Recreation Ground this season. Resolved, That the application be not acceded to in view of the large number of clubs already playing there.

3—Grazing at Recreation Grounds—Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to give notice to the tenants of the grazing at the Recreation Grounds to expire at the end of the current year of the tenancies with a view to new agreements being entered into.

4—Bedding-Out Plants for Recreation Grounds—Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to furnish the Recreation Ground Superintendents with the usual number of plants for bedding-out this year.

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5—Alstone Baths—Resolved, That the use of these Baths be granted to the Cheltenham Swimming and Water Polo Club for Aquatic Displays on payment of £1 1s. 0d. for each occasion, the Club to pay the cost of hauling chairs required, and for practices from 9 to 10 p.m. on payment of 2d. per head for admission with a minimum of 2s. 6d.

Season Tickets—Resolved, That the Borough Accountant be instructed to supply the Superintendent of these Baths with 12 season tickets (6 whole season and 6 half-season) for sale, and further supplies as required by the Superintendent.

6—Montpellier Baths—Resolved, That the Cheltenham Swimming and Water Polo Club be informed that the Committee upon re-consideration cannot recommend any reduction in the ordinary charges for the use of the Swimming Bath by lady members of the Club.

Read, a letter from Miss Welch, of St. Mary's Hall, asking whether during this season the use of the Swimming Bath could be reserved one evening each week from May 4th from 5.30 to 7 p.m. by the purchase of 60 tickets. Also read, an application from the County High School for Girls for the exclusive use of the Bath for one hour each week.

Resolved, That the applications be acceded to on the usual terms, viz., the purchase of 40 tickets for one hour's exclusive use, or 50 tickets for not more than 2 hours use, and subject to the days and hours being arranged with the Superintendent, having regard to other fixtures.

Season Tickets—Resolved, That the Borough Accountant be instructed to supply the Superintendent of these Baths with 12 season tickets (6 whole and 6 half-season) for sale, and further supplies as required by the Superintendent.

HERBERT STROUD,

Chairman.

BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 18th April, 1905—Present :—The Mayor, Aldermen Haddon and Rogers, Councillors Baker, Gridley, Merrett, Pilley and Steel (Alderman Haddon in. the chair).

1—Grass at Cemetery—The Superintendent reported that Mr. E. Minett, of Lynworth Firm, Prestbury, was willing to give the same amount as last year, viz., £12, for the grass mown at the Cemetery this year. Resolved, That the offer be accepted.

2—Designs—Resolved, That the following designs be approved, viz.:—Headstones to graves of Susan B. Barnett, Harriett and Martha Wells, and Kate Jones ; James Turner, Thomas and Frances Maria Fletcher, and Henry Williams.

JOHN HADDON,

Chairman.

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PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 11th April, 1905—Present: The Mayor, Alderman Rogers, Councillors Davies, Marshall, Merrett, Pilley and Stroud, The Baron de Ferrieres, Revs. J. Evans, J. A. Owen, A. Beynon Phillips, Col. King-Harman, and Mr. C. Hayward (Alderman Rogers in the chair).

1—Librarian's Report—Read, the Monthly Report of the Librarian. Receipts during the month, £5 9s. 6d. Presentations :—Alderman Colonel Rogers, 20 vols. ; A. C. Saxby, 1 pamphlet ; Dr. Garrett, 2 vols. ; Register University College of Wales, 1 vol. ; Mr. W. F. Hicks-Beach, 26 vols. ; Mr. W. Welstead, 21 vols. ; Liverpool Library Committee, 1 vol. ; Education Committee, Minutes. Books had been exhibited upon the United States, India, France, and Physics.

2—Sub- Committee's Report—The Sub-Committee reported that they met on the 6th inst., when - there were present :—Alderman Rogers (Chairman), Councillors Marshall, Merrett, and Pilley, Baron de Ferrieres, Col. King-Harman, Rev. J. Evans, Messrs. C. Hayward and G. H. Palmer. They recommended that the list of new books submitted be approved, and the books purchased at a cost of about £10. Resolved, That the list as now amended be approved, and the books purchased accordingly.

RICHARD ROGERS.

Chairman.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Wednesday, the 26th April, 1905: Present—The Mayor, The Deputy Mayor, Aldermen Skillicorne and Waghorne, Councillors Merrett and Steel (Alderman Waghorne in the chair).

1—Water Rate—The Report of the Borough Accountant of date the 26th inst., on the collection of this Rate was read. Amount received £11,047 4s. 9d. Leaving outstanding £1,892 3s. 10d.

2—General District Rate-The Report of the Borough Accountant, on the collection of the two instalments of this Rate was read. Amount collected £49,688 13s. 0d. Leaving outstanding £138 16s. 4 ½ d. (after legal excusals, voids, &c.)

3—Rates Department—The Borough Collector reported that the total amount received in the Rates Department for the year ended 31st March last was as follows :—

For Municipal Purposes (including General District Rate, Water, Electric Light, and ... Pittville Rent Charges)	£90,842 12 6 ½
For Poor Law Purposes ... ●●●	<u>£47,080 17 2</u>
Total	£137,923 9 8 ½

4—Provisional Order re Electricity Undertaking Deficiency—The Town Clerk laid before the Committee draft Provisional Order issued by the Local Government Board to enable the Council to deal with the Electricity deficit, together with draft clauses to be inserted in the Confirming Bill. He also submitted his letter to the Local Government Board upon the subject. Resolved, That the letter be approved, and that the draft Order as amended be approved.

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5—Loans—The Town Clerk reported that the Corporation of Bury had agreed to advance the sum of £1,200 at 3 ¾ per cent. for a term of 5 years..

The Borough Accountant reported that he had received an offer of £3,000 at 3 ¾ per cent. repayable on 6 months' notice at the end of 2, 3, 5 or 7 years. Resolved, That the offers be accepted, and that debentures be sealed and issued accordingly, the one for £1,200 on the Winter Garden £9,650 Loan, and that for £3,000 on account of £25,000 Electric Lighting Loan.

The Borough Accountant reported that he had received an offer of £4,000 at 3 ½ per cent. for five years. Resolved, That the Borough Accountant be authorised to accept this.

6—Budget Meeting—Resolved. That a meeting of this Committee be held on Tuesday next, the 2nd prox., at 7.30 p.m. to consider the Estimates for Rates.

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 £11,815 2s. 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 28th March, 1905	£34,491 18 5
Paid since that date	<u>£16,619 7 0</u>
	£51,111 5 5
Received since that date, including Loans £8,272	<u>£11,023 16 9</u>
Overdrawn	£40,087 8 8
Being Bank Loan Account No. 2	£32,700 12 1
Do. No. 3	<u>£17,997 1 1</u>
	£50,697 13 2
Less in hand on General Accounts	£8,760 12 3
Do. Sinking Funds	<u>£1,849 12 3</u>
	<u>£10,610 4 6</u>
	£40,087 8 8

JOHN WAGHORNE,

Chairman.

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Borough of Cheltenham.

At a Quarterly Meeting of the Town Council of the Borough of -Cheltenham, duly convened and held in the Town Hall, in the said Borough. on Monday, the 1st May, 1905, at 3 p.m. Present :

THE MAYOR (GEORGE DIMMER, ESQ.) in the chair.

THE DEPUTY MAYOR (COUNCILLOR EDWARD HENRY PARSONAGE).

Aldermen: GEORGE NORMAN COLONEL RICHARD ROGERS. JOHN WAGHORNE JAMES BATTEN WINTERBOTHAM. WILLIAM NASH SKILLICORNE

Councillors GEORGE BENCE JOHN DAVID BENDALL RICHARD DAVIES MOSES DAVIS EDWINSON CHARLES GREEN EDWARD GRIDLEY, EDWARD LAWRENCE ROBERT LEY WOOD WILLIE JOHN MERRETT JOSEPH PILLEY ROBERT STEEL HERBERT STROUD HENRY WAGHORNE.

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1—Minutes of last Meeting—Resolved, That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Council on the 3rd April, 1905, having been printed and a copy sent to each Member of the Council, be taken as read, and that the same be adopted and confirmed.

2—Jubilee of the Ladies' College—The Mayor reported to the Council that he had received an invitation from the Authorities of the Ladies' College for the Council to attend in state the proceedings at the College, on the 13th instant, in connection with the College Jubilee, when the new Science Wing would be formally opened.

3—Public Health Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Public Health Committee, at their Meetings of the 12th and 17th April last, be approved and confirmed.

4—Farms Management Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Farms Management Committee, at their Meeting of the 14th April last, be approved and confirmed.

5—Street and Highway Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Street and Highway Committee, at their Meetings of the 11th and 19th April last, be approved and confirmed.

6—Town Improvement Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Town Improvement Committee, at their Meetings of the 31st March and 10th April last, be approved and confirmed.

7—Lighting Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Lighting Committee, at their Meeting of the 20th April last, be approved and confirmed.

8—Water Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Water Committee at their Meeting of the 20th April last, be approved and confirmed.

9—General Purposes & Watch Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the General Purposes and Watch Committee, at their Meeting of the 18th April last, be approved and confirmed.

10—Mineral Waters, Baths and Recreation Grounds Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Mineral Waters, Baths and Recreation Grounds Committee, at their Meeting of the 14th April last, be approved and confirmed.

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11—Burial Board Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Burial Board Committee, at their Meeting of the 18th April last, be approved and confirmed.

12—Finance Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Finance Committee, at their Meeting of the 26th April last, be approved and confirmed.

Resolved also, That an Order on the Borough Treasurer be signed accordingly authorising and ordering him to pay to the several Corporations, Companies and persons mentioned in the Schedule of Accounts the sum of money set opposite their respective names upon production of a cheque signed by the Borough Accountant.

13—Notices of Motion—The following notices of motion for the next Monthly Meeting of the Council were given, viz :—

By Councillor Green :—

" That owing to the serious increase in our rates, largely due to the Electric Light Undertaking, the time has come when in the best interest of the " ratepayers, the cost of the staff of the department should be reduced by " notice to the present chief Electrical Engineer of a reduction of his salary " by £200 per annum."

By Councillor Stroud :—

"That it be an instruction to the Town Clerk to forthwith require the Cheltenham " and District Light Railway to provide and maintain a waiting room in " accordance with the provision of Section 53 of the Cheltenham and " District Light Railway Order, 1900, at an approved position as near as " possible to the point of intersection of the High Street, North Street and " Clarence Street."

GEO. DIMMER, Mayor.

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Borough of Cheltenham

MINUTES of the Finance Committee of the Town Council to be submitted for approval at a Special Meeting of the Council to be held on Wednesday, the 10th May, 1905.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 2nd May, 1905 : Present—The Mayor, Aldermen Skillicorne and Waghorne, Councillors Bence, Merrett, Rickerby, Steel and Stroud (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 Thursday next.

JOHN WAGHORNE,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Thursday, the 5th May, 1905—Present : The Mayor, Aldermen Skillicorne and Waghorne, Committers Bence, Merrett, 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.

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Borough of Cheltenham

At a Special Meeting of the Town Council of the Borough of Cheltenham, duly convened and held in the Town Hall, in the said Borough, on Wednesday, the 10th May, 1905, at 3 p.m. Present:

THE MAYOR (GEORGE DIMMER, ESQ.) in the chair.

Councillors: WILLIE JOHN MERRETT TOM HERBERT PACKER THOMAS ELLERSON RICKERBY ROBERT STEEL HERBERT STROUD HENRY WAGHORNE GEORGE BENICE JOHN DAVID BENDALL MOSES DAVIS EDWINSON CHARLES GREEN EDWARD GRIDLEY EDWARD LAWRENCE

Aldermen: WILLIAM NASH SKILLICORNE JOHN WAGHORNE JAMES BATTEN WINTERBOTHAM. JOHN HADDON GEORGE NORMAN COLONEL RICHARD ROGERS

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1—Finance Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Finance Committee at their Meetings of the 2nd and 4th May instant, be approved and confirmed, that the estimates be approved and made accordingly, that a Statement of the General District Rate be prepared, that the owners instead of the occupiers be rated in cases where the rateable value of any premises does not exceed £8 10s. and that such owner shall be assessed in respect of tenements whether occupied or unoccupied at a reduced estimate of one half. Also unanimously Resolved, That the best thanks of the Council be tendered to Alderman Waghorne, for his services as Chairman of the Finance Committee, in the preparation of the estimates and submission of the same to the Council.

GEO. DIMMER, Mayor.

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Borough of Cheltenham.

At a Special Meeting of the Town Council of the Borough of Cheltenham, duly convened and held in the Town Hall, in the said Borough, on Thursday, the 18th May, 1905, at 3 p.m. Present :

THE MAYOR (GEORGE DIMMER, ESQ.) in the chair.

Aldermen : GEORGE NORMAN WILLIAM NASH SKILLICORNE

Councillors : WILLIAM ALFRED BAKER EDWARD GRIDLEY GEORGE BENICE WILLIE JOHN MERRETT JOHN DAVID BENDALL TOM HERBERT PACKER RICHARD DAVIES JOSEPH PILLEY EDWINSON CHARLES GREEN ROBERT STEEL HERBERT STROUD.

1—Borough Rate—Resolved, That it appearing to the Council that the Borough Fund of the said Borough is insufficient for the several purposes to which the same is applicable under the Municipal Corporations' Act, 1882, or otherwise by Law, and it having been by the said Council estimated as correctly as may be that the sum of £23,500 will in addition to the Borough Fund be sufficient for those purposes

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including therein the expenses of carrying into execution the Public Libraries' Act, for the period ending on the 31st day of March next, IT IS ORDERED by the Council that a Borough Rate be now made upon all the Property rateable to the Poor within the said Borough for the purpose of raising the said sum and for that purpose there shall be assessed and the said Council do hereby assess upon the Parish of Cheltenham which is co-extensive with the said Borough and the rateable value of the property lying therein the said sum of 123,500. AND IT IS FURTHER ORDERED by the said Council in pursuance of the said Statute that the Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish of Cheltenham do and they are hereby required to pay the said sum of money assessed upon the said Parish out of the Poor Rates made and collected within the said Parish AND IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the said Overseers shall pay the said sum assessed upon the said Parish in manner following; that is to say, by four instalments, viz :--£5,500 on or before the twenty fourth day of June next ; 16,000 on or before the fifteenth day of August next, £6,000 on or before the first day of November next, and £6,000 on or before the first day of February next to the Treasurer of the said Borough at Lloyds Bank, Cheltenham. AND IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that if such Overseers shall neglect or refuse to pay the said sum then the said Treasurer shall forthwith take or cause to be taken such further proceedings as the law directs.

2—General District Rate—Resolved, That a General District Rate under the Public Health Act, 1875, and the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1889, of three shillings and seven pence in the pound on the property assessable thereto be now made, and ordered to commence and be payable at the times following, that is to say :—One moiety or half part thereof forthwith and the other moiety or half part thereof to commence and be payable on the first day of October next, and to be collected accordingly and that the Town Clerk do publish such rate according to law.

GEO. DIMMER, Mayor.

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MINUTES of the Committees of the Town Council to be submitted for approval at the Monthly Meeting of the Council to beheld on Monday, the 5th June, 1905.

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 8th May, 1905—Present The Deputy Mayor, Aldermen Norman and Skillicorne, Councillors Bence, M. Davis, and Pilley (The Deputy Mayor in the chair).

1—Zymotic Disease—The Medical Officer of Health reported that there had been notified since the last meeting of the Committee, 5 cases of Scarlet Fever, 1 of Enteric Fever, 1 of Erysipelas and 2 of Diphtheria ; that 5 cases of Scarlet Fever and 1 of Enteric Fever had been sent into the Delancey Hospital.

2—Cleansing and Disinfecting at Plough Yard Cottage—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 owners and occupiers to cleanse and disinfect the house or parts thereof within the time specified in such notice.

3—Cleansing and Limewashing at Albion Cottage, Gloucester Road, 4, Angel Court, Fairview Road, 3, Gloucester Cottages, Gloucester Road, 24, Dunalley Parade, Shamrock Inn, Grove Street, 7, Upper Bath Street, and 33, Gloucester 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.

4—Nuisances from Drains, etc., at No. 4 Clare Cottages, Bath Road, Cottage at back of 23, Fairview Road, & 1 and 2 Long's Cottages, Rutland 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.

5—Insanitary Property—Nos. 2 & 4 Angel Court, Fairview Road, 23 & 32 Fairview Road, 7 Upper Bath Street & 7 Waterloo 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.

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6—Overcrowding at No. 1 and 7a Rutland. Street.—The Medical Officer of Health reported that the above- premises were so overcrowded as to be dangerous or injurious to the health of the inmates. Resolved, That the Committee being satisfied of the existence of a nuisance on the said premises, Notices. under Sec. 94 of the Public Health Act, 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 :—Nos. 29, St. James' Street, 19, Selkirk Street, 2, Woodbine Cottages, Lower Alston, 24 and 25 Dunalley Parade, Battledown Lodge, Bale's Road, and Shamrock Inn, Grove 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.

8—Houses Let in Lodgings —The Medical Officer of Health recommended that the landlords of the following houses let in lodgings, viz., Nos. 13 & 14 North Place, 2, Exeter Villas, and Melrose, Grosvenor Street, should be required to give the necessary information for registration. Resolved, That the landlords of the houses above mentioned be served with notices signed by the Town Clerk, requiring them within seven days to supply the information necessary for the registration of the houses as lodging-houses by the Council as specified in No. 7 of the Bye-laws in force with respect to houses let in lodgings except as to the age and sex of the occupants and the names of lessees.

9—Closing of Schools—The Medical Officer of Health reported that the Infants' Department of All Saints', St. Philips', and St. Luke's (Naunton Lane) Schools were closed on the 1st instant for three weeks, and the Coltham Fields Infant School for a further three weeks' on account of the prevalence of measles.

10—Destruction of Diseased Meat—The Medical Officer of Health reported that on the 18th and 25th ult. and 3rd inst., 3 fat bacon pigs were seized in a private slaughter house, being so affected with tuberculosis, as to be unfit for human food, and destroyed with the consent of the owner (weight of pork and offal destroyed, 840 lbs.)

11—House Unfit for Human Habitation, viz., Cottage at rear of 47, Rutland 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 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 said house to be closed.

12—Public House Urinal--The Medical Officer of Health reported that the Urinal at the Plough Hotel Vaults was in such a condition as to be a nuisance owing to want of water supply for flushing. Resolved, That the Council being satisfied of the existence of a nuisance from the state of the urinal on the said premises, notice be served on the owners under Section 94 of the Public Health Act, 1875, requiring them to abate the same, and for that purpose to lay on a sufficient and continuous supply of water so as to properly flush the urinal.

E. H. PARSONAGE,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 22nd May 1905—Present : The Mayor, Aldermen Norman and Skillicorne, Councillors M. Davis and Pilley (Aid. Skillicorne in the chair).

13—Zymotic Disease—The Medical Officer of Health reported that there had been notified since the last meeting of the Committee, 2 cases of Scarlet Fever, 3 of Erysipelas, and 1 of Diphtheria ; that 2 of Scarlet Fever had been sent into the Delancey Hospital.

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14—Cleansing and Disinfecting at 18, Hatherley 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 owners and occupiers to cleanse and disinfect the house or parts thereof within the time specified in such Notice.

15—Cleansing and Limewashing at No. 5, Elm, Cottages, Swindon Road, Nos. 2 & 4 Harmony Cottages, Short Street, and No. 1, Short 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.

16—Nuisances from Drains, etc., 15, All Saints' Terrace, Brighton House, Regent Street, 30, St. James' Street, and 1, Rose Cottages, Bath 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.

17—Insanitary Property—Nos. 40 & 41 Rosehill Street, 7, Lypiatt Street. 29, Tivoli Street, 13, Waterloo Street, 18, Hereford Place, & 49 Rutland 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, chimney, ox. 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.

18—Overcrowding at No. 5, Ewlyn Terrace and 4, Upper Bath 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.

19—Houses without proper Ash Receptacles—The Inspector of Nuisances reported that the following houses had no proper ashpits or ash receptacles, viz :—Nos. 15, St. Paul's Street South, 28, Sherborne Street, 7, Northfield Terrace, and 25, 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 Inspector of Nuisances on behalf of the Corporation.

20—Notices not complied with—The Medical Officer of Health submitted a list of, Notices requiring the provision of ash receptacles, flushing apparatus to w.c.'s, &c., which had been served, but not complied with. Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to take the necessary proceedings to compel compliance.

21--Dairies, Cowsheds, and Milkshops Order—Read, an application from Mr. Henry Pitman, of Benhall Farm, to be registered as a cowkeeper and dairyman. Resolved, That the applicant be registered.

22—Houses Let in Lodgings—The Medical Officer of Health recommended that the landlords of the following houses let in lodgings, viz., No. 6, Hatherley Place, 3, Magenta Place, and 28 Grange Crescent, should be required to give the necessary information for registration. Resolved, That the landlords of the houses above mentioned be served with notices signed by the Town Clerk, requiring them within seven days to supply the information necessary for the registration of the houses as

lodging-houses by the Council as specified in No. 7 of the Bye-laws in force with respect to houses let in lodgings except as to the age and sex of the occupants and the names of lessees.

23--Closing of Schools--The Medical Officer of Health reported that in consequence of the prevalence of measles the closing of All Saints' Infant School had been continued, and St. John's and Trinity Infants Schools had been also closed.

24--Houses Without Sufficient W.C. Accommodation—The Inspector of Nuisances reported that the houses known as Nos. 2, 3, & 4, Dovey's Cottages were without a sufficient water closet. Resolved, That notice be given under Section 36 of the Public Health Act, 1875, to the owner of the said premises requiring the provision of a sufficient water closet for each house.

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25—Extension of Water Main to Dovey's Cottages and Maud's Elm Cottage—The Medical Officer of Health recommended that the water main should be extended to give a supply for domestic and flushing purposes Dovey's Cottages, Swindon Road, and Maud's Elm Cottage. Resolved, That the recommendation be referred to the Water Committee.

26—Assistant Inspector of Nuisances—The Medical Officer of Health reported the death on the 11th of Mr. J. H. Long, Assistant Inspector of Nuisances, and recommended the appointment of an Assistant Inspector to fill the vacancy. Resolved, That further consideration of the matter be adjourned to the next meeting of the Committee.

27—Wall at Back of York Terrace—Read, letters from Mr. R. E. Marshall, Mr. W. Hopkins, and Mrs. Waldron, owners of houses in York Terrace, enclosing estimates obtained by them of the cost of rebuilding the garden walls of their properties and rehangng the doors, amounting altogether to £59 5s. 0d. Resolved. That payment of this sum be agreed to, subject to an agreement being entered into by the Owners.

W. NASH SKILLICORNE,

Chairman.

FARMS MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Friday, the 5th May, 1905—Present The Mayor, Councillors M. Davis, Green, Gridley, and Steel (Councillor M. Davis in the chair).

1—Inspection of Farms—The Committee visited the Farms with the Manager. They found the stock in fairly good order and the effluent at the various points very satisfactory.

M. DAVIS, Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Friday, the 19th May, 1905—Present : The Mayor, Councillors, Bence, M. Davis, Green, Gridley and Steel (Councillor M. Davis in the chair).

2—Farms Manager's Report—Read, the Monthly Report of the Farms Manager. Since the last Monthly Meeting 88 head of cattle had been purchased for £536, and a sow and litter of 11 for £5 12s. 6d., and the following sale, had been made, 6 head of cattle for £82 4s. 6d., and the skins of a

heifer and bullock which had died for £1 2s. 6d. A cart mare had foaled since the last meeting, and the number of livestock on the farms on the 19th instant was 161 head of cattle, 14 horses and 1 foal, and 21 pigs.

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The Farms Manager recommended that 30 head of cattle be purchased, and that a cakebreaker, grindstone, galvanized iron furnace for washing, and a furnace for boiling tar be obtained. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to obtain and fix the furnace for washing, that the purchase of the other articles be left to the Chairman and the Farms Manager and that the recommendation as to the purchase of cattle be approved.

3—Shooting over Farms—Read, letters from Messrs. Ticehursts, Mcllquham & Wyatt, on behalf of Mr. Bingham, and from Mr. G. Mcllquham, stating their willingness to take the shooting at the Barn and Heyden Farms, respectively, for one year from the 1st instant, on the same terms as last year. Resolved, That the offers be accepted.

4—Late Manager—Resolved, That this Committee desire to record their appreciation of the efficient and satisfactory way in which the Corporation Sewage Farms were managed by Mr. Otter for the 3 years he held the appointment of Sewage Farms' Manager, both in regard to the method of dealing with the sewage and from a financial point of view.

M. DAVIS, Chairman.

STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 9th May, 1905—Present: The Mayor, Aldermen, Haddon and Skillicorne, Councillors Bendall, Gridley, and Ley Wood (Councillor Bendall in the chair),

1—Reddings Road—The Borough Surveyor submitted specification, plan and estimate of the cost of putting the Reddings Road within the Borough into a proper state of repair. Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to communicate with Mr. Unwin and the owners of land at the Reddings on the subject.

2—Lansdown Place Paving—The Borough Surveyor reported that as Lansdown Place was a main road he had made application to the County Council for a contribution towards the cost of the new paving. Resolved, That the action of the Borough Surveyor be approved and adopted.

3—Street Projection—Read, an application from Messrs. Collins & Son for permission to place gas lamps outside the Empress Tea Stores, High Street. Resolved, That the application be acceded to, subject; to compliance with the usual conditions.

4—No. 5, Ambrose Street—The Town Clerk reported that Mr. Bailey, of The Ivies, Gotherington, was willing to take No. 5. Ambrose Street at a rent of £20 per annum to include rates, but exclusive of charges for water and electric lighting. Resolved, That the offer be accepted, subject to an agreement being entered into.

JOHN D. BENDALL, Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 29th, May, 1905—Present: Aldermen Haddon and Skillicorne, Councillors Biker, Bendall, Gridley, Ley Wood and Packer (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 18th April to the 25th May, 1905 (both inclusive) had been as follows :—

Roads Repaired—Leckhampton Road and Sandfield Road (proceeding).

Patching—Overton Road, Coach Road, Gas Lane, St. George's Street, Hatherley Road, Albion Street, Fiddlers' Green Lane, Keynsham Road, North Place, and Winchcomb Street.

Crossings Renewed, 16. Crossings Relaid, 7. New Crossing Laid, 1. New Gullies Fixed, 5.

Private Improvement Works—Queen's Road, Western Road. Kerb Laid—Montpellier Drive (proceeding). High Street (6,941 lineal feet).

Paving Relaid—High Street (3,535 super yards) ; Western Road (East Side), 91 super yards ; Western Road (East Side), Asphalt margin (76 super yards).

Concrete Flags Laid—High Street (1,569 super yards) ; Clarence Street (290 super yards).

Footpath Paving Repaired—St. Paul's Street South, Swindon Road, Baker Street, Six Chimney Lane, Berkeley Street and Avenue. Footpath Repaired—Minnow Ditch Footpath (1,325 super yards). Kerb and Channel Relaid—Western Road (East Side) (902 line-al feet).

Hedges Pruned—Moorend Road. Ivy, etc., Pruned—Ashley Lodge, Ryeworth, Upper Park Street, Vittoria House, Nos. 3, 4, and 5 Pittville Lawn, No. 6 Pittville Crescent, Lismore House, Bath Road, and Nos. 11 and 12 Oxford Street.

Trees Pruned—College Road and Hale's Road.

Ashes Collection and Disposal—During six weeks ended 18th May, 1905. 1,525 loads collected, 354 tipped away, and 1,171 consumed; weight, 1,120 tons, 1 cwt.

Slab Factory—During six weeks ended the 25th May, 1905. 1,872 lineal feet of kerb, 1,878 lineal feet of channel, and 880 square yards of slabs made.

6—View Meeting—The following members attended the View Meeting on Friday last, viz., Alderman Haddon, Councillors Baker, Bendall, Gridley and Packer.

7—Street Projection—Read, a letter from Messrs. R. Organ & Sons, applying for permission to erect a gas lamp outside King's Arms Inn, Bath Road. Resolved, That the same be acceded to subject to compliance with the usual conditions.

8—Plans Sub-Committee—Resolved. That the proceedings of the Plans Sub-Committee at their meetings of the 9th and 26th inst, be approved and adopted.

9—Sandford Mill Road. Sydenham Villas Road, and Road at Back of Naunton Crescent, off Exmouth Street—The Borough Surveyor submitted specifications, plans and estimates of the works required to be done to the above streets. Resolved, That the same be approved, and that notices be given under Section 150 of the Public Health Act, 1875, to the owners of the premises fronting, adjoining, or abutting upon the parts of the said streets 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—Hewlett Road (Footpath Opposite St. Kilda, Beaconsfield, &c., &c.), Selkirk Street (Footpath on North Side), Gloucester Road (Footpath from Malvern View Villas to Queen's Road)--The Borough Surveyor submitted specifications, plans, and estimate: of the works required to be done to these 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,

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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 expense thereof be recovered in the manner provided by the Act, and the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1889.

11—Cheltenham and District Light Railway—The Borough Surveyor reported that the Light Railway Company were willing to alter the levels of and make up the whole of the roadway in St. George's Road, if the Corporation would make up the road at the sides of the track in Albion Street, which they had called upon the Company to do. Resolved, That the offer be accepted.

12—Naunton Lane—Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to bring up a specification of the works required to be done in this road by the abutting owners.

13—Hackney Carriage Stands—Read the Report of the Sub-Committee as to the provision of proper indicators for the Hackney Carriage Stands. Resolved, That the same be approved and the Borough Surveyor instructed accordingly.

JOHN D. BENDALL Chairman.

PLANS SUB-COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Sub-Committee, held on Tuesday, the 9th May 1905—Present : The Mayor, Councillors Bence and Bendall (Councillor Bendall in the chair).

1—New Street and Buildings—The Borough Surveyor laid before the Sub-Committee the following plans of intended new Streets and Buildings, viz. :—

No. of Plan	Name	Description
283	R. Pearce	Additions to Gilthorne Cottage, Hewlett Road
284	Cheltenham Board of Guardians	Additions to Casual Ward, Swindon Road
285	J. A. Gale	Nine new w.c's., Casino Place
286	Captain Tailyour	Additions to " The Dale," Battledown Approach
287	Miss Baynes	House in Leckhampton Road, adjoining Inglecote
281	Mr. Tibbles	New Shop, St. George's Place
288	J. N. Corbett	Shed at rear of Imperial Rooms
289	W. S. Edney	House in Andover Road, corner of Tivoli Place
290	A. Hayward	Two Houses in Hale's Road, opposite Sydenham Road North
291	H. Towell	Loft to Stables, Grove Street
278	Mr. Mitchell	Additions to 3 Windsor Street
276	J. E. Bendall	Nine Houses in Ewlyn Road
280	F. Jenkins	Two Porches to Houses, Fairfield Park Road
272	Smith Bros.	New Streets on Building Estate, Naunton Lane
292	H.M. Office of Works	Post Office Buildings, Promenade and Post Office Lane

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Resolved, That Plans No. 283, 284, 285, 289, 290, 291, 276, and 280 be approved, plat Plane No. 272 be disapproved, that Plans 286 be approved subject to the drains under the buildings being constructed of iron pipes, that No. 281 be approved for use and occupation as a shop only, that No. 288 be approved as a temporary building, and subject 'to the usual agreement being entered into, that No. 278 be approved subject to the drainage being carried out to the satisfaction of the Sanitary Inspector, that Plans No. 292 be approved subject to the usual agreements of indemnity being entered into with regard to the coal shoots and pavement lights, and to the down pipes being made flush with the wall, and that Plan No. 287 be approved subject to the plans being amended in accordance with the Byelaws.

JOHN D. BENDALL,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Sub-Committee, held on Friday, the 26th May, 1905—Present: Councillors Baker, Bence and Bendall (Councillor Bendall in the chair.)

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

No. of Plan	Name	Description
293	Mr. Clarke	Six houses in Fairfield Parade
294	Winterbotham, Gurney & Co. ..	New Offices, Essex Place
295	J. Powell	Seven Houses in Monson Avenue
296	W. L. Hambling	Additions to 414 High Street

297	H. Unwin	Two Cottages in Hatherley Lane
298	J. McCarthy	Alterations and Additions to 2 Shops in North Street
299	C. M. Howard	Additions to Cottage, Belfont, The Park
300	Leckhampton Schools Committee ..	Schools in Hall Road
272	Smith Bros.	New Streets on Building Estate, Naunton Lane

Resolved, That Plans No. 272, 296, and 299 be approved, that Plans No. 295, 297 and 300 be disapproved, that Plan No. 298 be approved subject to the front roof water being discharged into the street channel, that Plan No. 298 be approved subject to the old drains being removed, and to the usual agreement of indemnity as to the pavement lights being entered into, and that Plan No. 294 be approved, subject to the building line marked on the plan by the Borough Surveyor being adhered to.

JOHN D. BENDALL,

Chairman.

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TOWN IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 22nd May, 1905—Present: The Mayor, Aldermen Norman and Rogers, Councillors Baker, Bence, and Rickerby (Councillor Rickerby in the chair).

1—Advertising Weather Reports—With reference to Minute No. 8 of this Committee at its last meeting, Mr. Saxby, Borough Meteorologist, attended and pointed out several difficulties in the way of furnishing daily weather reports to the papers mentioned in the Minute at the times required by them. Resolved, That under the circumstances the matter be left in abeyance for the present.

2—Pittville Park—Boating—Read, an application from the Cheltenham College Boating Club for the use of the boats at Pittville by the boys for practice for this season, on the same terms as in past years, viz : the payment of £5 5s. Resolved, That the application be granted. Sale of Refreshments—Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to report at the next meeting of the Committee as to the arrangements he considers should be made for the supply of refreshments at Pittville. Gate and Turnstile in Subway—The Borough Surveyor reported that he had obtained tenders for the gate and turnstile required for the subway, and had accepted the lowest, that of Messrs. C. H. Channon & Son, £12 10s.

3—Town Hall Musical Afternoons—The Entertainments Sub-Committee submitted a statement of the receipts and expenditure in connection with the Musical Afternoons, held from the 21st November to the 31st March last, the receipts amounting to £379 4s., and the expenditure to £458 10s. 4d., leaving a deficit of £79 6s. 4d.

4—Exhibition of Views in G.W.R. Carriages—Read, letters from Messrs. Wills, Ltd., stating that the G.W.R. Company proposed to substitute for the present coloured views in their Passenger Carriages new photogravure prints and had adopted the principle that each local authority should contribute

towards the preparation and exhibition of the latter as the process was an expensive one, the terms being for a minimum of 100 views, £25 per annum to £100 for 2000. Resolved, That the consideration of the matter be adjourned for further information desired by the Committee.

T. E. RICKERBY,

Chairman.

LIGHTING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Thursday, the 18th May, 1905—Present: The Mayor, Alderman Norman, Councillors Green, Gridley, Ley Wood, Merrett, and Steel (Councillor Ley Wood in the chair).

1—Electrical Inspector's Report—The Electrical Inspector reported that the result of his tests of the electrical supply on the 6th and 17th instant had been as follows :-210 and 208 volts respectively.

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

ILLUMINATING POWER.		PURITY:	
			Grains of Sulphur, per 100 cubic feet.
1905		1905	
April 26th	15.22 candles	May 6-7	11.22
May 11th	15.86 "		
"17	15.58 "		
Average	15.55 "		

3—Gas Inspector's Report—The Gas Inspector reported that the hourly average consumption of gas per lamp during the previous month had been as follows :—Ordinary lamps-4.136 cubic feet ; Guildhall lamps with No. 4 Incandescent burners 5.985 cubic feet ; Ordinary lamps with No. 3 Incandescent burners 3-77,1 cubic feet.

4—Lamp Book—This book was produced and examined. Incandescents extinguished 32 (6 metered), burning dimly, 13; Ordinary lamps extinguished 20 (6 metered), burning dimly, 6 (1 metered).

5—Gas Contract—The Gas Examiner reported as to the trial made by him of the new incandescent lamp offered by the Gas Company, the lamp being in his opinion suitable for general street use. Resolved, That the Sub-Committee already appointed, with the addition of Alderman Norman, he instructed. to again interview the Directors of the Gas Company to discuss terms for the suggested conversion of all the street lamps into incandescents, and report to this Committee.

6—Borough Electrical Engineer's Monthly Report—Read, the Monthly Report of the Borough Electrical Engineer. On the 16th inst. there were 817 customers, with the equivalent of about 54,640 8 candle power lamps, connected to the private supply mains, the corresponding figures for May 16th, 1904, being 763 and 48,890 respectively.

7—Meters for Traction Supply—On the recommendation of the Borough Electrical Engineer, Resolved, That the Chairman be authorised to accept a tender for the supply of 3 meters for the traction supply.

8—Charges for Motor Supply—Read, a Memorandum by the Borough Electrical Engineer upon the subject of the method and rate of charge for electric supply to motors. Resolved, That as from April last the supply be given for motors at 2d. per unit except between the hours of 4 p.m. to 9 p.m. in January, February, November and December, 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. in March, April, September and October, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. in May, June, July and August. during which hours the charge is to be 6d. per unit : also that the customer pay £2 per annum as rent for the special meters required and that Minute No. 8 of this Committee of the 26th August, 1903, be rescinded accordingly.

9—Firedoor Catches &c.—On the recommendation of the Borough Electrical Engineer, Resolved, That he be authorised to order 12 sets of catch gear for the Babcock and Wilcox boilers at a total cost of £6, and 4 sets of Superheater Flooding and Drain Cocks for 4 boilers at a cost of £11 0s. 0d.

10—Condensing Overhead Tank, &c.—Resolved, That the Borough Electrical Engineer be authorised to arrange with the Borough Surveyor for the construction of a granolithic cement bottom to the Condensing Plant Overhead Tank, and a drain and pump for the No. 1 Cooling Pond.

11—Tenders for Slack Coal—The tenders received for the supply of slack coal were opened. Resolved, That the same be referred to the Borough Electrical Engineer for consideration and report.

12—Tenders for Supply of Carbons—The tenders resolved for the supply of carbons were opened. Resolved,, That the same be referred to the Borough Electrical Engineer for consideration and report.

13—Municipal Electrical Association—Resolved, That the Chairman, together with the Borough Electrical Engineer, be authorised to attend the Annual Convention of the Municipal Electrical Association, to be held at Edinburgh from the 27th to the 30th prox.

ROBT. LEY WOOD, Chairman.

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At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Thursday, the 25th May, 1905.--Present : Councillors Gridley, Ley Wood, Merrett, and Steel (Councillor Ley Wood in the chair).

14—Tenders for Slack Coal—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported upon the tenders received for the supply of slack coal. Resolved, That the tender of Messrs. Critchlow & Sheppard for the supply of Lydbrook coal at 9s. 6d. per ton for the year ending the 31st May next be accepted.

ROBT. LEY WOOD, Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Wednesday, the 31st May, 1905—Present : Alderman Norman, Councillors Green, Gridley, Ley Wood, Merrett and Steel (Councillor Ley Wood in the chair).

15—Staff in Electric Light Department—The Committee considered a statement prepared by the Borough Electrical Engineer as to the staff and employees in his Department, their duties, salaries, and wages, and also information for the purposes of comparison obtained from other towns. Resolved, That the further consideration of the matter be adjourned to a meeting of the Committee to be held on Tuesday next, when the Borough Electrical Engineer will submit a further report to the Committee.

ROBT. LEY WOOD, Chairman.

WATER COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 1st May, 1905—Present : The Mayor, Councillors Bendall, Stroud and Waghorne (Councillor Waghorne in the chair).

1—New Filters at Tewkesbury—Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be authorised to advertise for tenders for the construction of the new filter beds at Tewkesbury.

The Borough Surveyor reported an offer he had received for the supply of the sand required for the filters at.2s per ton. Resolved, That the Borough Survey or be authorised to purchase the sand required at a price per cubic yard in the beds.

H. WAGHORNE, Chairman.

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At a Meeting of his Committee, held on Thursday, the 25th May, 1905—Present : Alderman Norman, Councillors Baker, Bendall, M. Davis, and Waghorne (Councillor Waghorne in the chair).

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

DAILY YIELD OF SPRINGS.

	For 31 days, ended 19th May, 1905.	Average for corresponding period during last 3 years.
Hewletts Springs	242,800 gallons	287,666 gallons
Dowdeswell Springs	858,816 “	906,488 “
Leckhampton	5,496 “	—
Total	1,107,112 “	1,194,154 “

CONTENTS OF RESERVOIRS.

	May 19th, 1905.		May 19th, 1904.	
	Depth	Contents	Depth	Contents
Hewletts	--	25,160,342 gallons	--	22,695,350 gallons
Leckhampton	11 ft. 6in.	1,553,335 “	5ft. 0in.	675,385 “
Dowdeswell	30ft. 10 in.	93,815,393 “	29ft. 8in.	87,921,144 “
Total Storage		120,529,120 “		111,292,379 “

It had not been necessary to pump since the 29th ult.

He also reported a number of extensions to mains and other works carried out during the month.

3—Land at Sandford—Read, a letter from Mr. F. C. Dodwell, asking to be allowed to rent a piece of land at Sandford, 14 7/8 perches in extent at a rent at the rate of £1 per chain. Resolved, That the application be granted.

4—Slack Coal for Tewkesbury Works—The Borough Engineer reported the result of tests made by him of coal supplied by firms tendering for the supply of slack coal for the year ending the 31st March, 1906, to the Tewkesbury Works. Resolved, That the tender of Mr. Wallis, of Tewkesbury, at 10s per ton delivered at the Works be accepted.

5—Water Supply in Ashchurch Parish—With reference to Minute No. 5 of this Committee, of the 20th October last, read a letter from the Clerk to the Tewkesbury Rural District Council, asking whether the Committee could make any reduction in the proposed charge of 1s per 1000 gallons for water supplied in connection with the Ashchurch Sewerage Scheme and whether they would enter into an agreement to continue the supply for the period of the loan for the works. Resolved, That the Rural District Council be informed that no reduction can be made in the proposed charge nor can the Town Council enter into any agreement undertaking to continue the supply for a number of years.

6—Fire Brigade Captain's Report—The Captain of the Fire Brigade reported that the Brigade had not been called out to any fire during the past month.

7—Water for Charlton Kings Fire Brigade Practices—With reference to Minute No. 3 of this Committee, of the 26th January last, read a letter from the Clerk to the Charlton Kings Urban District Council, stating that in view of the cost the Urban District Council could not see their way to provide a portable meter for measuring the water used as suggested. On the recommendation of the Borough Engineer, Resolved. That the Charlton Kings Council be asked to pay 1s per practice for the attendance of a Waterworks employee at the Wet Drills to record the time during which water is being used, and to pay for the quantity of water used, gauged by the time recorded, at the rate of 1s per thousand gallons.

8—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 May, 1905—Present ; The Mayor, Aldermen Haddon, and Norman, Councillor Stroud (Alderman Norman in the chair).

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

2—Anthrax—Read, a circular letter from the Board of Agriculture, calling attention to the necessity for careful disposal of the carcasses of animals suspected of, or which have died of Anthrax, and to the advantages of cremation for that purpose. The letter contained particulars of an approved and comparatively inexpensive method of cremation of carcasses. Resolved, That copies of the circular be supplied to the police, local veterinary surgeons and others.

3—Motor Omnibus Driver's Licences—Read, a letter from the Station Master, G.W.R., applying for a licence for William Rhodes, of Winchcomb to drive a motor omnibus, this driver succeeding Harry Atkins, already licensed. Resolved, That the application be acceded to, and that the Town Clerk be authorised to grant such licences in future.

4—Transfer of Hackney Carriage Licence—Read, a letter from Mrs. Phelps, of 3 Royal Well Place, applying for the transfer of her late husband's licence No. 115 to her. Resolved, That the application be acceded to.

5—Stipendiary Magistrate—Read, a letter from Mr. George Bradfield enclosing copy of a resolution passed at a meeting held on the 3rd instant, in favour of the appointment of a Stipendiary Magistrate for the Borough.

6—Licences to Store Petroleum—Read, the following applications for licences to store petroleum: —

Name	Place of Storage.	Quantity.
A. R. Doxsey	Carriage Works, St. George's Parade.	84 gallons
Steel Brothers	Motor Works, Ormond Place.	50 gallons

The Borough Surveyor leaving reported that the premises were satisfactory, Resolved, That the applications be acceded to.

7—Inspector under Petroleum Acts—Resolved, That the Building Inspector, Mr. H. J. Holbourn, be appointed Inspector under the Petroleum Acts, in place of Mr. J. H. Long, deceased, at a salary of per annum, the appointment to terminate upon his ceasing to hold the office of Building Inspector under the Council.

8—Report of Art Gallery Sub-Committee—The Art Gallery Sub-Committee reported that they met on the 19th instant. Present:—Aldermen Haddon, Norman, Rogers and Winterbotham, the Baron de Ferrieres and Dr. E. T. Wilson (Alderman Winterbotham in the chair).

Annual Report.—Resolved, That 500 copies of the Annual Report be printed, at a cost of £1 7s. 6d., the report being included with that of the Public Library Committee.

Show Cases.—Resolved, That the offer of Messrs. H. H. Martyn & Co., to make 2 show cases at a cost of £35 be accepted.

School of Art Rooms—The suggestion to be submitted by the Public Library Committee at the next meeting of the Council with regard to the rooms at present occupied by the School of Science was considered. Resolved, That this Sub-Committee suggests that if the Council can see their way to let the three smaller rooms occupied by the School of Art, or any two of them, for the purpose of the long-talked of Museum, this Sub-Committee would be prepared to bring up a proposal with that

object and they believe the funds at present at their command would avail for the immediate purpose.

Curator's Report—The Curator reported that 2990 visits had been paid to the Gallery since the 9th February. The painting of the walls of the large Gallery had been completed satisfactorily.

On the 10th April, the South Kensington Authorities exchanged the objects in the Four Show-Cases. The objects received were wood-carving, 15th to 18th centuries ; wrought iron and brass work ; ecclesiastical metal work ; and Needlework.

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Thirteen large oil paintings were received on loan from the Fine Art Society's Exhibition, on April 12th, the Corporation undertaking to pay the cost of their return to the Artists' studios.

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

9—Folly Lane Allotments—Read, a memorial from Mr. H. Comley and other holders of allotments in Folly Lane, alleging that owing to the construction of the Cheltenham and Honeybourne Railway access to their allotments was not so convenient, and applying for the reduction of their rent. Resolved, That the Memorialists be informed that the Council are unable to accede to their application.

10—Proposed Elementary School at Naunton Park—The Town Clerk submitted draft contract for the purchase by the Council as Local Education Authority of 2 acres, 2 roods, 3 perches of land adjoining Naunton Park for £725, this land to be added to the Park in lieu of the portion of the latter intended to be appropriated as the site Elementary School, the contract being made conditional on the approval of the Local Government Board and Board of Education being obtained to the purchase.

Resolved, That the same be approved and that the Corporate Seal be affixed thereto.

11—Great Western Railway (Additional Powers) Bill, 1905—It was reported that the Chairman and the Mayor, accompanied by the Town Clerk and the Borough Surveyor, had had an interview in London with the G.W.R. Company, when the Company agreed to insert a clause providing for the widening of the Malvern Road Bridge to 36 feet in the event of a station being constructed with an approach from Malvern Road. It was stated that the Company intended to construct this station for their through traffic instead of constructing the proposed loop-line into their present station, as the present station was not long enough to accommodate their through trains, and the of this station would delay their trains owing to the necessity of reversing the engines. The Company promised to provide all reasonable facilities for the Cheltenham traffic, but declined to bind themselves as to the details of the facilities to be provided.

GEO. NORMAN, Chairman.

MINERAL WATERS, BATHS AND RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Friday, the 19th May, 1905—Present: The Mayor, Alderman Norman, Councillors Baker, Bence, Bendall, Davies, Merrett, Pilley and Stroud (Councillor Stroud in the chair)

1—Montpellier Baths—The Borough Accountant reported that the receipts at these baths since the 1st April last amounted to £26 18s. 1d., and the expenditure (exclusive of proportion of repayment of loans and interest £90 10s. 6d.) was £35 6s. 3d.

Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor supply the Superintendents with a pair of rubber boots and a rubber skirt for use by Mrs. Simcock when teaching swimming.

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2—Alstone Baths—The Borough Accountant reported that the receipts at these baths, since the 1st April last amounted to £35 1s. 7d., and the expenditure to £24 4s. 6d. (exclusive of proportion of repayment of loans and interest £55 17s.)

Read letters from Mr. H. C. Hill and Colonel Fergusson applying for the use of Alstone Baths by the Saracens Swimming Club and the SS. Philip and James' Company of the Church Lads' Brigade, on the same special terms as granted to them and in similar cases last year. Resolved, That the application be acceded to.

3—Mineral Water Wells—In accordance with instructions the Borough Surveyor presented a Report upon his examination of the Mineral Water Wells belonging to the Corporation. Resolved, That a copy of the Report be supplied to each member of the Committee and that the Committee inspect the wells on-the 2nd proximo.

4—St. Mary's (Old) Cemetery—Read a letter from Mr. H. Wilkins, Churchwarden, applying for the usual grant of £10, towards the cost of keeping a portion of the Old Cemetery as an open space for use by those residing in the neighbourhood. Resolved, That the application be acceded to.

5—Agg-Gardner Recreation Ground—Read, a letter from Mr. W. Ansell, applying on behalf of the "Echo" staff, for permission to play cricket in the Agg-Gardner Recreation Ground at 6 a.m., and Matches on Monday evenings. Resolved, That the application be granted.

The Superintendent reported the gift of a dozen tennis balls by Mr. L. W. Hayward. Resolved, That the thanks of the Committee be conveyed to the donor.

6—Naunton Park—Read, letters from the Hon. Secs. of the Saracens' Association Football Club and the Naunton Park Rugby Football Club, applying for permission to play football in Naunton Park during next season. Resolved, That the applications be granted on the same conditions as last year.

7—Whaddon Lane Recreation Ground—Read, a letter from the Hon. Sec. of Martyn's Athletic Club, renewing their application for permission to play cricket in the Whaddon Lane Ground this year. Resolved, That the application be granted and that the resolution to Minute No. 8 of the 17th February last be varied accordingly.

The Superintendent of this ground reported gifts by Mr. Covill and Mr. L. W. Hayward, of flowers and tennis balls respectively. Resolved, That the thanks of the Committee be conveyed to the donors.

HERBERT STROUD,

Chairman.

BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Friday', the 26th May, 1905—Present :—Alderman Haddon, Councillors Baker, Bence, Gridley, Merrett, and Steel (Alderman Haddon in the chair).

1—Bedding-out Plants—On the application of the Superintendent, Resolved, That the Boroughs Surveyor be instructed to supply to the Cemetery bedding-out plants to the value of

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2—Designs—Resolved, That the following designs be approved, viz.:—Headstones to graves of Nolan Wellesley Olive; Henry and Mary Ann Page, Sophia Elizabeth Galwey, Jane Coiling, Joseph and Eliza Fruin, Sarah Leach, Eliza Sophia Bastin, Amelia and Lottie Banting, Ann Besley Dunsford. Memorial Cross to grave of Charles A. Nightingale. Memorial over grave of Duncombe Pyrke. A Design for a Wrought Iron Memorial Cross to the grave of Gertrude Lovell Wallace was submitted. Resolved, That consideration of the same be adjourned to the next meeting.

JOHN HADDON,

Chairman.

PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 16th May, 1905—Present : The Mayor, Alderman Rogers, Councillors Davies, Merrett, and Pilley, The Baron de Ferrieres, Revs. J. Evans, A. Beynon Phillips, J. A. Owen, Messrs. A. Beckingsale, J. G. Carr, C. Hayward, A. Mann, G. H. Palmer, and E. C. Rogers, (Alderman Rogers in the chair).

1—Librarian's Report—Read, the Monthly Report of the Librarian. Receipts during the month, 3s. 4d. Presentations :—The Baron de Ferrieres, 3 vols. ; Mrs. Meetens, an engraving.

2—Sub-Committee's Report—The Sub-Committee reported that they met on the 11th inst., when there were present—Alderman Rogers (Chairman), Councillor Merrett, Colonel King-Harman, Rev. J. Evans, and Mr. G. H. Palmer. They recommended:-

(1) That the books on the list submitted by the Librarian be purchased at a cost of about £6.

(2) That the tender of Mr. S. R. Grove for printing 500 copies of the Annual Report of the Committee and of the Art Gallery Sub-Committee for £2 15s. 0d. be accepted, half the cost to be borne by the Art Gallery Sub-Committee.

(3) That a new uniform for the Caretaker at a cost of 5s. be ordered. Resolved, That with the exception of the first recommendation, the recommendations of the Sub-Committee be approved and adopted, and that in view of the present position of the Library finances no new books be obtained for the present.

3—Subscription Library—The Sub-Committee appointed to consider and report as to the suggested union or amalgamation with the Cheltenham Library, Royal Crescent presented the following Report:—

The Cheltenham Permanent Library are willing to hand over their entire stock of books, furniture and effects to the Public Library if the same can be utilized for establishing a Subscription Department of the Public Library. At present there are about 200 subscribers to the Permanent Library, most of whom would probably continue to subscribe if the Library was so transferred. The books of the Medical Library might also be transferred to the Subscription Department, and probably about 40 subscribers would be obtained from the medical profession. It is also believed that arrangements could be made with the Cheltenham Natural Science Society to hand over Wit books on loan to the Library, and for the members of that Society to become subscribers, and from enquiries made by the Librarian in other directions it is believed that a large increase in the number of subscribers could be obtained, and that the income from subscriptions would be sufficient not only to cover the cost of the maintenance

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of Subscription Department, but also to provide a revenue for the Public Library. The Sub-Committee are of opinion that the establishment of Subscription Department would be a most valuable adjunct to the Public Library, and provide what is most needed in an educational and residential town. The Sub-Committee therefore recommend that the Council be asked to appropriate the rooms, which will be given up by the School of Science for a Subscription Department of the Public Library, provided satisfactory assurances can be obtained that the income obtainable by subscriptions will be sufficient to cover the cost of maintenance of the department. If this recommendation is approved by the Committee and the Council, the Sub-Committee will proceed to prepare and submit a detailed scheme for carrying out the proposal. The Sub-Committee hope that at least a portion of the rooms, which will be given up by the School of Art, will be appropriated for a Museum. The Librarian submitted an estimate of the probable Income and Expenditure :—

INCOME. SUBSCRIPTION LIBRARY. EXPENDITURE.

£ s. d.

400 Subscribers at £1s 1s 0d	£420 0 0
Rent & Cleaning ...	£ 60 0 0
Delivery of Books, Fines, & Sales	£ 30 0 0
Rates & Taxes ...	£ 20 0 0
Lighting & Heating	£ 25 0 0
Salaries & Wages	£150 0 0
Books ...	£ 85 0 0
Subscriptions to	
Libraries	£ 30 0 0
	£115 0 0
Periodicals & Newspapers ...	£ 60 0 0
Miscellaneous	£ <u>20 0 0</u>
£450 0 0	£450 0 0

The above is based upon 400 Subscribers only. The amount spent on books each year would, of course, be regulated by the number of subscribers, and the funds available. Resolved, That the report and recommendations of the Sub-Committee be approved and adopted.

4—Corporation Employees' Outing—Resolved, That the Lending and Reference Departments of the Library be closed on the 24th prox., the date of the Annual Outing of the Corporation Employees.

RICHARD ROGERS. Chairman.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 30th May, 1905—Present : Aldermen Skillicorne and Waghorne, Councillors Bence, Merrett, Rickerby, Steel and Stroud (Ald. Waghorne in the chair).

1—General District Rate—The Report of the Borough Accountant, on the collection of the first instalment of this Rate was read. Amount collected £2,512 2s. 7d. Leaving outstanding £23,220 7s. 6½d.

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2—Water Rate—The Report of the Borough Accountant on the collection of this Rate was read. Amount received £2,338 1s. 8d. Leaving outstanding £8,839 7s. 3d.

3—Loans—The Borough Accountant reported that he had received £100 from the Churchwardens of Trinity Church at 3 ½ per cent. subject to six months' notice on either side. Resolved, That a debenture be sealed and issued on account of the Winter Garden £9,650 Loan accordingly.

He also reported that he had arranged for a continuance of a loan of £400 (Winter Garden Loan) from the 30th June next, subject to six months' notice on either side, and of £2,000 (Electric Lighting Loan) for a further term of 5 years from the 14th June next. Resolved, That the action of the Borough Accountant be approved.

The Town Clerk reported that the Gloucestershire County Council were willing to continue the loan of £4,000 subject to an increased rate of interest, and to three months' notice on either side. Resolved, That the Town Clerk be authorised to arrange for the continuance of the loan.

4—Unification of Rating—Read, a letter from the Town Clerk of Bradford, enclosing copy of a resolution passed by the City Council of Bradford favouring the discontinuance of the present rating powers possessed by Overseers and the vesting of the same in local authorities.

5—Provisional Order Re Electricity Undertaking Deficiency—The Town Clerk reported that the Local Government Board had agreed to omit the clause repeating a portion of Section 59 of the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1889, and the order so amended had been issued by the Board, and the Confirming Bill introduced into Parliament.

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 £18,514 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 26th April, 1905	£40,087 8 8
Paid since that date	<u>£11,200 18 7</u>
	£51,288 7 3
Received since that date, including Loans £100	£12,533 15 6
Overdrawn	£38,754 11 9
Being Bank Loan Account No. 2	£32,600 12 1
Do. No. 3	<u>£17,997 1 1</u>
	£50,597 13 2
Less in hand on General Accounts	£9,651 1 8
Do. Sinking Funds	<u>£2,191 19 9</u>
	<u>£11,843 1 5</u>
	£38,754 11 9

JOHN WAGHORNE,

Chairman.

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At a Monthly Meeting of the Town Council of the Borough of Cheltenham, duly convened and held in the Town Hall, in the said Borough, on Monday, the 5th June, 1905, at 3 p.m. Present :

THE MAYOR (GEORGE DIMMER, ESQ.) in the chair. THE DEPUTY MAYOR (COUNCILLOR EDWARD HENRY PARSONAGE).

Aldermen : GEORGE NORMAN JOHN HADDON WILLIAM NASH SKILLICORNE JOHN WAGHORNE JAMES BATTEN WINTERBOTHAM.

Councillors : WILLIAM ALFRED BAKER EDWARD GRIDLEY GEORGE BENCE ROBERT LEY WOOD JOHN DAVID BENDALL WILLIE JOHN MERRETT RICHARD DAVIES TOM HERBERT PACKER MOSES DAVIS THOMAS ELLERSON RICKERBY EDWINSON CHARLES GREEN ROBERT STEEL HERBERT STROUD.

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1—Minutes of previous Meetings—Resolved, That the Minutes of the Meetings of the Council on the 1st, 10th and 18th May last, having been printed and a copy sent to each Member of the Council, be taken as read, and that the same be adopted and confirmed.

2—Public Health Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Public Health Committee, at their Meetings of the 8th and 22nd May last, be approved and confirmed.

3—Farms Management Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Farms Management Committee, at their Meetings of the 5th and 19th May last, be approved and confirmed.

4—Street and Highway Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Street and Highway Committee, at their Meetings of the 9th and 29th May last, be approved and confirmed.

5—Town Improvement Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Town Improvement Committee, at their Meeting of the 22nd May last, be approved and confirmed.

Resolved also, That the recommendation of the Town Improvement Committee that an awning be erected between the Proscenium and the Band Stand in Montpelier Gardens at a cost not exceeding £70, be approved and adopted.

6—Lighting Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Lighting Committee, at their Meetings of the 18th, 25th and 31st May last, be approved and confirmed, subject to the following amendment, viz : That the portion of Minute No. 8, between and including the word " except " in line No. 3 and the word " unit " in line No. 7 be referred back to the Committee for further consideration, and that in the meantime the users of electric motors be informed that during the hours of full load, to be hereafter defined, a charge of 6d. per unit will be made.

7—Water Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Water Committee at their Meetings of the 1st and 25th May last, be approved and confirmed.

8—General Purposes & Watch Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the General Purposes and Watch Committee, at their Meeting of the 23rd May last, be approved and confirmed.

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9—Mineral Waters, Baths and Recreation Grounds Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Mineral Waters, Baths and Recreation Grounds Committee, at their Meeting of the 19th May last, be approved and confirmed.

10—Burial Board Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Burial Board Committee, at their Meeting of the 26th May last, be approved and confirmed.

11—Finance Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Finance Committee, at their Meeting of the 30th May last, be approved and confirmed.

Resolved also, That an Order on the Borough Treasurer be signed accordingly authorising and ordering him to pay to the several Corporations, Companies and persons mentioned in the Schedule of Accounts the sum of money set opposite their respective names upon production of a cheque signed by the Borough Accountant.

12—Public Library Committee—As an amendment to a motion duly proposed and seconded for the approval and confirmation of Minute No. 3 of the proceedings of the Public Library Committee at their Meeting of the 16th May last, it was Resolved, That Minute No. 3 of the Public Library Committee be referred to the General Purposes and Watch Committee for consideration and report.

13—Salary of Borough Electrical Engineer—The motion by Councillor Green on this subject was not moved by him.

14—Waiting Room for Light Railway Passengers—The motion by Councillor Stroud on this subject was not seconded.

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At a Special Meeting of the Town Council of the Borough of Cheltenham, duly convened and held at the Corporation Central Depot, St. James' Square, in the said Borough, on Friday, the 9th June, 1905, at 10.30 am. Present :

Aldermen : JOHN HADDON GEORGE NORMAN

Councillors: RICHARD DAVIES MOSES DAVIS EDWINSON CHARLES GREEN EDWARD GRIDLEY WILLIE JOHN MERRETT JOSEPH PILLEY ROBERT STEEL

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

2—Annual Licensing of Hackney Carriages—The Council granted the renewal of 80 One Horse Fly Licences, 3 Hansom Cab Licences, 16 Pony Carriage Licences, 1 Char-a-Banc Licence and 150 Drivers' Licences. The fees received for the licences amounted to £35 13s. 6d. Five applications for renewal of drivers' licences were referred to the General Purposes and Watch Committee for consideration.

4—New Applications—Applications for licences to drive hackney carriages and also one for a hackney carriage licence were referred to the General Purposes and Watch Committee for consideration.

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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 3rd July, 1905.

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Wednesday, the 14th June, 1905—Present : The Mayor, The Deputy Mayor, Alderman Norman, Councillors Bence and Pilley (The Deputy Mayor in the chair).

1—Zymotic Disease—The Medical Officer of Health reported that there had been notified since the last meeting of the Committee, 3 cases of Scarlet Fever, 1 of Enteric Fever, 1 of Erysipelas and 3 of Diphtheria ; and that 3 cases of Scarlet Fever had been sent into the Delancey Hospital.

5—Cleansing and Disinfecting at 19, Victoria Place, Bath 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 owners and occupiers to cleanse and disinfect the house or parts thereof within the time specified in such notice.

3—Cleansing and Limewashing at 14, Cleveland Street, 1, Blissworth Cottages, Short Street, 1, Fairlight Place, Prince's Road, and 5, Townsend Street. The Medical Officer of Health having certified under Section 40 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, eta, at No. 58, Selkirk Street and Bruton Cottage, Portland 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.

5—Insanitary Property—No. 2, Blissworth Cottages, Short Street, Zion Cottage, Short Street, 46, Waterloo Street, Poplar Cottage, Elmstone Street, & Nos. 2, 3, & 4 Devonshire Street.—The Medical Officer of Health reported that the above-mentioned premises were in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious etc, 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 Section 94 of the Public Health Act, 1875, be served upon the owners requiring them to put the same into a healthy condition, and for that purpose to carry out the works specified therein.

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6—Overcrowding at No. 7a Rutland Street.—The Medical Officer of Health reported that the above premises were, overcrowded as to be dangerous or injurious to the health of the inmates. Resolved, That the Committee being satisfied of the existence of a nuisance on the said premises, Notices under Sec. 94 of the Public Health Act, 1875, be served on the owners and occupiers thereof requiring them to abate the same.

7—Houses without proper Ash Receptacles—The Inspector of Nuisances reported that the following houses had no proper ashpits or ash receptacles, viz :—Nos. 20 and 31 Bath Terrace, 125, 127, 129, & 139 Fairview Road, & Victoria House, Fairview Road. 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.

8—Water Closets without Flushing Apparatus—The Medical Officer of Health reported that the following houses had water closets without flushing apparatus, viz :—Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, & 6 Redgrove Cottages. Resolved, That Notices under Section 28 of the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1889, be given to the owners requiring them to provide the necessary flushing apparatus, and to the occupiers to lay on a proper supply of water thereto, and that in default of compliance with such notices proceedings be taken for the penalties.

9—Houses Let in Lodgings—The Medical Officer of Health recommended that the landlords of the following houses let in lodgings, viz., Thatched Cottage, Duke Street, 2, Blissworth, Cottages, Short Street, and 9, Park View should be required to give the necessary information for registration. Resolved, That the landlords of the houses above mentioned be served with notices signed by the Town Clerk, requiring them within seven days to supply the information necessary for the registration of the houses as lodging-houses by the Council as specified in No. 7 of the Bye-laws in

force with respect to houses let in lodgings except as to the age and sex of the occupants and the names of lessees.

10—Closing of Schools—The Medical Officer of Health reported that the Infants' Departments of Dunalley Street and St. Paul's Schools were closed on the 31st ult. until the 26th instant, and the Infants' Department of All Saints' Schools would remain closed until after the Whitsuntide holidays in consequence of the prevalence of measles.

11—Destruction of Diseased Meat—The Medical Officer of Health reported that on the 26th ult. the carcase and offal of a pig (weight 100 lbs.) was taken and destroyed with the consent of the owner in consequence of unfitness for human food. On the 5th inst. a cow killed at the Abattoir was found to be tuberculous, and the carcase and offal (weight 784 lbs.) was destroyed with the consent of the owner.

12—Assistant Inspector of Nuisances—With reference to Minute No. 26 of this Committee at its last meeting, the Medical Officer of Health called attention to the fact that if the vacancy caused by Mr. Long's death was not filled the number of the staff in the Health Department would be exactly what it was 12 years ago, although the matters requiring attention from the department had very greatly increased since that time, and the work could not be done by the present staff. Resolved, That an additional Assistant Inspector of Nuisances be appointed at a commencing salary of £80 per annum, and that the appointment be advertised.

13—Prestbury Sewage Scheme—The Town Clerk reported that he had received notice of a Local Inquiry to be held on the 20th inst. into the application of the Cheltenham Rural District Council for sanction to a loan for the Prestbury Sewage Scheme. Resolved, That the Town Clerk be authorised to instruct Counsel to appear at the Inquiry on behalf of the Corporation.

14--Sewer under 8, Bath Place, Bath Road—With reference to Minute No. 23 of the 17th April last, the Borough Surveyor reported that the defective sewer under No. 8 Bath Place had been filled up, and a new sewer laid in Bath Road at a cost of £22 7s. 4d. He submitted an application from Mr. C. H. Rainger for a reduction in the amount to be contributed by him towards the cost of the work, in view of the fact that the estimate for the work was £83. Resolved, That Mr. Rainger be asked to pay £12 instead of £15.

E. H. PARSONAGE,

Chairman.

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At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Saturday, the 17th June, 1905—Present : The Mayor, The Deputy Mayor, Alderman Skillicorne, Councillors M. Davis, Lawrence and Pilley (The Deputy Mayor in the chair).

15—Zymotic Disease —The Medical Officer of Health reported that since the last meeting no notification had been received.

16—Cleaving and Limewashing at Nos. 61 Burton Street, 2 & 1 Hughes Court, and Park Cottage, Exmouth Street, 2 Lugwardine Cottages, Short Street, and 1 Kew Place, Bath Road. The Medical

Officer of Health having certified under Section 46 of the Public Health Act, 1875, that the above-named dwelling houses were in such a filthy and unwholesome condition that the health of the inmates was affected or endangered thereby, Resolved, That Notice be given to the owners under the said Section requiring the houses to be cleansed and limewashed.

17—Nuisances from Drains, etc., Nos. 127, 128, 129, 130 and 131, Tewkesbury Road and Winkfield, 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.

18—Houses without proper Ash Receptacles—The Inspector of Nuisances reported that the following houses had no proper ashpits or ash receptacles, viz :—Nos. 127, 128, 129 and 130 Tewkesbury Road, 8 Alexandra Villas, Park Cottage, Exmouth Street, and Rosedale Cottage, Short 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.

19—Notices not complied with—The Medical Officer of Health submitted a list of Notices requiring the provision of ash receptacles, and cleansing and limewashing, which had been served, but not complied with. Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to take the necessary proceedings to compel compliance.

20—Houses Let in Lodgings—The Medical Officer of Health recommended that the landlords of the following houses let in lodgings, viz., Haddonhurst, Grosvenor Street, Devonshire House, Devonshire Street, and No. 18 Bennington Street, should be required to give the necessary information for registration. Resolved, That the landlords of the houses above mentioned be served with notices signed by the Town Clerk, requiring them within seven days to supply the information necessary for the registration of the houses as lodging-houses by the Council as specified in No. 7 of the Bye-laws in force with respect to houses let in lodgings except as to the age and sex of the occupants and the names of lessees.

21—Surface Water Drain and Sewer in Clarence Square—The Borough Surveyor reported that a surface water drain which passed under No. 30 Clarence Square had become defective and he had, as the matter was urgent, diverted the surface water by laying a length of about 90 yards of 6-inch pipes along the West side of the Square at a cost of about £12. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor's action be approved.

He also reported that the sewer taking the drainage of the houses on the West side of the Square was defective and required replacing by a 9-inch pipe sewer at a cost of about £175. As the sewer adjoined the St. Paul's District he recommended that the work should be done when the sewers in that district were reconstructed as the amount of the loan for which sanction had been asked would probably cover the cost. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor's recommendation be approved and adopted.

22---Sewage Disposal—The Borough Surveyor's Report upon this subject was further considered. Resolved, That prior to recommending the Council to adopt either of the Schemes in the Report the Local Government Board be asked whether the acquisition of additional land suitable for the purpose of sewage irrigation would provide a satisfactory solution of the difficulty.

E. H. PARSONAGE,

Chairman.

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FARMS MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Friday, the 16th June, 1905—Present : The Mayor, Alderman Skillicorne, Councillors Bence, M. Davis, Green, Gridley, and Steel (Councillor M. Davis in the chair).

1—Farms Manager's Report--Read, the Monthly Report of the Farms' Manager. Since the last Monthly Meeting, the following purchases had been made : 37 head of cattle for £426 15s., and 40 sheep for 15s., and 11 head of cattle had been sold for £182 18s. On the death of a foal had been received from the Insurance Company and one injured sheep had been slaughtered. The number of livestock on the farms on the 16th instant, was 14 horses, 190 head of cattle, 41 sheep and 21 pigs. He recommended that for fencing in the rick yard and repairs to fences, 120 posts, 150 rails and 60 stays should be obtained. Resolved, That tenders be obtained for the posts and rails required and that the Chairman be authorised to accept the lowest satisfactory tender.

2—Petty Cash Account—Resolved, That an advance of be made to the Farms' Manager for petty disbursements made by him, an account to be presented periodically to the Committee.

M. DAVIS,

Chairman.

STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 26th June, 1905—Present : The Mayor, The Deputy Mayor, Aldermen Haddon and Skillicorne, Councillors Bendall and Gridley (Councillor Bendall in the chair),

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 13th June, 1905—Present : The Deputy Mayor, Aldermen Haddon and Skillicorne, Councillors Baker, Bendall, and Gridley (Councillor Bendall in the chair).

1—Telephone Poles at Leckhampton Depot—Read, a letter from the local Manager of the National Telephone Company applying for permission to place 2 poles in the Leckhampton Depot Yard, Moorend Road. Resolved, That permission be given subject to the exact positions for the poles being settled by the Borough Surveyor, and to the payment of 2s. 6d. per pole per annum.

2---Wood Paving near County Court—Read, a letter from the Registrar of the Cheltenham County Court asking whether the Corporation could see their way to pave with wood the whole length of

County Court Road, and also Regent Street from High Street to Ormond Place, with a view to the mitigation of the nuisance arising from the noise of the traffic over the present material with which these roads are made. The Borough Surveyor having reported that to carry out the suggestion would entail a cost of £1,700. Resolved, That Mr. O. J. Williams be informed that in view of the cost the Committee regret they cannot recommend the Council to carry out his suggestion.

JOHN D. BENDALL,

Chairman.

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3—Borough Surveyor's Monthly Report re Highways—The Borough Surveyor reported that the work done by the Highway Department from the 26th May to the 22nd June, 1905 (both inclusive) had been as follows :—

Roads Repaired—Leckhampton Road (14,500 super yards), Sandfield Road (12,534 super yards), Montpellier Drive (1,081 yards), Montpellier Parade (19:3 super yards), Montpellier Spa Road (176 super yards), Bath Road (proceeding), Clarence Street (2,376 super yards).

Roads Patched—St. Luke's Road, The Park, Portland Street, North Place, High Street, Old Bath Road, Manchester Street and Albion Street.

Footpath Paving Renewed—Western Road, West side, (concrete flags), 279 super yards ; Western Road, West side, (asphalt sides), 225 super yards : St. George's Road (asphalt) 16 super yards ; St. Paul's Street North (concrete flags), 184 super yards ; Montpellier Drive (asphalte), 144 super yards ; (gravel sides), 508 super yards ; Bath Road (concrete flags), 26 super yards.

Footpath Paving Relaid—Western Road (160 super yards), St. Paul's Street North (240 super yards).

Footpath Gravelled—Old Bath Road (605 super yards). Kerb Renewed—Montpellier Drive (9 super yards). .

Kerb Refixed—Western Road (17 lineal yards), St. Paul's Street North (229 lineal yards), Montpellier Drive (158 lineal yards).

Channel Refixed—St. Paul's Street North (226 lineal yards), Montpellier Drive (250 lineal yards), Western Road, West side (66 lineal yards).

Gulley Gratings Renewed, 2 ; Crossings Relaid, 3 ; Crossings Renewed, 2 ; New Crossings laid, 5.

Private Improvement Works—Queen's Road (completed) ; New Gulley Drain Laid, Clarence Square (87 lineal yards of 6-inch pipes).

Concrete Edging Fixed between Gravel and Asphalt—Montpellier Drive Footpath, 266 lineal yards. New Gullies fixed, 3.

Trees Pruned—York Terrace, Bayshill Road, Parabola Road, Overton Road, Christ Church Road, Lansdown Road, Queen's Road, Lansdown Place, Gloucester Road, St. George's Road, Rodney Road, Fauconberg Road, and Imperial Square.

Barrett's Mill (Foreman's House)—Damp course provided, walls repaired and painted.

Ashes Collection and Disposal—During four weeks, ended 15th June, 1905-1,002 loads collected, 202 tipped away, and 800 consumed. Weight, 707 tons, 6 eats.

Slab Factory—During four weeks ended 22nd June, 1905-922 $\frac{2}{3}$ square yards of slabs made.

4—Plans Sub-Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Plans Sub-Committee at their Meetings of the 13th and 23rd instant, be approved and adopted.

5—View Meeting—The following members attended the View Meeting on Friday last The Deputy Mayor, Councillors Baker, Bendall, and Gridley.

6—Albany Street, Tivoli—Read, a letter from Mr. C. B. Nicholas, calling attention to the bad state of repair of Albany Street, Tivoli. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to bring up a plan, specification and estimate of the works required to be done in this street by the abutting owners.

7—St. Stephen's Road Footpaths—Resolved, To instruct the Borough Surveyor to bring up a plan, specification and estimate of the works required to be done to the footpaths in St. Stephen's Road by the abutting owners.

8—High Street Wood Paving—The Boroughs Surveyor submitted a certificate for £974 6s. 0d. in favour of the Acme Flooring A Paving Co., leaving a balance in hand of £440 15s. 4d., due after 2 years satisfactory maintenance. The complete cost of the wood paving, kerb, and other work in connection therewith, was £8,261, from which had to be deducted is proportion of the cost of supervision, payable by the Light Railway Company. The loan sanctioned was £14,447, including paving a portion of lower High Street not carried out.

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9—Footpath in Leckhampton Road from Prospect Place to Leckhampton Lane—The Borough Surveyor submitted a plan and estimate of the cost, amounting to £370 for paving with concrete slabs, 5 feet wide, the footpath on the West side of Leckhampton Road from Prospect Place to Leckhampton Lane. Resolved, That the plan and estimate be approved, and that application be made to the County Council for a grant to defray the cost of this main road improvement.

10—Ewlyn Road—Read, a letter from Mr. J. J. Taylor asking that Ewlyn Road should now be declared a highway. Resolved. That, Mr. Taylor be informed that the Council have already resolved to take the road over as soon as all the private improvement expenses outstanding in respect thereof have been paid.

JOHN D. BENDALL, Chairman.

PLANS SUB-COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Sub-Committee, held on Tuesday, the 13th June, 1905—Present : The Deputy Mayor, Councillors Baker, Bence and Bendall (The Deputy Mayor in the chair).

1—New Buildings—The Borough Surveyor laid before the Sub-Committee the following plans of intended new Buildings, viz. :—

No. of Plan	Name	Description
301	G. A. Cox	New House, No. 54 Burton Street.
300	Leckhampton Schools Committee ..	Schools in Hall Road.
302	T. Hailing	Store, &c., Oxford Passage.
297	H. Unwin	Two Cottages, Hatherley Lane.
295	J. Powell	Seven houses, Monson Avenue.
263	G. M. May	Two houses, Chariton Lane.

Resolved, That Plans Nos. 263 and 297 be approved, that Plans Nos. 300 be approved, subject to the whole of the roof water draining into the surface water drain, that Plans Nos. 302 be approved, subject to additional wall piers being provided to the satisfaction of the Borough Surveyor, that Plans Nos. 295 be approved, subject to the road at the back of the houses being made 6 feet wide, and that Plans Nod. 301 be disapproved.

E. H. PARSONAGE,

Chairman.

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At a Meeting of this Sub-Committee, held on Friday, the 23rd June, 1905—Present: The Deputy Mayor, Councillors Baker, Bence and Bendall (The Deputy Mayor in the chair.)

2—New Buildings—The Borough Surveyor laid before the Sub-Committee the following plans of intended new Buildings, viz:—

No. of Plan	Name	Description
303	W. J. Davis	Additions to 1 Hill View, Charlton Lane
304	Andrew Page	Four houses in Swindon Road.
306	S. J. Barter	House, Granley Road
307	C. Dickins	Additions to 45 Lansdown Crescent
294	Winterbotham, Gurney, & Co. ..	Offices in Essex Place (including bringing forward)

Resolved, That Plans Nos. 304, 306 and 307 be approved, that Plan No. 303 be disapproved, and that Plan No. 294 be approved subject to the cost of a proposed alteration of the footpath, kerb, &c., being paid by Messrs. Winterbotham and to the corners on the ground floor being rounded off to a foot radius.

E. H. PARSONAGE, Chairman.

TOWN IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 5th June, 1905—Present: The Mayor, Aldermen Norman, Councillors Baker, Bence, and Packer (Councillor Packer in the chair).

1—Awning for Montpellier Gardens—The Entertainments Sub-Committee recommended that an awning be erected in Montpellier Gardens to cover the greater part of the space between the

Proscenium and the Band Stand to afford shelter from the sun and light showers. The cost would not exceed £70. Resolved, That the recommendation be approved and adopted.

T. H. PACKER, Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 19th June 1905—Present: Councillors Baker, Bence, Packer and Rickerby (Councillor Rickerby in the chair).

2—Exhibition of Views in G.W.R. Carriages—With reference to the letters read at the last meeting from Messrs. Wills, Ltd., asking for a contribution towards the cost of preparation and exhibition of views of the town in the carriages on the G.W.R., the Town Clerk reported as to the correspondence he had had with the Town Clerks of other Boroughs to which similar applications had been made and as to the action taken by such Boroughs. Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to inform the G.W.R. Company and Messrs. Wills that the Council do not propose to make any contribution as suggested.

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3—Illustrated Guide—Resolved, That 250 copies of the illustrated guide be supplied to the Local Chamber of Commerce, and 350 for circulation amongst members of other Chambers of Commerce in the Country, and for the principal sanatoria and hydropathic establishments, and that 350 copies be supplied to the local Free Church Council for the delegates appointed to attend the Conference in Cheltenham in September next.

4—Advertising—Resolved, To renew the advertisement of Cheltenham in the weekly edition of the "Times of Ceylon" for another year on the same terms as at present. Resolved, To insert an advertisement in the holiday number of the "Financial News" at a cost of £2 2s. and to accept an offer from the same newspaper to insert a weather report from Cheltenham each Friday free of charge, the Corporation paying for a line advertisement as to the free Illustrated Guide to the Town at the end of each report at a cost of 2s per insertion.

5—Pittville Park—The Borough Surveyor reported that on the 25th ultimo, a man had been caught picking flowers in Pittville Park and that three swan's eggs had also been stolen from the Park. Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to write to the person taking the flowers, informing him of the penalties he had incurred and that a reward of 10s be offered for information as to the theft of the eggs.

Resolved, That the supply of teas at the boat-house be discontinued.

6—Clarence and Wellington Squares and Pittville Crescent Gardens—Resolved, That a byelaw be submitted to the Local Government Board for approval authorising charges, for the right to carry on and exercise the following games in the enclosed pleasure gardens in Clarence and Wellington Squares and Pittville Crescent : £2 2s. Od. per annum for a tennis court ; £3 3s. Od. per annum for a croquet court.

7—Montpellier Gardens—Resolved, That a light wrought iron fence and gates be fixed at Montpellier Gardens main entrance in substitution for the chain barriers at present there which are unsatisfactory, at an estimated cost of £10.

T. E. RICKERBY, Chairman.

LIGHTING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on, Tuesday, the 6th June, 1905—Present: The Mayor, Alderman Norman, Councillors Green, Gridley, Ley Wood, Merrett, and Steel (Councillor Ley Wood in the chair).

1—Staff in Electric Light Department—Read, a further report by the Borough Electrical Engineer as to possible economics which might be effected in his department. Resolved, That further consideration of the matter be adjourned to the next meeting.

ROBT. LEY WOOD,

Chairman.

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At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Thursday, the 15th June, 1905. Present: Alderman Norman, Councillors Green, Gridley, Ley Wood, Merrett and Steel (Councillor Ley Wood in the chair).

1—Electrical Inspector's Report—The Electrical Inspector reported that the result of his tests of the electrical supply on the 7th and 14th instant had been as follows :—202 volts.

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

ILLUMINATING POWER.		PURITY.	
1905		1905	Grains of Sulphur per 100 cubic feet.
June 7th	5.04 candles	June 7-8	10.61
“	<u>15.83</u> “		
Average	15.435		

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—4.197 cubic feet ; Guildhall lamps with No. 4 Incandescent burners 6.016 cubic feet ; Ordinary lamps with No. 3 Incandescent burners 3.854 cubic feet.

4—Lamp Book—This book was produced and examined. Incandescents extinguished 33 (1 metered), burning dimly, 12; Ordinary lamps extinguished 18 (6 metered), burning dimly, 2.

5—Borough Electrical Engineer's Monthly Report—Read, the Monthly Report of the Borough Electrical Engineer. On the 11th inst. there were 820 customers, with the equivalent of about 54,830 8 candle power lamps, connected to the private supply mains, the corresponding figures for June 11th, 1904, being 767 and 48,970 respectively.

6—Charges for Meter Supply—The Resolution to Minute No. 8 of this Committee of the 15th May last, part of which was referred back by the Council at its last meeting for further consideration, was again considered. Resolved, As from April last to the 1st October next supply for motors be charged for at a flat rate of 2d. per unit, and on and after the 1st October, at the rate of 2d. per unit, except from 5 to 9 p.m. in the months of November to February, both inclusive, and from 6 to 9 p.m. in the months of March, April, September, and October, when the charge will be at the rate of 6d. per unit, the consumer to pay in addition per annum as rent for the special meters required, and that the Resolution above referred to be varied accordingly.

7—Applications for Supply—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that he had received an application from Mr. C. Parsons for supply to his premises in Albion Street. The cost of the necessary extension of main would be about £8 15s. 0d., and Mr. Parsons was willing to give the usual guarantee of 20 per cent. on this outlay for 3 years. Resolved, That the extension be made and supply given on these terms.

An application had been received from Mr. Unwin for supply to " The Brooklands," Gloucester Road. The cost of the extension necessary would be about £18 and Mr. Unwin was willing to pay half of this, the tenant to guarantee on the remainder. Resolved, That Mr. Unwin be informed that supply will be given when the house is let on his paying half the cost of the extension and the tenant giving the usual guarantee of 10 per cent. for three years on half the cost.

8—Tenders for the Supply of Carbons—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported the result of his tests of the sample carbons submitted with the tenders for supply. Resolved, That the tender of Messrs. Johnson and Phillips at 30s 6d per 1,000 carbons be accepted.

9—Boiler Tube Cleaners—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that he had made a trial of the Dean Boiler Tube Cleaner, and found that at least 15 per cent. in time could be saved by the use of this cleaner, and about £10 to £20 per annum should be saved in cost of repairs. He recommended the purchase of one such cleaner at a cost of £25, this including £4 for steam tube connections. Resolved, That the recommendation be approved and adopted.

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10—Accumulator Battery Maintenance Contract—Read, a letter from the Tudor Accumulator Company, stating that they had now taken over the business of the Pfluger Accumulator Company as regards this country, and applying for the transfer of the contract for maintenance of the battery recently installed to them, and as they already had a similar contract with the Corporation, suggesting that the banker's draft for £200, deposited by the Pfluger Company, should be returned as soon as the guarantee period of 12 months had expired. Resolved, That the transfer be agreed to subject to the execution of a deed of assignment by both companies to be prepared by the Town Clerk.

ROBT. LEY WOOD,

Chairman.

WATER COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Thursday, the 22nd June, 1905—Present : Councillors Baker, Bendall, M. Davis, Stroud and Waghorne (Councillor Waghorne in the chair).

1—Report of Fire Brigade Captain—The Captain of the Fire Brigade reported that on the 17th inst. the Brigade was called to an outbreak of fire at " The Cottage," near Badgeworth Court. Damage about £2,500. Extinction expenses, £17 9s. 6d. Property fully insured.

2—Additions to Fire Brigade Station—The following tenders were received for the additions to the Fire Station :—

R. R. Skemp	£556 17 11
C. Malvern & Son ...	£539 0 0
G. Loveday	£507 10 0
A. C. Billings & Sons	£483 0 0
Collins & Godfrey ...	£477 0 0
A. J. Colborne ...	£446 13 3

Resolved, That the tender of Mr. A. J. Colborne be accepted subject to the sanction of the Local Government Board being obtained to the necessary loan.

3—Filter Beds at Tewkesbury—The following tenders were received for the construction of the additional filter beds at Tewkesbury :—

Cruwys & Hobrough (Gloucester)	£2895 18 6
W. H. Page (Cardiff)	£2571 18 7
A. J. Colborne	£2486 4 9
Mark Williams & Co.	£2386 16 4
Collins & Godfrey...	£2359 9 7

Resolved, That the tender of Messrs. Collins & Godfrey be accepted, subject to the sanction of the Local Government Board being obtained to the necessary loan.

4—Water for Charlton Kings Fire Brigade Practices--Read, a letter from the Clerk to the Charlton Kings Urban District Council accepting the terms offered by this Committee for the supply of water for fire brigade practices at Charlton Kings.

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5—Water Supply for Ashchurch Sewage Scheme—The Town Clerk submitted. the heads of the proposed agreement between the Corporation and the Tewkesbury Rural District Council as to the supply of water for the purposes of the Ashchurch Sewage Scheme. Resolved, That the same be approved, and that the resolution to Minute No. 5, of the 25th May, 1905, as to the continuance of supply for a term of years be varied accordingly.

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

DAILY YIELD OF SPRINGS.

	For 31 days, ended 19th June, 1905.	Average for corresponding period during last 3 years.
Hewletts Springs	190,080 gallons	232,800 gallons
Dowdeswell Springs	413,568 "	801,161 "
Leckhampton	5,496 "	—
Total	609,144 "	1,033,961 "

CONTENTS OF RESERVOIRS.

	June 19th, 1905.		June 19th, 1904.	
	Depth	Contents	Depth	Contents
Hewletts	--	18,743,018 gallons	--	15,772,187 gallons
Leckhampton	10 ft. 6in.	1,418,306 "	7ft. 0 in.	945,539 "
Dowdeswell	27ft. 10 in.	78,887,029 "	28ft. 4in.	81,316,898 "
Total Storage		99,048,353 "		98,034,624 "

Pumping from Tewkesbury recommenced on the 20th inst.

7—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 20th June, 1905—Present, The Mayor, Aldermen Haddon, and Norman, Councillor Bendall, M. Davis, and Stroud (Alderman Norman 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 Drivers' Licences—Applications for licences to drive hackney carriages were received from Philip Millichap, of 44 Tivoli Street, and William Berry, of 25, Montpellier Villas. Resolved, That the applications be acceded to.

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The applications of the following drivers for renewal of their licences, referred to this Committee by the Council were considered, together with the report of Supt. Hopkins as to the convictions recorded against them :—George Hawkins, Joseph Smith, Frank Hoare, Charles Buttress, and George Clifford. All the drivers named, with the exception of Joseph Smith, attended before the Committee. Resolved, That Messrs. Hoare, Buttress, and Clifford be cautioned by the Chairman as to their future conduct, and that their licences be renewed, that the licence of George Hawkins be not renewed, and that the application of Joseph Smith be adjourned for his attendance before the Committee.

3--Hackney Carriage Licences—Read, a letter from Mr. Hylton Jessop, applying as trustee for Mrs. Emma Mansell, deceased, for the transfer of the licences Nos. 72, 70 and 55 to her sons, Harry,

Charles Edward, and Thomas Mansell respectively. Resolved, That the application be acceded to; in the cases of Harry and Charles Edward Mansell, however, the continuance of the licences to be conditional upon their future good behaviour.

Read, a letter from Mr. Albert Townley, of Lansdown Crescent Stables, renewing his application first made four years ago for a licence for a landau. Resolved, That the application be acceded to, subject to approval of the carriage by the Chairman.

4—Hackney Carriage Stand in Cambray—Read, a letter from the Local Manager of the National Provincial Bank, High Street, calling attention to the nuisance and annoyance caused by the cab stand in Cambray, close to the bank premises, and asking for its removal to a less objectionable position. Resolved, That in view of the objections to its present position, the stand for one carriage opposite the bank be discontinued, and that the resolution to Minute No. 5 of the 18th April last be amended accordingly.

5—Game Licences—Applications for the renewal of licences to deal in game were received from the following:—

Name		Situation of Premises.
Olive & Olive		Colonnade
C. Barnett		86, High Street
G. Hemmings		1, Winchcombe Street
W. Wilks		372, High Street
W. Hall & Sons		92, "
H.J. Moore		25, Montpellier Walk
T. B. Woodard		1, Montpellier Avenue
H. F. Barnett		18, Great Norwood Street
B. Steptoe		17 & 18 Winchcomb Street
Mrs. L. A. Morris		Columbia House, Winchcomb Street

Resolved, That the Council be recommended to grant the applications.

6—Public Library Building—Minute No. 3 of the Public Library Committee of the 16th ult., referred by the Council at its last meeting to this Committee for consideration and report, was considered. Resolved, That in the opinion of this Committee, the Council has no power to identify itself with the proposal to carry on a subscription library, which can only be done on the individual responsibility of the members of the Library Committee or such other Committee as may undertake it, and that the only proposal that can be entertained by the Council is one to occupy the rooms at a fair rental for such purposes as may be approved under the Act.

7—Byelaw as to Steam Organs, &c.—Read, a letter from Mr. W. T. Bailey, lessee of the Athletic Ground, Albion Street, enquiring what he could do in the way of music on the occasion of shows at the ground without breach of the byelaw made by the Council, and stating his willingness to conform to any regulations the Council might make if music were allowed. Resolved, That Mr. Bailey be informed that while the Committee appreciate the tone of his letter, they can only refer him to the terms of the byelaw in force in the Borough.

GEO. NORMAN, Chairman.

MINERAL WATERS, BATHS AND RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Friday, the 2nd June, 1905—Present : The Mayor, Councillors Baker, Bendall,

Merrett and Stroud (Councillor Stroud in the chair).

1—Mineral Water Wells—The Committee inspected the whole of the Mineral Wells as far as they could be seen referred to in the Borough Surveyor's Report dated the 19th of May, 1905. Resolved. That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have the water pumped out from the well in Eldorado Road in order to ascertain whether the water would flow into this well from the wells at Fulshaw Lodge, Christ Church Road, and St. Florence, Eldorado Crescent, and also with a view to reporting on the condition of the well and the desirability of fixing permanent pumps therein for the supply of mineral water for concentrating purposes.

HERBERT STROUD,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Friday, the 16th June, 1905—Present: The Mayor, Councillors Baker, Bence, Bendall, Davies, Merrett, Pilley and Stroud (Councillor Stroud in the chair)

2—Montpellier Baths--The Borough Accountant reported that the amount received at these Baths during the present financial year was £109 2s. 8d., and the payments £85 3s. 5d. (exclusive of proportion of interest and :repayment of loans, £135 0s. 9d.)

3—Alstone Baths—The Borough Accountant reported that the receipts at these Baths during the present financial year amounted to £71 8s. 1d., and the payments to £35 13s. 5d. (exclusive of proportion of interest and repayment of loans £83 15s. 7d.)

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 next season at the Agg-Gardner Recreation Ground. Resolved, That the application be acceded to on the usual conditions. Read, a letter from the Hon. Secretary, St. Paul's Cricket Club, applying for permission to play cricket at the Agg-Gardner Recreation Ground this season. Resolved, That the application be acceded to.

5—Whaddon Lane Recreation Ground—With reference to complaints by Mr. E. Whitbread and Mr. A. B. Wall of the damage caused them by balls passing through the iron fencing between their gardens and the Whaddon Lane Recreation Ground. Resolved, To authorise the Borough Surveyor to place wire netting along and above the fencing at a cost not exceeding £5.

6—Report of Mineral Waters Sub-Committee—The Mineral Waters Sub-Committee reported that they met on the 15th instant, present : The Chairman, Councillors Bence and Davies. They recommended (1) That a sufficient supply of the water be kept in stock. (2) That the Borough Surveyor be authorised to employ what extra assistance is necessary at the Alston^o Baths in connection with the mineral waters and (3) that sample bottles of the water be sent to the principal

medical men throughout the country. Resolved, That the recommendations of the Sub-Committee be approved and adopted.

HERBERT STROUD, Chairman.

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BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Friday, the 23rd June, 1905—Present :—Aldermen Haddon and Rogers, Councillors Baker, Gridley, Merrett, Pilley and Steel (Alderman Haddon in the chair).

1—Superintendent's Report—The Superintendent reported that he required some new webbings for the Cemetery. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to obtain the same.

2—Superintendent—Read, a letter from Mr. Pratley tendering his resignation as superintendent of the Cemetery, such resignation to take effect on the 12th September next. Resolved, That the same be accepted and that applications for the appointment of Superintendent and Sexton be advertised for in local papers, the terms and conditions to be as at present, viz :—£80 per annum, with house, coal and gas ; whole time service, and that the advertisement as now settled be approved.

3—Designs—Resolved, That the following designs be approved, viz : headstones to graves of Emma Hume, Sarah Hodges, Leonard Stubbs and Eva Gould. Memorial Crosses to graves of Julia Luisa Baillie and James Bridge.

With reference to the design submitted at the last meeting for a wrought iron memorial cross, Read a letter from Mr. Wallace Gill, Architect, Bath, stating that it had been intended that the iron should be coated with Dr. Angus Smith's preservative, but if desired it could be galvanized. Resolved, That the Committee regret that they cannot see their way to approve the design, as they consider the material proposed unsuitable.

JOHN HADDON,

Chairman.

PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 13th June, 1905—Present: Councillors Davies and Merrett, Revs. J. Evans, and A. Beynon Phillips, and Mr. E. C. Rogers (Councillor Merrett in the chair).

1—Librarian's Report—Read, the Monthly Report of the Librarian. Receipts during the month, £4 0s.3d. Presentations—Dr. Spence Watson, 1 vol. ; Dr. J. B. Hurry, 1 vol.

2—Sub-Committee's Report—The Sub-Committee reported that they met on the 9th inst. (Present : Councillors Merrett and Pilley (Chairman), and the Rev. J. Evans), and examined the monthly accounts.

3—Boiler—Resolved, To accept a tender from Messrs. R. E. & C. Marshall, Ltd., for necessary repairs to the boiler, &c. at a cost of £3 12s. 6d.

4—Betting News—With the assent of the Rev. A. Beynon Phillips, Resolved, That consideration of the resolution in favour of the blacking out of betting news in the newspapers in the Library, of which he had given notice At the last meeting, be adjourned in view of the small attendance to the next meeting,

W. J. MERRETT, Chairman.

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FINANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Wednesday, the 28th June, 1905—Present : The Mayor, The Deputy Mayor, Aldermen Skillicorne and Waghorne, Councillors Bence, Merrett, Steel and Stroud (Ald. Waghorne in the chair).

1—General District Rate Thy Report of the Borough Accountant, on the collection of the first instalment of this Rate was read. Amount. collected £7,790 12s. 1d. Leaving outstanding £17,941 18s. 0 ½ d.

2—Water Rate The Report of the Borough Accountant on the collection of this Rate was read. Amount received £4,350 12s. 5d. Leaving outstanding £6,826 16s. 6d.

3—Loans—Tho Town Clerk reported that the Gloucestershire County Council were willing to allow £4,000 to remain at 3 per cent. subject to 3 months' notice on either side. Resolved, That the terms be agreed to.

Read, a letter from Sir John Dorington asking that the interest on £2,000 advanced by him should be increased to 3 ¾ per cent., per annum. Resolved, That the rate asked for be paid on the expiration of six months from the 26th inst., the date of receipt of the letter.

The Borough Accountant reported that he had arranged a loan of £588 at 3 ½ per cent. subject to six months' notice on either side. Resolved, That a debenture be sealed and issued accordingly, in respect of a Recreation Grounds Loan sanctioned for that amount.

4—Accounts—The Financial Statement of the Receipts and Expenditure since the last meeting and the Bills and Accounts to be paid were examined, and the latter, amounting to £10,208 10s. 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 30th May, 1905	£38,754 11 9
Paid since that date	<u>£11,586 14 2</u>
	£50,341 5 11
Received since that date, including Loans £588	<u>£15,148 1 3</u>
Overdrawn	£35,193 4 8

Being Bank Loan Account No. 2	£32,012 12 1
Do. No. 3	<u>£17,997 1 1</u>
	£50,009 13 2
Less in hand on General Accounts	£11,967 6 10
Do. Sinking Funds	<u>£ 2,849 1 8</u>
	<u>£14,816 8 6</u>
	£35,193 4 8

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Borough of Cheltenham.

At a Monthly Meeting of the Town Council of the Borough of Cheltenham, duly convened and held in the Town Hall, in the said Borough, on Monday, the 3rd July, 1905, at 3 p.m. Present :

THE MAYOR (GEORGE DIMMER, ESQ.) in the chair. THE DEPUTY MAYOR (COUNCILLOR EDWARD HENRY PARSONAGE).

Aldermen : JOHN HADDON GEORGE NORMAN COLONEL RICHARD ROGERS WILLIAM NASH SKILLICORNE JOHN WAGHORNE JAMES BATTEN WINTERBOTHAM.

Councillors : WILLIAM ALFRED BAKER GEORGE BENICE RICHARD DAVIES MOSES DAVIS EDWINSON CHARLES GREEN EDWARD GRIDLEY EDWARD LAWRENCE ROBERT LEY WOOD RICHARD EEDE MARSHALL WILLIE JOHN MERRETT TOM HERBERT PACKER JOSEPH PILLEY THOMAS ELLERSON RICKERBY ROBERT STEEL HERBERT STROUD. HENRY WAGHORNE

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1—Minutes of previous Meetings—Resolved, That the Minutes of the Meetings of the Council on the 5th and 9th June last, having been printed and a copy sent to each Member of the Council, be taken as read, and that the same be adopted and confirmed.

2 —Public Health Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Public Health Committee, at their Meetings of the 14th and 17th June last, be approved and confirmed.

3 —Farms Management Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Farms Management Committee, at their Meeting of the 16th June last, be approved and confirmed.

4—Street and Highway Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Street and Highway Committee, at their Meetings of the 13th and 26th June last, be approved and confirmed, subject to the following amendment, viz : That the following words be added at the end of the resolution to Minute No. 2 of the Plans Sub-Committee : " and subject to the payment of a reasonable sum for the frontage proposed to be taken in."

5—Town Improvement Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Town Improvement Committee, at their Meeting of the 19th June last, be approved and confirmed.

6—Lighting Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Lighting Committee, at their Meetings of the 6th and 15th June last, be approved and confirmed.

7—Water Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Water Committee at their Meeting of the 22nd June last, be approved and confirmed, subject to the following amendment, viz : That Minute No. 2 (additions to Fire Brigade Station) be referred back to the Committee for reconsideration.

8—General Purposes & Watch Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the General Purposes and Watch Committee, at their Meeting of the 20th June last, be approved and confirmed.

9—mineral Waters, Baths and Recreation Grounds Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Mineral Waters, Baths and Recreation Grounds Committee, at their Meetings of the 2nd and 16th June last, be approved and confirmed.

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10—Burial Board Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Burial Board Committee, at their Meeting of the 23rd June last, be approved and confirmed.

11—Finance Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Finance Committee, at their Meeting of the 28th June last, be approved and confirmed.

Resolved also, That an Order on the Borough Treasurer be signed accordingly authorising and ordering him to pay to the several Corporations, Companies and persons mentioned in the Schedule of Accounts the sum of money set opposite their respective names upon production of a cheque signed by the Borough Accountant.

12—Borough Electrical Engineer—Read, a letter from Mr. Hamilton Kilgour, tendering his resignation, on account of ill health, of his appointment as Borough Electrical Engineer. The Standing Orders of the Council having been suspended by the necessary majority, the Council resolved into Committee to settle the terms of the new appointment and on resuming it was Resolved, That the resignation of Mr. Kilgour be accepted, and that the Lighting Committee be authorised to invite applications by advertisement for the appointment of Borough Electrical Engineer at a salary of £400 per annum, and to select three candidates for the approval of the Council.

13—Notice of Motion—Alderman Waghorne gave notice of his intention to move at the next Quarterly Meeting of the Council : " That this Council express its regret at the resignation of Mr. Kilgour, and place " on record its sense of the honourable and able service he has given to the " town, during the past ten years, as Borough Electrical Engineer."

Mayor.

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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 Friday, the 28th July, 1905.

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 10th July, 1905—Present : The Deputy Mayor, Alderman Skillicorne, Councillors Bence, M. Davis, Lawrence and Pilley (The Deputy Mayor in the chair).

1—Zymotic Disease—The Medical Officer of Health reported that there had been notified since the last meeting of the Committee, 13 cases of Scarlet Fever, 1 of Erysipelas and 5 of Diphtheria and that 8 cases of Scarlet Fever and 3 of Diphtheria had been sent into the Delancey Hospital.

2—Cleansing and Disinfecting at 1 Andover Street 11 Fairfield 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 owners and occupiers to cleanse and disinfect the houses or parts thereof within the time specified in such notice.

3—Cleansing and Limewashing at 13 Clare Cottages, Balls Raid, 38 Brunswick Street, 1, 3 & 4 Upper Bath Street, 2, 15 and 17 Ewlyn, Terrace. Tho 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 1 Ewlyn Terrace, Cotswold Hotel, Portland Street and 16 North Place—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-2, 3 & 9 Upper Bath Street, 11 Fairfield Road and 7, 19 & 21 Fairfield Place—The Medical Officer of Health reported that the above-mentioned premises were in such is 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 is 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.

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6—Overcrowding at No. 53 Rutland Street and 10 Ewlyn, Terrace —The Medical Officer of Health reported that the above premises were so overcrowded as to be dangerous or injurious to the health of the inmates. Resolved, That the Committee being satisfied of the existence of a nuisance on the said premises, Notices under Sec. 94 of the Public Health Act, 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 :—Mayville, Fairfield Road, 16 & 18 North Place, Box Cottage, Pilley Lane, and 2, 10 and 19, Fairfield Place. 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.

8—Closing of Schools—The Medical Officer of Health reported the closing on the 22nd ultimo, of the Infants' Department of the Wesleyan Schools, Great Norwood Street, and on the 5th instant of the Infants' Department of Baker Street Schools on account of the prevalence of measles.

9—Dairies, Cowsheds and Milkshops' Order—Read, an application from Mr. H. C. Pumfrey, of 3 Great Norwood Street, to be registered as a Dairyman and Purveyor of Milk. Resolved, That the application be granted.

10—Sewer in Hill Lane—Read, a letter from the Clerk to the Cheltenham Gas Company, offering to contribute £100 towards the cost of a new pipe sewer with proper manholes &c., required in Mill Lane, provided the work was carried out forthwith. Resolved, That the offer be accepted and that the Borough Surveyor be instructed to at once proceed with the work.

11—Assistant Inspector of Nuisances—Resolved, That the applications received be referred to a Sub-Committee consisting of the following, the Chairman, Councillors Bence and Pilley, the Sub-Committee to select a few of the applications for consideration by this Committee.

E. H. PARSONAGE,

Chainman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 24th July, 1905—Present: The Deputy Mayor, Alderman Skillicorne, Councillors Bence, M. Davis, and Pilley (The Deputy Mayor its Out chair.)

12—Zymotic Disease—The Medical Officer of Health reported that there had been notified since the last meeting of the Committee on the 14th Juno last, 19 cases of Scarlet Fever, 2 of Erysipelas, and 2 of Diphtheria ; that 16 cases of Scarlet Fever and 2 of Diphtheria had been sent into the Delancey Hospital.

13—Cleansing and Disinfecting at Nos. 17, Bath Terrace, 2, Lamb Retreat, Commercial Street, 6, Rosslyn Villas, 2, St. James' Place, Somerset Inn, Moorend Street, and 126 Naunton Crescent. 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.

14—Cleansing and Limewashing at 7, Sydney Street, 3, 4, & 5, St. Margaret's Cottages, 1, York Place, Swindon Road, and 27, Russell Street. The Medical Officer of Health having certified under Section 46 of the Public Health Act, 1875, that the above-named dwelling houses were in such a filthy and unwholesome condition that the health of the inmates was affected or endangered thereby, Resolved, That Notice be given to the owners under the said Section requiring the houses to be cleansed and limewashed.

15—Nuisances from Drains, etc., St. Margaret's Villa, North Place, 20, Pittville Street, 80 and 82 Fairview Road, 10 and 11 Malvern Street, Portland Inn, Sherborne Street, and Princes Place, .Duke 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.

16—Insanitary Property-1, York Place, Swindon Road, 205, High Street, 5, St. Margaret's Cottages, 12, North Place, 7, Sidney Street, 27, Russell Street, and 1 and 3 Trent Cottages, 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, &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.

17—Overcrowding at No. 6, Rose and Crown Passage & 28 Columbia Street.—The Medical Officer of Health reported that the above-premises were so overcrowded as to be dangerous or injurious to the health of the inmates. Resolved, That the Committee being satisfied of the existence of a nuisance on the said premises, Notices under Sec. 94 of the Public Health Act, 1875, be served on the owners and occupiers thereof requiring them to abate the same.

18—Houses without proper Ash Receptacles—The Inspector of Nuisances reported that the following houses had no proper ashpits or ash receptacles, viz :-2, Exmouth Cottages, Sidney Street, 8 and 16 Sidney Street, 28, Francis Street, and 1, 2 & 3 Trent Cottages, Gloucester Place. 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.

19—Notices not complied with—The Medical Officer of Health submitted a list of Notices requiring the provision of proper ash receptacles, the abatement of nuisances arising from defective pitching and want of eaves gutters, which had been served, but not complied with. Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to take the necessary proceedings to compel compliance.

20—Closing of Schools—The Medical Officer of Health reported that the following schools had been closed until after the summer holidays in consequence of the prevalence of measles, whooping cough, and scarlet fever, namely, on the 11th inst. St. Peter's and Christ Church Infant Schools, on the 12th inst. St. James' Girls' School on the 13th inst. St. Mark's Infant School, on the 19th inst. St. Philips' Infant School, and on the 24th inst. the Parish Church Infant School, St. Philips' Boys' and Girls' School, and St. Peter's Infant Schools.

21—Destruction of Diseased Meat—The Medical Officer of Health reported that on the 14th and 15th inst. 73 kippers and a box of codling were taken and destroyed with the consent of the respective owners in consequence of unfitness for human food.

22—Assistant Inspector of Nuisances—The Chairman reported that the Sub-Committee had been through the applications (about 150 in number), and selected the following candidates for interview, namely, W. T. Blake, of Walsall, G. W. Streatfield, of Croydon, S. Jackson, of Levenshulme, C. E. Davies, of Bournemouth, and W. Marston, of Otley. Resolved, That these candidates be invited to attend a meeting of the Committee on Wednesday, the 26th inst., at 12 noon.

E. H. PARSONAGE,

Chairman.

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At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Wednesday, the 26th July, 1905—Present: The Deputy Mayor, Aldermen Norman and Skillicorne, and Councillors Bence, M. Davis and Alley (The Deputy Mayor in the Chair).

23—Assistant Inspector of Nuisances—The five selected candidates attended and were interviewed by the Committee. Resolved, That Mr. Walter T. Blake be appointed Assistant Inspector of Nuisances at a salary of £80 per annum, the appointment to be terminable by one month's notice on either side.

E. H. PARSONAGE, Chairman.

FARMS MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Friday, the 7th July, 1905—Present: The Mayor, Councillors Bence, M. Davis, Green, Gridley, Packer and Steel (Councillor M. Davis in the chair).

1—Inspection of Farms—The Committee visited the Farms and inspected the cattle and growing crops. Haymaking was in progress and things were going on satisfactorily. They also inspected the effluent as discharged into the streams and found same satisfactory.

M. DAVIS, Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Friday, the 21st July, 1905—Present : Alderman Skillicorne, Councillors M. Davis, Gridley, Packer and Steel (Councillor M. Davis in the chair).

2—Farm Manager's Report—Road, the Monthly Report of the Farms Manager. Since the last Meeting the following purchases had been made : 7 steers for £65 17s. 6d., 20 sheep for £38, and 9 pigs and 30 head of cattle (including 2 calves) had been sold for £196 2s. 10d. The number of livestock on the farms on the 21st instant was 16 horses, 3 calves, 165 head of cattle, 2 lambs, 59 sheep and 12 pigs, all were doing fairly well. The haymaking would, if fine weather continued, be completed by the 25th instant. He recommended that the spouting round the buildings should be repaired and a hoist for lifting corn cake, &c. should be provided for the granary, and the platform at the outside entrance to same repaired, and that 40 head of cattle should be purchased. Resolved, That these recommendations be approved and carried out.

M. DAVIS,

Chairman.

STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 11th July, 1905—Present : The Deputy Mayor, Aldermen Haddon and Skillicorne, Councillors Baker, Bendall, and Gridley (Councillor Bendall in the chair).

1—Sandford Mill Road—Read, a letter from Mr. R. W. Maiben, owner of No. 8 Raymond Terrace, suggesting that having regard to the long side frontage of his property to the Sandford Mill Road, the cost of the private improvement works ordered to be carried out should be apportioned on the basis of benefit derived and not according to frontage only. Resolved, That Mr. Maiben be informed that his letter shall receive attention when the apportionment is under consideration.

2—Damage to Grass—Superintendent Hopkins reported that wilful damage had been done to grass on land in the occupation of the Corporation in College Road. Resolved, That proceedings be taken against the persons by whom the damage had been done.

3—Light Railway Byelaws—Resolved, That Superintendent Hopkins be authorised to take proceedings from time to time for offences against the Byelaws made by the Town Council with respect to the Cheltenham & District Light Railway.

JOHN D. BENDALL,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Friday, the 26th July, 1905—Present: The Mayor, The Deputy Mayor, Aldermen Haddon and Skillicorne, Councillors Baker and Gridley (Councillor Baker in the chair),

4—Borough Surveyor's Monthly Report Re Highways—The Borough Surveyor reported that the work done by the Highways Department from 23rd June to the 26th July, 1905 (both inclusive) had been as follows :—

Roads Repaired :—Bath Road, whole length (12,446 super yards); Alstone Croft (1,223 super yards) ; Montpellier Walk (Improvement) (311 super yards).

Roads Patched :—Gloucester Road, Dunalley Street, St. Margaret's Road, Windsor Street, and Columbia Street.

Asphalt Footpaths Renewed:—Vernon Place (105 super yards), St. Luke's Road (91 super yards).

Paving Relaid:—Bath Road (178 super yards). Paving Renewed ;—Montpellier Improvement (County Council contribution), 151 super yards.

Paving, Kerb and Channel Laid;—Round 3 sides of new National Provincial Bank, Montpellier Walk, for Messrs. A. C. Billings & Sons, Ltd.

Kerbs Refixed :—Bath Road (26 lineal yards), -Queen's Parade (58 lineal yards).

New Kerb fixed :—Bath Road (38 lineal yards), Queen's Parade (8 lineal yards), Alstone Croft (129 lineal yards).

Kerb Renewed :—Montpellier Improvement (50 lineal yards), County Council contribution, Alston() Croft (104 lineal yards), from High Street.

New Channel Laid—Montpellier Improvement (41 lineal yards, County Council contribution).

Channel Relaid—Bath Road (107 lineal yards).

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Channel Renewed—Queen's Parade (67 lineal yards) ; Alstone Croft (233 lineal yards) from High Street.

Gulley Grates and frames Renewed, 7. Gullies Renewed, 8.

Manholes backed up :—Lower High Street, Market Street, Queen's Road, Fairview Road, and St. Margaret's Road.

Manholes Covers Lowered, 14. River Chelt Cleared Out :-108 loads of deposit removed near Barrett's Mill.

Crossings renewed-4. Crossings relaid-4.

Trenches steam rolled—Granley Road, Gloucester Road, Hewlett Road, Andover Road, Portland Street and Shelburne Road.

Electric Light Footpath Trenches repaired—Cambray, Bath Street, Suffolk Road, High Street (4), Winchcomb Street, Sherborne Place, Suffolk Parade and Promenade (2).

Footpath gravelled—Princes Street (303 super yards).

Trees pruned—Promenade, Oriel Road, Vittoria, Walk, Montpellier Drive, Montpellier Parade, Montpellier Terrace, Montpellier Spa Buildings, College Road, Keynsham Road, High Street, Leckhampton Road, Sydenham Villas Road, Hale's Road, The Park, Battledown, Moorend Park Road, Greville Terrace, Nazareth House, and Nos. 14, and 16, Royal Crescent.

Trees felled-1 in St. George's Road, and 1 in Evesham Road.

Hedges pruned—Fulwood Park. Private Improvement Works—Road at rear of Cloverdale- Lawn (proceeding) and Alstone Croft (completed).

Ashes collection and disposal—During 5 weeks ended the 20th July, 1905 :-1,238 loads collected, 195 tipped away and 1,043 consumed, weight 883 tons, 6 ½ cwts.

Slab factory—During 5 weeks ended the 27th July, 1905 :-1,163 square yards of slabs made.

5—Plans Sub-Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Plans Sub-Committee at their Meetings of the 11th and 26th inst. be approved and adopted.

6—View Meeting—The following members attended the View Meeting on Wednesday last, the 26th inst., viz. : The Deputy Mayor, Alderman Haddon, Councillors Baker, Gridley and Ley Wood.

7—Slab Factory—The Borough Surveyor submitted a report on the working of the Slab Factory, together with a statement of account showing the income and expenditure from the commencement of the Works to the end of March, 1905. The report and statement of account showed that after meeting all liabilities, and allowing for the repayment of the amount advanced from the Rates Account, and taking slabs and kerbs in stock at cost price, there was a small surplus in favour of the undertaking.

8—Cheltenham & District Light Railway—The Town Clerk submitted draft of the amended regulations proposed to be made by the Board of Trade in respect of the Cheltenham & District Light Railway. Resolved, That the same be approved, as altered by the Town Clerk.

9—Byelaws as to Locomotives on Highways—The Town Clerk submitted draft Bye-Laws as altered by the Local Government Board. Resolved, That the same as now submitted be approved, and that after due notice, application be made to the Board for their formal approval of the same (a print of the Bye-Laws accompanies these Minutes).

10—Approach Road to Electricity Works—Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to arrange for a joint meeting of this Committee and the Lighting Committee to consider as to putting this road into a proper state of repair.

11—Private Improvement Works in Queen's Road (North side) and Western Road (East side)—The Borough Surveyor reported that the private improvement works ordered in these streets had been carried out by the Corporation at a cost of £22 16s. 4d. and £82 0s. 6d. respectively, which sums had been apportioned amongst the abutting owners in accordance with their respective frontages. Resolved, That the apportionments be approved, and that notice thereof and of demand be served upon the abutting owners.

12—St. George's Place Improvement—Read, a letter from the Rev. Canon Roxby consenting to the setting back of his garden wall to the line shown on the plan, as he did not wish to stand in the way of a public improvement, but he pointed out that the improvement would be a loss to him, depriving him of a strip of his garden, and asked that the two large trees should be allowed to stand for the present, and that some new trees and shrubs should be planted in his garden in place of the trees taken away. Resolved, That these terms be agreed to.

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Resolved also, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to proceed with the work of setting back and re-erecting the walls of Nos. 8 and 11 Royal Crescent and altering the pavement adjoining the portion of the street to be widened.

13—Main Roads—Read, a letter from the Surveyor to the County Council stating that the County Council had agreed to pay the sum of £2065 per annum in respect of the main roads in the Borough for three years, subject to an agreement being entered into, and to pay the principal and interest on a loan of £866 for the Old Bath Road improvement, the loan to be raised by the Corporation. The question of payment for the relaying of pavement in Lansdown Place had been adjourned to the

next meeting of the County Council in October. Resolved, That the Council are unable to accept the offer made by the County Council for the maintenance of the main roads, but are willing to accept £2,200 per annum for three years for the ordinary repair of the main roads, such payment not to cover the cost of snow removal, the paving of Lansdown Place, the paving of a portion of the footpath in Leckhampton Road, or the provision of the necessary drains for taking the surface water on the main roads.

14 —Lansdown Place--Read, a memorial signed by a large number of ratepayers urging the necessity of immediately making good the pavement on the North side of Lansdown Place. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have the work carried out, and that the County Council be informed of the intention of the Council to claim repayment of the cost of the work as part of the expenditure on main roads.

15—Old Bath Road—Resolved. That the offer of the County Council to contribute £866 be accepted subject to an agreement being entered into by the County Council to repay the instalments of principal and interest on the loan, and that application be made to the Local Government Board for their sanction to a loan for this purpose.

WILLIAM A. BAKER,

Chairman.

PLANS SUB-COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Sub-Committee, held on Tuesday, the 11th July, 1905—Present : The Deputy Mayor, Councillors-Baker, Bence and Bendall (The Deputy Mayor in the chair).

1- —New Streets and Buildings—The Borough Surveyor laid before the Sub-Committee the following notices and plane of intended new Buildings, viz. :—

No. of Plan	Name	Description
308	S. G. Godwin	Shed for van, Swindon Road.
309	Mrs. S. Mann	New street in continuation of Rosehill Street and 12 houses therein.
310	H. Clifford	Rebuilding of Royal Hotel Vaults
311	F. E. Jenkins	12 houses in Fairhaven Street
312	F. E. Jenkins	10 cottages in Fairhaven Street
313	Miss Abbott	House in Hall Road, Leckhampton
314	E. Knight	Alterations and additions to 6 Oxford Street
303	W. J. Davis	Additions to 1 Hill View, Charlton Lane
305	Committee of ... Cheltenham Training College	Cricket pavilion, Swindon Road
315	Churchwardens of St. John's Church	Mission Room, Albion Street

Resolved, That Plans No. 303, 308 and 315 be approved as temporary buildings and subject to the usual agreements being entered into, that Plan No. 305 be approved as a temporary building and subject, to the usual agreement being entered into and to the roof water being conveyed into the surface water drain, that the consideration of Plans No. 309, 311 and 312 be adjourned to the next meeting, that Plan No. 310 be approved, subject to the frontage line being the same as for the adjoining property on both sides, the existing drainage to be made to the satisfaction of the Inspector of Nuisances, that Plan No. 313 be approved, and that Plan No. 314 be approved subject to the drainage being carried out to the satisfaction of the Inspector of Nuisances.

JOHN D. BENDALL,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Sub-Committee, held on Wednesday, the 26th July, 1905—Present: The Deputy Mayor, Councillors Baker and Bence (The Deputy Mayor in the chair.)

2—New Buildings—The Borough Surveyor laid before the Sub-Committee the following plans of intended new Buildings, viz:—

No. of Plan	Name	Description
301	Geo. A. Cox	New House, 54 Burton Street
294	Chatters & Smithson	New Office, Essex Place
316	Chatters & Smithson	New Shop Front, South End of Rotunda
317	E. L. Saunders & Sons	Additions to 2 Keynsham Bank
318	C. H. Rainger	Additions to 9 Suffolk Parade
319	C. H. Rainger	Additions to Christowe, Sandford Road
320	J. G. Crisp	Additions to No. 4, St. Mark's Emporium

Resolved, That Plans Nos. 294 and 316 be approved, that Plan No. 317 be approved, subject to the drainage being carried out to the satisfaction of the Sanitary Inspector, that Plan No. 318 be approved, subject to 200 square feet of air space being provided in rear, that Plan 319 be approved, subject to pies (18 inches wide) being provided to carry cross girders, and that Plans No. 301 and 320 be disapproved as not being in accordance with the bye-laws.

E. H. PARSONAGE,

Chairman.

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TOWN IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 24th July, 1905—Present : Aldermen Col. Rogers and Winterbotham, Councillors Bence, Baker, Marshall, Packer and Rickerby (Councillor Rickerby in the chair).

1—Exhibition of Views in G.W.R. Carriages—Mr. Keymer and Mr. A. E. Perkins, two of the Directors of Messrs. Wills Ltd., advertising agents for the G.W.R. Co., attended and explained that owing to the

numerous applications made to the Company for exhibition of views in their carriages, the Company had decided to put the matter on a commercial basis. and a charge of £1 per space per annum had been fixed, but it was recognised that the exhibition of pictures of places of interest in the district served by the Company was mutually advantageous to the locality and the Company, and a considerable modification in favour of local authorities was made in the scale in view of this fact, the Company being willing to exhibit 200 photogravures of each of ten subjects or 2,000 views in all for the sum of £100 per annum, being 1s. per view. The photogravures would cost the Company about £400. The Corporation were only asked to make an agreement for one year, leaving them free to renew it thereafter or not as they thought fit. Arrangements could also be made for placing a certain number of views in the frames, which are exhibited at some of the Company's stations. Resolved, That the Council be recommended to agree to the payment of £100 for one year for the exhibition of 2,000 views of Cheltenham, £50 to be paid in December, 1905, provided the pictures have all been issued, and £50 in June, 1906, the subjects of the views (not exceeding 10) to be selected by the Corporation, and particulars to be supplied by the Company, showing how it is proposed to distribute the views, and that Minute No. 2 of the 19th June last be rescinded.

2—Montpellier Gardens—Read, an application from the Hon. Sec. of the Cheltenham Athletic Society for the use of the Montpellier Gardens on Easter Monday, 1906, for their Annual Athletic Sports. Resolved, That the application be granted on the same terms as last year, subject to an agreement being entered into.

3—Winter Garden—Read, an application from Mr. J. Anderton, on behalf of the National Passive Resistance Committee of the Free Church Council, asking for special terms for the hire of the Winter Garden on Friday, September 22nd, for free public meetings during the day. Resolved, That the building be let for £10 10s., plus lighting, subject to the usual indemnity being given.

4—Boilers at Winter Garden—Resolved, That one of the boilers at the Winter Garden be raised about 1 foot in order to minimize corrosion owing to damp sub-soil, at an estimated cost of £15, as recommended by the Borough Surveyor.

5—Pittville Gardens—Read, an application from the Station Master of the G.W.R., asking for permission to affix a notice board as to the motor service on the corner of Pittville Gardens, near Evesham House. Resolved, That the application be not granted.

6—Wild Flower Garden—A report was received from Mr. Mellersh as to the future maintenance of the Wild Flower Garden. Resolved, That Alderman Winterbotham, and Councillors Bence and Packer be appointed a Sub-Committee to consider and report thereon.

7—Pittville Lake—Read, a letter from Commander Dillon, R.N., asking for permission to affix on a boat on Pittville Lake—a patent invention for pulling boats to show the working of the invention. Resolved, That the application be referred to the Entertainments Sub-Committee.

T. E. RICKERBY,

Chairman.

LIGHTING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Thursday, the 20th July, 1905, at 3 p.m.—Present : Alderman Norman, Councillors Green, Gridley, Ley Wood, Marshall, Merrett and Steel (Councillor Ley Wood in the chair).

1—Electrical Inspector's Report—Tho Electrical Inspector reported that the result of his tests of the electrical supply on the 6th and 15th instant had been as follows :-206 and 205 volts., respectively.

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

ILLUMINATING POWER.		PURITY.	
1905		1905	Grains of Sulphur per 100 cubic feet.
July 6th	15.63 candles	July 14-15	16.41
" 15th	16.40 "		
" 19th	16.13 "		
	Average 16.05 "		

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-4.197 cubic feet ; Guildhall lamps with No. 4 Incandescent burners 6.704 cubic feet ; Ordinary lamps with No. 3 Incandescent burners 3.806 cubic feet.

4—Lamp Book—This book was produced and examined. Incandescents extinguished 24 (5 metered), burning dimly, 8; Ordinary extinguished 13 (5 metered).

5—Borough Electrical Engineer's Monthly Report—Read, the Monthly Report of the Borough Electrical Engineer. On the 19th inst. there were 827 customers, with the equivalent of about 55,310 8 candle power lamps, connected to the private supply mains, the corresponding figures for July 16th, 1904, being 769 and 49,000 respectively.

6—Engines and Machinery—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that the engines and turbines were being over-hauled, the Willans Engine required now valve rings, and as these engines had valve lines of 1894 type, which are no longer made, he had had to put in new complete valve lines at a cost of £46 10s. 10d. (including 1 spare line for the two small engines). Resolved, That this be approved.

7—Applications for Supply—The. Borough Electrical Engineer reported an application from Mr. Gay for supply to his licensed premises in North Place. The cost of the necessary extension of main for about 45 yards would be £11 5s. Resolved, That the extension be made and lb supply given upon Mr. Gay, giving a guarantee of £3 per annum for 3 years and agreeing to pay the cost of the service.

8.—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that the new Grammar School buildings would probably require the equivalent of about 700 8 candle power lamps, which would involve laying about 136 yards of 37/12 low pressure cable from the south west corner of North Street down High Street to Oxford Passage at a cost of about £80, also a service cable for about 120 yards, the cost of this would be about £70 or £80, according to the nature of the ground. He recommended that

payment be required of £65, if 37/12 cable be used and actual cost less £10, if a larger cable is thought necessary. Resolved. That the extension be made on these terms.

9.—Approach Road to the Works—Resolved, That the attention of the Street and Highway Committee be called to the bad state of this road with a view to steps being at once taken to have it properly made.

10.—Cables—Resolved, That the Borough Electrical Engineer be authorised to purchase for extensions and repairs 110 yds. of 37/15 and 200 yds. of 19/14 cables at an estimated cost of £28 and £36 respectively, and also the cable required for the alteration to be made in consequence of the now line being made by the G.W.R. and the rebuilding of Sandfield Road bridge by the Midland Railway.

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11- Borough Electrical Engineer—Applications for the appointment were considered by the Committee. Resolved, That Mr. H. E. Soper be engaged to take charge of the Undertaking for three months from the 31st July, 1905, at a salary of £125 for the three months, pending the appointment of a new Engineer.

12-Board of Trade Regulation—The Town Clerk submitted a copy of new model form of Regulations under the Cheltenham Electric Lighting Orders made by the Board of Trade. Resolved, That the same be referred to the Borough Electrical Engineer for consideration.

13-Lighting of Montpellier Walk—Read, a letter from the Manager of the National Provincial Bank at Montpellier, asking that an additional electric lamp be provided for lighting Montpellier Walk. Resolved, That the application be adjourned for the Committee to view.

14—Charges for Traction—The Chairman reported that after a long discussion at a meeting at Mr. Swinburne's offices in London, on the 6th inst. which was attended by Mr. Nevins, Mr. McCormick, Mr. Patchell and Mr. Gurney, on behalf of the Company, and by himself, the Borough Electrical Engineer, Mr. Swinburne and the Town Clerk on behalf of the Corporation, a flat rate of 1.6 of a penny was provisionally agreed to for the year ending 31st March, 1905, the charges down to 31st March last to be made on the old scale. It was estimated that the energy required by the Company during the current year would be between 550,000 and 600,000 units. The Town Clerk submitted draft agreement embodying the terms arranged at the meeting. Resolved, That the Council be recommended to accept these terms and to authorise the Common Seal to be affixed to the agreement.

Resolved also, That the Council be recommended to resolve into Committee to consider the matter.

ROBT. LEY WOOD, Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Thursday, the 20th July, 1905, at 7 p.m.—Present :
Councillors Green, Gridley, Ley Wood, Marshall and Merrett (Councillor Ley Wood in the chair).

15—Appointment of Borough Electrical Engineer—The applications (87 in number) for the appointment of Borough Electrical Engineer were again considered and the same having been reduced to 7. Resolved, That the latter be further considered at a Mooting of the Committee to be held on Monday next at 11 a.m.

ROBT. LEY WOOD, Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 24th July, 1905—Present: Alderman Norman and Councillors Green, Gridley, Ley Wood, Marshall, Merrett, Steel (Councillor Ley Wood in the Chair).

16--Borough Electrical Engineer—Applications for this appointment were further considered, and the following candidates were selected for interview by the Committee) :--S. T. Allen, Chief Assistant Borough Electrical Engineer, Plymouth ; N. Applebee, Borough Electrical Engineer and Tramways Manager, Ashton-under-Lyne ; W. P. Bache, Borough Electrical Engineer, Gloucester ; and J. H. Stations Superintendent and Chief Assistant Engineer, Bristol.

ROBT. LEY WOOD, Chairman.

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At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Thursday, the 27th July, 1905. Present : Alderman Norman, and Councillors Gridley, Green, Ley Wood, Marshall, Merrett, Steel and Waghorne (Councillor Ley Wood in the Chair).

17—Borough Electrical Engineer—The four selected candidates attended, and were interviewed by the Committee. Resolved, That the names of Messrs. S. T. Allen, N. Appelbee, and W. J. Bache be submitted to the Council, with a recommendation that Mr. Bache be appointed.

ROBT. LEY WOOD,

Chairman.

WATER COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Thursday, the 27th July, 1905—Present : Alderman Norman, Councillors Baker, M. Davis, 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 20th July, 1905.	Average for corresponding period during last 3 years.	
Hewletts Springs	162,720 gallons	324,000 gallons	
Dowdeswell Springs	399,168 „	645,408 “	
Leckhampton	5,496 “	—	
Total	567,384 “	960,408 “	

CONTENTS OF RESERVOIRS.

July 20th, 1905.		July 20th, 1904.	
Depth	Contents	Depth	Contents
Hewletts	-- 14,945,306 gallons	--	13,462,557 gallons
Leckhampton	11 ft. 0in. 1,485,847 "	7ft. 0in.	945,539 "
Dowdeswell	24ft. 1 in. 61,633,610 "	25ft. 11in.	69,858,760 "
Total Storage 78,064,763 "		84,266,856 "	

2—Dovey's Cottages, Maud's Elm—Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to lay a 3-inch main at an estimated cost of £33 for the purpose of giving a supply of water to these cottages to meet the requirements of the Health Department.

3—Western Terrace—Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have the existing 2-inch main, which is in a defective condition, replaced with a 4-inch main, at an estimated cost of £100, before the road is repaired.

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4—Additions to Fire Brigade Station—The Town Clerk reported that the Local Government Board had decided to hold a local Inquiry before sanctioning a loan for the new Fire Station. Resolved, that the consideration of the tenders received be adjourned to the next meeting.

5—Filters at Tewkesbury—The Town Clerk reported that the sanction of the Local Government Board had been received for £3,230 for the construction of new Filters at Tewkesbury, repayable within 30 years from the date of borrowing.

6—Fire Hydrants in Charlton Kings District—Messrs. Burrows, Peacey, and Thorne attended the Committee, with Mr. P. Haddock, Deputy Clerk to the Charlton Kings Urban District Council, with reference to the proposed charge for maintenance of Fire Hydrants. The Deputation agreed to recommend their Council to pay 3s. a year for the maintenance of each hydrant in their district in addition to 6 per cent. on the capital cost. Resolved, That these terms be agreed to.

7—Ashchurch Sewerage Scheme—Read, a letter from the Clerk to the Tewkesbury Rural District Council enquiring if the Council would be able to guarantee the pressure on the mains. Resolved, That the Tewkesbury Rural District Council be informed that the Council are unable to give the guarantee asked for.

8—Tewkesbury Union Assessments—The Town Clerk reported that supplemental valuation lists were being brought in for Tewkesbury and the other Parishes in the Tewkesbury Union, and that he had arranged to go into the matter with Messrs. Hedley, Mason & Co., the valuers acting for the Tewkesbury Union with a view to an agreement being come to if possible, failing which notice of appeal could be given. He also reported that he had arranged that the appeal against the rate for the Parish of Elmstone Hardwick should be respited from the Michaelmas to the January Quarter Sessions, which would give an opportunity of a settlement being arrived at.

9—Inspection of Tewkesbury Works and Severn—Resolved, That a visit of Inspection be made to the Works and to the Severn above the intake on Wednesday, the 16th August, and that all the members of the Council be requested to accompany the Committee.

10—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 25th July, 1905—Present The Deputy Mayor, Aldermen Madden, Norman, and Colonel Rogers, and Councillors M. Davis, and Stroud (Alderman Norman in the chair).

1—Diseases of Animals' Acts—Superintendent Hopkins reported that on the 7th inst. there was an outbreak of swine fever at the Sandfield Road Allotments among pigs, belonging to Mr. William Perry. Four pigs had been destroyed ; all the pigs on the allotments score being detained to prevent the spread of the disease, and there had been no further outbreak.

2—Hackney Carriage Driver's License—Resolved, That a license to drive a Hackney Carriage be granted to George Hawkins, of 24 Dunalley Parade, the license being made conditional on his future good behaviour.

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3—Hackney Carriage Licenses—Read, a letter from Mr. Harry Stevens, of 51 St. Paul's Street North, applying for thy; transfer to him of License No. 107 from Mr. Trinder, whose carriage he had arranged to purchase. Resolved, That the application be acceded to, subject to the approval of the carriage by the Chairman.

Read, a letter from Mr. Job Taylor, of Crescent House, St. George's Place, for a license for a one-horse carriage No. 3, which he intended purchasing from Mrs. Cobb. Resolved, That the consideration of the application be adjourned.

4—Renumbering, &c., of Upper Bath Road—Read, a Memorial from tradesmen and residents in Upper Bath Road, asking that the Road from the King William Inn to the Weighbridge, near the Norwood Arms, may be named Upper Bath Road, and that the houses may be renumbered on each side of the road consecutively. Resolved, That the matter be referred to the Borough Surveyor to report thereon.

5—Town Clerk's Department—Read, an application from Mr. W. Long, second assistant clerk in the Town Clerk's Department, for an increase of salary. Resolved, That his salary be increased from £78 to £84 10s.

6—Town Hall—Read, an application from Mr. Bowd, caretaker of the Town Hall and Winter Garden, for an increase of wages. Resolved, That his wages be increased from 25s. to 30s. a week.

Read, a letter from Mr. F. W. Waller, suggesting that a Sub-Committee should be appointed to consider and go through the account of his charges. Resolved, That the Chairman and Alderman Colonel Rogers be appointed a Sub-Committee for this purpose.

7—Cheltenham Grammar School—The Town Clerk submitted draft of a new scheme for Pates' Grammar School, sent by the Board of Education for the information of the Council. Resolved, That the consideration of the same be adjourned to the next meeting.

8—Milsom Street Schools—Resolved, On the recommendation of the School Sites and Buildings Sub-Committee of the Education Committee, that the following provisional contracts be entered into for the purchase of land required for enlarging the premises of the Milsom Street School, to comply with the requirements of the Board of Education, namely, (1) With Mr. J. R. Claridge, for the purchase of a piece of land in Hereford Passage, containing 48 feet in length and 15 feet in width, for the sum of £35. (2) With Mr. H. Dodwell, for the purchase of Nos. 18 and 19 Hereford Place, for the sum of £100. (3) With Mr. A. J. Paget, for the purchase of Hereford Villa, for the sum of £200, the purchases to be completed on the 28th September next, subject to the approval of the Board of Education being first obtained.

9—Employment of Children Act, 1903—Read, a letter from the Secretary of the Education Committee, forwarding a resolution of the Committee, asking the Town Council to make byelaws under this Act. The Town Clerk submitted draft byelaws similar to those made by the County Council. Resolved, That the byelaws now submitted be made by the Council under their Common Seal and that application be made after due notice to the Secretary of State for approval thereof (a print of the byelaws accompanies the Minutes.)

GEO. NORMAN, Chairman.

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MINERAL WATERS, BATHS AND RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 25th July, 1905—Present: Alderman Councillors Baker, Davies, Merrett and Stroud (Councillor Stroud in the chair).

1—Montpellier Baths—The Borough Accountant reported that the receipts at these Baths during the financial year amounted to £200 19s. 5d., and the payments to £140 15s. 5d. (exclusive of repayment of loan and interest).

2—Alstone Baths—The Borough Accountant reported that the receipts at these Baths during the present financial year amounted to £127 11s. 6d., and the payments to £72 7s. 6d. (exclusive of repayment of loan and interest).

3—Naunton Park Recreation Ground—The following tenders were received for supplying and delivering 95 yards of wrought iron unclimbable railing with a wicket gate.

Messrs. R. E. & C. Marshall, Ltd. ...	£30 5 0
Mr. C. H. Channon	£25 10 0
Mr. J. T. Mulhearn	££24 15 0
Messrs. W. Letheren & Sons	£23 15 0
Hancock & Son ...	£21 15 0
J. Such & Sons ...	£17 10 0
Hill & Smith ...	£16 7 6

Resolved. That the tender of Messrs. Hill & Smith be accepted.

Resolved. That a Joint Meeting with the Education School Sites Sub-Committee be arranged for Wednesday, the 2nd August, at 5 p.m., at the Naunton Park Recreation Ground, to settle the boundary line of the site for the proposed new School.

The Superintendent reported gifts of flowers by Baron de Ferrieres, Major Shewell, Mr. Clissold, Mrs. Cox, Mrs. St. Clair Ford, Miss Hamilton, Mr. T. E. Rickerby, Mr. Stroud and Mr. Bendall, Messrs. Jas. Cypher & Son, Messrs. Norman & Amos, Mr. H. Margaret, Mr. H. Carter, Mr. Barrett and Mr. Mayo. Resolved, That the thanks of the Committee be conveyed to the donors.

4—Football in the Recreation Grounds—Applications for permission to play football in the Recreation Grounds during the next season were received from the Imperial Football Club, the All Saints Temperance Boys' Club, and the St. George's Association Football Club. Resolved, That the consideration thereof be adjourned until the Committee have all the probable applications before them.

5—Mineral Waters—Scale of Charges—The Mineral Waters Sub-Committee reported that they met on the 4th instant, present : The Chairman and Councillor Bence. They recommended (1) That the following terms for supplying the Concentrated Mineral Waters be adopted, viz :

7s a dozen, carriage paid, to Messrs. Ingram & Royle to any of their principal depots.

8s 3d a dozen, carriage paid, to Wholesale Houses.

9s a dozen, carriage paid, to Retail Chemists.

(2) That the Council join the Proprietary Articles Trade Association for which an annual subscription of £5 5s. 0d. is payable.

(3) That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to obtain new taps for the Pittville Pump Room.

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

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Handbills—Tenders for supplying 50,000 printed handbills (i demy size) were received together with samples of paper proposed to be used. Resolved, That the tender of Messrs. Harvey & Healing be accepted for printing same in two colours for £7 14s. 0d.

Distribution of Samples—Resolved, That Dr. Davies and the Medical Officer of Health be asked to prepare a list of Medical men at the principal health resorts to whom they consider a sample bottle of Concentrated Water may be sent with advantage, and that the Borough Surveyor be instructed to send a sample bottle to each of the medical men on such list.

Crystal Palace Exhibition—Read, a letter from the Mr. G. C. Levey, stating that an Exhibition of Health Food and Hygiene will be held at the Crystal Palace next Spring, at which prominence will be given to the curative powers of the various spas and natural springs, and asking the Corporation to become a

Patron of the Exhibition by which no pecuniary responsibility will be incurred. Resolved, That the application be acceded to.

Chamber of Commerce—Read, a Resolution passed by the Chamber of Commerce, approving the policy of the Corporation in reviving the use of the waters and expressing the hope that further efforts will be made to advertise the waters and that the question of establishing a Central Spa will be taken into consideration. Resolved, That the consideration of this be adjourned.

HERBERT STROUD,

Chairman.

BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Wednesday, the 26th July, 1905—Present :—Aldermen Haddon and Colonel Rogers, Councillors Baker, Bence, Gridley, Merrett, Pilley and Steel (Alderman Haddon in the chair).

1—Inspection of Cemetery—The Committee visited the Cemetery. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have the rain water pipes on Chapel painted and the spouting cleaned out, and to have flushing apparatus provided in urinal, to have the seats repaired and repainted and some additional seats placed in the approach road, and to prepare estimates for distempering the walls of the lavatory and for providing a new pedestal W.C. in the lavatory

2—Designs—Resolved, That the following designs be approved. Headstones to graves of Mary Hewlett, Ann Gill, Hannah Thompson, Elizabeth Scrivens and Ann Scrivens, Charlotte Gunning and Joseph William Dyson. Memorial Crosses to Margaret Mackereth, Sarah Elizabeth Fuller, William St. Leger Mitchell, Charles A. M. Nightingale, John Anthony Morin and Brian Richard Stanley Carter. Monument to Julia Harvey and Eliza Wall. Kerb and Inscription to the grave of Alice Louisa Jones.

3—Superintendent of Cemetery—Applications (33 in number) for this appointment were received and considered, and the following Candidates were selected for an interview with the Committee, namely 5. W. Green, 28 Swindon Street, Cheltenham ; C. Kettle, Stratton House, Pitville ; W. H. Toms, 30 Promenade ; and C. Willis, The Willows, Battledown.

JOHN HADDON,

Chairman.

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At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Thursday, the 27th, July, 1905—Present: Aldermen Haddon and Rogers, Councillors Baker, Bence, Gridley, Merrett, Pilley and Steel (Alderman Haddon in the chair)

4—Cemetery Superintendent—The four selected Candidates attended and were interviewed by the Committee. Resolved, That the Council be recommended to appoint Mr. Charles Willis, of the Willows, Battledown, Superintendent and Sexton of Cemetery, at a salary of £80 per annum with

house (the Lodge) rent free with coal and gas, the appointment to be terminable at any time by three months notice on either side.

ALDERMAN HADDON.

Chairman.

PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 18th July, 1905—Present: Councillors Davies, Merrett and Marshall; Revs. A. Beynon Phillips, J. A. Owen, and J. Evans ; Col. King-Harman ; Messrs. A. Beckingsale, J. G. Carr, W. Cresswell, C. Hayward, A. Mann, G. H. Palmer and E. C. Rogers (Col. King-Harman in the chair).

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

2—Librarian's Report—Read, the Monthly Report of the Librarian. Receipts during the month £6 3s. 6d. Presentations Baron de Ferrieres (2 vols.), Rev. G. Gardner (18 vols.), University Tutorial Press (1 vol.), J. S. Fruin (1 vol.), National Union of Teachers (1 vol.), Banister F. Fletcher (1 pamphlet).

3—Sub-Committee's Report—The Sub-Committee reported that at a meeting held on the 14th instant, there were present Alderman Col. Rogers (Chairman), Councillors Marshall, Merrett and Pilley ; Col. King-Harman ; Rev. J. Evans and Mr. G. 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, 1906, be accepted.

That the tender of Messrs. Norman, Sawyer & Co., for bookbinding be accepted. Resolved, That the recommendations of the Sub-Committee be approved and adopted.

4—Blacking out of Betting News—Resolved, That as the Free Library exists for the elevation of the people and inasmuch as the Betting News can never possess an elevating tendency, but rather the reverse, instructions be given to expunge such news from the papers in the Reading Room.

5—Rooms occupied by School of Science—The Town Clerk having reported that the Governors of the Grammar School had given notice of their intention to give up possession of the rooms used by the School of Science on the 1st August, 1905. Resolved, That the :Committee cannot accept such short notice, but are willing to allow the tenancy to be terminated if the rent is paid up to Christmas, 1905.

M. J. KING-HARMAN, Chairman.

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FINANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Friday, the 28th July, 1905—Present : Alderman Waghorne, Councillors Merrett, Steel and Stroud (Ald. Waghorne in the chair).

1—Water Rate—The Report of the Borough Accountant on the collection of this Rate was read. Amount received £6,418 5s. 2d. Leaving outstanding £5,574 2s. 6d.

2—General District Rate—The Report of the Borough Accountant, on the collection of the first instalment of this Rate was read. Amount collected £13,027 15s. 10d. Leaving outstanding £12,704 14s. 3 ½ d.

3—Bank Loans—The Chairman reported that on the 11th instant, he with the Town Clerk and Borough Accountant had an interview with Lloyds Bank at their Head Office, and had arranged for a continuance of the overdraft on authorised Loan Account to the extent of £130,000 (including £52,485 secured by Debentures) for twelve months on the understanding that the No. 3 Account should be closed and transferred to No. 2. The Bank were unable to reduce the rate of interest. Resolved, That the arrangement made be approved.

4—Rating of Light Railways—Read, a letter from the Town Clerk, Wakefield, enquiring if the Corporation would contribute towards the cost of taking a Case to the High Court to decide whether a Light Railway is liable to pay the General District Rate in full or whether it is entitled to be rated at one-fourth by virtue of Section 211. (1) (b) of the Public Health Act, 1875, as being a railway within that Section. The Town Clerk reported that the same question was being raised by the Cheltenham and District Light Railway Co. Resolved, That the Council contribute to the cost of the proposed proceedings at Wakefield pro rata with other contributing authorities on the basis of the assessable value of Light Railways in each district provided such contribution shall not exceed the sum of £5.

5—Loans—Read, a letter from Mr. S. H. Belk of West Hartpool, offering to allow the Loan of £25,374 lent by the Trustees of the late Sir William Gray to continue subject to the interest being increased to £3 15s. per cent. Resolved, That this be agreed to.

6—Accounts—The Financial Statement of the Receipts and Expenditure since the last meeting and the Bills and Accounts to be paid were examined, and the latter, amounting to £11,070 2s. 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 28th Juno, 1905	£35,193 4 8
Paid since that date	<u>£15,718 7 7</u>
	££50,911 12 3
Received since that date	<u>£17,344 17 10</u>
	£33,566 14 5
Being Bank Loan Account No. 2	£32,782 8
Do. No. 3	£18,354 0 9
	£51,136 8 10
Less in hand on General Accounts	£13,128 13 7
Do. Sinking Funds	<u>£ 4,441 0 9</u>
	<u>£17,569 14 5</u>
	£33,566 14 5

JOHN WAGHORNE. Chairman.

Borough of Cheltenham.

At a Quarterly Meeting of the Town Council of the Borough of Cheltenham, duly convened and held in the Town Hall, in the said Borough, on Friday, the 4th August, 1905, at 3 p.m. Present :

THE DEPUTY MAYOR (COUNCILLOR EDWARD HENRY PARSONAGE).

Aldermen : JOHN HADDON GEORGE NORMAN COLONEL RICHARD ROGERS WILLIAM HASH SKILLICORNE JOHN WAGHORNE

Councillors WILLIAM ALFRED BAKER JOHN DAVID BENDALL RICHARD DAVIES MOSES DAVIS EDWINSON CHARLES GREEN EDWARD GRIDLEY ROBERT LEY WOOD RICHARD EEDE MARSHALL WILLIE JOHN MERRETT TOM HERBERT PACKER JOSEPH PILLEY ROBERT STEEL HERBERT STROUD. HENRY WAGHORNE

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

2—Minutes of previous Meeting—Resolved, That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Council on the 3rd July last, having been printed and a copy sent to each Member of the Council, be taken as read, and that the same be adopted and confirmed.

3—Membership of Education Committee—Read, a letter from Councillor Bence resigning on account of ill-health his membership of the Education Committee. Resolved, That the resignation be accepted with regret, and that it be referred to the General Purposes and Watch Committee to consider and report as to the filling up of the vacancy so caused.

4—Public Health Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Public Health Committee, at their Meetings of the 10th, 24th And 26th July last, be approved and confirmed, subject to the following amendment, viz :

That the Resolution to Minute No. 23 (Assistant Inspector of Nuisances) be referred back to the Committee for further consideration.

5—Farms Management Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Farms Management Committee, at their Meetings of the 7th and 21st July last, be approved and confirmed.

6—Street and Highway Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Street and Highway Committee, at their Meetings of the 11th and 26th July last, be approved and confirmed, and that Byelaws as to Locomotives on Highways be made accordingly and the Common Seal affixed thereto.

7—Town Improvement Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Town Improvement Committee, at their Meeting of the 24th July last, be approved and confirmed.

8—General Purposes & Watch Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the General Purposes and Watch Committee, at their Meeting of the 25th July last, be approved and confirmed, and that

Byelaws under the Employment of Children Act, 1903, be made accordingly and the Common Seal affixed thereto.

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9—Lighting Committee—Resolved, That, with the exception of Minute-No. 14 and 17, the proceedings of the Lighting Committee, at their Meetings of the 20th, 24th and 27th July last, be approved and confirmed.

10—Water Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Water- Committee at their Meeting of the 27th July last, be approved and confirmed.

11—Mineral Waters, Baths and Recreation Grounds Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Mineral Waters, Baths and Recreation Grounds Committee, at their Meeting of the 25th July last, be approved and confirmed.

12—Burial Board Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Burial Board Committee, at their Meetings of the 26th and 27th July last, be approved and confirmed, subject to the following amendment, viz : That the Resolution to Minute No. 4 (Cemetery Superintendent) be referred back to the Committee for further consideration.

13—Finance Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Finance Committee, at their Meeting of the 28th July last, be approved and confirmed.

Resolved also, That an Order on the Borough Treasurer be signed accordingly authorising and ordering him to pay to the several Corporations, Companies and persons mentioned in the Schedule of Accounts the sum of money set opposite their respective names upon production of a cheque signed by the Borough Accountant.

14—Public Library Committee—Resolved, That 'Minute No. 5 (Rooms occupied by School of Science) of the proceedings of the Public Library Committee, at their Meeting of the 18th July last, be approved and confirmed.

15—Resignation of Borough Electrical Engineer—On the motion of Alderman Waghorne, of which due notice had been given, It was Resolved, "That this Council expresses its regret at the resignation of Mr. Kilgour, and " places on record its sense of the honourable and able service he has given " to the town, during the past ten years, as Borough Electrical Engineer."

16—Supply of Electricity for Traction—In accordance with the recommendation of the Lighting Committee, the Council resolved into Committee to consider the question of the charges for the supply of electricity for traction, and also the question of the appointment of a Borough Electrical Engineer.

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The Council having resumed, Resolved, That Minute No. 14 of the proceedings of the Lighting Committee, of the 20th July last, and Minute No. 17 of the Lighting Committee, of the 24th July last, be approved and confirmed and that the Common Seal be affixed to the Agreement with the Cheltenham and District Light Railway Company accordingly.

17—Appointment of Borough Electrical Engineer—Resolved, That Mr. Walter J. Bache be appointed Borough Electrical Engineer to the Corporation at the salary and on the other terms and conditions mentioned or referred to in the advertisement inviting applications for the appointment.

GEORGE DIMMER, Mayor.

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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 4th September, 1905.

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 14th August, 1905—Present : The Deputy Mayor, Councillors M. Davis, and Pilley (The Deputy Mayor in the chair).

1—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, 1 of Erysipelas and 4 cases of Diphtheria ; and that 1 case of Scarlet Fever and 3 cases of Diphtheria had been sent into the Delancey Hospital.

2—Cleansing and Disinfecting at No. 9 Brandon Terrace—The Medical Officer of Health having certified that the cleansing and disinfecting 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 owners to cleanse and disinfect the house or part thereof within the time specified in such notice.

3—Cleansing and Limewashing at Nos. 8 Granley Cottages, 5, 6, 7 & 8 St. Mark's Place, & 1 Eaton Cottages, Bath Road. 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 Araby House, Grosvenor Street and 2 Exmouth Cottages—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—Nos. 21 & 22 Rosehill Street, 20 Upper Park Street, Hope Cottage, Lower Park Street, and 52 Rutland 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, 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 Section 94 of the Public Health Act, 1875, be served upon the owners requiring them to put the same into a healthy condition, and for that purpose to carry out the works specified therein.

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6-Overcrowding at 5 Cakebridge Terrace 1 Eaton Cottages, Bath 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 inmate?:. Resolved, That the Committee being satisfied of the existence of a nuisance on the said premises, Notices under Sec. 94 of the Public Health Act, 1875, be served on the occupiers thereof requiring them to abate the same.

1—Houses without proper Ash Receptacles—The Inspector of Nuisances reported that the following houses had no proper ashpits or ash receptacles, viz :—Nos. 4 Naunton Crescent, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 5a, 6, 7, 8 & 9 Granley Cottages, and 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 & 7 Burton 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.

8--Destruction of Diseased Pork—The Medical Officer of Health reported that on the 31st ultimo and 2nd and 3rd inst., the carcasses and offal of 5 pigs (total weight 688 lbs.) killed at the Abattoir were found to be so badly affected with tuberculosis as to be unfit for human food and with the consent of the owner were destroyed.

9—St. Peter's District Sewers—Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be authorised to settle any small claims for compensation for damage to gardens, &c., arising during the resewering of St. Peter's District, an advance of to be made to him for this purpose, and an account of the payments made to be presented to this Committee monthly.

E. H. PARSONAGE,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 21st August, 1905—Present: The Mayor, The Deputy Mayor, Alderman Norman, Councillors M. Davis, and Pilley (The Deputy Mayor in the chair.)

10—Zymotic Disease—The Medical Officer of Health reported that there had been notified since the last meeting of the Committee 1 case of Erysipelas only.

11—Cleansing and Disinfecting at No. 3, Park View, Naunton Park—The Medical Officer of Health having certified that the cleansing and disinfecting 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 to cleanse and disinfect the house or part thereof within the time specified in such Notice.

12—Cleansing and Limewashing at Nos. 2 Eaton Cottages, Bath Road, 22 & 40 Union Street, 8 Rutland Street, and 2, 3 & 4 Kew Place, Bath Road. 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.

13—Nuisances from Drains, etc., at Nos. 1, 2, 3 & 4 Croft Street, Old Anchor Inn, Tewkesbury Road, 1 Pembroke Villas, Moorend Crescent, 42 Union Street, and 47 Fairview 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.

14—Insanitary Property—Nos, 22, 40, 42 & 44 Union Street, 21 Gt. Norwood Street, 4 Columbia Street & 38 Francis 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, doors, &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.

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15—Overcrowding at 15 Whitehart Street, and Caravan on land in Hereford Place—The Medical Officer of Health reported that the above-mentioned premises were so overcrowded as to be dangerous or injurious to the health of the inmates. Resolved, That the Committee` being satisfied of the existence of a nuisance on the said premises, Notices under Sec. 94 of the Public Health Act, 1875, be served on the occupiers thereof requiring them to abate the same.

16—Houses without proper Ash Receptacles—The Inspector of Nuisances reported that the following houses had no proper ashpits or ash receptacles, viz :—Nos. 3. Hermitage Terrace, Inkerman Cottage, Lansdown Road, 60 Rutland Street, 18 & 19 New Street and 49 Malvern 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.

17—Notices not complied with—The Medical Officer of Health submitted a list of Notices requiring the provision of proper ash receptacles, and abatement of nuisances arising from defective yard pitching, eaves, gutters, &c., which had been served, but not complied with. Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to take the necessary proceedings to compel compliance.

18—Destruction of Unsound Fish—The Medical Officer of Health reported that on the 15th instant, 60 lbs. of hake were found on arrival from Milford Haven to be in a decomposing state and were destroyed.

19—Prestbury Sewage Scheme—Read, a letter from the Local Government Board stating that they had considered the representations made by the Town Council with reference to the application of the Cheltenham Rural District Council for sanction to a loan for purposes of sewerage and sewage disposal for Prestbury and the Board saw no sufficient reason for withholding their sanction to the loan.

20—Assistant Inspector of Nuisances—The Resolution to Minute No. 23 of this Committee on the 26th ultimo, referred back by the Council, was again considered. Resolved, That the Committee re-

affirm such resolution and recommend accordingly, That Mr. Walter T. Blake be appointed Assistant Inspector of Nuisances at a salary of £80 per annum; the appointment to be terminable by one month's notice on either side.

21—Walls at back of York Terrace—With reference to the resolution to Minute No. 27 of this Committee, of the 22nd May, last, agreeing to pay for the cost of rebuilding the garden walls of certain houses in York Terrace and of rehangng the doors subject to an agreement being entered into by the owners as to the rebuilding of the Chelt retaining wall. Resolved, That the requirement as to the agreement being entered into be rescinded, and that, without admitting any liability, upon the work of rebuilding the garden walls and rehangng the doors being carried out by the owners to the satisfaction of the Borough Surveyor, the cost of such work be paid by the Corporation, and that the resolution above referred to be varied and amended accordingly.

E. H. PARSONAGE,

Chairman.

FARMS MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Friday, the 18th August, 1905—Present The Mayor, Councillors M. Davis, Green, Gridley and Steel (Councillor M. Davis in the chair).

1—Report of Farms Manager—Read, the Monthly Report of the Farms Manager. Since the last meeting 32 sheep had is purchased for 164 and the following sales had been effected : 20 sheep and 2 lambs for £53 10s. and 13 head of cattle and 3 calves for £231 2s. (total £284 12s.) The number of livestock on the farms on the 18th instant was

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15 horses (1 from the Depot), 152 head of cattle, 71 sheep and 12 pigs, all doing fairly well. Haymaking was completed on the 25th ultimo. All the corn had been cut and the oats and part of the wheat had been hauled. 44 sacks of wheat had been threshed at the Barn Farm and sold for 3s 8d per bushel. He had received an offer of 3s per pot for some plums at the Farms. Resolved, That the offer be accepted, that the other fruit at the Farms be advertised for sale by tender and that the Chairman be authorised to accept a satisfactory offer.

M. DAVIS,

Chairman.

STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 15th August, 1905—Present : The Deputy Mayor, Alderman Haddon, Councillors Bendall, Gridley and Ley Wood (Councillor Bendall in the chair).

1—Crossings at Montpellier—The Borough Surveyor reported that the National Provincial Bank desired two street crossings laid near their branch at Montpellier, one across the private road in Montpellier Walk and the other from the bank to the Montpellier Gardens. Resolved, That the Bank

be informed that the Town Council are not prepared to lay a crossing in the private road mentioned and think the other proposed crossing unnecessary.

2—Public Seats—Read a letter from Mr. W. H. Tuck applying for the removal of the seat in St. George's Road, near Gt. Western Road to a more suitable site, if not altogether, on account of the nuisance to which it gives rise. Resolved, That the seat be removed to a more suitable site in the neighbourhood to be selected by the Deputy Mayor.

Read a letter from Mr. J. Chamberlin of Wolseley Terrace, complaining of the nuisance caused by persons using a public seat in Vittoria Walk, and asking for the removal of the seat. Resolved, That the request be acceded to.

3—Inner Road opposite Nos. 1 to 13 Imperial Square—Read a letter from Dr. Foljambe Forster with reference to the condition of the inner roadway and strip of land in front of Nos. 1 to 13 Imperial Square. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to report as to what works are necessary to be carried out by the abutting owners.

4—Light Railway Track in Prestbury Road beyond Borough Boundary—With reference to complaint made at the last meeting of the Town Council of the unsatisfactory condition of the Light Railway track outside the Borough, particularly on the Prestbury Road, Resolved, That the attention of the County Council be called to the matter.

JOHN D. BENDALL,

Chairman.

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At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 28th August, 1905—Present: The Mayor, Alderman Haddon, Councillors Baker, Bendall and Gridley (Councillor Kendall in the chair),

5—Borough Surveyor's Monthly Report Re Highways—The Borough Surveyor reported that the work done by the Highways Department from 27th July to the 24th August, 1905 (both inclusive) had been as follows :—

Roads Repaired—High Street (Berkeley Street to London Road) (3,700 super yards), Promenade (8,274 super yards), Gloucester Road (proceeding). Private Improvement Works—Cloverdale Lawn (rear of) proceeding.

Roads Patched—St. George's Place, Market Street, New Street, Malvern Road, St. Stephen's Road and Prestbury Road.

Footpaths Patched—Elmstone Street, Gloucester Road, Selkirk Street, Duke Street, Hewlett Street, Ambrose Street, St. George's Road, Queen's Road, College Road, Andover Street, Townsend Street, Russell Place and Gas Lane.

Electric Light Trenches Repaired-7 in High Street, North Place, Leamington Place, Queen's Road, St. George's Road, Suffolk Parade, Promenade, Winchcombe Street, Sherborne Place, Pittville Circus Road and Montpellier Street.

Water Trenches Repaired—Leamington Place, Albion Street and Rodney Road.

Gas Trenches Repaired—Tivoli Road, Fairview Road and Leckhampton Road,

Sewer Trenches Repaired—Trinity School Lane, Fairview Street and Rutland Street.

Kerb Refixed—High Street (275 lineal yards), Bath Road by Upper Bath Street (18 lineal yards), Upper Bath Street by Bath Road (25 lineal yards), Leamington Place (18 ½ lineal yards).

Kerb Renewed—High Street (203 lineal yards), Leamington Place (67 lineal yards).

Channel Relaid—High Street (358 lineal yards), Upper Bath Street by Bath Road (25 lineal yards), Leamington Place (18 ½ lineal yards).

New Channel Laid—Bath Road by Upper Bath Street (10 lineal yards). Channel Renewed—Leamington Place (67 lineal yards).

Asphalt Footpath Renewed—High Street (482 super yards). Paving Relaid—High Street (56 super yards), Bath Road (64 super yards), Upper Bath Street by Bath Road (33 super yards), Leamington Place (207 super yards).

Concrete Slabs Renewed—Leamington Place (103 super yards).

Crossings Renewed-6. Crossings Relaid-3. Gullies Repaired-9. Gullies Renewed-2.

Cabstand Renewed with Tar Macadam—St. James' Square by G.W.R. Station.

Trees Pruned—Albion Street, Cemetery Road, Pittville Circus Road, Prestbury Road, Pittville Lawn, Wellington Road, Clarence Square, Saxham Villas, Evesham Road, Tivoli Road, Cambray and Portland Street.

Dead Trees Removed-1 in Wellington Road, 1 in Pittville Lawn, 1 at Winter Garden, 1 in Naunton Park Terrace, 2 in Clarence Square, 2 in Imperial Square, 1 in Montpellier Terrace, and 1 in Vittoria Walk.

Ivy Pruned—Wellington Square, Clarence Square and Pittville Crescent.

Ashes Collection and Disposal—During 4 weeks ended 17th August, 1905-953 loads collected, 76 tipped away and 877 consumed, Weight 699 tons, 10 ½ cwts.

Slab Factory—During 4 weeks ended 24th August, 1905-1,033 1/8 square yards of slabs made.

6—View Meeting—The following members attended the View Meeting on Friday, the 25th instant, viz : The Mayor, Alderman Haddon, Councillors Baker, Bendall, Gridley and Ley Wood.

7—Plans Sub-Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Plans Sub-Committee at their Meetings of the 15th and 25th inst. be approved and adopted.

8—Apportionment of Private Improvement Expenses—Alstone Croft—The Borough Surveyor reported that the private improvement works ordered to be carried out in Alstone Croft had been completed at a cost of £61 19s. 2d., and he submitted an apportionment of the cost of the works

based upon the degree of benefit to be derived. Resolved, That in the opinion of the Council regard should be had to the greater or less degree of benefit to be derived 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 owners of the premises mentioned therein.

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9—Footpath in All Saints' Road—Read, a letter signed by the Vicar and Churchwardens of All Saints, calling attention to the state of the footpath on the East side of All Saints' Road, between Pittville Circus Road and the Southern half of the All Saints' Road and asking that the same should be properly paved. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to submit specification, plans and estimates of the work required to be done by the Corporation and abutting owners.

10—St. George's Place Improvement—Read, a letter from Rev. Canon Roxby, stating that upon consideration he thought probably the two large trees he would prefer should remain would be an obstruction to the footpath, and therefore he would offer no objection to their removal if the Council still desired it. Resolved, That Canon Roxby be thanked for his offer, which the Council will avail themselves of.

11—Footpath Opposite Chosen View, Tewkesbury Road—Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to prepare specification, plans, and estimate of the works required to be done to the footpath in Tewkesbury Road, opposite Chosen View, by the abutting owners.

JOHN D. BENDALL,

Chairman.

PLANS SUB-COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Sub-Committee, held on Tuesday, the 15th August, 1905—Present : The Deputy Mayor, and Councillor Bendall (The Deputy Mayor in the chair).

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

No. of Plan	Name	Description
320	F. King	Additions to No. 4 St. 'Mark's Emporium.
321	C. W. Hancock	Workshop and Office, Bennington Street
322	F. Jenkins	Shop, North side of Fairhaven Road
323	F. Jenkins	Shop, South side of Fairhaven Road
324	Fruit Growing Co.	Store and Packing Shed, junction of Malvern and Gloucester Roads
325	R. W. Jackson	6 cottages in Swindon Road, adjoining Oswald Villa
326	T. W. Smith	18 semi-detached houses in Fairfield Parade
327	J. McCarthy	Alterations and additions to 25 Promenade Villas
328	J. Chambers	Alterations and additions to house at corner of Suffolk Lawn

Resolved, That Plans No. 320, 321, 326, and 327 be approved, that Plan No. 325 be disapproved, that Plan No. 324 be approved as a temporary building and subject to the usual agreement being entered into, and that Plans No. 322, 323 and 328 be a adjourned for the Sub-Committee to view.

E. H. PARSONAGE,

Chairman.

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At a Meeting of this Sub-Committee, held on Friday, the 25th August, 1905—Present: Councillors Baker, Bence, and Bendall (Councillor Bendall in the chair.)

2—New Buildings—The Borough Surveyor laid before the Sub-Committee the following plans of intended new Buildings, viz:—

No. of Plan	Name	Description
309	Mrs. Mann	12 cottages in Rosehill Street.
311	F. E. Jenkins	12 houses in Fairhaven Street.
312	F. E. Jenkins	10 houses in Fairhaven Street.
322	F. E. Jenkins	Shop, North side of Fairhaven Road.
323	F. E. Jenkins	Shop, South side of Fairhaven Road.
325	R. W. Jackson	6 cottages, Swindon Road adjoining Oswald Villa (Amended plans).
328	J. Chambers	Alterations and additions to house at corner of Suffolk Lawn.
329	G. Loveday	12 houses in road off Sandfield Road.
330	W. Smith	Salvation Army Barracks with Caretaker's Cottage, Upper Bath Street.
331	Mrs. Ashburn	Stable and Shed rear of No. 50 Rosehill Street.

Resolved, That Plans No. 311, 322, 323, and 325 be approved, and that Plans No. 309, 312, 325, 329, 330 and 331 be disapproved.

JOHN D. BENDALL, Chairman.

TOWN IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 21st August, 1905—Present: Aldermen Norman and Rogers, Councillors Baker and Packer (Councillor Packer in the chair).

1—Clarence and Wellington Squares—Read, a Memorial signed by Col. Noake and other owners and occupiers of houses in Clarence Square, complaining of continued infringement of the Byelaws recently made by the Council for the regulation of the enclosed garden in the Square. Resolved, That the Memorialists be informed that the attention of each resident in the Square and of the police has been called to the Bye-laws made by the Council, and that the Borough Surveyor has been instructed to arrange for one of the employees on the Pittville Estate to superintend the Clarence and Wellington Square Gardens, particularly in the evenings, to see that the Bye-laws are properly observed.

2—Town Hall Musical Afternoons—Resolved, That it is desirable to make arrangements for musical afternoons to be held in the Town Hall during next winter similar to those inaugurated in November

last, and that this Committee be authorised to make arrangements accordingly subject to the approval of the Council.

T. H. PACKER, Chairman.

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LIGHTING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Thursday, the 17th August, 1905.—Present : Alderman Norman, Councillors Green, Gridley, Merrett' and Steel (Councillor Gridley in the chair).

1—Electrical Inspector's Report—The Electrical Inspector reported that the result of his tests of the electrical supply on the 26th ulto. and 16th instant had been as follows :-208 and 206 volts. respectively.

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

ILLUMINATING POWER. PURITY.

1905 July 26th	16.31 candles	1905	Grains of Sulphur per 100 cubic feet.
Aug. 16th	15.60 "	Aug. 16- 17	12.26
Average	15.95 "		

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-4.198 cubic feet ; Guildhall lamps with No. 4 Incandescent burners 5.799 cubic feet ; Ordinary lamps with No. 3 Incandescent burners 3.949 cubic feet.

4—Lamp Book—This book was produced and examined. Ordinary Lamps extinguished 15 (9 metered). Incandescents extinguished, 21 (2 metered).

5—Street Gas Lighting—With reference to conferences held by a Sub-Committee of this Committee with the Directors of the Gas Company, Read, a letter from the Clerk to the Company stating that the Company were willing to convert all the gas lamps in the Borough into Incandescents with C bulb Welsbach burners, similar to those now fixed opposite the Promenade Long Garden if the Corporation would agree to pay £2 13s. per lamp per annum for the same when converted, this sum to include lighting, maintenance and extinguishing, and that if this offer was accepted the work would be put in hand at once. Resolved, That the offer of the Company be accepted.

6—Borough Electrical Engineer—Read, a letter from Mr. Bache thanking the Council for his appointment and stating that he could take up his duties on the 1st October next or possibly earlier if required. Resolved, That Mr. Bache be asked to take up his duties here on the 1st October next.

7—Borough Electrical Engineer's Monthly Report—Read, the Monthly Report of the Acting Borough Electrical Engineer. On the 16th inst. there were 824 customers, with the equivalent of about 55,188

8-Candle power lamps connected to the private supply mains, the corresponding figures for August, 1904, being 771 and 49,360 respectively.

8—Applications for Supply—The Acting Borough Electrical Engineer reported that an application had been received from Mr. W. H. Lamb for supply to Graefenberg, Eldon Road. The applicant had agreed in writing to guarantee a return of 20 per cent. for 3 years on the cost of the necessary extension of main and to pay part cost of the service according to scale. Resolved, That supply be given on the terms mentioned.

An application had been received from Mr. T. W. Smith of Exmouth Street for a supply of energy to drive a 8-H.P. motor for his saw mills. In order to give supply it would be necessary to increase the size of the present feeder from the corner of Suffolk and Bath Roads supplying Grafton Road Sub-Station at an estimated cost of £92. The part cost of the service and switch box to be paid by the applicant would be £16 5s. Resolved, That supply be given upon a guarantee of 20 per cent, for 3 years on £92 and payment of the part cost of the service &c., the applicant to build a suitable transformer chamber.

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9—Arc Lamp opposite No. 2 Lypiatt Lawn—Read, letters from Mrs. Corbyn complaining of the nuisance caused by the arc lamp outside her house and asking whether it could not be extinguished at 11 p.m. or replaced by a gas lamp. Resolved, That consideration of the matter be adjourned for the Committee to view.

E. GRIDLEY,

Chairman.

WATER COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Thursday, the 24th August, 1905—Present : Alderman Norman, Councillors Baker, M. Davis, Stroud 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 20th August, 1905.	Average for corresponding period during last 3 years.
Hewletts Springs	125,280 gallons	177,120 gallons
Dowdeswell Springs	224,640 "	410,112 "
Leckhampton	5,496 "	5,496 "
Total	355,416 "	592,728 "

CONTENTS OF RESERVOIRS.

	August 20th, 1905.		August 20th, 1904.	
	Depth	Contents	Depth	Contents
Hewletts	--	13,500,427 gallons	--	12,600,644 gallons
Leckhampton	8 ft. 7in.	1,159,478 "	11ft. 3in.	1,519,645 "
Dowdeswell	21ft. 8 in.	51,395,660 "	25ft. 3in.	66,822,743 "
	Total Storage	66,055,565 "		80,943,032 "

Pumping had continued night and day at Tewkesbury and daily at Sandford. He reported as to the extensions carried out or completed by the Department during the past month.

2—Water Supply in Prestbury Parish—The Borough Engineer recommended that in order to improve the water supply to parts of the Parish of Prestbury a length of about 200 yards of 2-inch main in the Evesham Road should be taken out and a 4-inch main substituted and a 4-inch main for about 200 yards laid in the Cleeve Path Drive to couple up the present mains there, at an estimated cost of £90. Resolved, That this recommendation be approved and carried out.

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3—Report of Fire Brigade Captain—The Captain of the Fire Brigade reported that on the 29th ultimo, the Brigade was called to extinguish a fire at the Dye Works, Old Bath Road, supposed to have been caused by an explosion of benzoline. Damage, £200. Extinction expenses, £3 13s. Property uninsured.

On the 5th instant a call was received to a rickyard fire at the Grange, Bishops Cleeve, caused by children playing with matches. Damage, £40. Extinction expenses £14 7s. 6d. Property insured.

Read, a letter from Captain A. F. Griffiths, of Cleeve Grange, expressing his high appreciation of the excellent work of the Cheltenham Fire Brigade at the fire on the 5th instant, as owing to their promptness and skill a serious fire was averted.

4—Fire Brigade Station—Additions —The tenders received for the additions to the Fire Brigade Station referred back by the Council for reconsideration were again considered. Resolved, That the tender of Mr. A. J. Colborne, at £446 13s. 3d., be accepted, subject to the sanction of the Local Government Board being obtained to the necessary loan.

Repairs—On the recommendation of the Borough Surveyor, Resolved, That the living room and scullery at the Fire Station be repapered and whitewashed.

5—Fire Hydrants in Charlton Kings—Read, a letter from the Clerk to the Charlton Kings Urban District Council accepting the terms agreed to by this Committee at the last meeting for the maintenance of hydrants in their District and asking that 28 additional hydrants be fixed. Resolved. That the Borough Engineer be instructed to fix hydrants in the positions to be agreed upon with the Surveyor to the Charlton Kings Council.

6—Fire Hydrant in Hayward's Road—On the suggestion of the Charlton Kings Urban District Council, Resolved, That a hydrant be fixed on the Cheltenham side of Hayward's Road, the exact position to be settled by the Borough Engineer.

7—Assessment of Water Mains, &c., in Deerhurst and Boddington—The Town Clerk reported that he had received notice of supplemental valuation lists for the Parishes of Deerhurst and Boddington in which the water mains, &c., were assessed at £150 and £104 net rateable value, the present rateable values being £41 and £4 respectively. Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to appeal against the assessments.

8—Hour of Meeting—Resolved, that for the remainder of this year this Committee meet each month at 3 p.m. instead of 3.30 as at present, and that the resolution to minute No 12 of the General Purposes and Watch Committee of the 22nd November last be varied accordingly.

9—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 August, 1905—Present ; The Mayor, The Deputy Mayor, Aldermen Haddon, Norman, Rogers and Waghorne, Councillors Bendall, M. Davis, and Stroud (Alderman Norman in the chair).

1—Diseases of Animals Acts—Superintendent Hopkins reported that no further outbreak of contagious disease animals had occurred since the last meeting.

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2—Hackney Carriage Licences—The application read at the last meeting from Mr. J. Taylor, of Crescent House, St. George's Place, for Hackney Carriage Licence No. 3 as he proposed purchasing from Mrs. Cobb the carriage to which it was attached, was further considered. Resolved, That the application be not acceded to. Read, letters from Mr. D. Lapper, of Imperial Mews, and Mr. Richard Staite, of Berkeley House Stables, applying for the transfer of Hackney Carriage Licence No. 28 from the latter to the former who had made an offer for the carriage. Resolved, That the application be not granted.

3—Hackney Carriage Stand in Cambray—Read, letters from Miss Beale and Dr. J. Wilson and other residents in Cambray, objecting to the proposed Stand for 3 hackney carriages in Cambray Place, below Bath Street, and expressing the hope that the proposal would not be carried out. Resolved, That the resolution to Minute No. 5 of this Committee, of the 15th April last, so far as it authorised the placing of a stand for Hackney Carriages in Cambray Place be rescinded, and that consideration of the question of a suitable site for a stand in the neighbourhood be adjourned.

4—Town Hall—The Chairman reported as to an interview the Sub-Committee appointed at the last meeting had had with Mr. Waller with reference to his account. Read, a letter from Mr. Waller agreeing, in order to meet the wishes of the Sub-Committee, to make an abatement in his account and accept £250 in final settlement, a reduction of £63 18s. 4d. upon the account as rendered,

provided the sum mentioned was paid during the first week in September. Resolved, That the offer be accepted.

5—Vacancy on Education Committee--Resolved, That the Council be recommended to appoint the Mayor a member of the Education Committee to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Councillor Bence.

6—Cheltenham Grammar School Scheme—The draft scheme for the administration of Pate's Grammar School received from the Board of Education was considered. Resolved, That the Board be informed that the Town Council have no observations to make upon the proposed scheme.

7—Bridge over Wyman's Brook opposite Folly Lane Allotments—The Town Clerk reported that Mr. R. W. Boulton had applied for permission to erect a temporary bridge over Wyman's Brook from his land to the Folly Lane Allotments and for a right of road over the cartways on the allotments for the accommodation of his tenants. Resolved, That the required permission be given subject to an agreement being entered into by him agreeing to remove the bridge at any time upon three months' notice from the Corporation, to pay £1 per annum and in addition any cost to which the Corporation may in the opinion of the Borough Surveyor have been put on account of the user of the roads over the allotments, the bridge not to be used for the cartage of building materials or other purposes different to those connected with the present occupation of Mr. Boulton's land as garden land.

GEO. NORMAN,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 29th August, 1905—Present: The Slayer, Aldermen Haddon, Norman, and Rogers, Councillors Kendall, M. Davis, Rickerby, and Stroud (Alderman Norman in the chair).

1—Site for Cavalry Barracks—Read, a letter from the War Office, stating that the Department were looking for a suitable site for cavalry barracks to accommodate from 1,200 to 1,500 men, the area required being 30 to 50 acres, and enquiring whether the Corporation possessed, or if not whether there was, any suitable land in or around the town. Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to reply that though the Corporation has no land available for the purpose, there is a large area of pasture land on the Western side and within the boundaries of the Borough, and an expanse of hill country contiguous to the Borough

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on the Eastern and Northern sides, upon either of which a suitable site might doubtless be obtained at a moderate price, and that in the event of the War Depart as the Corporation will be pleased to forward particulars of sites, and to other facilitie4 Corporation can give towards carrying out any decision of the Department.

2—Diseases of Animals Acts—Supt. Hopkins reported that a horse as present at the Horse Repository, Regent Street, had been found to be suffering from epizootic lymphangitis. The animal had been isolated and the provisions of the Order of the Board of Agriculture complied with.

GEO. NORMAN Chairman.

MINERAL WATERS, BATHS AND RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Wednesday, the 2nd August, 1905—Present: Bendall, Merrett and Stroud (Councillor Stroud in the chair)

1—Exchange of Land at Naunton Park—The Committee met at Naunton. Park members of the School Sites Sub-Committee of the Education Committee, and discussed the alterations necessitated in the positions of shelter, fences, swings, etc., in connection with the proposed exchange of land there.

2—Naunton Park Athletic Sports—Resolved, To accede to an application for permission to hold the usual Annual Athletic Sports and illuminated concert at Naunton Park on Saturday. the 2nd prox.

HERBERT STROUD, Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Friday, the 11th August, 1905—Present : Alderman Norman, Councillors Baker, Davies, Merrett, and Stroud (Councillor Stroud in the chair).

3—Report of Mineral Waters Sub-Committee—On the recommendation of the Mineral Waters Sub-Committee. Resolved, That the Sub-Committee be authorised to obtain an analysis of the Concentrated Water by some well-known analytical chemist and water expert.

4—Exchange of Land at Naunton Park—With reference to the joint meeting of this Committee and the School Sites Sub-Committee of the Education Committee, on the 2nd inst., at Naunton Park, the details of the works to be carried out by the Education Committee upon the exchange of land at Naunton Park were considered. Resolved. That the same as now settled be approved, and that the Town Clerk communicate the same to the Education Committee.

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5—Agg-Gardner Recreation Ground—Read, is letter from .Mr. R. C. Bastin, applying on behalf of the Royal Gloucester-shire Hussars Military Tournament Committee, for the use of the Agg-Gardner Recreation Ground on the 4th October next for holding their annual Military Tournament. Resolved. That the application be not acceded to.

6—Whaddon Lane Recreation Ground—Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have another entrance to this ground from Whaddon Lane, and that a key be supplied to the tenant of the grazing for use by him at his risk.

HERBERT STROUD, Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Friday, the 18th August, 1905—Present: The Mayor, Alderman Norman, and Councillors Bendall, Davies, Merrett, Riley, and Stroud (Councillor Stroud in the Chair).

7—Montpellier Baths—The Borough Accountant reported that the receipts at these Baths during the present financial year amounted to £316 17s. 2d., and the payments to £175 8s. 5d. (exclusive of proportion of repayment of loans and interest, £180 1s. 0d. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be

instructed to submit an estimate of the cost of converting the deep immersion bath at Montpellier into a brine bath, and a special bath into a 2nd class slipper bath.

8—Alstone Baths—The Borough Accountant reported that the receipts at these Baths during the present financial year amounted to £190 5s. 5d., and the payments to £118 5s. 1d. (exclusive of proportion of repayment of loans and interest £111 14s. 1d.)

9—Proposed School for Physical Culture at Montpellier Baths—Read, a letter from Messrs. Hunt and Barnett, proprietors of the Gloucester School of Physical Culture, offering to rent the Swimming Bath at Montpellier for the next 3 years, from October to the end of March, for use as a School of Physical Culture if the Corporation would board over the large swimming bath. Mr. Hunt attended this meeting, and the terms mentioned in the letter were considered. Resolved, That the large Swimming Bath at 'Montpellier, with dressing rooms, shower bath, and lavatory attached, be let to Messrs. Hunt and Barnett for the next 3 years, from the 15th October to the 31st March in each year for 4 days in each week from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m., at a rent of £27 and £2 12s. for cleaning per annum, but not including lighting, which is to be paid for in addition according to amount consumed, an agreement embodying these terms and other details as settled by the Committee, to be prepared by the Town Clerk, to be entered into by the Corporation and Messrs. Hunt and Barnett respectively. Also, Resolved, (1) That if this offer is accepted by Messrs. Hunt and Barnett, and approved by the Council, the Borough Surveyor be instructed to proceed with the work of covering in the Bath forthwith. (2) That the Swimming Bath be closed on the 9th October next, until the 1st April, 1906, and that the Resolution to Minute No. 3 of this Committee of the 18th February, 1904, be varied or amended accordingly.

10—Football at Recreation Grounds—The applications received from local football clubs for permission to play football in the Recreation Grounds during next season were considered

Resolved, That the applications of the Whaddon Star, the All Saints' Temperance Boys, and the Y.M.C.A. Football Clubs for the Whaddon Lane Recreation Ground, and the applications of the Y.M.C.A. Wednesday Association, the St. George's Association, and the Gas Green Football Clubs, as regards the use of the Agg-Gardner Ground, be granted on the usual conditions. Also, Resolved, That the applications of Martyn's Athletic Club, for the use of the Whaddon Lane Recreation Ground, and the Imperial Football Club (Messrs. Shirer and Haddon), for permission to play on one of the recreation grounds, be not granted.

HERBERT STROUD, Chairman.

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At a Meeting this Committee, held on Friday, the 25th August, 1905—Present : The Mayor, Alderman Norman, Councillors Baker, Davies, Merrett, Pilley, and Stroud (Councillor. Stroud in the chair).

11—Mineral Water Well at Montpellier Rotunda—The Chairman reported that during alterations to the supper-room at the Montpellier Rotunda a Mineral Water Well had been uncovered, and he reported the arrangements he had made with the Directors of the Rotunda Company, subject to the approval of the Committee, as to the covering in of the Well in order that it may be made readily accessible at any time, i.e., that the Corporation would make good the mouth of the well and

provide a suitable covering at a total cost of about £2, and that the Company on their part would divert the pipe recently laid across the mouth of the well so as to give free access to the well itself and supply and fix in the flooring a suitable trap not less than 3 ft. by 3 ft., in such manner that the trap could be easily and readily removed and afford convenient access to the covering underneath and to the well. Resolved, That the Chairman's action be approved and adopted.

12—Show Card—The Mineral Waters Sub-Committee reported that they had obtained designs and estimates for a show card advertising the Mineral Waters and recommended the selection of the design submitted by Sir J. Causton & Sons, London. Resolved, That the design selected as now settled be approved, but that consideration of the question of ordering a number of copies be adjourned for six months.

HERBERT STROUD, Chairman.

BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Friday, the 25th August, 1905—Present:—Aldermen Haddon and Rogers, Councillors Baker, Bence, Gridley, Merrett, Pilley and Steel (Alderman Haddon in the chair).

1—Designs--Resolved, That the following designs be approved, viz : Headstones to graves of Matilda Sarah Connop, Georgina Cypher and Harriet Poole ; Memorial Crosses on graves of Arthur John Waite, Gertrude Wallace, and Harry Cazalet Harrison.

2—Superintendent of Cemetery—The question of the appointment of the Superintendent and Sexton of the Cemetery, referred back by the Council, was further considered. Resolved, That the salary attaching to the appointment be £60 per annum instead of £80 as at present and that the resolution to Minute No. 2 of this Committee's proceedings of the 23rd June last and the resolution of the Council approving the same be varied accordingly.

Mr. C. Willis, the applicant for the appointment recommended to the Council by the Committee, attended before the Committee and stated that he was willing, if appointed, to take the position at the reduced salary now recommended. Resolved, That Mr. Charles Willis of The Willows, Battledown, be appointed Superintendent and Sexton of the Cemetery, at a salary of £60 per annum, with house (the Lodge), rent free, coal and gas, the appointment to be terminable at any time by three months' notice on either side, Mr. Willis to take up his duties on the 13th September 1905, and to devote the whole of his time to the duties of his office.

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3—Repairs, &c., at Cemetery—The Borough Surveyor reported that the painting and repairs at the Cemetery would be completed that week, but that there were no additional seats available for placing there. He estimated the cost of substituting a new pedestal W.C., &c., for the present W.C. and flushing tank and connecting up water supply at £10, and the cost of fitting up a urinal with automatic flushing tank at £6. Resolved, That the further consideration of the estimates be adjourned and that the walls of the present W.C. be distempered.

JOHN HADDON, Chairman.

PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 15th August, 1905—Present: Alderman Rogers, Councillors Davies, Marshall, Merrett and Pilley ; Revs. J. A. Owen, and J. Evans ; Col. King-Harman ; Messrs. A. Beckingsale, W. Cresswell, G. H. Palmer and E. C. Rogers (Alderman Rogers in the chair).

1—Librarian's Report—Read, the Monthly Report of the Librarian. Receipts, £4 18s. 9d.
Presentations : Trustees of British Museum (5 vols.), Board of Trade (2 vols.)

2—Report of Sub-Committee—The Sub-Committee reported that they met on the 11th instant, Present : Alderman Rogers (Chairman), Councillors Marshall and Merrett, Rev. J. Evans and Mr. G. H. Palmer. The Librarian reported that the Chief Assistant, Mr. J. McAdam, had resigned, on appointment as Sub-Librarian of the Warrington Museum and Library, and that his notice would expire on the 25th instant ; also that the Junior Assistant, J. S. Fruin, left on July 29th.

The Sub-Committee Recommended

That a Chief Assistant be advertised for in the "Athenaeum " at a commencing salary of £80 per annum, and that J. D. Miller be appointed as Junior Assistant at 6s per week.

That the Librarian be authorised to attend the Annual Conference of the Library Association to be held at Cambridge on the 22nd, 23rd, and 24th instant. Resolved, That the recommendations of the Sub-Committee be approved and adopted.

RICHARD ROGERS,

Chairman.

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FINANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 29th August, 1905—Present : The Mayor, Councillors Merrett, Steel and Stroud (The Mayor in the chair).

1—General District Rate—The Report of the Borough Accountant, dated the 29th inst., on the collection of the first instalment of this Rate, was read. Amount collected £21,371 16s. 2d. Leaving outstanding £4,360 13s. 11 ½ d.

2—Water Rate—The Report of the Borough Accountant, dated the 29th inst., on the collection of this Rate was read. Amount received £9,614 16s. 5d. Leaving outstanding £2,377 11s, 3d.

3—Loans—The Borough Accountant reported that he had received £200 from Mrs. Isabel Tallack upon loan with interest at 3 5/8 per cent., subject to repayment on six months' notice from either side. Resolved, That a debenture be sealed and issued on account of the Winter Garden £9,650 Loan accordingly.

4—Electricity Deficit—The Town Clerk reported that he had received the sanction of the Local Government Board to a loan of £18,457, the amount of the deficiency on the Electricity undertaking to the 31st January, 1905, the period for repayment being 10 years.

5—Rating of Light Railways—With reference to Minute No. 4 of this Committee at its last meeting, read a letter from the Town Clerk of Wakefield, stating that, where other towns had limited the amount of their contribution, the limit had not been less than £20, and in some cases was £25, and expressing the hope that the Council would increase their contribution with a maximum of say £20 instead of £5. Resolved, That the resolution to the Minute above mentioned be varied, and that the Council contribute to the cost of the proposed proceedings at Wakefield pro rata with other contributing authorities on the basis of the assessable value of Light Railways in each district provided such contribution shall not exceed the sum of £10.

Also, Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to call the attention of other local authorities through whose districts the Cheltenham and District Light Railway is laid to the matter, and to suggest their contributing to the cost of the proposed proceedings by Wakefield.

6—County Rate Basis—The Assistant Overseer laid before the Committee a Return made by the Overseers of the Poor for the Parish of Cheltenham to the Order of the Gloucestershire County Rate Committee as to the gross and rateable value, etc., of the property in the Parish, for the preparation of the County Rate Basis.

7—Kensington Avenue Private Improvement Expenses—Read, a letter from an owner of property abutting on Kensington Avenue, asking to be allowed to pay the amount due from him for private improvement expenses by monthly instalments of £10, the balance of the apportioned amount due from him being £51 5s. 1d. Resolved, That the application be acceded to, interest to be paid at the rate of 5 per cent. per annum from the expiration of days from service of the demand for repayment.

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 £19,632 13s. 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 28th July, 1905	£33,566 14 5
Paid since that date	<u>£11,118 14 10</u>
	£44,653 9 3
Received since that date	<u>£17,710 11 0</u>
	£26,074 18 3
Being Bank Loan Account No. 2	£51,005 17 0
Less in hand on General Accounts	£19,202 8 0
Do. Sinking Funds	<u>£4,831 10 9</u>
	<u>£24,033 18 9</u>
	£26,971 18 3

GEO. DIMMER, Chairman.

Borough of Cheltenham

At a Monthly Meeting of the Town Council of the Borough of Cheltenham, duly convened and held in the Town Hall, in the said Borough, on Monday, the 4th September, 1905, at 3 p.m.

Present : THE MAYOR (GEORGE DIMMER, ESQ.) in the chair. THE DEPUTY MAYOR (COUNCILLOR EDWARD HENRY PARSONAGE).

Aldermen : JOHN HADDON GEORGE NORMAN COLONEL RICHARD ROGERS WILLIAM NASH SKILLICORNE JOHN WAGHORNE

Councillors : WILLIAM ALFRED BAKER ROBERT LEY WOOD GEORGE BENICE RICHARD EEDE MARSHALL JOHN DAVID BENDALL WILLIE JOHN MERRETT MOSES DAVIS TOM HERBERT PACKER EDWINSON CHARLES GREEN JOSEPH PILLEY EDWARD GRIDLEY ROBERT STEEL EDWARD LAWRENCE HERBERT STROUD HENRY WAGHORNE

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1—Minutes of previous Meeting—Resolved, That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Council on the 4th August last, having been printed and a copy sent to each Member of the Council, be taken same be taken as read, and that the adopted and confirmed.

2—Membership of Public Library Committee—Read, a letter from the Rev. A. C. Turberville resigning his membership of the Public Library Committee the letter be referred to as he was leaving Cheltenham. Resolved, That the General Purposes and Watch Committee.

3—Public Health Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Public Health Committee, at their Meetings of the 14th and 21st August last, be approved and confirmed, and that Mr. Walter T. Blake be appointed Assistant Inspector of Nuisances accordingly.

4—Farms Management Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Farms Management Committee, at their Meeting of the 18th August last, be approved and confirmed.

5—Street and Highway Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Street and Highway Committee, at their Meetings of the 15th and 28th August last, be approved and confirmed, and that it be an instruction to the Committee to make enquiries and report with a view to: the adoption of some form of seat by which the nuisance now complained of in regard to the seats in the public streets may be obviated.

6—Town Improvement Committee—Resolved, That the- proceedings of the Town Improvement Committee, at their Meeting of the 21st August last, be approved and confirmed.

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7—Lighting Committee—Resolved, That, the proceedings of the Lighting Committee, at their Meeting of the 17th August last, be approved and confirmed.

8—Water Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Water Committee at their Meeting of the 24th August last, be approved and confirmed, subject to the following amendment, viz :

That the first Resolution to Minute No. 4 (Fire Station) be referred to the Committee for further consideration.

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9—General Purposes & Watch Committee--Resolved, That the proceedings of the General Purposes and Watch Committee, at their Meetings of the 22nd and 29th August last, be approved and confirmed.

10—Mineral Waters, Baths and Recreation Grounds Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Minced Waters, Baths and Recreation Grounds Committee, at their Meetings of the 2nd, 11th, 18th and 25th August last, be approved and confirmed.

11—Burial Board Committee--Resolved, That the proceedings of the Burial Board Committee, at their Meeting of the 25th August last, be approved and confirmed, and that Mr. Charles Willis be appointed Superintendent and Sexton of the Cemetery accordingly.

12—Finance Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Finance Committee, at their Meeting of the 29th August last, be approved and confirmed.

Resolved also, That an Order on the Borough Treasurer be signed accordingly authorising and ordering him to pay to the several Corporations, Companies and persons mentioned in the Schedule of Accounts the sum of money set opposite their respective names upon production of a cheque signed by the Borough Accountant.

13—Notice of Motion—Councillor Green gave notice of his intention to move at the next Monthly Meeting of the Council : " That the resolution of the Council of the 4th August. 1905, expressing regret at " the resignation of the Borough Electrical Engineer be rescinded, and that " power be given for the examination of the correspondence in the Town " Clerk's and Borough Accountant's Offices on this subject."

GEO. DIMMER, Mayor.

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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 2nd October, 1905.

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 11th September, 1905—Present : The Deputy Mayor, Aldermen Norman and Skillicorne, Councillors Bence, M. Davis, Lawrence and Pilley (The Deputy Mayor in the chair).

1—Zymotic Disease—The Medical Officer of Health reported that there had been notified since the last meeting of the Committee, 2 cases of Scarlet Fever, and 1 case of Erysipelas ; and that 2 cases of Scarlet Fever had been sent into the Delancey Hospital.

2—Cleansing and Limewashing at Nos. 2, 3 & 6 Orchard Place, Swindon Road, 1a Regent Place and 12 New 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.

3—Nuisances from Drains, etc., at Nos. 8, 9, 11, 12 & 13 Swindon Street, 7 Whitehall Street and Swindon 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.

4—Insanitary Property—Nos. 1 & 1a Regent Place, Swindon Road, Nos. 2, 3, 5 & 6 Orchard Place, Yard behind Nos. 1 to 4, Thirlestaine Place, Bath 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, 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 Section 94 of the Public Health Act, 1875, be served upon the owners requiring them to put the same into a healthy condition, and for that purpose to carry out the works specified therein.

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5—Houses without proper Ash Receptacles—The Inspector of Nuisances reported that the following houses had no proper ashpits or ash receptacles, viz :—Nos. 283, High Street, 12 New Street, 9, Hatherley Street, 41 Russell Street, 1 & 2 Chatsworth Villas, Old Bath Road, and 26, Regent Place, Swindon Road. 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.

6—Houses Let in Lodgings—The Medical Officer of Health recommended that the landlords of the following houses let in lodgings, viz : 3 Monson Terrace, 57, St. George's Place, 7, Pittville Terrace, and 9, Grosvenor Terrace, be required to give the necessary information for registration. Resolved, That the landlords of the houses above-mentioned be served with notices signed by the Town Clerk, requiring them within seven days to supply the information necessary for the registration of the houses as lodging-houses by the Council as specified in No. 7 of the Byelaws in force with respect to houses let in lodgings except as to the age and sex of the occupants and the names of lessees.

7—Destruction of Diseased Meat—The Medical Officer of Health reported that on the 1st instant, a pig killed in a private slaughter house was reported to be tuberculous (weight, with offal, 112 lbs.) and on the 5th instant, a sheep slaughtered at the Abattoir was found to be diseased (weight 60 lbs.), both carcasses being destroyed with the written consent of the owners.

E. H. PARSONAGE,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 18th September, 1905—Present: The Deputy Mayor, Aldermen Norman and Skillicorne, Councillors Bence, M. Davis, and Pilley (The Deputy Mayor in the chair.)

8—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, which had been sent into the Delancey Hospital.

9—Cleansing and Disinfecting at No. 6, St. James' Terrace, Suffolk Parade—The Medical Officer of Health having certified that the cleansing and disinfecting 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 to cleanse and disinfect the house or part thereof within the time specified in such Notice.

10—Cleansing and Limewashing at Nos. 6, St. James' Terrace, 7, Coltham Fields, 9 Elm Street, 2 & 4, Harmony Cottages, Short Street and 14, Cleveland 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.

11—Nuisances from Drains, etc., at The Globe Inn, North Street, Nos. 6 Andover Street, 9, Suffolk Parade, Skin Yard, Gloucester Place, and 7 and 8, Whitehart 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.

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12—Insanitary Property—Nos. 4 Victoria Place, Fairview, 44 Stanhope- Street, and 1,2 & 3 St. Peter's Place, Swindon-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 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,

13—Houses without proper Ash Receptacles—The Inspector of Nuisances reported that the following houses had no proper ashpits or ash receptacles, viz :—Nos. 4, Victoria Place, Fairview, 20, St. James' Place, Grosvenor Brewery, Albion Street, and 20, Townsend 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.

14—Houses Let in Lodgings—The Medical Officer of Health recommended that the landlords of the following houses let in lodgings, viz., No. 6, St. George's Street, 4, Oriel Terrace, and 16, Albert Place,

should be required to give the necessary information for registration. Resolved, That the landlords of the houses above-mentioned be served with notices signed by the Town Clerk, requiring them within seven days to supply the information necessary for the registration of the houses as lodging-houses by the Council as specified in No. 7 of the Byelaws in force with respect to houses let in lodgings except as to the age and sex of the occupants and the names of lessees.

15—Notices not complied with—The Medical Officer of Health submitted a list of Notices requiring the provision of a proper ash receptacle, and abatement of nuisances arising from defective eaves, roofs, &c., which had been served, but not complied with. Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to take the necessary proceedings to compel compliance.

16—House without Proper Water Supply, viz., No. 23, Promenade—It appearing on the Report of the Borough Surveyor that the above premises were without a proper water supply, but that such supply could be furnished thereto at a cost not exceeding the water rate authorised by the Cheltenham Corporation Water Acts. Resolved, That notice be given under Section 62 of the Public Health Act, 1875, to the owners requiring them to obtain such a supply and do all such things as may be necessary for that purpose.

17—St. Peter's District Sewers—Tho Borough Surveyor reported the progress made with the reconstruction of the sewers in St. Peter's District. Resolved, That the Committee visit the district to inspect the works in progress after the next meeting.

18--Sewage Outfalls and Disposal—The Borough Surveyor's Report on the subject of the disposal of the sewage was further considered. He also submitted an estimate of the cost of relaying the Arle Outfall Sewer amounting to £9780. This latter work would necessitate the resewering of Arle Village at an additional cost of £350. Resolved, That the further consideration of the matter be adjourned.

19—Public Urinals--Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be authorised to arrange with the Contractors for the G.W.R. Co. when building the bridges over High Street and Market Street to build front walls to the recesses for use as public Urinals which the Company have agreed to provide in the abutments of such bridges.

E. H. PARSONAGE,

Chairman.

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FARMS MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this. Committee, held on, Friday, the 15th September, 1905—Present : The Mayor, Aldermen Skillicorne, Councillors Bence, M. Davis, Gridley and Steel (Councillor M. Davis in the chair).

1—Report of Farms Manager—Road, tie Monthly Report of the Farms Manager. Since the last meeting 22 steers had been purchased for £262 10s., and the following sales had been made: 28 head of cattle, 3 calves and 10 sheep for £474 14s. 7d. and 11 store pigs for £13 4s. (Total £487 18s. 1d.) The livestock on the farms on the 15th instant was 17 horses (3 from the Central Depot), 146 head of cattle, 3 calves, 61 sheep, and 1 pig, all doing fairly well. All the ricks had been thatched and

ploughing commenced. The fruit at Hayden Farms had been sold for £25, and at Barn Farm for £5 15s. He had purchased 5 quarters of white oats for the horses at 20s per quarter. He reported that some additional harness, a plough and 3 short ladders were required and that some repairs were necessary to cottages on the Farms. Resolved, That the Farms Manager be instructed to obtain tenders for the harness, &c., required and that the Committee visit the Farms on Wednesday next and inspect the cottages requiring repair.

2—Tenancy of Cottage at Barn Farm—Resolved, That notice be given to Mr. Stuckey to terminate his tenancy of a cottage at the Barn Farm on the 25th December next.

3—Land at Hayden—Read, a letter from Mr. W. Burrows offering to sell to the Corporation a piece of land containing about 1 rood, 15 perches, adjoining the Hayden Knoll Farm, for £28. Resolved, That the offer be accepted.

M. DAVIS, Chairman.

STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 12th September, 1905—Present : The Deputy Mayor, Aldermen Haddon and Skillicorne, Councillors Baker, Bendall, Gridley and Ley Wood (Councillor Bendall in the chair).

1—Byelaws as to Locomotives on Highways—Read, a letter from the Secretary of the National Traction Engine Owners' and Users' Association, suggesting that the Byelaws recently made by the Council should be modified as regards the prohibition of locomotive traffic along the High Street, and that locomotives should be allowed to cross the Colonnade and Promenade. Messrs. Wibby (Gloucester) and Packer (Cheltenham), members of the Association, attended this meeting in support of the request of the Association. Resolved, That the Association be informed that the Committee cannot see their way to recommend the Council to modify the restrictions imposed by the Byelaws.

2—Main Roads—Read, a letter from the County Surveyor, stating that the County Highways Committee would recommend the County Council to enter into an agreement to pay £2,200 per annum for 3 years for the main roads in the Borough. Resolved, That the offer be accepted, the amount mentioned not to include the east of snow removal, Old Bath Road Improvement, paving in Leckhampton Road and Lansdown Place, and the Surface Water Drainage of the Main Roads.

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3—Crossing at Montpellier—With references to the Resolution to Minute No.1, of this Committee of the 15 August last, read a further letter from the Manager of the National Provincial Bank, Montpellier, urging the Committee for the convenience of the bank's customers and of the public generally, to reconsider their decision, and lay down a crossing from the footpath on the emit Bide of Montpellier Gardens to the Bank: Resolved, That the request be acceded to, subject to the Bank agreeing to pay the cost of the crossing, and that the resolution above referred to be varied accordingly.

JOHN D. BENDALL,
Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 20th September, 1905—Present : The Mayor, The Deputy Mayor, Alderman Skillicorne, Councillors Baker, Bendall and Gridley (Councillor Bendall in the chair),

4—Borough Surveyor's Monthly Report Re Highways—The Borough Surveyor reported that the work done by the Highways Department from 25th August to the 21st September, 1905 (both inclusive) had been as follows :--

Roads Repaired—Gloucester Road, from St. George's Road to High Street (7,822 super yards), Albion Street (4,000 super yards), Queen's Circus (806 super yards), Montpellier Spa Road (150 super yards), Montpellier Walk (302 super yards), Clarence Road (1,870 super yards), Ormond Place (360 super yards).

Roads Patched—Douro Road, St. James' Place, Swindon Road, St. George's Street, Harp Hill, Sydney Street, Queen's Parade, Montpellier Street, Crescent Place, All Saints' Road and Hale's Road.

Private Improvement Works—Lane at rear of Cloverdale Lawn and Hayward's Road completed, and Gloucester Road proceeding.

Electric Light Trenches Repaired—Eldon Road, Lansdown Place, Suffolk Square, Bath Street, Bath Road, Malvern Road, 2 in Rotunda Terrace and 2 in High Street.

Water Trenches Repaired—Hewlett Place, Swindon Road and Carlton Street. Sewer Trenches Repaired—Grosvenor Street, Tewkesbury Road, Gloucester Place, Mental' Street, and 3 in Leamington Place.

Gas Trenches Repaired—Rodney Road, Montpellier Drive, Parabola Road, Fairview Road, and Montpellier Parade.

Channel Repaired—Wellington Street. St. Paul's Street N., Winchcombe Street and Sydney Street. Channel Relaid—Albion Street (190 lineal feet). New Gullies fixed—Whaddon Lane, 2. Gullies Renewed, 3. 31anhole Covers fixed, 2. Crossings 1?elaid, 6. New Crossings Laid, 8. Water Pillar Stands Renewed, 1 in Lansdown Place and 1 in Gloucester Road. Water Trough Stand Renewed, 1 in Gloucester Road. Footpath Renewed with Slabs, Lansdown Place (1,960 super yards). Footpaths Renewed with Asphalt, Sydney Street (68 super yards). Passage from Ashford Road (20 super yards).

Footpaths Repaired—Grafton Road, Wellesley Villas, Great Norwood Street, St. George's Street, Millbrook Street, Suffolk Road, Selkirk Street, Brandon Terrace, Clarence Square, and Regent Street. Footpaths Gravelled—Tudor Lodge Road (198 super yards). Footpath Paving Relaid—Albion Street (113 super yards).

Kerb Repaired—Sydney Street. New Kerb fixed—Lansdown Place (490 lineal yards). Kerb Renewed.—Albion Street (96 lineal feet). Kerb Refixed—Albion Street (105 lineal feet). Seat repaired and refixed—Sandfield Road.

Trees, &c., Pruned—Lansdown Lawn, The Dale, Battledown, Livorno Lodge, No. 1 College Lawn, Carlton Villa, Darley House, Selby Lodge, No. 6 Montpellier Villas, 9 North Place, 1 Eldon Villas, 39, 41, and 49 Clarence Square, 1 Wellington Place, Carlton Street, Rowanleigh, Wellington Square, and Napier House, Pittville.

Dead Trees Cut Down, 6 in Eldorado Road, 3 in Eldorado Crescent, and 3 in Glencairn Park Road.

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Ashes Collection and Disposal—During 4 weeks ended 14th, September, 1905-899 loads collected, 819 consumed and 80 tipped away. Weight 712 tons, 16 cwts., 1 qr.

Slab Factory—During 4 weeks ended 21st September 1905-1,178 square yards of slabs made.

5—Plans Sub-Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Plans Sub-Committee at their Meetings of the 12th and 22nd inst. be approved and adopted.

6—View Meeting—The following members attended the View Meeting on Friday, the 22nd instant, viz : The Mayor, The Deputy Mayor, Aldermen Haddon and Skillicorne, Councillors Baker, Bendall, Gridley, Ley Wood and Packer.

7—Trenches for Gas Mains, &c.—The Borough Surveyor recommended the adoption of the following revised scale of charges (which he had arranged with the Man Ter of the Gas Company) for excavating, filling up, and making good the roads, etc., when required to be opened for the purposes of the Company, including 6 months' maintenance thereof, namely, 10d. per lineal yard for any pipe not exceeding 5 inches in diameter, with a cover of 2 feet, 1d. per lineal yard to be paid in addition for every extra inch in diameter above 5 inches. For trenches with more than 2 feet cover over the pipe, the extra depth of excavation to be paid for in the same proportion as above provided in regard to extra diameter of pipe, 9d. per lineal yard to be paid for service pipes. The following charges to be paid in addition to the foregoing scale :—For reinstatement of wood block paving, including new concrete foundation, 16s. per super yard. Reinstatement of tar macadam 4s. per super yard. Reinstatement of asphalt and tarpaved footpaths 2s. per super yard. All other materials to be reinstated without extra charge. 12 ½ per cent. to be added to the foregoing charges for any work which may be executed outside the borough. All day work to be charged at 5 ¼ d. per hour. Resolved, That the proposed scale be approved, and that Minute No. 10 of this Committee of the 26th September, 1897, be rescinded, and that an agreement with the Gas Company under the Common Seal be entered into accordingly, terminable by either party by 6 months' notice.

8—Street Crossing in Montpellier Street—Read, a Memorial from Mr. William Watts, of 7 Montpellier Walk, and others, asking that a street crossing be relaid in Montpellier Street, opposite the Exmouth Inn. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have this carried out.

9—Granley Road Private Improvement Works—The Borough Surveyor reported that the private improvement works, ordered to be carried out in Granley Road, had been completed at a cost of £739 10s. 2d., and he submitted an apportionment of the cost of the works, based upon the degree of benefit to be derived. Resolved, That in the opinion of the Council regard should be had to the greater or less degree of benefit to be derived from the works carried out, that the apportionment on this basis now submitted be approved and adopted, and that notice thereof and of demand for repayment be served upon the owners of the premises mentioned therein.

10—Hayward's Road—Read, a letter from the Clerk to the Charlton Kings Urban District Council, asking the Corporation to join with his Council in requiring the adjoining owners to have Hayward's Road put in order under Section 150 of the Public Health Act, 1875, where this has not already been

done. Resolved, That the Chairman, the Deputy Mayor, and Councillor Baker be appointed a sub-committee to arrange for joint action with the Charlton Kings Urban District Council, and report to this Committee.

11—Light Railway—Waiting Booms for Passengers—Road, a letter from the Manager of the Cheltenham and District Light Railway that the Company contemplated building a waiting room at the foot of Cleeve Hill, but did not propose to provide waiting rooms at Leckhampton or Lansdown.

Track Outside Borough—Read, a letter from the Clerk to the County Council, stating that he had written to the Manager of the Light Railway Company with a view to having the track between the Borough Boundary and Cleeve Hill put into proper repair, and that the Company had promised to give this their immediate attention.

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12-Byelaws as to Locomotives on Highways—Read, a further letter from the Secretary of the National Traction Engine Owners' and Users' Association, suggesting that the proposed Byelaw prohibiting the use of High Street by traction engines should be modified so as to allow such use between certain hours. Resolved, That the Committee cannot recommend the Council to agree to.

13—Pavement Lights at 397, High Street—Read, an application from Mr. A. C. Saxby for permission to place two Hayward's lights in the pavement, one in front of his new shop windows. Resolved, That this be agreed to subject to Mr. Saxby entering into the usual agreement of indemnity, and paying a yearly acknowledgment of 10s. 6d. in respect of each pavement light.

14- -New Drill Hall, North Street—Plan No. 959. Read, a letter from Major Pottinger, asking to be allowed to substitute cement concrete blocks for bricks in a portion of the new drill hall in North Street, Resolved, That this be agreed to on the understanding that the Committee do not accept any- responsibility for the stability of the work.

15—Ewlyn Road, Eldorado Crescent and Kensington Avenue—The Town Clerk reported that the private improvement expenses in respect of these streets, had now been repaid with the exception of one or two cases where the owners were paying by instalments. Resolved, That the streets mentioned be declared highways, subject, however, as regards Eldorado Crescent to the liability of the abutting owners to pave the portion of the footpaths now asphalted when required to do so under the provisions of Section 44 of the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1852.

JOHN D. BENDALL,

Chairman.

PLANS SUB-COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Sub-Committee, held on Tuesday, the 12th September, 1905—Present : The Deputy Mayor, and Councillors Baker, Bence, and Bendall (The Deputy Mayor in the chair).

1—New Streets and Buildings—The Borough Surveyor laid before the Sub-Committee the following notices and plats of intended new Streets and Buildings, viz. :—

No. of Plan	Name	Description
309	Mrs. Mann	Twelve houses and new street in continuation of Rosehill Street
330	T. W. Smith	Salvation Army Barracks and Caretaker's Cottage, Upper Bath Street
331	T. Brewer	Tool and coal-house, 10, Wilford Terrace, Whaddon Lane.
332	D. Jones	Additions to Burtonville and Brookville, Gloucester Road.
333	J. M. Skarratt	Additions to 4, Priory Street

Resolved, That Plans No. 309 be approved, subject to an undertaking by the owners that the Corporation make the road at their expense, and that the remainder of the plans be approved as shown.

E. H. PARSONAGE,

Chairman.

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At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Friday, the 22nd September, 1905—Present The Mayor, The Deputy Mayor, Councillors Baker, Bence and Bendall (The Deputy Mayor in the chair).

2-New Buildings—The Borough Surveyor laid before the Sub-Committee the following plans of intended new Buildings, viz:—

No. of Plan	Name	Description
334	Mrs. Walford	Shed and covered way to house, Charlton Lane.
305	St. Paul's Training College Committee	Cricket Pavilion, Swindon Road (amended plan)
335	J. McCarthy	Alterations and additions to 25, Promenade Villas
336	G. G. Brodie	Additions to Coachman's Cottage, " The Woodlands," The Park.
337	W. Clarke	Alterations and additions to Southam Villa, Prestbury Road
338	Rev. A. D. Adkin	Addition to Springfield, Christ Church Road

Resolved, That Plans No. 305 be approved, that Plans No. 334 be approved as a temporary building only, and subject to the usual agreement being entered into, that Plan No. 335 be approved, the shed at the rear as a temporary building only and subject to the usual agreement as to this being entered into, that Plans No. 336 be approved, subject to the existing and new drainage being made to the satisfaction of the Inspector of Nuisances, and to the new ventilating shaft being at least 15 feet high, that Plan No. 337 be approved subject to the party wall being carried through the roof, and that Plans No. 338 be approved, subject to the drainage being made to the satisfaction of the Inspector of Nuisances.

E. H. PARSONAGE,

Chairman.

TOWN IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 18th September, 1905—Present: Aldermen Norman, Rogers, and Winterbotham, Councillors Baker, Bence, Marshall, Packer and Rickerby (Councillor Rickerby in the chair).

1—Report of Entertainments' Sub-Committee—The Entertainments' Sub-Committee recommended : Musical Afternoons—That Musical Afternoons be held in the Town Hall on each week-day except Saturday, from the 30th October to the 31st March next, the terms of Subscription and admission to be as follows :—

Family Ticket (unlimited)	£2 2 0
“ “ (to admit 4) ...	£1 1 0
Single “	7s 6d
“ “ Children under 16	5s 0d
Single Admission ..	6d.
Books of 12 Tickets ...	6s 0d

That the offer of Mr. H. G. Norman for the sole right to provide and sell the Programmes for £25 be accepted.

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That Mr. A. W. Newton be engaged to manage the concerts apart from the upon the amount of the Subscriptions and admissions.

That one Evening Concert each week be held -from November to March, inclusive, in the Town Hall, admission 6d. (with a few reserved seats at 1s). Subscribers' tickets to the afternoon concerts not to include admission to the evening concerts.

That Mr. Horace Teague's offer to provide a Band of 14 Performers as last year for £24 per week be accepted, this sum to include the Musical Afternoons and the Evening Concert.

That the offer of Mr. J. N. Corbett to pay £6, and a charge of 2s 6d per 1000 cubic feet for gas used for heating purposes, for the right of supplying refreshments at the concerts during the winter season, be accepted, subject to the Sub-Committee's right to terminate the arrangement at any time on 1 weeks' notice,

Lectures—The Sub-Committee also reported :

That they had arranged for a course of lectures commencing on the 30th proximo, the Lecturers being, Mrs. Beerbohm Tree, Coulson Kernahan, Dr. A. E. Wilson, Harry Furniss, and Madame Sarah Grand.

Benefit Concert—That they were recommending to the General Purposes Committee to grant the free use of the Town Hall for a Benefit Concert for Mr. Newton on the evening of Saturday, the 23rd instant, subject to cost of lighting being paid.

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

2—Exhibition of Views in G.W.R. Carriages—With reference to Minute No. 1 of this Committee of the 24th July last, read a letter from Messrs. Wills, Ltd., stating that they had made the following arrangement with the Company, as to the charges for exhibition of 2000 views in their carriages:— first year, £100, second £30, third £60, fourth £40, and fifth year, £20, making £300[?] for five years, equivalent to the Committee's suggestion of £100 for the first year and £50 for the four subsequent years. Resolved, That the arrangement be approved and accepted.

T. E. RICKERBY,
Chairman.

LIGHTING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Thursday, the 14th September, 1905.—Present : Councillors Green, Gridley, Ley Wood, Marshall and Steel (Councillor Ley Wood in the chair).

1---Electrical Inspector's Report—The Electrical Inspector reported that the result of his tests of the electrical supply .n the 29th ulto. and 12th instant had been as follows ; -208 and 210 volts. respectively.

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

ILLUMINATING POWER.		PURITY.	
1905		1905	Grains of Sulphur per 100 cubic feet.
Aug. 29th	16.14 candles		
		Sept. 12-13	9.80
Sept. 12th	15.78 "		
Average	15.96 "		

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-4.064 cubic feet ; Guildhall lamps with No. 4 Incandescent burners 4.672 cubic feet ; Ordinary lamps with No. 3 Incandescent burners 3.631 cubic feet.

4—Lamp Book—This book was produced and examined. Ordinary Lamps extinguished 18 (11 metered). Burning dimly, 1. Incandescents extinguished, 6 (3 metered), burning dimly, 1.

5—Borough Electrical Engineer's Monthly Report—Read, the Monthly Report of the Acting Borough Electrical Engineer. On the 13th inst. there were 830 customers, with the equivalent of about 55,215 8-candle power lamps, connected to the private supply mains, the corresponding figures for Sept., 1904, being 777 and 50,630 respectively.

6—Application for Supply—The Acting Borough Electrical Engineer reported that an application had been received from Mr. W. S. Edney for supply to his new house in Andover Road. This would necessitate an extension of main from Suffolk Road for a distance of about 115 yards at a cost of £35

12s. 0d., and upon this Mr. Edney was willing to guarantee a minimum annual payment of 20 per cent. for 3 years. The short length of service required would be supplied free in accordance with the scale in force. Resolved, That on Mr. Edney guaranteeing a return of 20 per cent., per annum, for 5 years or 33 $\frac{1}{3}$ per cent per annum for 3 years, the extension be made and supply given.

7—Meters for Motor Supply—Tenders received for the supply of double tariff meters and, as alternatives, for double time switches and meters, were considered. Resolved. That 7 double-time clock-controlled switches and meters be ordered.

8—Firebars—The Acting Borough Electrical Engineer reported that the firebars supplied by Messrs. Warty & Son had been found satisfactory after a three months' trial, and he recommended that the same be purchased Resolved, That the recommendation be approved.

9—Turbine Condensing Plant—The Acting Borough Electrical Engineer reported that it was advisable to put in a spare motor-driven pump to discharge the hot well of the turbine condensers, as now when the present pumps required repair or overhauling this could not be done without discontinuing the use of a turbine also. He submitted tenders for the motor and pump required, which, together with the cost of concrete bed, cable and valve operating gear, he estimated at £154. Resolved, That the recommendation be approved and adopted, the cost to be defrayed out of revenue.

He also reported that Messrs. Korting Bros. had offered to supply 2 of their D type of condensers for 2 of B type, and promised a higher vacuum of from 1 inch to 1 inches, and, as this would mean a saving of over £15 per annum on the coal bill on each condenser, he recommended that the offer should be accepted as regards one of the condensers for the present at a cost of £37 10s. 0d. Resolved, That the recommendation be approved and adopted subject to Messrs. Hurting agreeing to guarantee the higher vacuum mentioned by them.

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10—Street Gas Lighting—The Town Clerk reported -that the Manager of the Gas Company had suggested that the Guildhall lamps, about 60 in number, the Company had in their possession should be fitted for incandescent gas lighting under the agreement made with the Corporation, and put up in some of the streets. Resolved, That the suggestion be approved, and that the lamps be placed in the Promenade at the back of the long garden, and in the principal roads at Lansdown and Pittville, at present lighted by gas.

ROBT. LEY WOOD,

Chairman.

WATER COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Thursday, the 21st September, 1905—Present : The Mayor, Councillors Baker, Bendall, M. Davis, 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 Sept., 1905,	Average for corresponding period during last 3 years.
Hewletts Springs	108,000 gallons	156,627 gallons
Dowdeswell Springs	317,088 "	369,908 "
Leckhampton	(approx.) 5,496 "	(approx.) 5,496 "
Total	430,584 "	532,031 "

CONTENTS OF RESERVOIRS.

September 19th, 1905.			September 19th, 1904.	
	Depth	Contents	Depth	Contents
Hewletts	--	12,599,433 gallons	--	15,052,276 gallons
Leckhampton	6ft. 11in.	934,278 "	10ft. 7in.	1,429,562 "
Dowdeswell	23ft. 2 in.	45,365,233 "	23ft. 4in.	58,428,945 "
Total Storage		58,898,944 "		74,910,783 "

Pumping had continued night and day at Tewkesbury and daily at Sandford.

2—Renting, &c., of No. 3, Ferndale Terrace, St. Luke's—The Borough Engineer recommended that No. 3, Ferndale Terrace, St. Luke's (which is close to the Sandford Pumping Station), should be rented by the Corporation for £14 per annum for occupation by a waterworks employee, the latter to pay £13 per annum to the Corporation as rent, the Corporation to pay rates. He also recommended that the offer of the National Telephone Company to connect the house to the Pumping Station by telephone at a cost of £3 per annum be accepted. Resolved, That the recommendations be approved and adopted.

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3—Report of Fire Brigade Captain—The Captain of the Fire Brigade reported that on the 12th inst., the Brigade was called to extinguish an outbreak of fire on premises in the rear of the Fire Station. Damage £70. Cause unknown. Extinction expenses £3 1s. 0d. Property insured.

4—Additions to Fire Station—Read, a letter from the Local Government Board, enclosing their sanction to a loan of for additions to the Fire Station, the period for repayment being 30 years. The Committee again considered the tenders received for the work, and the representations made by Messes. C. Fisher and J. W. Betteridge (introduced by Councillor Merrett), who attended this meeting as representing the Cheltenham Building Trades Joint Committee.

Resolved, That the further consideration of the matter be adjourned.

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 19th September, 1905—Present The Mayor, The Deputy Mayor, Aldermen Haddon, Norman, and Rogers, Councillors Bendall, M. Davis, and Stroud (Alderman Norman in the chair).

1—Diseases of Animals Acts—Superintendent Hopkins reported that no further outbreak of contagious disease amongst animals had occurred since the last meeting.

2—Hackney Carriage Drivers Licences—Read, applications from Frederick Pash, of 9, Witcombe Place, and William Henry Merrett, of Swan Cottage, for licences to drive hackney carriages. Resolved, That the applications be granted.

3—Renumbering of Bath Road and Winstonian Road—The Borough Surveyor as instructed submitted plans for the renumbering of Bath Road, from High Street to Shurdington Road, and of Winstonian Road. Resolved, That the same be approved and that notices be given accordingly.

GEO. NORMAN,

Chairman.

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MINERAL WATERS, BATHS AND RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Friday, the 15th September, 1905—Present: The Mayor, Councillors Baker, Bence, Merrett and Pilley (The Mayor in the Chair).

1—Montpellier Baths—The Borough Accountant reported that the receipts at these Baths during the present financial year were as follows:—

Receipts at Baths	£353 13 10	Payments ...	£211 11 0
Rent of Shop ...	£15 0 0	Proportion of repayment of loans and interest.. ..	<u>£225 1 3</u>
	£368 13 10		£436 12 3

2—Alstone Baths—The Borough Accountant reported that the receipts at these Baths during the present financial year had been as follows :—

Receipts	<u>£232 5 8</u>	Payments .	£146 18 6
	£232 5 8	Proportion of repayment of loans and interest ...	<u>£139 12 7</u>
			£286 11 1

GEO. DIMMER, Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 25th September, 1905—Present: The Mayor, Alderman Norman, Councillors Baker, Bence, Merrett, and Stroud (Councillor Stroud in the chair)

3—Alstone Baths—Read, a letter from Major Pottinger, 2nd Vol. Battalion Gloucester Regiment applying, on behalf of a Town Rifle Club which he was starting, for the use of the Alstone Baths as a Miniature Rifle Range until the new Drill Hall in North Street was completed. Resolved, That the application be acceded to subject to the Club agreeing to pay the cost of lighting, and 5s a week for rent including cleaning, and undertaking to make good any damage which might be done, and to use the building so as not to interfere with, or cause inconvenience to any person or persons using the washing baths and other parts of the premises, and to have a responsible person in charge whenever the building is used for rifle practice, the letting to be determinable by the Corporation at any time by 14 days' notice.

4—Mineral Waters—The Chairman reported that Mr. J. A. Thomas, Hon. Sec. of the Cheltenham and District Chemists' Association, proposed to issue a circular letter to the other Chemists' Associations throughout the country, calling attention to the Cheltenham Mineral Waters, and asked that he should be supplied with 80 bottles of the waters to accompany the circulars. Resolved, That the same be supplied.

HERBERT STROUD, Chairman.

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BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Friday, the 22nd September, 1905—Present :—Aldermen Haddon and Rogers, Councillors Gridley, Merrett, and Pilley (Alderman Haddon in the chair).

1—Superintendent's Report—The Superintendent reported that padlocks and chains were needed for the inner and outer gates at the Cemetery and a padlock for the stoke hole door, that the tool house and workmen's shed required whitewashing, &c., and that the workmen's W.C. required attention. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to supply the locks required and carry out the necessary repairs to the tool house, &c.

2—Admission of Dogs inside Lodge Gates—Resolved, That no dogs be admitted inside the Lodge Gates at the Cemetery except on a chain or leash.

3—Repairs to Lodge—The Chairman reported that he had authorised the Borough Surveyor to have necessary whitewashing, papering, painting, &c., done at the Lodge and that the work was now nearly completed. Resolved, That the action of the Chairman be approved and adopted.

4—Designs—Resolved, That the following designs be approved, viz: Monuments on graves of Joseph James and Margaret Ann Houghton. Headstones to graves of George Ash, Charles F. Goodhall, Harriett Pratt, James Halford Long. Kerbs to graves of Charles Cowley and Flora Agnes Marshall.

JOHN HADDON,

Chairman.

PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 12th September, 1905—Present: Alderman Rogers, Councillors Lawrence, Marshall, Merrett and Pilley; The Baron de Ferrieres ; Revs. J. Evans, J. A. Owen, and A. Beynon Phillips ; Col. King-Harman ; Messrs. J. G. Carr, A. Mann, G. H. Palmer and E. C. Rogers (Alderman Rogers in the chair).

1—Librarian's Report—Read, the Monthly Report of the Librarian. Receipts, £5 3s. 1d. Presentations : H. W. Smith (2 vols.), Secretary of State for India (14 vols.), Sir Brook Kay, Bart. (1 vol.), Merchant Venturers Technical College, Bristol (1 vol.), Baron de Ferrieres (4 vols.)

2—Report of Sub-Committee—The Sub-Committee reported that they met on the let instant, when there were present : Alderman Rogers (Chairman), Councillors Marshall and Merrett, Rev. J. Evans, Colonel King-Harman, and Mr. G. H. Palmer.

The applications received for the post of Chief Assistant were considered. Resolved, That the following be invited to attend the next meeting : S. E. Harrison (Birmingham), H. R. Purnell (Oxford), and J. D. Young (Fulham).

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At a Meeting held on the 8th instant, there were present : Alderman Rogers (Chairman)', Councillors Marshall, and Merrett, J. Evans, Colonel King-Harman, and Mr. G. H. Palmer.

The Sub-Committee interviewed the three Candidates and Resolved to recommend the appointment of Mr. Sydney E. Harrison of the Birmingham Free Libraries at a salary of £80.

The Sub-Committee also Recommended,

That the wages of E. T. Wheeler, be advanced from 6s to 8s per week.

That 89 duplicate bound volumes of the illustrated London News be lent to the Leckhampton Reading Room Committee for the use of the readers.

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

3—Cheltenham Permanent Library—The Sub-Committee reported the receipt of a letter from Mr. H. A. Prothero, Hon. Secretary of the Cheltenham Library, stating that they had decided not to proceed with any scheme for amalgamation with the Public Library.

4—Library Management and Expenditure—Resolved, That Councillor Merrett and Revs. J. Evans and A. Beynon Phillips be appointed a Sub-Committee to enquire into and report at an early date upon the management and expenditure of the Library with suggestions as to any economies that in their opinion can be effected.

Resolved also, That any recommendation of the Sub-Committee involving an expenditure of and upwards be specially mentioned on the notice convening the meeting of this Committee at which the same will be considered.

RICHARD ROGERS, Chairman.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 26th September, 1905—Present : The Mayor, The Deputy Mayor, Alderman Waghorne, Councillors Merrett, Steel and Stroud (The Deputy Mayor in the chair).

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

2—General District Rate—The Report of the Borough Accountant, dated the 26th inst., on the collection of the first instalment of this Rate, was read. Amount collected £23,731 11s. 2d. Leaving outstanding £2,000 18s. 11 ½ d.

3—Water Rate—The Report of the Borough Accountant dated the 26th inst., on the collection of this Rate was read. Amount received £10,829 12s. 11d. Leaving outstanding £1,223 10s. 7d.

4—Audit of Corporation Stock Accounts—The Borough Accountant reported that on the 8th inst. he had audited the Corporation Stock Accounts at the National Provincial Bank, London, and found them in satisfactory order, and he had made the necessary half-yearly return to the Inland Revenue authorities as to stamp duty.

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5—Loans—The Borough Accountant reported that he had received an offer of £3,603 to replace a Sewers Loan of that amount at 3 ¾ per cent. the loan to be made for any definite period not exceeding 14 years. Resolved, That the offer be accepted, and a debenture sealed and issued accordingly, the loan to be for a term of 14 years, with power on either side to determine on six months' notice, expiring at the end of the 3rd, 5th, 7th or 10th year.

Naunton Park School—Resolved, On the recommendation of the Education Committee, that application be made to the Local Government Board for their sanction to a loan for £725 of the purchase of 2a. 2r. 23p., to be added to the Naunton Park Recreation Ground, in place of the portion appropriated, with the approval of the Local Government Board and Board of Education, as a site for a new school.

Dunalley Street School—Resolved, On the recommendation of the Education Committee, that application be made to the Local Government Board for their sanction to a loan for £2,500, estimated cost of altering the school building to meet with the requirements of the Board of Education.

Milsom Street School—Resolved, On the recommendation of the Education Committee, that application be made to the Local Government Board for sanction to a loan of £335 for the purchase of land in Hereford Passage, Nos. 18 and 19 Hereford Place and Hereford Villa, for enlarging the buildings of the Milsom Street School in accordance with plans approved by the Board of Education.

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 £19,192 15s. 10d. ordered to be paid by the Borough Treasurer.

The Treasurer's accounts at the Bank were examined, and the balances found to be correct. The following was the General Statement

Overdrawn on the 29th August, 1905	£26,974 18 3
Paid since that date	<u>£18,407 2 3</u>
	£45,382 0 6
Received since that date	<u>£11,053 7 2</u>
	£34,328 13 4
Being Bank Loan Account No. 2	£51,008 17 0
Less in hand on General Accounts	£11,568 10 0
Do. Sinking Funds	<u>£5,111 13 8</u>
	<u>£16,680 3 8</u>
	£34,328 13 4

E. H. PARSONAGE, Chairman.

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Borough of Cheltenham.

At a Monthly Meeting of the Town Council of the Borough of Cheltenham, duly convened and held in the Town Hall, in the said Borough, on Monday, the 2nd October, 1905, at 3 p.m. Present :

THE MAYOR (GEORGE DIMMER, ESQ.) in the chair. THE DEPUTY MAYOR (COUNCILLOR EDWARD HENRY PARSONAGE).

Aldermen: JOHN HADDON GEORGE NORMAN WILLIAM NASH SKILLICORNE JOHN WAGHORNE

Councillors: WILLIAM ALFRED BAKER GEORGE BENCE JOHN DAVID BENDALL RICHARD DAVIES MOSES DAVIS EDWINSON CHARLES GREEN EDWARD GRIDLEY EDWARD LAWRENCE RICHARD EEDE MARSHALL WILLIE JOHN MERRETT TOM HERBERT PACKER JOSEPH PILLEY THOMAS ELLERSON RICKERBY ROBERT STEEL HERBERT STROUD.

1—Minutes of previous Meeting—Resolved, That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Council on the 4th September last, having been printed and a copy sent to each Member of the Council, be taken as read, and that the same be adopted and confirmed.

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2—Unemployed Workmen Act, 1905—The Town Clerk reported the receipt of a circular letter from the Local Government Board on the subject of the provisions of the Unemployed Workmen Act, 1905. Resolved, That the letter be referred to the General Purposes and Watch Committee for consideration with power to make an application to the Local Government Board for an Order under Section 2 of the Act for the establishment of a Distress Committee for the Borough.

3—Resignation of Mr. Kilgour—Read, a letter from Mr. Hamilton Kilgour, thanking the Council for the resolution of regret passed at the last meeting on his resignation of the office of Borough Electrical Engineer.

4—Public Health Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Public Health Committee, at their Meetings of the 11th and 18th September last, be approved and confirmed.

5—Farms Management Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Farms Management Committee, at their Meeting of the 15th September last, be approved and confirmed.

6—Street and Highway Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Street and Highway Committee, at their Meetings of the 12th and 25th September last, be approved and confirmed.

7—Town Improvement Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Town Improvement Committee, at their Meeting of the 18th September last, be approved and confirmed.

8—Lighting Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Lighting Committee, at their Meeting of the 14th September last, be approved and confirmed.

9—Water Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Water Committee at their Meeting of the 21st September last, be approved and confirmed.

10—General Purposes & Watch Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the General Purposes and Watch Committee, at their Meeting of the 19th September last, be approved and confirmed.

11—Mineral Waters, Baths and Recreation Grounds Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Mineral Waters, Baths and Recreation Grounds Committee, at their Meetings of the 15th and 25th September last, be approved and confirmed.

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12—Burial Board Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Burial Committee, at their Meeting of the 22nd September last, be approved and confirmed.

13—Finance Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Finance Committee, at their Meeting of the 26th September last, be approved and continued.

Resolved also, That an Order on the Borough Treasurer be signed accordingly authorising and ordering him to pay to the several Corporations, Companies and persons mentioned in the Schedule of Accounts the sum of money set opposite their respective names upon production of a cheque signed by the Borough Accountant.

14—Notice of Motion—Councillor Stroud gave notice of his intention to move at the next Quarterly Meeting of the Council :

" That the Town Clerk be instructed to require the Cheltenham and District " Light Railway to provide and maintain waiting rooms for passengers in " accordance and compliance with Section 53 of the Cheltenham and District " Light Railway Order, 1900."

15—Resignation of Borough Electrical Engineer—Moved by Councillor pursuant to notice :

" That the resolution of the Council of the 4th August, 1905, expressing regret at " the resignation of the Borough Electrical Engineer be rescinded, and that " power be given for the examination of the correspondence in the Town " Clerk's and Borough Accountant's Offices on this subject."

It was afterwards moved by the Deputy Mayor and seconded by Councillor Stroud, " That the Council proceed to the other business of the day," which upon being put to the Meeting was declared to be carried.

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GEO. DIMMER, Mayor.

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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 Thursday, the 9th November, 1905.

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 9th October, 1905—Present : The Mayor, The Deputy Mayor, Alderman Skillicorne, Councillors Bence, M. Davis, Lawrence and Pilley (The Deputy Mayor 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, 1 case of Enteric Fever, 1 case of Erysipelas, and 6 cases of Diphtheria ; and that 9 cases of Scarlet Fever and 3 of Diphtheria had been sent into the Delancey Hospital.

2—Cleansing and Disinfecting at No. 33 Moorend Street—The Medical Officer of Health having certified that the cleansing and disinfecting 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 to cleanse and disinfect the house or part thereof within the time specified in such Notice.

3—Cleansing and Limewashing at Nos. 1, 7, 11, 13, 21 & 22 Corpus Street, and 78, 79, 80 & 81 Stanhope 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 Rose di Crown Inn, Rose & Crown Passage, 1, 2, 3, 4 5, Cotswold View, Marsh Lane, 1, 2, 3 & 4 Suffolk Parade, 7, 8 & 9 Montpellier Retreat, Garden Cottage, Montpellier Retreat, Boswell Cottage, 04 Montpellier Porter Stores, Montpellier Villas. 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 well 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—Nos. 2, 3, 11 and 19, Corpus Street, 9, Hereford Place, 14 16 Whitehart Street and Hermitage House, Bath 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, 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 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.

6—Overcrowding at tees [?] houses at Hester's Way—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—Houses without proper Ash Receptacles—The Inspector of Nuisances reported that the following houses had no proper ashpits or ash receptacles, viz :—Pilley Cottage, Pilley Lane, Fern Cottage, Colima End Road, 22 Worcester Street, 6, 9, 19 and 22, Corpus Street and 1, Hatherley 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.

8—Dairies, Cowsheds, and Milkshops Order—Read, an application from Mrs. Wedgwood, of 5, Gloucester Road, to be registered as a purveyor of milk. The Medical Officer of Health reported that the premises were unsuitable. Resolved, That the application be not granted.

9—Destruction of Diseased Meat—The Medical Officer of Health reported that on the 29th ultimo, the carcase of a pig killed at the Abattoir, weighing with offal 52 lbs., was found to be diseased and was destroyed with the consent of the owner.

10—Water Supply at Hester's Way—The Medical Officer of Health reported that there were about 10 houses and cottages at Hester's Way, within the Borough to which the water supply was deficient and something should be done to remedy this. Resolved, That the report be referred to the Water Committee for consideration.

11—St. Peter's District Sewers—The Committee visited the St. Peter's District and inspected the works now in progress.

12—St. Paul's District Sewers—The Town Clerk reported that he had received notice of a Local Government Board Inquiry on the 19th instant, into the application for a loan of £10,220 for the resewering of St. Paul's District.

13—Abattoir—The Borough Surveyor reported that constant complaints had been received of the insufficiency of the gas lighting at the Abattoir and to remedy this it would be necessary to lay a larger service pipe at a cost of about £12. Resolved, That this be done.

E. H. PARSONAGE, Chairman.

At a meeting of this committee, held on Monday, the 16th October, 1905—Present: The Deputy Mayor, Aldermen Norman and Skillicorne, Councillors Bence, M. Davis, and Pilley (The Deputy Mayor in the chair.)

14—Zymotic Disease—The Medical Officer of Health reported that no case of zymotic disease had been notified since the last meeting.

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15—Cleansing and Limewashing at Nos. 54, St. George's Place, 59 Burton Street, 4 Worcester Street, Cottage at Arle and 2 Harmony Cottages, Short 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.

16—Nuisances from Drains, etc., at Nos. 12, 13 & 14, Marsh Lane and 1 & 2 Swindon 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.

17—Insanitary Property—Nos. 59 Burton Street, 7, 8 & 9, Montpellier Retreat, 11 Gratton Street, and 3 & 4 Suffolk Parade 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 post the same into a healthy condition, and for that purpose to carry out the works specified therein.

18—Overcrowding at Nos. 2 Douro Cottages, Sherborne Street, 1 Pear Tree Cottages, 3 Sherborne Street, and 13 Waterloo 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 occupiers thereof requiring them to abate the same.

19—Houses without proper Ash Receptacles—The Inspector of Nuisances reported that the following houses had no proper ashpits or ash receptacles, viz :—Nos. 3 & 4 Gratton Street, 4 Mitre Street, 4 Cots 2 vold View, Marsh Lane. 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—Water Closets without Flushing Apparatus—The Medical Officer of Health reported that the following houses had water closets without flushing apparatus, viz :—No. 74, Fairview Road, Grovefield Villa, Gloucester Road and 3 cottages at Ark. 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.

21—Notices not complied with—The Medical Officer of Health submitted a list of Notices requiring provision of ash receptacles, and abatement of nuisances arising from defective floors, want of limewashing, &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—Dairies, Cowsheds and Milkshops' Order—Read an application from Mr. John H. Tucker, of Elm Farm, near Gloucester Road, to be registered as a cowkeeper and dairyman. Resolved, That the application be acceded to.

23—Common Lodging House Byelaws—The Medical Officer of Health reported that the Byelaws as to Common Lodging houses had been broken by the registered keepers of Cumberland Cottage and Cumberland House, Grove Street. Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to write to the lodging housekeepers referred to requiring immediate compliance with the Byelaws and that he be authorised if this is not done to commence proceedings for the penalties incurred.

24—Sewage Outfalls and Disposal—The Town Clerk submitted correspondence he had had with the Local Government Board on the subject of the reconstruction of the Hatherley Outfall Sewer and sewage disposal. He read a letter from the Board stating that as regards the size of the septic tank if that method of preliminary treatment was adopted the Board thought that the capacity of the tank need not exceed three-fourths of the volume of ordinary daily dry weather flow of sewage. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to prepare and submit to this Committee a revised estimate of the cost of the sewage disposal works having regard to the letter Of the Local Government Board.

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25—Public Urinals—With reference to Minute No. 19 of this Committee of the 18th ultimo, the Borough Surveyor reported that he had obtained an estimate from the contractors to the G.W.R. Co. for building front walls to the recesses in the bridges over High Street and Market Street amounting to £75 including foundations. The Company were willing to allow £30 to the Council if the recess in the Market Street bridge was abandoned as had been suggested. He recommended that if the recesses were provided the Company's Contractors should supply the materials at cost price as they were willing to do and the Corporation workmen build the walls. Resolved, That in view of the existence of similar accommodation in the immediate neighbourhood the proposal to provide a urinal in Market Street be abandoned, and the Borough Surveyor's suggestion as regards the recess in the High Street bridge be approved and adopted and that the Minute above referred to be amended accordingly.

E. H. PARSONAGE,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Friday, the 27th October, 1905—Present : The Deputy Mayor, Alderman Norman, Councillors Bence, M. Davis, and Waghorne (The Deputy Mayor in the chair).

26—Public Urinals—Read, a Memorial signed by Mr. J. W. T. Jackson and twenty other occupiers of premises in Lower High Street, protesting against the proposed construction of a urinal in the abutment of the bridge, between 240 and 243 High Street, as being unnecessary and that if constructed it would be a public nuisance. Resolved, That in view of the representations made, the proposal to construct a urinal in the abutment of the bridge be abandoned.

27—Sewage Disposal—Read, a letter from the Clerk to the Gloucestershire County Council giving formal notice under the Rivers Pollution Prevention Act, 1876, that if within two months from the 1st proximo, effective steps were not taken by the Corporation to remedy the nuisance caused by sewage flowing into the Hatherley Brook and Chelt, proceedings would be taken under the Act by the County Council.

E. H. PARSONAGE, Chairman.

FARMS MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Friday, the 13th October, 1905—Present : Alderman Skillicorne, Councillors Bence, M. Davis, Gridley and Steel (Councillor M. Davis in the chair).

1—Report of Farms Manager—Read, the Monthly Report of the Farms Manager. Since the last meeting 50 head of cattle had been purchased for £552 10s., and 20 sheep for £45 10s. 0d. (Total purchase £598 0s. 9d.) 22 head of cattle, 5 calves, and 20 sheep had been sold for £409 16s. 8d. The livestock on the farms on the 13th instant comprised 16 horses (2 from the Central Depot), 174 head of cattle, 61 sheep, and 13 pigs all doing fairly well. Two sets of

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trace harness had been purchased for £3 12s. 0d. Some papering and whitewashing was required at the house at the Barn Farm. He also required about 100 posts and 200 rails for fencing, and a blacksmith's vice at Hayden. Resolved. That the Farms Manager be authorised to get the repairs done at the Barn Farm, and to obtain the posts and rails required, and that the Chairman and Farm Manager be authorised to purchase a vice. On the recommendation of the Farm Manager, Resolved, That the old white horse at the Barn Farm be sent to the Kennels.

M. DAVIS,

Chairman.

STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 10th October, 1905—Present: The Mayor, The Deputy Mayor, Aldermen Haddon and Skillicorne, Councillors Baker, Bendall, Gridley, Ley Wood and Packer (Councillor Bendall in the chair)

1—Chosen View, Tewkesbury Road (Inner Path)—The Borough Surveyor submitted plans, specifications and estimates of the works required to be done to the above street. Resolved, That the same be approved and that Notice 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 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.

2—Crossing opposite The Lypiatts, Lansdown Place—Read, letters from Miss Garde, asking the Council to replace the crossing opposite The Lypiatts, Lansdown Place, removed last year when the road was repaired. Resolved, That the request be not acceded to, as the Committee consider a crossing unnecessary.

3—Footpath in Thirlestaine Road, opposite Dewerstone House—Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to prepare and submit a plan and specification for the kerbing and channelling of the footpath in Thirlestaine Road opposite Dewerstone House by the abutting owners.

4—Albany Street, Tivoli—Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to bring up a plan and specification for the repair of this street, including the gravelling of the footpaths, by the abutting owners.

5—Footpath in Hewlett Road opposite Berkhamsted Lodge—Read, letters from Mr. W. H. Parker and others, asking that the footpath in Hewlett Road, opposite Berkhamsted Lodge, should be paved. Resolved, That the matter be adjourned for the Committee to view.

6—Byelaws as to Locomotives on Highways—Further representations made on behalf of the National Traction Engine Owners and Users Association were considered from which it appeared that if the whole of High Street were prohibited, access to the district North of Lower High Street from the Prestbury and Evesham Roads only be obtained by a long detour. Resolved, That in order to meet the representations made by the Association the Byelaws be amended by the addition of the following proviso to the Byelaw prohibiting the use of the High Street :

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" Provided that this byelaw shall not be deemed to prohibit the use of locomotives between the hours of 6 in the after-" noon and 10 in the forenoon on those portions of High Street which lie between North Street and St. George's Street and between Hale's Road and Hewlett Street."

And that the Resolution to Minute No. 12 of this Committee at its last meeting declining to modify the Byelaws be rescinded accordingly.

Resolved, also That the Byelaws as amended be approved and adopted and submitted to the Local Government Board for confirmation.

JOHN D. BENDALL,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held On Monday, the 23rd October, 1905—Present : The Mayor, Aldermen Haddon and Skillicorne, Councillors Baker, Bendall, Gridley and Ley Wood (Councillor Bendall in the chair),

7—Borough Surveyor's Monthly Report Re Highways—The Borough Surveyor reported that the work done by the Highways Department from 22nd September to the 19th October, 1905 (both inclusive) had been as follows :—

Roads Repaired—St. George's Place (509 super yards), Lansdown Place (back road), (1,786 super yards), St. Margaret's Road (proceeding), Clarence Street (part of north side) (629 super yards).

Roads Patched—Portland Street, Ambrose Street, Old Bath Road (part of), London Road, Leckhampton Road, New Street, and St. James's Square.

Private Improvement Works—Gloucester Road (proceeding), Trafalgar Street, and Hewlett Road, completed.

New Paving laid—St. George's Place (95 $\frac{1}{3}$ super yards). Paving Relaid—Swindon Road (34 super yards), Bath Road by St. Luke's Road (59 super yards), Fairview Road (55 super yards), Hewlett Road (51 super yards), St. George's Place (60 super yards).

Paving Repaired—Gloucester Road and Naunton Lane (asphalt). Paving Patched—Monson Avenue, Columbia Street, Swindon Street, Brunswick Street, King's Road, Union Street, Jersey Street and Cambray.

New Kerb laid—Fairview Road (51 lineal yards), St. George's Place (10 lineal yards).

Kerb relaid—Swindon Road (17 lineal yards), Bath Road by St. Luke's Road (24 lineal yards), Bath Road by Hermitage Street (57 lineal yards), St. George's Place (84 lineal yards), Hewlett Road (30 lineal yards).

Channel Relaid—Bath Road by St. Luke's Road (24 lineal yards), Bath Road by Hermitage Street (57 lineal yards), Clarence Street (188 lineal yards), Fairview Road (50 lineal yards), St. George's Place (100 lineal yards), Hewlett Road (30 lineal yards).

Water Trenches Repaired—Pittville Lawn, Pittville Circus, Cleeve Path Drive, Lansdown Crescent, and 3 in St. George's Road.

Sewer Trenches Repaired—Promenade, Rose and Crown Passage, Bayshill Road, Tewkesbury Road, Swindon Street, Passage from High Street to County Court Road.

Gas Trenches Repaired—Grosvenor Place, St. George's Road, New Street, Market Street, Portland Street, Selkirk Street, Columbia Street, Cleeve Path Drive, Passage from High Street to County Court Road, Naunton Lane, Bayshill Road and Queen's Road.

Electric Light Trenches Repaired—St. George's Road, Suffolk Square, High Street, Great Norwood Street, Bath Road and 2 in Lansdown Road.

Manhole Covers Refixed—4. Footpath Troughs fixed—Nos. 155 High Street, 43 Winchcombe Street, and Drill Hall, North Street.

New Carriage Entrances laid-2. Carriage Entrances Renewed-1. Crossing Renewed, 1 Gullies Renewed-5, Gullies Refixed-3. Manhole Covers paved round-4.

Trees Pruned—Paragon Parade, Hale's Road, St. Luke's Road, Lansdown Terrace, College Road, Sandford Road, Knapp Road, Pittville Circus Road, Malvern Place, Bayshill Road, Imperial Square and Lansdown Road.

Trees felled-1 in Hale's Road and 1 in Howlett Road.

Ashes Collection and Disposal—During 4 weeks ended 12th October, 1905-990 loads collected, 94 tipped away, and 896 consumed. Weight consumed 832 tons, 8 cwts.

Slab Factory—During 4 weeks ended 19th October, 1905-8661 square yards of slabs, 465 lineal feet of kerb, and 465 lineal feet channel made.

8—St. Stephen's Road (Footpaths opposite " Camperdown " and Land Opposite).—The Borough Surveyor submitted a specification, plan, and estimate of the works required to be done to these footpaths. Resolved, That the same be approved, and 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.

9—Albany Street, Tivoli—The Borough Surveyor submitted a specification, plan and estimate of the works required to be done to this street. Resolved, That the same be approved, that the necessary plans, sections, and estimates be prepared, and notice be given under Section 150 of the Public Health Act, 1875. to the owners of the premises fronting, adjoining, or abutting upon the parts of the said street, requiring to be sewered, levelled, paved, metalled, flagged, channelled, or made good, requiring them to do the specified works within 25 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—Tip in College Road—The Borough Surveyor reported that he had advertised for tenders for the grazing of the field in College Road and had received an offer of per annum. from Mr. G. M. Davis. Resolved, That the offer be accepted, the tenancy to be subject to a quarter's notice on either side.

11—Street Projections—Read a letter from Mrs. Spier of 216a, High Street, applying for permission to place 2 lamps outside her premises. Resolved, That the application be acceded to, subject to compliance with the usual conditions.

12—Trees in Promenade—Read letters from Colonel Cooch, Mrs. Herbert and the New Club asking that the trees in the Promenade should be considerably thinned. Resolved, That consideration of the letters be adjourned for the Committee to view.

43—Sydenham Roads North and South—Resolved, That Sydenham Roads North and South be declared highways without prejudice to the right of the Council to require the footpaths to be paved under Section 44 of the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1852, and that the Town Clerk be instructed to give the necessary notices of such declaration.

14—Pavement Lights at No. 397, High Street—Read a letter from Mr. A. C. Saxby objecting to pay an acknowledgement of 10s 6d each per annum in respect of the pavement lights in front of his shop, as the greater portion of the same would be on the land he had thrown into the street. Resolved, That under the circumstances the payment be waived, and that the resolution to Minute No. 13 of this Committee of the 25th ultimo be varied accordingly.

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15—Slab Factory—The Borough Surveyor presented the following account, showing the results of Slab Factory for the half year ending the 28th :—

REVENUE ACCOUNT.

HALF-YEAR FROM 31ST MARCH,.	1905, TO 28TH SEPTEMBER, 1905.	£	s. d.
Surplus brought forward 31st March, 1905 £143 16 10 Sales from 31st March to 28th September, 1905... £929 6 1	Slabs in stock 31st March, 1905, 10,073 ½ square yards at 2s 9d £1385 2 7 Kerbs, 1,094 2/3 squ. yd	£150	10 4
Slabs in stock 28th September, 1905, 10,598 1/3 square yards at 2s 6d £1,324 15 10	Total 11,168 1/3 do. at [?] Cement, Granite, and other materials in	1,535	12 11
Kerbs, 1,698 2/3 squ. yd. £212 6 812,297 square yards at 2s 6d . £1,537 2 6	stock 31st March, 1905 ... Wages and materials for half- year from	102	16 10
Value of Cement, Granite, and other materials in stock 28 September £105 2s 10d	31st March to 28th September, 1905 ...	634	12 10
	Rates, taxes and insurance for half-year...	9	15 1
	Interest and Sinking Fund for half-year	118	11 4
	Surplus...	315	10 3
Total £2,717 8 3		£2,717	8 3

16—Old Bath Road and Charlton Lane Improvement—The Borough Surveyor reported that Mr. Boulton was willing to give up land for the widening of the Old Bath Road and Charlton Lane to a line shown on the plan now submitted if the Corporation would make the road and footpath and provide a fence and gate. The Corporation to be at liberty to fill in the ditch and lay a 12 inch pipe therein,

and to use the land as a tip for road scrapings until raised above the level of the road, but no offensive matter to be deposited thereon. The estimated cost of the work was £177. Other owners in Charlton Lane were willing to allow their fences to be set back in accordance with the line already approved by the Committee upon the Corporation laying the surface water drain and making good the road and footpaths. The estimated cost of this work was £155. Resolved, That the offer of Mr. Boulton and the other owners in Charlton Lane be accepted, and the work carried out.

17—Plans Sub-Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Plans Sub-Committee at their Meetings of the 10th and 20th inst. be approved and adopted.

JOHN D. BENDALL, Chairman.

PLANS SUB-COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Sub-Committee, held on Tuesday, the 10th October, 1905—Present The Mayor, The Deputy Mayor, and Councillor Baker, Bence, and Bendall (The Deputy Mayor in the chair).

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

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No. of Plan	Name	Description
328	J. Chambers	New shop front, Suffolk Lawn.
329	G. Loveday	12 houses in road off Sandfield Road.
339	Scudamore, Bros.	Porch to premises, corner of Bath Road and Francis Street.
341	Mr. Perks	Additions to 19 Lansdown Crescent.
342	Bass & Co.	Rebuilding Cleaning house, Old Bath Road.
343	W. Bailey	New W.C.'s and Urinals, Athletic Ground, Albion Street.

Resolved, That Plans No. 328 3:39, 341, 342, and 343 be approved, and that Plan No. 329 be disapproved.

E. H. PARSONAGE,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Friday, the 20th October, 1905—Present : The Deputy Mayor, Councillors Baker, Bence and Bendall (The Deputy Mayor in the chair).

2—New Buildings—The Borough Surveyor laid before the Sub-Committee the following plans of intended new Buildings, viz:—

No. of Plan	Name	Description
340	Georges, Ltd. ..	Alterations and additions to rear of 366 and 367 High Street (amended plans).
344	Mrs. Iliffe	Additions to No. 4 Whaddon Villas.
345	Mrs. Lowenfeld	Additions to Oakfield, The Park.

346	Education Committee	Reconstruction of Schools, Dunalley Street.
347	Feoffees of Elmstone Hardwick ..	Additions to Shop in New Street.
348	Cheltenham College Council ..	Rifle Range on Land in Bath Road, in front of Paragon Parade.

Resolved, That Plans Nos. 344, 345, and 347 be approved, that Plans No. 340 be approved, subject to the drainage and sanitary arrangements being carried out under the supervision and to the satisfaction of the Inspector of Nuisances, that Plan No. 346 be approved subject to the plan being amended so as to make provision for separate surface water drainage, and that Plan No. 34S be approved subject to the walls being made of greater thickness, or buttresses provided to the satisfaction of the Borough Surveyor. Read, a letter from Messrs. Chatters & Smithson, on behalf of the Grammar School Governors, asking permission to substitute gratings for the Hayward's Lights at first proposed in connection with the now buildings abutting on Oxford Passage, plans for which had been approved by the Council. Resolved, That under the special circumstances the request be acceded to, subject to the usual agreement of indemnity being entered into, and that the resolution to Minute No. 8 of the Street and Highway Committee of the 15th March, 1904, be varied accordingly.

E. H. PARSONAGE,

Chairman.

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TOWN IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 16th October, 1905—Present: The Mayor, Aldermen Norman, Rogers, and Winterbotham, Councillors Baker, Renee, Marshall, Packer and Rickerby (Councillor Rickerby in the chair).

1—Report of Entertainments Sub-Committee—The Entertainments Sub-Committee submitted the following Statement of Account with regard to the Summer Entertainments, 1905 :—

To Stock in Hand at commencement, 23rd May, 1905	£10 0 0
“ Artistes, Bands, &c.	£687 18 5
“ Attendants	£147 16 2
“ Advertising, Printing, &c.	£220 11 6
“ Electric Energy, &c.	£ 34 11 4
“ Hire of Winter Garden	£ 15 15 0
“ Piano Hire, &c.	£ 9 9 4
Cr. Balance ...	<u>£145 8 3</u>
	£1,271 10 0

By Admissions Chairs, &c.	£1055 3 3
“ Programme Rights	£ 50 0 0
“ Refreshment Rights	£ 5 0 0
“ Stock in Hand—Sept. 16th end of Season	£ 25 0 0
“ Proportion of Subscriptions ...	<u>£136 6 9</u>
	£1,271 10 0

The Sub-Committee desire to express their appreciation of Mr. Newton's management of the Concerts during the summer which has, notwithstanding the reduction in the charge for admission, obtained the satisfactory results shown by the Accounts.

Resolved, That the Report be approved and adopted and that the cost of the awning at Montpellier be defrayed out of the balance in hand on the Concerts' Account.

2—Pittville Estate and Gardens—The Town Clerk reported that he had received notice from the Cheltenham Rural District Council of their intention to lay a sewer under part of the Pittville Estate and Gardens. Resolved, That the notice be referred to the Borough Surveyor to report thereon.

3—Wild Flower Garden and Trees at Pittville—Read, a report by Mr. W. L. Mellersh upon the garden of wild plants of Gloucestershire established by him at Pittville, in 1896, with suggestions as to its future care and management and as to the planting of trees and shrubs generally at Pittville. The report was accompanied by a list of the plants in the garden. The Sub-Committee appointed to discuss with Mr. Mellersh his suggestion as to the removal of the Wild Flower Garden from Marle Hill Annexe to Pittville Gardens reported that they met at Pittville on the 20th ultimo. The only site that appeared to be available was the ground now used for seeds, and the Sub-Committee recommended that this ground containing an area three times the size of the present garden be appropriated for the Wild Flower garden, and a seeding ground provided elsewhere. This would enable the head gardener at Pittville to keep the Garden under better supervision. Resolved, That the recommendation of the Sub-Committee be approved and adopted.

T. E. RICKERBY,

Chairman.

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LIGHTING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Thursday, the 12th October, 1905.—Present : The Mayor, Alderman Norman, Councillors Green, Gridley, Marshall, Merrett, Ley Wood; and Steel (Councillor Ley Wood in the chair).

1-Electrical Inspector's Report—The Electrical Inspector reported that the result of his tests of the electrical supply on the 4th and 11th instant had been as follows :-214 and 216 volts. respectively.

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

ILLUMINATING POWER.			PURITY.
1905 Oct. 4th " 11th	15.00 candles 15.19 "	1905 Oct. 4-5	Grains of Sulphur per 100 cubic feet. 14.18
Average	15.095 "		

Resolved, That the attention of the Gas Company be called to the low illuminating power of the Gas.

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-4.059 cubic feet ; Guildhall lamps with No. 4 Incandescent burners 3.837 cubic feet ; Ordinary lamps with No. 3 Incandescent burners 3.337 cubic feet.

4—Lamp Book—This book was produced and examined, Incandescents extinguished, 4. Burning dimly, 3. Ordinary Lamps extinguished 33 (8 metered), burning dimly, 2. Resolved, That the attention of the Gas Company be called to the large number of lamps reported extinguished during the month.

5—Borough Electrical Engineer's Monthly Report—Read, the Monthly Report of the Borough. Electrical Engineer. On the 11th inst. there were 836 customers, with the equivalent of about 55,430 8-candle power lamps, connected to the private supply mains, the corresponding figures for Oct., 1904, being 784 and 51,000 respectively.

6—Lighting near Lansdown Hotel—Read, a letter from the Misses Darby, complaining of the insufficient lighting of the road leading from Queen's Road and Lansdown Place, past the Lansdown Hotel. Resolved, That the consideration of the complaint be adjourned for the Committee to view.

7—Applications for Supply—With reference to the application received last month from Mr. W. S. Edney for supply to a house in Andover Road, the Borough Electrical Engineer reported that Mr. Edney was willing to pay ET towards the cost of the extension, and to guarantee a minimum payment of per annum for three years. Resolved, That supply be given on these terms, and the resolution to Minute No. 6 of this Committee at its last meeting be varied accordingly.

The Borough Electrical Engineer also reported that he had received an application from Mr. Dodwell, Swindon Road, for a motor power supply. If supply were given it would be necessary to lay a short length of cable at a cost of about £10. Resolved, That the Borough Electrical Engineer be authorised to arrange with the applicant the terms on which supply should be given, and report thereon.

8—Charges for Motor Supply—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that the clock-switches supplied by the Reason Manufacturing Company for use with the Double Tariff Meters had stopped, and he recommended that under the circumstances the whole of the energy consumed should be charged at 2d per unit until the clock-switches were again in order.

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He also recommended that as the cost of the meters, &c. required for motor supply had proved to be lower than originally estimated, the rent for small meters should be reduced from per annum.

Resolved, That the Borough Electrical Engineer be instructed to submit for approval a scale for meter rents, according to the size of the motor.

9—Transformer at Battledown—The Borough Electrical Engineer recommended that in order to meet the difficulty caused by the flooding of the transformer chamber and switch-box at the top of Battledown Approach a switch pillar should be fixed at a cost of about £50. The Committee having viewed, Resolved, That the recommendation be approved and adopted.

10—Sale of Scrap Material—The Borough Electrical Engineer submitted tenders he had obtained for scrap material at the works, and recommended that the offer of Mr. J. Kesterton be accepted. Resolved, That the recommendation be adopted.

ROBT. LEY WOOD,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Thursday, the 2nd day of November, 1905, at the Electric Light Works—Present Councillors Green, Gridley, Ley Wood, Marshall, Merrett and Steel (Councillor Ley Wood in the chair)

11—Fatal Accident at Works—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that on the 27th ultimo an employee at the Electric Works named John Moore while engaged in cleaning the purifier over one of the boilers had been scalded by the discharge of steam into the purifier and his injuries had terminated fatally at the General Hospital on the 1st instant.

He further reported that he had deemed it advisable to suspend three of the other employees at the Works for three days pending full enquiry into the circumstances. Resolved, That the action of the Borough Electrical Engineer be approved and that the Chairman be requested to attend the Inquest.

ROBT. LEY WOOD,

Chairman.

WATER COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Thursday, the 19th October, 1905—Present : Councillors Baker, M. Davis, 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 28 days, ended 17th Oct., 1905.	Average for corresponding period during last 3 years.
Hewletts Springs	93,160 gallons	176,528 gallons
Dowdeswell Springs	11,568 “	548,576 “
Leckhampton	(approx.) 5,496 “	(approx.) 5,496 “
	Total 260,224 “	730,600 “

CONTENTS OF RESERVOIRS.

	October 17th, 1905.		October 17th, 1904.	
	Depth	Contents	Depth	Contents
Hewletts	--	9,802,739 gallons	--	16,453,748 gallons
Leckhampton	4ft. 7in.	619,100 "	8ft. 4in.	1,125,640 "
Dowdeswell	18ft. 6 in.	39,038,926 "	20ft. 6in.	46,688,646 "
Total Storage	--	49,460,765 "	--	64,268,034 "

Pumping had been continued night and day at Tewkesbury and the whole of the available water at Sandford had been pumped. In addition to several extensions of mains certain alterations of mains and house services had been made on the request and at the expense of the G.W.R. Co. in Whitehart Street, Stoneville Street and Bloomsbury Place.

2—Fire Hydrants in Hayward's Road—With reference to the resolution of the Committee at its meeting on the 24th August last, agreeing to a suggestion made by the Charlton Kings Urban District Council that a fire hydrant should be fixed by the Town Council in Hayward's Road, the Borough Engineer reported that there were three hydrants in the road of which apparently the Charlton Kings Council were unaware and that an additional hydrant was not required. Resolved, That the instruction given at the last meeting be rescinded accordingly.

3—Report of Fire Brigade Captain—The Captain of the Fire Brigade reported that on the 2nd instant the Brigade was called to a fire at his farm situate at The Leigh caused by the ignition of an old beam in a chimney. Damage £200. Expenses of extinction £14 1s. Property insured.

On the 7th instant a call was received to a fire in the Cattle Market caused by a house-van stove. Damage £150. Extinction expenses £2 7s. Property insured.

4—Additions to Fire Stations—The tenders received for this work were further considered. Resolved, That the tender of Messrs. Collins & Godfrey, amounting to £477 be accepted.

5—Hewletts Reservoirs, &c.—On the recommendation of the Borough Surveyor, Resolved, That a main be laid from the No. 2 covered reservoir at Hewletts into the 12-inch supply mains from Hewletts at a cost of £200 in order to obtain a direct supply to the Town and that a tank be provided on the main from the Northfield spring with a separate service main therefrom for supply of the houses in the higher parts of Battledown at an estimated cost of

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 17th October, 1905—Present The Mayor, Aldermen Haddon, Norman, Rogers and Waghorne, and Councillor M. Davis (Alderman Norman in the chair).

1—Diseases of Animals Acts—Superintendent Hopkins reported that no further outbreak of contagious disease amongst animals had occurred since the last meeting.

2—Pawnbroker's Certificate—Read, a letter from Mr. Harry Higgins, applying for a renewal of his certificate under the Pawnbrokers' Act, 1872, which expired on the 9th prox. Resolved, That the certificate be renewed for one year.

3—Report of Art Gallery Sub-Committee—The Art Gallery Sub-Committee reported that they met on the 17th inst., when there were present :—The Mayor, Alderman Haddon, Norman, Rogers, and Winterbotham, Baron de Ferrieres, and Dr. H. T. Wilson.

Curator's Report—The Curator reported that 6,520 visits had been made to the Gallery since the 19th May last. Mr. G. H. Bayley had lent an interesting collection of china and glass for exhibition.

Rooms in Library Building—The Sub-Committee recommended that some of the rooms to be vacated by the Schools of Art and Science be appropriated for use as a Museum at a rent to be agreed upon with the Public Library Committee, the selection of the particular rooms to be appropriated to be deferred until the Town Council have decided whether any of the rooms, will be required by the Council for additional office accommodation. Resolved, That the recommendation of the Sub-Committee be approved and adopted.

4—Site for Cavalry Barracks—Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to ask the War Office to receive a deputation from the Council to put before the Department the special advantages Cheltenham possesses as a site for cavalry barracks, and to give any further information required.

Read, a letter from the Secretary of the Cheltenham and District Chamber of Commerce, enclosing a copy of a resolution passed by the Council of the Chamber, cordially supporting the action of the Town Council in endeavouring to secure the selection of a site in or near Cheltenham for cavalry barracks, and assuring them of the hearty support of the town generally in any further steps they might take in the matter.

5—Town Hall—Wiring—The Chairman reported that as requested by this Committee he and the Town Clerk had had an interview with Mr. Hawtayne with regard to the amount of his account and the latter had agreed to make an allowance of £20. Resolved, That the settlement be approved and the sum of £72 15s. 7d. be paid accordingly.

6—Town Postal Deliveries—The letter read at the last meeting of the Council from the Postmaster of Cheltenham stating that it was proposed to substitute for the existing three postal deliveries at 3.25 p.m., 5.30 p.m., and 8 p.m., deliveries at 5 p.m. and 7.15 p.m., was considered. Resolved, That the Postmaster be informed that the Council see no objection to the proposed alterations.

7—Petroleum Licences—Read an application from Mr. G. F. Hough, of the Dye Works, Old Bath Road, for a licence to store 150 gallons of petroleum in an isolated specially constructed building

near Old Bath Road. The Inspector having reported that the premises were satisfactory, Resolved, That the application be acceded to. Applications for renewal of existing licences to store petroleum, together with the report of the Inspector thereon, were considered. Resolved, (1) That the following applications for renewal be granted :

John Fisher & Co., Ltd. Winchcomb Street 100 gallons.

Sanders, Morgan & Co. Clarence Street 80 Gallons

(2) That the following licences be renewed for one year from the 5th instant, subject to the requirements mentioned in the Inspector's Report being complied with, viz :—

Strettons Ltd., Bath Road	for 200 gallons
E. S. Holloway 3, St. Mark's Emporium	..	for 100 "
Jacobs, Smith & Co. 104a, High Street	for 50 "

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Miss Baughan Exchange Buildings, Bath Road		for 50 gallons
Dorsey & Son	... St. George's Place	for 100 gallons
H. G. Norton & Co.	Bath Road	for 200 gallons
Meats & Co.	Montpellier	for 100 gallons
Harvey & Sons, Ltd.	180 & 181 High Street	for 100 gallons
D. Davies	149 High Street	for 50 gallons
Maurice Bellamy	251 High Street	for 40 gallons
Mr. A. Lusty	Larput Place	for 50 gallons

(3) That the applications of G. Tillott, Queen Street, and Messrs. Steel Bros., Regent Street, be not granted.

GEO. NORMAN,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Thursday, the 2nd November, 1905—Present . The Mayor, Alderman Rogers, Councillors Ley Wood and Stroud (Councillor Stroud in the chair).

The following Members of the Town Improvement, and Mineral Waters, Baths and Recreation Grounds Committees also attended : Councillors Baker, Bence, Davies, Marshall, Merrett and Pilley.

8—Town Hall—Mineral Waters—The Chairman reported that at a joint meeting of the Town Improvement and Mineral Waters, Baths and Recreation Grounds Committees, held on the 31st ultimo, a suggestion had been approved that the octagonal hall on the left hand side of the Town Hall might be utilised for supplying the Mineral Waters, and hoped the Committee would recommend the Council accordingly. The Borough Surveyor reported that a suitable counter, &c., could be placed in the centre of the octagonal hall at a cost of about £75.

Resolved, That the recommendation of the Town Improvement and Mineral Waters, Baths and Recreation Grounds Committees be approved, and that arrangements be made for supplying of the Mineral Waters in the Octagonal Hall between the hours of 8 a.m. and 1 p.m. from October to March, inclusive, and between 7 a.m. and 1 p.m., for the remaining months of the year, the small drawing room and corridor adjoining to be available for those taking the waters.

Resolved, Also, That the following be appointed a Sub-Committee to consider and report to a Joint Meeting of the three Committees as to the details of the arrangements to be made to carry out the above resolution : Alderman Rogers, Councillors Bence, Dr. Davies, and Stroud.

9—Unemployed Workmen Act, 1905—The Town Clerk reported that the Local Government Board had issued an Order for the establishment of a Distress Committee for the Borough. The Committee would consist of 12 members of the Council, 8 members of the Board of Guardians, and 5 persons (of whom one at least to be a woman) experienced in the relief of distress.

The Board of Guardians are required to select their representatives within three weeks from the date of the order (28th October, 1905), and the appointment of the Committee by the Council must take place within 5 weeks from such date. Resolved, That the Guardians be asked to send in as soon as possible the names of the eight representatives selected by them for appointment by the Council.

HERBERT STROUD, Chairman.

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MINERAL WATERS, BATHS AND RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Friday, the 13th October, 1905—Present: Councillors Baker, Bence, Merrett. Pilley and Stroud (Councillor Stroud in the Chair).

1—Montpellier Baths—The Borough Accountant reported that the receipts at these Baths since the 31st March last were as follows:—

Receipts at Baths	£398, 3 8	Payments	£254 16 8
Rent of Shop	£ 12 0 0	Proportion of repayment of loans and interest ..	<u>£270 1 6</u>
	£410 3 8		£524 18 2

Physical Culture School—Resolved, That permission be given to Messrs. Hunt and Barnett to place or paint a small sign over or near the entrance door to the Swimming Bath, the sign to be approved by the Borough Surveyor.

2—Alstone Baths—The Borough Accountant reported that the receipts at these Baths since the 31st March last had been as follows :—

Receipts ...	£256 10 9	Payments	£163 6 8
		Proportion of repayment of loans and interest	£167 11 2
	£256 10 9		£330 17 10

Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to bring up an estimate of the cost of conversion of the remainder of the washing baths at Alstone into slipper baths.

3—Football at Agg-Gardner Recreation Ground—Read, a letter from the Rev. T. H. Cave-Moyle, applying for permission for a Football Club, formed in connection with his Sunday Schools, to play at Agg-Gardner Recreation Ground. Resolved, That the application be acceded to, the Club to play on the portion recently added to the Recreation Ground.

HERBERT STROUD,

Chairman.

MINERAL WATERS, BATHS & RECREATION GROUNDS AND TOWN IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEES.

At a Joint meeting of these Committees, held on Monday, the 16th October, 1905—Present: The Mayor, Aldermen Norman, Rogers and Winterbotham, Councillors Baker, Bence, Davies, Marshall, Merrett, Packer, Pilley, Rickerby and Stroud (Councillor Stroud in the chair).

1—Mineral Waters—The following gentlemen as representing the Cheltenham & District Chamber of Commerce and the local members of the medical profession attended to urge that stops should be taken to establish in connection with the Winter Garden a spa where the Mineral Waters could be dispensed and a lounge provided for the use of visitors

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Mr. E. B. Wethered, Dr. G. Arthur Cardew, Dr. I.I. Bramwell, Dr. Collins, Messrs. W. Welstead, E. Whitbread, M. C. Mansbridge, and J. A. Thomas. The suggestions made by the members of the deputation having been discussed, the Chairman on behalf of the Town Council thanked the deputation for their attendance and promised that the suggestions made by them would be considered.

HERBERT STROUD,

Chairman.

At a Joint Meeting of these Committees, held on Tuesday, the 31st October, 1905—Present: Alderman. Rogers, and Councillors Bence, Davies, Marshall, Merrett, Rickerby and Stroud (Councillor Stroud in the Chair).

2—Mineral Waters—The Chairman stated that the Committee had been called to consider the suggestions made by the Deputation from the Chamber of Commerce and Medical Men. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to prepare an estimate of the cost of providing and fixing notice boards in suitable positions, giving information as to the supply of mineral waters. A proposal to supply the Waters at the Town Hall was considered. Resolved, That this meeting approves of the proposal, and that a conference be arranged between these Committees and the General Purposes and Watch Committee to consider the same.

HERBERT STROUD,

Chairman.

BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Friday, the 20th October, 1905—Present:—Aldermen Haddon and Rogers, Councillors Baker, Bence, Gridley, Merrett, and Steel (Alderman Haddon in the chair).

1—Superintendent's Report—The Superintendent recommended that Grammers be obtained, that 1,000 daffodil bulbs be purchased at a cost of Ms. He also reported that several panes of glass in the Chapel windows required replacing, and that it would be more convenient for cleaning purposes if water could be supplied nearer the Chapel than at present. Resolved, That the recommendations be approved and adopted, and that the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have the broken window panes replaced, and a tap fixed near the Chapels.

2—Designs—Resolved, That the following designs be approved, viz : Headstone to grave of Samuel Henry Phipps. Memorial Crosses to graves of William Ashton and Harriet Sophia Bateman Champain.

JOHN HADDOX,

Chairman.

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PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 10th October, 1905—Present: Councillors Davies, Marshall, Merrett and Pilley ; Revs. A. Beynon Phillips, J. Evans, and J. A. Owen ; Messrs. W. Cresswell, G. H. Palmer and C. Hayward (Councillor Merrett in the chair).

1—Librarian's Report—Read, the Monthly Report of the Librarian. Receipts, £5 18s. 1d. Presentations : Town Clerk of London (1 vol.), Hamilton Kilgour (3 vols.), Dr. Wallis Bridge (2 vols.), Baron de Ferrieres (8 vols.), University Tutorial Press (1 vol.). The Return of Issues in the Lending Department showed an increase in every class.

2—Report of Sub-Committee—The Sub-Committee reported that they met on the 6th instant, when there were present : Councillors Marshall (Chairman), Merrett, and Pilley ; Rev. J. Evans, Colonel King-Harman, Messrs. C. Hayward and G. H. Palmer. They recommended that the further consideration of suggestions contained in a letter from the Board of Education for the utilisation of the Library in connection with the National Home Reading Union, be adjourned for the present. Resolved, That the recommendation be approved and adopted.

3—Library Management and Expenditure—The Special Sub-Committee, appointed at the last meeting " to enquire into and report upon the management and expenditure of the Library with suggestions as to any economies that in their opinion can be effected," presented a report as the result of meetings held on the 18th and 23rd ult. and the 3rd inst. With regard to the present deficiency, the report showed (1) That the capital charges now exceeded half the proceeds of the Library rate ; (2) That several special sources of income were now no longer available (e.g., the Buchanan and Solomon bequests and grants for technical books); (3) That the adverse balance, which in March, 1903 was £395 16s. 3d., was in March last £261 2s. 6d. and in March 1904 was £247 11s. 8d. The increase on the previous year was to some extent due to the cost of the new catalogue,

which would be a source of income for the next few years. The Sub-Committee were of opinion that the staff could not be reduced nor the salaries diminished. In some instances 2 journals on the same subject were taken, and they recommended that the following newspapers and magazines be discontinued :—" Citizen," " Financial Times," " South Wales Daily News," " The Academy," " Amateur Photographer," " Army and Navy Gazettes," " Building News," " Lectures pour tons," " Electrician," " Engineering," " Exchange of Mart," " Gardener's Chronicle," " Journal of Gas Lighting," " Architect," " Speaker," " Cabinet Halter," and " 'Westminster Review.'" The not annual cost of these was £16 7s. 4d.

The Report drew attention to the fact that the rent from the Schools of Science and Art, £45 and £70 respectively, would soon cease, and the Sub-Committee recommended that the Art Gallery Sub-Committee of the Town Council should be asked to rent some if not all of the rooms, which will shortly be vacant, and utilise them for the purpose of a Museum, which is much needed, and has long been contemplated. Resolved, That the recommendation of the Sub-Committee, with regard to the use of rooms for museum purposes, be approved, and that the further consideration of the report generally, including the recommendation as to the discontinuance of certain papers, be adjourned.

4--Medical Library—Read, a letter from the President and Hon. Sec. of the Cheltenham Medical Library, applying for the use of one of the smaller rooms in the Library building. Resolved. That further consideration of the application be adjourned.

W. J. MERRETT,

Chairman.

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FINANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 24th October, 1905—Present : The Deputy Mayor, Aldermen Skillicorne and Waghorne, Councillors Bence, Merrett, Steel and Stroud (Alderman Waghorne in the chair).

1—General District Rate—The Borough Accountant presented a final report upon the collection of the 1st instalment of this Rate, showing recoverable arrears carried forward of £153 2s. 11d.

He also reported that the amount collected on account of the second instalment, was £67 7s. 2d. Leaving outstanding £25,654 2s. 5d.

2—Water Rate—The Report of the Borough Accountant, dated the 24th inst., on the collection of this Rate was read. Amount received £10,969 8s. 4d. The amount outstanding to include the meter accounts to 29th September last, was not yet ascertainable.

3—Loans—The Borough Accountant reported that he had arranged (subject to the approval of the Council) a loan for the Electric Lighting deficit of £16,570 to be advanced for the whole period of the loan ; also for a loan of £50 to be applied for Electric Lighting purposes. Resolved, That the loans be taken up on the terms arranged, and that debentures be sealed accordingly.

He had also received an offer of £1,524, at 3 5/8 per cent., and if this was accepted it would cover a Waterworks sanction for that amount. Resolved, That the offer be accepted and debenture sealed accordingly, the loan to be for three years and afterwards subject to six months' notice on either side.

4—Investments of Sinking Funds—The Borough Accountant reported that the Corporation of Newport (Mon.) were willing to lend £5,639 at 3 ¼ per cent. in exchange for a reciprocal investment of sinking funds for a similar amount on the same terms. The loan from Newport could be applied as follows :—Pittville Park, £2454. Sewers, £2452. Colonnade Wood Paving, £605. Colonnade, Henrietta Street, &c., Improvements, £128. Resolved, That the offer be accepted, that Debentures for the amount advanced by Newport be sealed and issued accordingly, the loans on either side to be for one year certain and afterwards subject to six months' notice.

5—Farms Stock Account—On the application of the Farms Management Committee, Resolved, That the amount of the Farms Stock Purchase Account be increased from £300 to £500, and that the Resolution to Minute No. 5 of this Committee of the 25th October, 1904, be varied accordingly.

6—Folly Lane Allotments—The Town Clerk reported that the G.W.R. Company had paid £500 the purchase money for the portion of the Folly Lane Allotments acquired by them into Court and that it was necessary to make application for payment out. He had ascertained that the Prudential Assurance Co., by whom the loan for the purchase of the allotment land had been advanced, were willing to accept repayment of the £500. Resolved, That the Town Clerk be authorised to make application for payment out of Court and that the £500 be repaid to the Prudential Assurance Co. accordingly on account of the loan advanced by them for the allotments.

J. WAG-HORNE, Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 31st October, 1905—Present : Aldermen Skillicorne and Waghorne, Councillors Bence, Merrett, Steel, and Stroud (All. Waghorne in the chair).

7—Loans—The Borough Accountant reported offers he had received of £1,500 to be advanced for 3 years, and £1,000 also advanced for 3 years. Resolved, That the offers be accepted, and that debentures be issued on account of Promenade Improvement (£1,173), Montpellier Baths (£327), and Waterworks (£1,000) loans accordingly.

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8—Dunalley Street Schools—With reference to Minute No. 5 of this Committee of the 26th ult., authorising, application being made to the Local Government Board. for loan of £2,500, the Town Clerk reported that he had received an amended estimate, showing that the Education Committee would require a loan of £2,930 for the alteration of these Schools. Resolved, That application is made to the Local Government Board for a loan for the amount, and that the resolution above referred to be rescinded.

9—Waterworks Assessments in Tewkesbury Union—The Town Clerk reported that the assessments of the waterworks in the Tewkesbury Union generally had been considerably increased in valuations made by Messrs. Hedley, Mason and Hedley. Resolved, That the Town Clerk be authorised to engage

the services of a valuer to consider the increased assessments, and report thereon with a view to obtaining a reduction.

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 ordered to £14,452 17s. 10d. 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 September, 1905	£34,328 13 4
Paid since that date	<u>£19,946 18 10</u>
	£54,275 12 2
Received since that date (including Leans £5,103)	<u>£13,154 18 3</u>
Overdrawn	£41,120 13 11
Being Bank Loan Account No. 9	£49,508 17 0
Less in hand on General Accounts	£1,376 19 10
Do. Sinking Funds	<u>£7,011 3 3</u>
	<u>£8,388 3 1</u>
	£41,120 13 11

J. WAGHORNE. Chairman.

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Borough of Cheltenham

At a Statutory Quarterly Meeting of the Town Council of the Borough of Cheltenham, duly convened and held in the Town Hall, in the said Borough, on Thursday, the 9th November, 1905, at 12 noon. Present :

THE, MAYOR (GEORGE DIMMER, ESQ.) in the chair. THE DEPUTY MAYOR (COUNCILLOR EDWARD HENRY PARSONAGE).

Aldermen : JOHN HADDON GEORGE NORMAN COLONEL RICHARD ROGERS JOHN WAGHORNE JAMES BATTEN WINTERBOTHAM.

Councillors: WILLIAM ALFRED BAKER GEORGE BENCE JOHN DAVID BENDALL FREDERICK JOSEPH BENNETT RICHARD DAVIES MOSES DAVIS EDWINSON • CHARLES GREEN EDWARD GRIDLEY, ROBERT LEY WOOD CHARLES HENRY MARGRETT RICHARD EEDE MARSHALL WILLIE JOHN MERRETT Tom HERBERT PACKER JOSEPH PILLEY ROBERT STEEL HERBERT STROUD.

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1—Election of Councillors—The Town Clerk reported the election on the 1st inst. of the following gentlemen as Councillors, viz :

Richard Davies for the North Ward

William Alfred Baker for the Central Ward

George Bence for the East Ward
Charles Henry Margrett for the South Ward
Frederick Joseph Bennett for the Middle Ward
Moses Davis for the West Ward

and laid before the Meeting the Declarations of Acceptance of Office of the aforesaid Councillors.

2-The Late Bishop Ellicott—On the motion of the Mayor, Resolved unanimously, That this Council desires to record its deep regret at the death of the Right Reverend Charles John Ellicott, D.D., late Bishop of Gloucester, and its sincere sympathy with his widow and family in their bereavement.

3-Election of Mayor—Resolved, unanimously, That Alderman William Nash Skillicorne be and he is hereby elected Mayor of this Borough for the ensuing . year. The newly elected Mayor then made the usual Declaration of Acceptance of Office and took the Oath of Allegiance and Judicial Oath.

The Mayor thereupon took the Chair.

4-Vote of Thanks to Retiring Mayor—Resolved unanimously, That the hearty thanks of this Council be given to George Dimmer, Esquire, for the able, impartial and hospitable manner in which he has discharged his duties as Mayor during the past year.

5-Deputy Mayor—The Mayor signified in writing that he appointed Alderman John Haddon to be his Deputy and the same is hereby recorded.

6—Assignment of Aldermen to Wards—Resolved, That the following Aldermen be assigned for the purposes of Ward Elections for the ensuing year to the several wards opposite which their names are respectively set, viz :—

Alderman Winterbotham North Ward.
Alderman Skillicorne Central Ward.
Alderman Rogers East Ward.

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Alderman Norman ... South Ward.
Alderman Waghorne Middle Ward.
Alderman Haddon West Ward.

7-Minutes of last Meeting---Resolved, That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Council on the 2nd October last, having been printed and a copy sent to each Member of the Council, be taken as read, and that the same be adopted and confirmed.

8-Appointment and Duties of Committees—Public Health Committee—Resolved, That the following members of the Council do form the Public Health Committee for the ensuing year: The Mayor, Alderman Norman, Councillors Bence, Davies. M. Davis, Pilley, Parsonage and Waghorne, and that their powers and duties be as follows :--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 Workshop 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.

To have delegated to it the Powers of the Council under the following sections of the Public Health Act, 1875, namely :—Sections 23, 24, 25, 35, 35, 36, 37, 38, 40, 41, 46, 47, 49 and 50, the sections relating to nuisances and unsound meat, also sections 62, 70, 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 the control and treatment of the sewage before it is applied to the land. To deal with the cleansing of watercourses and the enforcement of the provisions of the Rivers Pollution Prevention Acts.

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Farms Management Committee-- Resolved, That the following members of the Council do form the Farms Management Committee for the ensuing year : The Mayor, Councillors Bence, M. Davis, Green, Gridley, Margrett, Packer and Steel, and that their powers and duties be as follows :—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—Resolved, That the following members of the Council do form the Street and Highway Committee for the ensuing year : The Mayor, Alderman Haddon, Councillors Baker, Bendall, Gridley, Ley Wood, Packer and Parsonage, and that their powers and duties be as follows :—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 Corporation 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 in Streets) Act, 1888. The Cheltenham Improvement Acts, 1852 and 1889, and the Cheltenham Order of 1896 (with the exception of drainage and other sanitary matters).

Town Improvement Committee—Resolved, That the following members of the Council do form the Town Improvement Committee for the ensuing year : Aldermen Norman, Waghorne and

Winterbotham, Councillors Baker, Bence, Bennett and. Packer, and that their powers and duties be as follows :—To have the control and management of the Montpellier Gardens, Pittville Park and Estate, the

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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 band.

Lighting Committee—Resolved, That the following members of the Council do form the Lighting Committee for the ensuing year : Alderman Norman, Councillors Green, Gridley, Ley Wood, Marshall, Merrett, Steel and Waghorne, and that their powers and duties be as follows :---To regulate and manage all matters relating to the Electricity Undertaking of the Corporation, the public lighting whether by electricity or gas, 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—

Resolved, That the following members of the Council do form the Water Committee for the ensuing year : Alderman Norman, Councillors Baker, Bendall, M. Davis, Margrett, Packer, Stroud and Waghorne, and that their powers and duties be as follows :—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 Fire Extinguishing Appliances.

General Purposes and Watch Committee—Resolved, That the powers and duties of the General Purposes and Watch Committee be as follows :—To regulate and manage the Town Hall and any properties of the Corporation and 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

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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, and the naming and renaming of, streets in the Borough.

Mineral Waters, Baths and Recreation Grounds Committee—Resolved, That the following members of the Council do form the Mineral Waters, Baths and Recreation Grounds Committee for the ensuing year Alderman Norman, Councillors Baker, Bence, Bendall, Davies, Merrett, Pilley and Stroud, and that their powers and duties be as follows :—To regulate and manage the Alstone and Montpellier Baths and any matters in connection with the supply of Mineral Waters, the property of the Corporation, and the Recreation Grounds and the Public Walks and Pleasure Grounds (except those specifically referred to other Committees) and the buildings thereon.

Burial Board Committee—Resolved, That the following members of the Council do form the Burial Board Committee for the ensuing year : Aldermen Haddon and Rogers, Councillors Baker, Bence, Gridley, Merrett, Pilley and Steel, and that their powers and duties be as follows :—To regulate and manage the Cheltenham Cemetery and all matters relating thereto.

Finance Committee—Resolved, That the following members of the Council do form the Finance Committee for the ensuing year : The Mayor, Alderman Waghorne, Councillors Bence, Bennett, Merrett, Parsonage, Steel and Stroud, and that their powers and duties be as follows :—To regulate and manage all matters of Finance, including the checking, as far as possible, of the expenditure of the different Committees of the Council, the appointment and dismissal of the Officers and Staff in the Borough Accountant's and Rates Departments, 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.

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Public Library Committee—Resolved, That the following members of the Council do form the Public Library Committee for the ensuing year : Aldermen Haddon and Rogers, Councillors Bennett, Davies, Margrett, Marshall, Merrett, and Pilley, together with The Revs. J. Evans, A. Beynon Phillips, J. A. Owen, Baron de Ferrieres, Colonel King-Harman, Messrs. A. Beckingsale, J. G. Carr, W. Cresswell, C. Hayward, A. Mann, G. H. Palmer, F. Parsons, E. C. Rogers and J. Stewart, and that their powers and duties be as follows :—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).

Education Committee—Resolved, That the following members of the Council be appointed members of the Education Committee for the ensuing year : The Mayor, Alderman Norman, Councillors Baker, Bence, Bendall, Bennett, M. Davis, Gridley, Ley Wood, Marshall, Merrett, Packer, Parsonage, Pilley and Steel.

9—Public Health Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Public Health Committee, at their Meetings of the 9th, 16th and 27th October last, be approved and confirmed.

10—Farms Management Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Farms Management Committee, at their Meeting of the 13th October last, be approved and confirmed.

11—Street and Highway Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Street and Highway Committee, at their Meetings of the 10th and 23rd October last, be approved and confirmed.

12—Town Improvement Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Town Improvement Committee, at their Meeting of the 16th October last, be approved and confirmed.

13—Lighting Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Lighting Committee, at their Meetings of the 12th October last and 2nd instant, be approved and confirmed.

14—Water Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Water Committee at their Meeting of the 19th October last, be approved and confirmed.

15-General Purposes & Watch Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the General Purposes and Watch Committee, at their Meetings of the 17th October last, and 2nd November instant, be approved and confirmed.

16-Application for Pawnbroker's Certificate-Resolved, That the application of Ernest Owen Martin for a certificate under the Pawnbrokers' Act be referred to the General Purposes and Watch Committee, to be dealt with by them.

17-Application for Licence to deal in Game—Resolved, That the application of James Maxwell for a licence to deal in Game at 84 High Street be referred to the General Purposes and Watch Committee for consideration.

18—Mineral Waters, Baths and Recreation Grounds Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Mineral Waters, Baths and Recreation Grounds Committee, at their Meeting of the 13th October last, be approved and confirmed.

19—Burial Board Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Burial Board Committee, at their Meeting of the 20th October last, be approved and confirmed.

20—Finance Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Finance Committee, at their Meetings of the 24th and 31st October last, be approved and confirmed.

Resolved also, That an Order on the Borough Treasurer be signed accordingly authorising and ordering him to pay to the several Corporations, Companies and persons mentioned in the Schedule of Accounts the sum of money set opposite their respective names upon production of a cheque signed by the Borough Accountant.

21—Waiting Rooms on Light Railway—The motion of which Councillor Stroud had given notice on this subject was not moved by him.

22—Notices of Motion-The following notices of motion for the next Monthly Meeting of the Council were given :

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By Councillor Packer : " That this Council at once place (as already resolved) in a prominent position in " the Town Hall, or in some other equally prominent public building in the " town, a tablet commemorating the patriotic sacrifices made by those natives of Cheltenham, who responding to the country's call in a time of need - " volunteered for active service in South Africa, and thereby lost their lives " in their Country's cause."

By Councillor Green :—" That the Resolution of the Council at its Meeting of the 9th November, 1905, " approving the resolutions to Minute No. 8 of the General Purposes and " Watch Committee of the 2nd November, 1905, as to the supplying of the " Mineral Waters at the Town Hall be rescinded."

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MINUTES of the Committees of the Town Council to be submitted for approval at the next Monthly Meeting of the Council to be held on Monday, the 4th December, 1905.

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 13th November, 1905—Present : The Mayor, Alderman, Norman, Councillors Bence, Davies, 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, 5 cases of Scarlet Fever, 1 case of Enteric Fever, 5 cases of Erysipelas, and 4 of Diphtheria ; and that 5 cases of Scarlet Fever and 3 of Diphtheria had been sent into the Delancey Hospital.

3—Cleansing and Disinfecting at Nos. 2 Suffolk Road and 3 Prospect Place, Moorend Road—The Medical Officer of Health having certified that the cleansing and disinfecting of these houses or parts thereof would tend to prevent or check infectious disease. Resolved, That the Council being of this opinion, Notice be served on the owners to cleanse and disinfect the houses or parts thereof within the time specified in such Notice.

4—Cleansing and Limewashing at Nos. 1 Pear Tree Cottages, Sherborne Street, Lower George Inn and Spread Eagle Inn, High Street, 21, Fairfield Place, 5, Townsend Street, and 6, Victoria Place, Bath Road.— 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 Nos. 2 Colonnade, 3 Swindon Street, 1 & 2 Swindon Cottages, Swindon Road, Plough Hotel Yard, 3, 4, 5, 6, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 24 & 25 Queen 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.

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6—Insanitary Property—Nos. 30 & 32 Sherborne Street, 3 Pear Tree Cottages, 2 Mitre Street, 21 Fairfield Place, Spread Eagle Inn and Lower George Inn, High 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, 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 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.

7—Overcrowding at The Spread Eagle Inn and Lower George Inn, High 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.

8—Houses without proper Ash Receptacles—The Inspector of Nuisances reported that the following houses had no proper ashpits or ash receptacles, viz :—No. 1 Hermitage Terrace, Bath Road, New Inn, Gloucester Road, 5, Burton Street, Benhall Farm Dairy, Bath Street, and 47, Burton 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.

9—Water Closets without Flushing Apparatus—The Medical Officer of Health reported that the following houses had water closets without flushing apparatus, viz :—Sand fields, Leckhampton Road, New Croft, Pilley, Workshop, Swindon Road, 47 Tewkesbury Road (rear of), and No. 9 St. Paul's Street North. 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.

10—Spitting in Public Places—The Medical Officer of Health reported that he had written to the Manager of the Cheltenham and District Light Railway Company suggesting that notices against spitting should be placed in the cars, and the Company were willing to do this if the cards or metal plates were provided by the Corporation. He had also communicated with the G.W.R. Co. on the subject. Resolved, That the Medical Officer of Health be authorised to arrange for suitable metal plates to be supplied to the Light Railway Company for fixing in the cars.

11—Defective Drainage—The Medical Officer of Health reported that as the work of re-sewering St. Peter's District had proceeded the drains of the houses connected to the new sewers had been examined and tested and those found defective would be reported to the Committee with a view to notices being served requiring them to be made good. By this means the sanitary condition of the re-sewered districts would be greatly improved. Resolved, That the Committee approve of the action taken and that the same be continued.

12—House without a Sufficient Water Closet—The Inspector of Nuisances reported that the Royal Hotel Vaults, Albion Street, were without a sufficient water closet and urinal. Resolved, That notice be given to the owners under Section 36 of the Public Health Act, 1875, requiring the provision of a proper and sufficient water closet and urinal.

13—Building Plans Sub-Committee—Resolved, That the Chairman and Councillor Bence be reappointed members of the Plans Sub-Committee for the ensuing year as representing this Committee.

E. H. PARSONAGE, Chairman.

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At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 20th November, 1905-Present : The Mayor, Alderman Norman, Councillors Bence, Davies, M. Davis, Parsonage and Pilley (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 1 case of Scarlet Fever, 3 cases of Erysipelas, and 1 of Diphtheria, and that 1 case of Scarlet Fever had been sent into the Delancey Hospital.

15-Cleansing and Limewashing at Nos. 13 & 30 Stoneville Street, Cottage back of 23 Fairview Road, 28, Sherborne Street, 5 Chester Walk asset 19 & 49 Waterloo 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.

16-Nuisances from Drains, etc., at Nos. 1, 2, 3 & 4, Cleaveland Terrace, 39, 40, 41, 41a, 42, 43 & 44 Queen Street, Kingston Cottage, and Queen's Villa, Sun Street, 41a, 42, 43 & 44 Sun Street, and Keynsham Villa, High 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.

17-Insanitary Property--Nos. 14 Tivoli Street, 4 Hermitage Street, 9 Upper Bath Street, 1, 2, 4, 7 & 9 Ewlyn 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, &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.

18-Overcrowding at No. 2, Mitre Street-The Medical Officer of Health reported that the above premises were so over-crowded as to be dangerous or injurious to the health of the inmates. Resolved, That the Committee being satisfied of the existence of a nuisance on the said premises, Notices under Section 94 of the Public Health Act, 1875, be served on the occupiers thereof requiring them to abate the same.

19-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, 3 & 6 Hereford Place, 2, 3 & 4 Alstone Croft, 28 Sherborne Street, 28, Francis Street, 16, Grosvenor Terrace, 20, Townsend Street,

Bath Tavern, Bath Road, 15, Princes Street, 44, Rutland Street and 207 High 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.

20-Water Closets without Flushing Apparatus-The Medical Officer of Health reported that the following houses had water closets without flushing apparatus, viz :-Keynsham Villa, High Street, and No. 74 Fairview 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.

21-Destruction of Diseased Pork-The Medical Officer of Health reported that on the 16th instant, the carcasses of three pork pigs weighing with offal 420 lbs., were found to be badly affected with tuberculosis, and the owner having surrendered the same upon being acquainted with their condition, the carcasses were cremated.

22-House Unfit for Human Habitation-Cottage behind No. 85 Stanhope 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 that the house was not 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, and is not reasonably capable of being made fit, for human habitation, proceedings be forthwith taken under the Housing of the Working Classes Acts, 1890-1903, for an order for the house to be closed.

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23—St. Paul's District Sewers—Read, a letter from the Local Government Board enclosing their sanction to a loan of £10,220 for the reconstruction of sewers in St. Paul's District, the period for repayment being 31 years. Resolved also, That having regard to the satisfactory manner in which the work of reconstructing St. Paul's District Sewers now nearly completed has been carried out, the Borough Surveyor be instructed to carry out the reconstruction of the sewers in St. Paul's District in the same way.

24—Sewage Outfalls and Disposal—The Reports made by the Borough Surveyor on this subject were again considered. Resolved, That before detailed plans of the Borough Engineer's revised scheme are prepared, the Local Government Board be asked to receive a deputation to confer with their Chief Engineering Inspector on the scheme, and that the following be appointed to attend, viz ;--The Chairman, Alderman Norman, Councillors Bence and M. Davis.

E. H. PARSONAGE,

Chairman.

FARMS MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 14th November, 1905—Present : The Mayor, Councillors Bence, Margrett and Steel (The Mayor in the chair).

1—Chairman—Resolved, That Councillor M. Davis be appointed Chairman of this Committee for the ensuing year.

W. NASH SKILLICORNE,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Friday, the 17th November, 1905—Present : The Mayor, Councillors Bence, Green, Gridley, Margrett and Steel (Councillor Bence in the chair).

2—Report of Farms Manager—Read, the Monthly Report of the Farms Manager. Since the last meeting 21 head of cattle had been sold for £353 5s., and 26 sheep for £65 0s. 10d. (Total sales, £418 5s. 10d.) No purchases of stock had been made. The livestock on the farms on the 17th instant Was 13 horses, 154 head of cattle, 35 sheep and 12 pigs, all doing fairly well. 1 pig had died since the last meeting and the old grey cart horse from Barn Farm had been sent to the Kennels. About 46 sacks of oats and 40 sacks of wheat had been threshed out at the Barn Farm.

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He recommended that more cattle and sheep be purchased as opportunity offered and that about 100 posts and 200 rails be purchased for fencing repairs. The roof at the Hayden Knoll Farm house required attention and the roofs of some cottages at the Farms required thatching. He also recommended that Dog Bark Lane should be piped. Resolved, That the recommendations of the Farms Manager be approved and adopted, the Borough Surveyor to have the roof of the Farm House repaired and the Farms Manager to get the cottage roofs thatched.

GEORGE BEN CE,

Chairman.

STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 14th November, 1905—Present: The Mayor, Alderman Haddon, Councillors Baker, Bendall, and Parsonage (Councillor Bendall in the chair)

1—Chairman—Resolved, That Councillor Bendall be appointed Chairman of this Committee for the ensuing year.

2—Plans Sub-Committee—Resolved, That the Chairman and Councillor Baker be appointed members of the Plans Sub-Committee as representing this Committee.

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

4—Street Projections—Read, a letter from Mr. H. Higgins, applying for permission to put up 4 lamps outside Nos. 314 and 315 High Street. Resolved, That the application be acceded to, subject to compliance with the usual conditions.

Read, a letter from Mr. H. Diehl, applying for permission to place a barber's pole outside No. 6 Winchcombe Place. Resolved, That the application be acceded to. Read, an application from Mr. F. C. Lloyd for permission to affix a sign board outside No. 163 High Street. Resolved, That the applicant be requested to submit a sketch of the proposed projection.

5—Crossing in Albion Street—Road, a letter from Mr. W. L. Mellersh, asking that a crossing should be laid down across Albion Street from Portland Street to Pittville Street. Resolved, That the request be referred to the Borough Surveyor with power to lay down a crossing in the position he may deem best.

6—Eldorado Road—An application was received from the Rev. A. O. Elwell that the channelling opposite his house in Eldorado Road should be made good. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to bring up a specification of the works required to be done in this road by the abutting owners to enable the same to be taken over as a public highway.

7—Main and Contribution Roads—The Town Clerk submitted draft agreement with the County Council as to the main and contribution roads in the Borough. Resolved, That the cause as now settled be approved.

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8—Grating in Road Opposite 2 Albion Street—The Borough surveyor reported that the owner of No. 2 was willing that the Corporation should remove the present objectionable grating in the roadway opposite her property if the existing Hayward's light is made to open for ventilation. Resolved, That this offer be accepted.

9—Proposed Pavement Light at No. 366 High Street—Read, is letter from Messrs. George's, Ltd., applying for permission to place a hinged Hayward's pavement light in front of No. 366 High Street. Resolved, That Messrs. George's be requested to send in a plan of the proposed light.

JOHN D. BENDALL,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 27th November, 1905—Present The Mayor, Alderman Haddon Councillors Baker, Bendall, Gridley and Parsonage (Councillor Bendall in the chair),

10—Borough Surveyor's Monthly Report Re Highways—The Borough Surveyor reported that the work done by the Highways Department from 20th October to the 23rd November, 1905 (both inclusive) had been as follows :—

Roads Repaired—St. Margaret's Road (2,456 super yards), Sydenham Road N. (1,562 super yards), Sydenham Road S. (1,096 super yards), Pittville Lawn (2,933 super yards), Wellington Road (973 super yards), St. George's Place (1,050 super yards).

Roads Patched :—Sandford Road, Western Road, North Place, King Street, High Street (lower portion), College Road, Rosehill Street, Upper Park Street, Hale's Road, Old Bath Road, Shurdington Road, Prestbury Road and Manchester Street.

Water Trenches Repaired :—Imperial Lane, Hale's Road, and 3 in St. George's Place.

Sewer Trenches Repaired :—Hale's Road and Imperial Lane. Gas Trenches Repaired:—Imperial Lane and St. Margaret's Road. Electric Light Trenches Repaired :—Church Street, Lansdown Crescent, Christ Church Road, Malvern Road, by Lansdown Castle, Montpellier Parade, Priory Parade, Fairview Road and Winchcombe Street.

Private Improvement Works :—Gloucester Road (completed), Sydenham Villas Road, and Millbrook Street Diversion in hand. New Crossing laid, 1. Crossings Renewed, 3. Crossing relaid, 1. Electric Light Boxes paved round :—St. George's Place and Gloucester Road. Water Pillar Standing Renewed :—Gloucester Road by High Street.

Manhole Covers paved round-3. Footpath Paving Renewed—Opposite No. 397 High Street. Footpath Paving Patched—Sun Street, Waterloo Street, and Lypiatt Terrace.

Kerb Relaid—Corner of Tivoli Place. Surface Water Drain Renewed—St. Margaret's Road (50 lineal yards).

New Gully fixed-1. Gullies Renewed-5. Tree planted-1 in Hale's Road. Tree cut down-1 in Wellington Square.

Trees, &c., Pruned—The Beeches, Suffolk Square, Lansdown Hotel, The Elms, The Park, No. 1 Lansdown Villas, Langton House, Bath Road, Hatherley Road, by Promenade Fountain, St. Luke's Church, No. 3 Blenheim Terrace, rear of Nos. 34, 44 and 45 Montpellier Terrace, and in Gloucester Road.

Ashes Collection and Disposal—During 5 weeks ended 16th November, 1905-1,356 loads collected, 333 tipped away, and 1,023 consumed. Weight consumed 1,029 tons, 15 $\frac{3}{4}$ cwts.

Slab Factory—During 5 weeks ended 23rd November, 1905— 6,702 lineal feet of kerb made.

11—View Meeting—The following members attended the View Meeting on Friday last :—Alderman Haddon, Councillors Baker, Bendall, and Parsonage.

12—Plans Sub-Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Plans Sub-Committee at their meetings on the 14th and 24th inst. be approved and adopted.

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13—St. George's Square—Letters were read from Mr. McFee, Mr. Dutton, Miss Griffin and Mr. Hawker complaining of Messrs. Dicks & Sons, Ltd., using the private road in the square for carting furniture from their adjoining premises Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to take proceedings in conjunction with the other owners of property in the Square to stop this road from being so used.

14—Old Bath Road Improvement—The Town Clerk reported that the Local Government Board would hold a Local Inquiry at the Municipal Art Gallery on the 6th proximo at 10.30 a.m. into the application to borrow £866 for the Old Bath Road Improvement.

15—Reddings Road—Read a letter from the Clerk to the Badgeworth Parish Council enclosing resolutions again calling attention to the condition of the Red(lings Road and asking the Corporation to repair the same.

16—Alstone Avenue and Footpath on South Side of Sandfield Road (from Gloucester Road to Alstone Avenue)—Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to submit a plan, specification and estimate of the works required to be done to this street and footpath by the abutting owners.

17—Trees in Battledown Approach Road—Resolved, That every other tree on both sides of this road commencing from Hale's Road to the Borough boundary be removed.

18—Hayward's Road—Road, a letter from the Charlton Kings Urban District Council, enclosing a copy of a resolution passed by them requiring the repair by the abutting owners of so much of Hayward's Road as is in Charlton Kings and is not already paved, &c.

19—Hayward's Road (part of), Eldorado Road, and Fairfield Avenue—The Borough Surveyor submitted plans, specifications, and estimates of the works required to be done to the above Streets. Resolved, That the same 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 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.

20—Footpaths in All Saints Road (from Pittville Circus Road to All Saints' Church) and in Thirlestaine Road opposite Dewerstone House—The Borough Surveyor submitted specifications, plans and estimates 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.

21—Surface Water Drain in Leckhampton Lane—Road, a letter from Mr. W. Revell, asking that something should be done to improve the drainage of Collum End Road, as at times it was impassable. Read, a letter from the Clerk to the Cheltenham Rural District Council on the matter. Resolved, That the Chairman and Councillor Baker be appointed to confer with representatives of the Rural District Council, and report to this Committee with a view to a settlement of the dispute as to liability fur repair of the drain.

JOHN D. BENDALL, chairman.

PLANS SUB-COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Sub-Committee, held on Tuesday, the 14th November, 1905—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 Buildings—The Borough Surveyor laid before the Sub-Committee the following notices and plans of intended new Buildings, viz. :—

No. of Plan.	Name.	Description.
325	R. W. Jackson	6 houses in Swindon Road, adjoining Oswald Villa (amended plans).
349	Cotswold Potteries Co., Ltd.	Extension of Engine Room, New W.C. & Coal Store, Cotswold Potteries
350	The Church Army	Additions to rear of No. 27, Cambray.
351	J. McCarthy	Additions to No. 19 Promenade Villas.
352	Cavendish House	Company Additions to No. 57 Regent Street.
353	W. Long	Additions to No. 11 Marle Hill Road.
354	F. W. Strange	Two semi-detached villas in Whaddon Lane.
355	Col. Vaughan	House near Battledown Approach.
356	Cheltenham & District Light Railway Co. ..	Additions to Car Sheds, &c., St. Mark's.
357	G. A. Hawkins	Conservatory in front of No. 2 Liverpool Place.

Resolved, That Plans No. 325, 352, 353 and 354 be approved, that Plan No. 349 be approved subject to the vent pipe being placed outside the building, that Plan No. 350 be approved subject to the ventilation and drainage being carried out to the satisfaction of the Inspector of Nuisances, that Plan No. 351 be approved, and that the Council's consent be given under the Public Health (Buildings in Streets) Act, 1888, to the proposed bringing forward shown on such plan, that Plan No. 356 be approved, subject to the drainage being carried out to the satisfaction of the Inspector of Nuisances, that Plan No. 357 be approved as a temporary building only and subject to the usual agreement being entered into and that Plan No. 355 be disapproved.

E. H. PARSONAGE,

Chairman

At a Meeting of this Sub-Committee, held on Friday, the 24th November, 1905—Present :
Councillors Baker, Bence, Bendall and Parsonage (Councillor Parsonage in the chair).

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

No. of Plan	Name	Description
355	Col. Vaughan	House near Battledown Approach.

358 S. P. Ryland Conversion of Stable into Motor House, 5 Lansdown Place.

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359 Wainwright & Heard Additions to store at rear of 8 Clare Terrace.

360 A. Haines New W.C. at No. 7 Victoria Terrace.

361 F. Jenkins New Streets near Sandfield Road.

Resolved, That Plans No. 355, 358, and 359 be approved, that Plans No. 360 be approved subject to a window and ventilation being provided to the satisfaction of the Inspector of Nuisances, and that Plans Nos. 301 be disapproved.

E. H. PARSONAGE, Chairman.

TOWN IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 14th November, 1905—Present : The Mayor, Aldermen Norman, Rogers and Waghorne, Councillors Baker, Bence, and Bennett (The Mayor in the chair).

1—Chairman—Resolved, That Councillor Bence be appointed Chairman of this Committee for the ensuing year.

W. NASH SKILLICORNE, Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 20th November, 1905—Present : The Mayor, Aldermen Norman, Rogers, and Winterbotham, Councillors Baker, Bence, and Bennett (Councillor Bence in the chair).

2—Appointment of Entertainments Sub-Committee—Resolved, That the following members be appointed the Entertainments Sub-Committee for the ensuing year, viz., The Chairman, Alderman Rogers, Councillors Bennett and Packer.

3—Advertising—Read, a letter from Mr. E. J. Burrow, stating that he had in contemplation the issue of a new edition of "Cheltenham, the Garden Town," and asking whether the Corporation would take the back outside cover for an advertisement at a cost of £20, as was done in previous editions. For this sum in addition to the advertisement he would supply 500 copies of the Guide to the Council for distribution outside the town. Resolved, That the offer be accepted.

Read, a letter from the "Times of India," stating that they intended shortly issuing another of their Health and Pleasure Resort Supplements, in which they would insert an illustrated article on Cheltenham at a cost of £20, if the article and blocks for the illustrations were supplied. Resolved, That the offer be accepted, and that the Town Clerk be authorised to arrange for the supply of the article and illustrations.

Read, a letter from the Manager of the International Exhibition of Health Food and Hygiene to be held at the Crystal Palace next year asking whether the Council would take a space in the section devoted to Spas and Health Resorts of England for the exhibition of pictures of Cheltenham at a cost of £33 15s., in addition to which there would be the cost of the pictures, side screens for photos,

etc., which they could provide at a cost of £35. Resolved, That the Committee are unable to accept the offer.

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4—Pittville Estate and Gardens—The Borough Surveyor submitted a plan, showing the position of the proposed sewer across the Pittville Estate and Gardens as arranged between the Engineer to the Cheltenham Rural District Council and himself. Resolved, That the same be approved.

5—Pittville Crescent Gardens—Read, a Memorial from Mr. Arthur Cockshott, Mrs. J. R. Taylor, and Major Cyril Taylor, protesting against any increase of the charge of £2 2s. 0d. per annum for the use of croquet and tennis courts in the Pittville Crescent Gardens, and asking for due notice of any proposed byelaws. Resolved, That the Memorialists be informed that notice of any application for confirmation of By-claws when made by the Council will be duly advertised in the local papers.

6—Exhibition of Views in G.W.R. Carriages—The Town Clerk submitted photographs of local views, from which a selection of 10 could be made for exhibition in the G.W.R. carriages. Resolved. That the selection now made be approved, and the negatives or right of reproduction purchased.

GEORGE BENCE,

Chairman.

LIGHTING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 14th November, 1905.—Present: The Mayor, Alderman Norman, Councillors Marshall, Merrett, Steel and Waghorne (The Mayor in the chair).

1—Chairman—Resolved, That Councillor Ley Wood be appointed Chairman of this Committee for the ensuing year.

W. NASH SKILLICORNE, Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Wednesday, the 16th November, 1905—Present : Councillors Green, Gridley, Ley Wood, Marshall, Merrett, Steel, and Waghorne (Councillor Ley Wood in the chair)

2—Electrical Inspector's Report—The Electrical Inspector reported that the result of his tests of the electrical supply on the 11th ulto. and the 4th and 9th instant had been 216 volts on each occasion.

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

1905	ILLUMINATING POWER.	PURITY.	
Oct. 19th	15.46 candles	1905 Grains of Sulphur per 100 cubic feet.	
" 26th	15.88 "	Oct. 11-12	11.38
Nov. 4th	15.25 "	25-26	12.43
" 9th	16.56 "	Nov. 8-9	12.20
Average	15.79 "	Average 12.00	

4—Gas Inspector's Report—The Gas Inspector reported that the hourly average consumption of gas per lamp during the previous month had been as follows :—Ordinary lamps-4.046 cubic feet ; Guildhall lamps with No. 4 Incandescent burners 4.137 cubic feet ; Ordinary lamps with No. 3 Incandescent burners 3.487 cubic feet.

5—Lamp Book—This book was produced and examined. Incandescents extinguished, 9 (1 metered). Burning dimly, 5 (1 metered). Ordinary Lamps extinguished 27 (9 metered), burning dimly, 1.

Read, a letter from the Clerk to the Gas Company, with reference to the complaint made by the Committee as to the low illuminating power of the gas on several occasions recently, stating that results of the Company's tests made on the dates of the Gas Examiner's Reports were above those of the latter and that they were unable to explain the difference. With reference to the large number of lamps reported extinguished in September and October, every care was taken to furnish an adequate supply of gas to the public lamps. Resolved, That the Company be asked to furnish details of the tests made by them and that their attention be also called to the large number of lamps reported extinguished since the last meeting of this Committee.

6—Application by Gas Company for further powers—The Town Clerk laid before the Committee notice of the intention of the Gas Company to provide a bill in the next Session of Parliament for an extension of their limits of supply, new provisions as to purity and illuminating power of the gas, and other purposes. Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to obtain as soon as possible a print of the Company's bill and to report thereon to the Committee.

7—Contract for Public Gas Lighting—The Town Clerk submitted draft contract for the public gas lighting as amended by him. Resolved, That the same as now settled be approved.

8—Borough Electrical Engineer's Monthly Report—Read, the Monthly Report of the Borough Electrical Engineer. On the 15th inst. there were 841 customers, with the equivalent of about 55,920 8-candle power lamps, connected to the private supply mains, the corresponding figures for last year being 792 and 51,860 respectively.

9—Charges for Motor Supply—With reference to Minute No. 8 of this Committee of the 12th ult, and on the recommendation of the Borough Electrical Engineer, Resolved, That the scale for meter rents for motor supply be as follows :—£1 per annum for motors up to 5 K.W. ; £1 10s. 0d. per annum for motors of 5 K. W. and upwards, and that the resolution to Minute No. 8 of this Committee of the 18th May last be varied accordingly.

10—Electricity Department Staff—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that in accordance with the wishes of the Committee he had made a re-arrangement of the staff which would effect a saving of £318, which did not include the saving of the Chief Assistant's salary of £200, and the saving of £100 on the Engineer's salary, and that he hoped that some further economies might be effected.

ROBT. LEY WOOD, Chairman

WATER COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 14th November, 1905—Present : The Mayor, Alderman Norman, Councillors Baker, Margrett, Stroud and Waghorne (The Mayor in the chair).

1—Chairman—Resolved, That Councillor Waghorne be appointed Chairman of this Committee for the ensuing year,

W. NASH SKILLICORNE,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Thursday, the 23rd November, 1905—Present: The Mayor, Councillors Baker, Bendall, M. Davis, Margrett, Stroud and Waghorne (Councillor Waghorne in the Chair).

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

DAILY YIELD OF SPRINGS.		
	For 31 days, ended 17th Nov., 1905.	Average for corresponding period during last 3 years.
Hewletts Springs	110,850 gallons	221,790 gallons
Dowdeswell Springs	595,034 "	838,066 "
Leckhampton	(approx.) 5,496 "	(approx.) 5,496 "
Total	711,410 "	1,065,352 "

CONTENTS OF RESERVOIRS.				
	November 17th, 1905.		November 17th, 1904.	
	Depth	Contents	Depth	Contents
Hewletts	---	4,900,945 gallons	---	17,024,200 gallons
Leckhampton	2ft. 3in.	303,920 "	8ft. 3in.	1,114,384 "
Dowdeswell	20ft. 9 in.	47,681,295 "	17ft. 10in.	36,621,685 "
Total Storage		52,886,160 "		54,760,269 "

Pumping had been continued day and night from Tewkesbury and water had also been pumped at Sandford. He reported the extensions and alterations of mains made during the month, and that the alterations authorised in connection with the Hewletts Reservoir and supply to Battledown had also been completed.

3—Report of Fire Brigade Captain—The Captain of the Fire Brigade reported that the Brigade had been called out during the past month as follows :—On the 5th instant to a fire at a farm at Kemerton, near Tewkesbury. Damage estimated at £500. Expenses incurred £19 12s. 6d. Fireman Broom was taken ill from exposure, and had ever since been under medical treatment.

On the 10th inst. to Tate's Hotel, No. 1 Promenade. Damage £50. Expenses incurred, £3 1s. 6d. Building and contents insured.

On the 19th inst. to a fire at No. 7 Painswick Lawn, caused by a defective flue. Damage £15. Expenses £3 8s. 6d. Building and contents insured. At this fire, Sub.-Lieut. Such injured his hand, and was still unable to work.

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On the 21st inst. to No. 18 Fairfield Road. Practically no damage was done, and the occupier did not authorise the calling out of the Brigade. Brigade expenses £3 1s. 0d. Contents of cottage not insured.

Read, a detailed Report from Major Podmore as to the fire at Kemerton, and other matters, the Report also containing recommendations dealing with the work of the Brigade. Resolved, That the recommendations be referred to the Fire Brigade Sub-Committee to consider and report upon.

Read, a letter from Mr. Thomas Tate, conveying his appreciation of the promptitude of the Brigade in attending the fire at his hotel on the 10th inst.

4—Appointment of Fire Brigade Sub-Committee—Resolved, That the following members be appointed the Fire Brigade Sub-Committee for the ensuing year :—The Chairman, Alderman Norman, Councillors Baker and M. Davis.

5—Fire Brigade Call Wires—The Town Clerk reported that the G.W.R. Co. required a nominal acknowledgment of 1s. per annum in respect of the four fire call wires which crossed the Company's property, and that the Corporation should agree to remove the same at any time after one month's notice from the Company. Resolved, That these terms be agreed to.

6—Worcester Sewage Scheme—Read, a letter from the Local Government Board, stating that one of the Board's Inspectors visited Worcester on the 26th ult., and had reported that considerable progress had been made with the execution of the scheme of sewage disposal for the city, and that it was expected that all the works would be completed and in operation within 12 months from the present time.

7—Proposed Telegraph Pole near Barrett's Mill—Read, a letter from the Post Office Telegraph Department asking for permission to place a telegraph pole in the bank of the Chelt opposite Barrett's Mill ground. Resolved, That permission be granted subject to the payment of 1s. per annum, and to the Department agreeing to remove the pole upon 3 months' notice from the Council.

8—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 14th November, 1905—Present : The Mayor, Aldermen Haddon, Norman, Rogers and Waghorne, Councillors Bence, Bendall, Parsonage, Stroud and Waghorne, (Alderman Norman in the chair),

1—Chairman—Resolved, That Alderman Norman be appointed Chairman of this Committee for the ensuing year.

2—Site for Cavalry Barracks—The Town Clerk reported that a representative of the War Office was willing to receive a deputation from Cheltenham on the 16th inst. Resolved, That the following gentlemen be appointed to attend to lay before the Department the advantages of this neighbourhood as a suitable site for barracks : The Mayor, Mr. Agg-Gardner, M.P., Mr. H. O. Lord, M.P.H., Aldermen Norman and Rogers, and Councillor Bence.

GEO. NORMAN,

Chairman.

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At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 21st November, 1905—Present: The Mayor, Aldermen Haddon, Norman, Rogers and Waghorne, and Councillors. Bence, Bendall, M. Davis, Ley Wood, Parsonage, Stroud and Waghorne (Alderman Norman in the chair).

3—Diseases of Animals Acts—Superintendent Hopkins reported that no outbreak of contagious disease amongst animals had occurred since the last meeting.

Read a letter from the Board of Agriculture and Fisheries enclosing copy of the " Dipping of Sheep (Gloucestershire) Order, 1905," enabling regulations to be made for the whole County including the Borough of Cheltenham and the Cities of Bristol and Gloucester, requiring the compulsory dipping of sheep in such area.

4—Hackney Carriage Driver's Licence—Read, an application from Mr. James Cook, of 2, St. Paul's Terrace, Dunalley Street, for a licence to drive a hackney carriage. Resolved, That the application be granted.

5—Hackney Carriage Licence—Read, an application from Miss Mansell, of Belle Vue Stables, for a licence for a landau Mr. Hylton Jessop, Solicitor, attended in support of the application. Resolved, That the application be not acceded to.

6—Site for Cavalry Barracks—The Deputation appointed at the last meeting of this Committee reported that it attended at the War Office on the 16th instant and was introduced to Lord Donoughmore by Mr. Agg-Gardner. Lord Donoughmore intimated that the sites suggested by the deputation should be inspected and promised that the claims of Cheltenham would receive favourable consideration.

7—Unemployed Workmen Act, 1905—Read, a letter from the Clerk to the Guardians stating that the following members of the Board had been selected for appointment as members of the Distress Committee for the Borough :—

Mrs. Frances Holmes Crawley, Miss Edith Mary Rowbotham, Messrs. William Richard Carles, C.M.G., Alfred Charles Carter, Henry Enoch, James Alfred Gale, Samuel Harper and Edward Parker. Resolved, That the Council be recommended to appoint as members of the Distress Committee the following :—

(1) Councillors Baker, Bence, Bendall, M. Davis, Gridley, Marshall, Merrett, Packer, Pilley, Steel, Stroud and Waghorne.

(2) The eight representatives of the Board of Guardians, above-mentioned.

(3) Rev. J. A. Owen, Colonel King-Harman, Mr. H. T. Carrington, Mr. A. C. Billings, and Mr. J. W. Betteridge as being persons experienced in the relief of distress

8—Game Licence—Read, an application from Mr. James Maxwell, of No, 84 High Street for a licence to deal in game. The Inspector of Nuisances reported that he had inspected the premises and several sanitary defects pointed out by him were now being made good and the work would be completed this week. Resolved, That the application be granted subject to the work in progress being completed to the satisfaction of the Inspector of Nuisances.

9—Petroleum Licences—The Petroleum Inspector reported that all the persons to whom licences had been granted subject to the alterations recommended in his previous report being complied with, had now carried out his requirements.

Read, an application from Messrs. Stratton Ltd. for a licence to store 300 gallons instead of 200 as at present. On the recommendation of the Inspector, Resolved, That the maximum under the licence be increased from 200 to 250 gallons and that the licence be endorsed accordingly.

Read, a letter from Messrs. Steel Bros. asking that a temporary licence for three months only for their present store in Regent Street should be granted so as to give them time to acquire other suitable premises. Resolved, That a licence for three months for 50 gallons be granted.

10—Appointment of Art Gallery Sub-Committee—Resolved, That the following be appointed the Art Gallery Sub-Committee for the ensuing year : Aldermen Haddon, Norman, Rogers and Winterbotham, Councillor Marshall, Baron de Ferrieres, and Dr. E. T. Wilson.

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11—Rooms in Library. Building—Resolved, That the following be appointed a Sub-Committee to consider and report as to the use to which the rooms in the Library building at present occupied by the Schools of Art and Science shall be put after December next and particularly whether suitable accommodation for any of the Departments of the Corporation can be provided therein : The Mayor, the Chairman, Aldermen Haddon, Rogers and Waghorne, Councillors Bence and Parsonage.

12—Town Hall and Winter Garden Custodian—On the recommendation of the Town Improvement Committee, Resolved, That the Custodian of the Town Hall and Winter Garden be provided with uniform.

13—Committee Fixtures for 1906—Resolved, That the Meetings of the Committees of the Council for 1906 be fixed as follows (except that any meetings that may fall upon a public holiday shall be held upon such other days and consequent alterations be made in other meetings as may be more convenient), viz :—

THREE WEEKS PREVIOUS TO COUNCIL MEETING.		
1st Week.		
Thursday	Lighting Committee	2.30 p.m.
Friday	Farms Management	12.0 noon
"	Mineral Waters, Baths and Recreation Grounds ...	3.0 p.m.

[Three weeks previous to Council meeting]		
2nd Week.		
Monday	Public Health (Second Meeting)	3.0 p.m.
Tuesday	Town Improvement	4.0 p.m.
Thursday	General Purposes and Watch	4.0 p.m.
Friday	Water	3.0 p.m.
	Burial Board	11.30 p.m.
	Plans Sub-Committee (at Depot)	2.15 p.m.
	Street and Highway (View)	3.0 p.m.
	(meet at Central Depot)	
3rd Week		
Monday	Street and Highway (Second Meeting)	10.0 a.m.
Tuesday	Finance	3.30 p.m.
WEEK FOLLOWING COUNCIL MEETING WEEK.		
Monday	Public Health	3.0 p.m.
Tuesday ..	Plans Sub-Committee	2.15 p.m.
"	Street and Highway	3.0 p.m.
"	Public Library	4.15 p.m.

GEO. NORMAN, Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Friday, the 24th November, 1905—Present : The Mayor, Aldermen Haddon Norman, and Rogers, Councillors Bence, M. Davis and Stroud (Alderman Norman in the chair).

14—Town Postal Deliveries—With reference to Minute No. 6 of this Committee of the 17th ultimo, read letters from Mr. A. C. Saxby enclosing a memorial signed by persons living in Northleach and neighbourhood protesting against the proposed alteration of postal deliveries in Cheltenham, on the ground that no letters from the country districts surrounding Cheltenham would be delivered in the town on the same day unless posted before noon in such districts. Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to forward the representations to the Postmaster with a request that he will consider whether some modification in the proposals cannot be made to meet the objections raised.

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15-Application for Pawnbroker's Certificate-Read, an application from Mr. E. O. Martin, of No. 210, High Street, for a Certificate under the Pawnbrokers' Act, 1872. Mr. Arthur Lamb attended before the Committee in support of the application and Supt. Hopkins opposed the granting of a certificate. The Committee having hoard witnesses in support of and in opposition to the application. Resolved, That the application be not granted as the applicant has failed to satisfy the Committee that he is a suitable person to hold a certificate.

16—Appointment of Distress Committee—The Town Clerk reported that Mr. H. T. Carrington and Mr. A. C. Billings had written regretting inability to serve as members of the Distress Committee for

the Borough. Resolved, That the names of Miss Roberts and Mr. Edward Bourne be substituted for the gentlemen named in this Committee's recommendation to the Council.

GEO. NORMAN,

Chairman.

MINERAL WATERS, BATHS AND RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 14th November, 1905—Present: The Mayor, Alderman Norman,

Councillors Baker, Bence, Davies, Bendall, Pilley and Stroud (The Mayor in the Chair).

1—Chairman—Resolved, That Councillor Stroud be appointed Chairman of this Committee for the ensuing year.

W. NASH SKTLLICORNE,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Friday, the 17th November, 1905—Present: Alderman Norman; Councillors Baker, Bence, Bendall, Davies, Merrett, Pilley and Stroud (Councillor Stroud in the chair.)

2—Montpellier Baths—The Borough Accountant reported that the receipts and payments in respect of these Baths since the 31st March last were as follows:—

Receipts at Baths	£413 16 1	Payments	£311 11 1
Rent of Shop ...	£24 0 0	Proportion of repayment of loans and interest.	<u>£315 1 9</u>
	£437 16 1		£626 12 10

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3—Alstone Baths—The Borough: Accountant reported that the receipts, &c., at these Baths since the 31st March last had been as follows :—

Receipts...	<u>£264 4 9</u>	Payments ...	£192 19 7
	£264 4 9	Proportion of repayment of loans and interest ...	<u>£195 9 8</u>
			£388 9 3

4—Appointment of Mineral Waters Sub-Committee—Resolved, That the Chairman, Councillors Bence and Davies be appointed the Mineral Waters Sub-Committee for the ensuing year.

5—Visitors for Baths and Recreation Grounds—Resolved, That the following members of the Committee be appointed visitors for the Baths and Recreation Grounds as under-mentioned until further notice :—

Montpellier Baths—Councillors Stroud and Davies.
Alstone Baths—Alderman Norman and Councillor Baker.
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.

HERBERT STROUD, Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Friday, the 24th November, 1905—Present : Councillors Baker, Bence, Bendall, Davies, Merrett, Pilley, and Stroud (Councillor Stroud in the chair).

6—Report of Spa Sub-Committee—The Spa Sub-Committee reported that they had obtained estimates for the provision of a suitable counter, etc., for the octagonal hall at the Town Hall for dispensing the mineral waters, in accordance with the arrangements already approved by the Council. The Sub-Committee recommended that the estimate, sub-mitted by Messrs. Doulton & Co. for supplying and fixing an octagonal counter with Queen Anne marble top and sides of Doulton ware, in accordance with the design submitted by them, at a cost of £74, including 4 Doulton ware vases, but not including the cost of salt-glazed bricks required for lining the inside of the counter, of which the Borough Surveyor reported he had a sufficient supply in stock. Resolved, That the recommendation be approved and adopted.

HERBERT STROUD,

Chairman.

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BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, the 14th November, 1905.--Present:—The Mayor, Aldermen Haddon and Rogers, Councillors Baker, Bence, Merrett, Pilley and Steel (The Mayor in the Chair).

1—Chairman—Resolved, That Alderman Haddon be appointed Chairman of this Committee for the ensuing year. W. NASH SKILLICORNE, Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Friday, the 24th November, 1905—Present:—Aldermen Haddon and Rogers; Councillors Baker, Bence, Gridley, Merrett, Pilley and Steel (Alderman Haddon in the chair).

2—Superintendent's Report—The Superintendent reported that better provision for carrying away surface water at the back of the Chapels was required, and that the arch of the culvert over the brook needed attention. He asked to be supplied with a few rose trees for the entrance drive. Resolved, That the Superintendent be authorised to obtain a few rose trees, and that the attention of the Borough Surveyor be called to the defective surface water drainage and culvert arch.

3—Designs—Resolved, That the following designs be approved, viz: Headstones to grave of Rosanna Andrews, Kate Smith and Elizabeth Travell. Memorial Crosses to graves of Philip Broke Smith and Frederick Sigmund Kannrether.

4—Grave Space No. 2469 D.—Read, a letter from Messrs. Winterbotham, Gurney & Co., applying on behalf of the Executor of the late Miss Sarah Bland, that the right to interment in Grave Space No. 2469 D purchased by her should be regranted to her nominee, Miss Anne Cowley. Resolved, That a new grant be issued accordingly, on the present one being sent in for cancellation, and payment of 15s. 6d.

5—Application for Remission of Non-Parishioner's Fee—Read, a letter from Mr. Selim J. Smith, applying on behalf of the relatives of the late Mr. C. V. Winton for the return of 9s., extra fees paid upon the interment of the deceased as a non-parishioner. Resolved, That under the special circumstances the fees mentioned be remitted.

6—Fees for Searching Registers at Cemetery—Resolved, That a fee of 1s. for each 5 years be charged for searches of the registers at the Cemetery.

JOHN HADDON,

Chairman.

PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of. this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 14th November, 1905—Present: The Mayor, Aldermen Haddon, and Rogers, councillors Bennett, Davies, Margrett, Marshall, Merrett and Pilley; Revs. J. Evans, and A. Beynon Phillips, ; Colonel King-Harman; Messrs. A. Beckingsale, J. C. Carr, W. Cresswell, C. Hayward, G. H. Palmer, F. Parsons, 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.

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2—Librarian's Report—Read, the Monthly Report of the Librarian.. Receipts, £3 6s. 2d. Presentations : E. F. Barnfield (1 vol., 1 pamphlet), Baron de Ferrieres (2 vols.), W. H. Nicholls (1 pamphlet), University Tutorial Press (1 vol.), Lent by the Mayor : " The Fairford Windows " by the Rev. J. C. Joyce.

3—Appointment of Sub-Committee—Resolved, That the following members be appointed the Sub-Committee for the ensuing year : The Chairman, Councillors Marshall, Merrett and Pilley, Rev. J. Evans, Colonel King-Harman, Messrs. C. Hayward and G. H. Palmer.

4—Library Management and Expenditure—The recommendation of the Sub-Committee appointed to enquire into and report upon the Library management and expenditure, that certain magazines and newspapers should be discontinued was further considered. Resolved, That the " Financial Times," "Academy," "Amateur Photographer," "Army and Navy Gazette," " Cabinet Maker," " Electrician," " Engineering," " Exchange and Mart," " Gardener's Chronicle," " Journal of Gas

Lighting," " The Speaker," " Lectures pour Tous," "Westminster Review," and one copy of the " Citizen," be discontinued.

5—Rooms in Library Building—The Town Clerk informed the Committee that the Art Gallery Sub-Committee's recommendation that some of the rooms to be vacated by the Schools of Art and Science should be appropriated for use as a Museum at a rent to be agreed upon with this Committee had been approved by the Town Council, the selection of the particular rooms to be appropriated being deferred until the Council had decided whether any of the rooms would be required for offices. Resolved, That the matter be referred to the Sub-Committee to consider and confer with the Art Gallery Sub-Committee and report to this Committee, and that applications received from the Medical Library and the Fine Art Society be also referred to the Sub-Committee.

RICHARD ROGERS,

Chairman.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 14th November, 1905—Present : The Mayor, Alderman Waghorne, Councillors Bence, Steel and Strand (The Mayor in the chair).

1—Chairman—Resolved, That Alderman Waghorne be appointed Chairman of this Committee for the ensuing year. W. Nash Skillicorne, Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 28th November, 1905—Present : The Mayor, Councillors Bence, Bennett, Steel and Stroud (The Mayor in the chair).

2—General District Rate—The Report of the Borough Accountant, dated the 28th inst., on the collection of the 2nd instalment of this Rate, was read. Amount collected £5,150 14s. 6d. Leaving outstanding £20,564 15s. 1d.

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3—Water Rate—The Report of the Borough Accountant, dated the 28th inst., on the collection of this Rate was read. Amount received £2,666 7s. 0d. Leaving outstanding £8,632 19s. 4d.

4—Loans—The Borough Accountant reported that he had received £61 on loan at 3 $\frac{3}{4}$ per cent., subject to repayment after 6 months' notice on either side. The offer of £1000 for three years at 3 $\frac{3}{4}$ per cent. reported at the last meeting had been increased to £1,043 to cover a sanction for a waterworks loan for that amount.

Resolved, That the offers be accepted, and that debentures on account of the Electric Lighting £10,667 and Waterworks £1,043 loans be sealed and issued accordingly.

The Borough Accountant having reported that he had been in communication with the Finance Clerk of the Worcestershire County Council as to a Loan of £3333 6s. 8d. Read, a letter from the Clerk to the Worcestershire County Council that he hoped to obtain instructions to advance the loan of £3333 6s. 8d., and suggesting that authority to issue a security for this amount should be obtained.

Resolved, That in the event of the Worcestershire County Council deciding to advance this loan, a debenture on account of the waterworks (3230) and other loans be sealed and issued accordingly.

5—Rating of Light Railways—The Town Clerk reported that on the hearing before the Justices of the complaint by the Wakefield Corporation against the Wakefield and District Light Railway Co., an order had been made for the payment of the General District Rate based on the full value of the Company's property, and that a case would now be stated for the opinion of the High Court.

6--Loan for St. Peter's District Resewering—Resolved, That application be made to the Local Government Board for their sanction under Section 9 of the Public Works Loans Act, 1881, to the appropriation of (1) an unexpended sum of £3,437, sanctioned by the Board in May, 1899, for relaying the outfall sewer to the Barn Farm, and (2) of the sum of £1,589, the unexpended balance of Electric Lighting £17,200 Loan towards the cost of resewering St. Peter's District, the Public Works Loan Commission having agreed to advance the sum of £3,437 in 1900, and having advanced the loan of £17,200 in 1899.

Resolved, also, That if the Local Government Board comply with the above application, the Public Works Loan Commission be asked to advance the remainder of the St. Peter's District Sewers Loan.

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, 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 24th October, 1905	£41,120 13 11
Paid since that date	<u>£ 9,832 9 5</u>
	£50,953 3 4
Received since that date (including Loans £1,154)	<u>£18,976 12 11</u>
Overdrawn.	£31,976 10 5
Being Bank Loan Account No. 2	£48,354 17 0
Less in hand on General Accounts	£9,336 9 11
Do. Sinking Funds	<u>£7,041 16 8</u>
	<u>£16,378 6 7</u>
	£31,976 10 5

N. NASH SKILLICORNE, Chairman.