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 December, 1905, at 3 p.m. Present:

THE MAYOR (ALDERMAN WILLIAM NASH SKILLICORNE) in the chair.

THE DEPUTY MAYOR (ALDERMAN JOHN HADDON).

Aldermen: 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 EDWARD HENRY PARSONAGE 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 9th November 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 13th and 20th November last, be approved and confirmed.
- 3—Farms Management Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Farms Management Committee, at their Meetings of the 14th and 17th November 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 November last, be approved and confirmed.
- 5—Town Improvement Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Town Improvement Committee, at their Meetings of the 14th and 20th November last, be approved and confirmed.
- 6—Lighting Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Lighting Committee, at their Meetings of the 14th and 16th November last, be approved and confirmed.
- 7—Water Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Water Committee at their Meetings of the 14th and 23rd November last, be approved and confirmed.
- 8—General Purposes & Watch Committee—Resolved, That with the exception of Minutes Nod. 7 and 16, the proceedings of the General Purposes and Watch Committee, at their Meetings of the 14th, 21st and 24th November last, be approved and confirmed, and that a licence to deal in game be granted accordingly.
- 9—Appointment of Distress Committee—Resolved, That (1) Councillors Baker, Bence, M. Davis, Gridley, Margrett, Marshall, Merrett, Packer, Pilley, Steel, Stroud and Waghorne; also (2) Mrs.

Frances Holmes Crawley, Miss Edith Mary Rowbotham, Messrs. William Richard Caries, C.M.G., Alfred Charles Carter, Henry Enoch, James Alfred Gale, Samuel Harper

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and Edward Parker, representatives of the Board of Guardians, be appointed members of the Distress Committee for the Borough of Cheltenham, and that the Rev. J. A. Owen, Col. King-Harman, Mr. J. W. Betteridge, Miss B. Roberts, and Mr. Edward Bourne, being persons experienced in the relief of distress, be also appointed members of such Committee, their term of office to expire on the 31st March, 1907.

Resolved also, That the first meeting of the Distress Committee be held at the Town Hall, on Friday, the 8th instant, at 4 p.m.

- 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 14th, 17th and 24th November last, be approved and confirmed.
- 11—Burial Board Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Burial Board Committee, at their Meetings of the 14th and 24th November last, be approved and confirmed.
- 12—Finance Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Finance Committee, at their Meetings of the 14th and 28th November 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—War Memorial Tablet---

The motion, of which Councillor Packer had given notice, having been duly proposed and seconded, as an amendment thereto it was proposed, seconded and Resolved, That the Motion for the provision for a Memorial Tablet in connection with the South African War be referred to the General Purposes and Watch Committee for consideration.

14—Mineral Water Spa—The motion of which notice had been given by Councillor Green at the last meeting on the subject of the supply of the Mineral Waters at the Town Hall was not moved by him.

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15—Notice of Motion—Councillor Green gave notice of his intention to move at the next Monthly Meeting of the Council:

"For the following returns for the past 12 years, in each department as below—" 12 years ago and each succeeding year up till the present one:—Public Health Department, Street and Highways, Town Improvement, Lighting, "-Water, General Purposes and Watch, Mineral Waters, Baths and "Recreation Grounds, Burial Board, Finance, Public Library:

- " Number of Officials, number of employees, amount paid in salaries to officials, amount paid in wages to employees, office and' all other expenses."
- " Population, death rate, birth rate, number of empty houses and their rateable value, inclusive rates, borough debt, cost of lighting rate for year " preceding electric lighting, and for the present year.
- " Amount that has been received from the County Council and for what purposes."
- " How many towns in England of approximate size of Cheltenham retain the sole " services of the Medical Officer of Health and the salaries paid."
- " And that upon receipt of returns an Investigating Committee be formed, " consisting of one Town Councillor from each ward, and also preferably, to " have added a well-known business man from each ward, to examine the " accounts and report their finding to the Council."

Mayor.

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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 1st January, 1906.

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 11th December, 1905—Present: The Mayor, Alderman Norman, Councillors Bence, Davies, 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, 5 cases of Scarlet Fever, 7 cases of Erysipelas, and 6 of Diphtheria; that 5 cases of Scarlet Fever and 4 of Diphtheria had been sent into the Delancey Hospital.
- 2—Cleansing and Disinfecting at No. 2 Burton Cottages, Great Western Road—The Medical Officer of Health having certified that the cleansing and disinfecting 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 to cleanse and disinfect the house or parts thereof within the time specified in such Notice.
- 3—Cleansing and Limewashing at Nos. 8 and 9 Rutland Street, 7 Coltham Fields, and 21, Great Norwood 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 Roseville, Gloucester Road, 55, 56, 57 Tewkesbury Road, 3 to 10, 12 to 27, and 30 & 31 inclusive Sun Street, 1 to 4, Sun Street Retreat, inclusive, 23 Commercial Street, 22, Great Norwood Street, and Factory, Grosvenor Place South. The Inspector of Nuisances

having made written application under Section 41 of the Public Health Act, 1875, stating that the drains, Ire., on or belonging to the above-named premises 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. 19, 21, 23, 25, & 27 Bath Terrace, 4 Clare Cottages, Clare Place, 8 and 9 Rutland Street 7, Coltham Fields, 21, Great Norwood Street, 6, 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, &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. 91 of the Public Health Act, 1879, 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. 3, Savory's Court, Duke Street—The Medical Officer of Health reported that the above premises were so overcrowded as to be dangerous or injurious to the health of the inmates. Resolved, That the Committee being satisfied of the existence of a nuisance on the said premises, Notices under-Section 94 of the Public Health Act, 1875, be served on the 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. 7 Coltham Fields, Bayshill Inn, St. George's Place, 3, 4 & 5 York Cottages, York 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—House unfit for Human Habitation—Steel's Cottage, Elmstone 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. Resolved, That the Council being of opinion that the said house is in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to health and unfit for human habitation, proceedings be taken under the said Act for an order for the closing of the same.

9—Sanitary Institute Congress, 1906—Read, a letter from the Secretary of the Royal Sanitary Institute, inviting the Council to appoint delegates to attend the Congress of the Institute to be held in Bristol from July 9th to the 14th next year. Resolved, That the Chairman, the Medical Officer of Health, and the Chief Sanitary Inspector be appointed delegates accordingly.

10—Water Supply at Hester's Way--With reference to Minute No. 10 of this Committee of the 9th October last, the Medical Officer of Health again called attention to the need for a better water supply to houses at Hester's Way. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to report fully to this Committee upon the matter.

11—Spitting in Public Places—With reference to Minute No. 10 of this Committee of the 13th ult., the Medical Officer of Health reported that it was difficult to obtain the few metal plates required for the tram cars at a reasonable cost. Resolved, That under the circumstances no further action be taken.

E. H. PARSONAGE,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 18th December, 1905—Present: The Mayor, Alderman Norman, Councillors Bence, Davies, M. Doris, Parsonage and Pilley (Councillor Parsonage in the chair).

12--Zymotic Disease—The Medical Officer of Health reported that there had been notified since the last meeting of the Committee 1 ease of Scarlet Fever, 1 of Erysipelas, and 3 cases of Diphtheria, and that 1 case of Scarlet Fever and 2 cases of Diphtheria had been sent into the Delancey Hospital.

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13—Cleansing and Limewashing at No. 3 Savory's Court, Duke Street, and the Brewer's Arms, St. Paul's Street North. 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.

14—Nuisances from Drains, etc., at Cumberland Cottage, Grove Street, Nos. 7, 20, 21, 23, 27, 28, 30, 45, to 55, (both inclusive) 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.

15--Insanitary Property—Nos. 2, 4, 7 & 9, Ewlyn Terrace, and 21 & 22, Great Norwood Street—The Medical Officer a 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 uncle] 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.

16—Overcrowding at No. 10, Roebuck Cottages—The Medical Officer of Health reported that tile 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.

17---Houses without proper Ash Receptacles—The Inspector of Nuisances reported that the following houses had no proper ashpits or ash receptacles, viz:—Nos. 20, St. James' Street, 213,

High Street, 2, Fairfield Place, Robin Rood Inn, St. James' Street, 9 & 11 Burton Cottages, Gt. Western Road, and Pilley Cottages, Pilley 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.

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 Mrs. Louisa Carey, of 84 Tewkesbury 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.

Read, an application from Mr. Alfred Jakeway of the Star Coffee Tavern, Tewkesbury Road to be registered as a purveyor of milk. On the recommendation of the Medical Officer of Health, Resolved, That the applicant be registered.

20—Destruction of Diseased Meat—The Medical Officer of Health reported that the carcase and organs of a beast were found after slaughter on the 12th instant, to be badly affected with tuberculosis and were surrendered by the owner and destroyed (weight 896 lbs.)

21—Sewerage and Sewage Disposal—Read, a letter from the Local Government Board, stating that the Board's Chief Engineering Inspector would be able to see the Borough Engineer on the suggested scheme of sewage disposal. The Chairman made a report of an interview which he and the Borough Engineer had had with the Board's Chief Engineering Inspector on the 15th instant. Resolved, That the Council be recommended to approve of the scheme now submitted by the Borough Engineer for removing the Arle and Hatherley Tanks, and providing sewage disposal works on the Haydon Farm, capable of treating the whole of the sewage of the Borough before its application to the land, such scheme to include the provision of detritus and screening chambers, septic tanks and continuous filters at an estimated cost of £34,385, and also for constructing a new outfall sewer (3 ft. 9 in. by 2 ft. 6 in.) from the Arle tank to the site of the proposed sewage disposal works at an estimated cost of £10,310, and that application be made to the Local Government Board for their sanction to a loan for the cost of these works.

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Resolved also, That the Council be recommended to go into Committee to consider the scheme submitted.

22—St. Paul's District Sewers—In view of the number of unemployed in the Borough at the present time, Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to commence the reconstruction of the St. Paul's District Sewers as soon as possible.

E. H. PARSONAGE, Chairman.

FARMS MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Friday, the 15th December, 1905—Present: The Mayor, Councillors Bence, M. Davis, Gridley, Margrett, 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 7 head of cattle had been sold for £98 14s, 0d. and 15 sheep for £37 12s. 9d. Total sales of livestock, £136 6s. 9d. A bull and a sow had been purchased, the purchases amounting to £17 5s. 0d. The livestock on the farms on the 15th inst. was 13 horses, 147 head of cattle, 20 sheep and 13 pigs, which were all doing very well. He required materials for repair of the roads on the farms, and about 1,000 pipes for draining Hay Furlong Field, and recommended that an osier bed be planted at the Barn Farm on the site now occupied by a willow plantation, and that the fruit trees in the orchard at Haydon Knoll be pruned. Resolved, That the recommendations of the Farms Manager be approved, and that he be authorised to obtain the drain pipes required, but that the question of obtaining materials for repair of roads be adjourned for the Committee to view. Resolved, also, That Mr. Hopkins be authorised to cut down 3 old apple trees in the small orchard in his occupation, subject to his agreeing to replace them with 3 Blenheim apple trees.

M. DAVIS,

Chairman.

STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 12th December, 1905—Present: The Mayor, Councillors Baker, Bendall, Gridley, Ley Wood and Parsonage (Councillor Bendall in the Chair).

- 1—Report of Stores Sub-Committee—The Stores Sub-Committee recommended—
- (1) The purchase of 2 more Sludge Carts at a cost of £16 10s., each.
- (2) That a Sweeping Machine (7ft brush) be purchased at a cost of £21

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- (3) That an additional Water Van be purchased at a cost of £47 5s., the Van to be had on approval for the month of April next.
- (4) That the old black horse be sent to the Destructor to be used there for hauling and that the Borough Surveyor be instructed to provide necessary stabling accommodation there. That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to sell the old grey horse, and, That 2 horses be purchased, the Borough Surveyor to advertise for some horses to be sent for inspection by the Committee at their next View Meeting. Resolved, that the recommendations of the Sub-Committee be approved and adopted.
- 2- 5, Ambrose Street—The Borough Surveyor reported that he had received an offer from the Pinetta Co., to rent No. 5 Ambrose Street at £16 per annum, the tenants paying all rates and charges for electric light and water. Resolved, that the Company be accepted as tenants subject to the result

of enquiries being satisfactory and an agreement being entered into, the tenancy to be for 6 months certain and afterwards subject to a quarter's notice on either side,

3—Charlton Lane Improvement—With reference to Minute No. 16 of this Committee of the 23rd October, 1905, Mr. Boulton attended and the draft agreement with him was considered. Resolved, That the agreement as now settled be approved and the Common Seal be affixed thereto.

JOHN D. BENDALL, Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Wednesday, the 20th December, 1905—Present: The Mayor, Alderman Haddon, Councillors Baker, Bendall, Gridley, Ley Wood and Parsonage (Councillor Bendall in the chair)

- 4—View Meeting—The following members attended the View Meeting on the previous day :-- Alderman Haddon, Councillors Baker, Bendall, and Parsonage.
- 5—Report of Building Plans Sub-Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Plans Sub-Committee at their meetings on the 12th and 20th inst. be approved and adopted.
- 6—Street Projections—Read, a letter from Messrs. R. E. & C. Marshall, Ltd., applying for permission to put up two gas lamps outside Messrs. Bryants' premises in Clarence Street. Resolved, That the application be acceded to on the usual conditions.
- 7-Private Improvement Works-Hayward's Road Apportionment-The Borough Surveyor reported that the improvement works ordered to be done to the footpath on the West side of Hay ward's Road had been carried out by the Corporation at a cost of £140 15s. 1d., which sum he had apportioned amongst the abutting owners according to the frontages of their respective properties. Resolved, That the apportionment be approved and that notices thereof and of demand for repayment be served on the abutting owners.
- 8—Purchase of Trolley—The Borough Surveyor submitted prices from local coachbuilders for making a trolley. Resolved, That he be authorised to obtain a trolley at a cost of not exceeding £25.
- 9—Purchase of Horses—Resolved, That one horse be purchased from Mr. Harvey, for £58, subject to a week's trial and to the result of examination by a Veterinary Surgeon being satisfactory, and that a horse be purchased from the Sewage Farms for £40 subject to a week's trial.
- 10—Borough Surveyor's Monthly Report Re Highways—The Borough Surveyor reported that the work done by the Highways Department from 24th November, to the 14th December 1905 (both inclusive) had been as follows:--

Roads Repaired—Gloucester Road, East side, from Malvern Road to Queen's Road (2,240 super yards), Elm Street (833 super yards), Malvern Street (792 super yards), Alstone Lane (420 super yards), Rowanfield Road (clinker), Hester's Way (clinker), proceeding.

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Street Improvement—Old Bath Road (proceeding), Private Improvement Works—Millbrook Street Diversion, and Sandford Mill Road (proceeding), and Sydenham Villas Road (completed).

Roads Patched—Gt. Norwood Street, St. Stephen's Road, Tivoli Street, Tivoli Place, Tivoli Road, Marle Hill Road, Courtenay Street, Tivoli Circus, Andover Road, Princes Street, Hatherley Street, Lypiatt Street, Rear of Tivoli Place, Christ Church Road, Naunton Crescent, Naunton Park Terrace and Montpellier Grove.

Asphalte Footpaths Repaired—Promenade and Priory Street. Gravel Footpaths Renewed—Queen's Road (1,750 super yards), and margins in Christ Church Road. Grass Verge Renewed—Lansdown Place (400 yards).

Gas Trenches Repaired—Roman Road, Paragon Terrace, Waterloo Passage, St. Luke's Road and Alstone Croft. Electric Light Trenches Repaired—North Street, High Street, and Oxford Passage.

Water Trenches Repaired—High Street. Kerb, Channel and Paving Relaid—Bath Road (proceeding).

Crossings Renewed, 2. Crossing Relaid, 1. Gullies Renewed—5. Tree felled-1 in Hale's Road and 40 in St. George's Road.

Ashes Collection and Disposal—During 4 weeks ended 14th December, 1905-1,070 loads collected, 250 tipped away, and 820 consumed. Weight consumed 809 tons, 17 cwts.,

Slab Factory—During 3 weeks ended 14th December, 1905— 4,014 lineal feet of kerb and channel made.

- 11—Trees in Battledown Approach—Read, a memorial, signed by Col. Rogers and other residents on Battledown, asking that the decision to cut down every other tree in the Battledown Approach should be re-considered, and the resolution rescinded. Resolved, That further consideration of the matter be adjourned, and in the meantime no action be taken by the Borough Surveyor.
- 12—Eldorado Road—Resolved, That Eldorado Road be declared a highway without prejudice to the right of the Council to require the footpaths to be paved, edged, and channelled under Section 44 of the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1852, and that the Town Clerk be instructed to give the necessary notices of such declaration.
- 13—Road at Back of Naunton Crescent, off Exmouth Street—Read, letters from Mr. W. Morgan, of Karenza, protesting on behalf of the owner of that house against the proposed private improvement works in this road. The Committee having again inspected the street, and the owners having now executed some repairs to the roadway, Resolved, That the works be not carried out at present.
- 14—Naunton Lane—The Borough Surveyor submitted plan, specifications, and estimates of the works required to be done to this 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 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.
- 15—Surface Water Drain in Leckhampton Lane—The Chairman reported as to the interview Councillor Baker and himself, as representing this Committee, had had on the 13th inst. with two

representatives of the Rural. District Council, Messrs. J. Hitch and J. H. Mcllquham, with regard to the surface water drain there, when they had renewed the offer already made by the Town Council that if the Rural District Council would contribute one fourth of the cost of the necessary work, the Corporation would carry out the same.

16—Stores Account and Highway Expenditure—Resolved, That £800, part of the amount standing to the credit of the Stores Account, be applied to expenditure on highways.

17—Sale of Horse—The Borough Surveyor reported that he had, as authorised at the last meeting, sold the old grey horse for £10. Resolved, That his action be approved.

JOHN D. BENDALL, Chairman.

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STREET & HIGHWAY AND LIGHTING COMMITTEES (Joint Meeting).

At a Joint Meeting of these Committees held on Tuesday, the 12th December, 1905—Present: The Mayor, Councillors Baker, Bendall, Green, Gridley, Ley Wood, Marshall, Merrett, Parsonage and Steel (Councillor Bendall in the Chair).

1—Chairman—Resolved, That Councillor Bendall be appointed Chairman at this meeting.

2—Approach Road to Destructor and Electric Works—The Borough Surveyor submitted estimates of the cost of reconstructing the Approach Road to the Destructor and Electric Light Works, the estimates varying according to the material and method of construction from £1093 to £587 15s. 6d. Resolved, That the estimate for the construction of a sleeper road on clinker concrete foundation, including fencing and extra lighting, at a cost of £593 10s. 0d. be approved and adopted, and that the work be carried out, half the cost to be charged to the Street and Highway Committee and half to the Electric Light Undertaking, subject to re-adjustment of this division of the cost if in the near future the use of the road by the Electric Light Department should materially decrease

JOHN D. BENDALL, Chairman.

PLANS SUB-COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Sub-Committee, held on Tuesday, the 12th December, 1905—Present : Councillors Baker, Bence, Bendall and Parsonage (Councillor Parsonage in the chair).

1—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.
362	E. E. Pratley	New shop front and pavement lights, 12 North Place.
363	S. Cook	Forcing house, Chosen View, Swindon Road.
364	F. W. Strange	Two villas in Keynsham Road.
365	H. A. Gwinnell	Scullery and bedroom, 53 Tewkesbury Road.
295	J. Powell	Houses in Monson Avenue (amended plans as to drainage).
366	W. Bell Haworth	Additions to Gonia, The Park.

Resolved, That Plans No. 362 and 363 be approved, that Plans No. 364 be approved, subject to the front roof and surface water being convoyed to the street channel to the satisfaction of the Borough Surveyor, that Plans Nos. 365 be approved, subject to the drainage being carried out to the satisfaction of the Inspector of Nuisances, that Plans Nos. 295 be approved, subject to the drainage being carried out to the satisfaction of the Building Inspector, and that Plans Nos. 366 be disapproved.

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E. H. PARSONAGE,

Chairman

At a Meeting of this Sub-Committee, held on, Tuesday, the 19th December, 1905—Present: Councillors Baker, Bence, Bendall and Parsonage, (Councillor Parsonage en the chair).

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
366	W. Bell	Haworth Additions to "Gonia," The Park (amended plans.)
367	J. D. Bendall	Four semi-detached villas, Fairfield Park Road.
368	H. E. Steel. Ltd	New Petroleum Store, rear of Old Bank premises, High Street.

Resolved, That Plans Nod. 366 and 368 be approved and that Plan No. 367 be approved, subject to a parapet wall being provided and shown on the plans and the front roof water being discharged into the surface water drain.

E. H. PARSONAGE,

Chairman.

TOWN IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 11th December, 1905—Present: The Mayor, Aldermen Norman, and Rogers, Councillors Baker, Bence, and Bennett (Councillor Bence in the chair).

- 1—Promenade Improvement No. 2—Resolved. That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to pave the space in front of the General Post Office with concrete slabs.
- 2—Byelaws re Clarence and Wellington Squares and Pittville Crescent Gardens—With reference to Minute No. 6 of this Committee of the 19th June last, the Town Clerk submitted draft Byelaws fixing the charges approved by the Council, for playing tennis and croquet in the enclosed pleasure gardens in Clarence and Wellington Squares and Pittville Crescent. Resolved, That the Byelaws be approved and adopted and submitted after due notice to the Local Government Board for confirmation.

3—Wild Flower Garden at Pittville—The Chairman reported that the Sub-Committee appointed to consider as to the removal of the Wild Flower Garden from the Marle Hill Annexe had, upon further consideration and inspection and with the approval of Mr. W. L. Mellersh, agreed to recommend that the Garden should be removed to a site near the large gates, opposite "Lake View," thus avoiding any interference with the present seeding ground as at first proposed. Resolved. That the recommendations be approved and adopted and that the recommendation to Minute No. 3 of this Committee of the 16th October last be varied accordingly.

GEORGE BENCE,

Chairman.

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LIGHTING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Thursday, the 14th December, 1905—Present: 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 25th and 30th ulto. and the 9th inst. had been as follows: 218, 210 and 216 volts, respectively, an average of 215 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	
Nov.			100 cubic feet.	
25th	15.38 candles			
"29th	16.09 "	Nov. 29-30	12.74	
" 30th	15.55 "			
Dec, 9th	15.62 "	Dec. 8-9	11	
" 13th	15.57 "			
Average	15.64 "			
		Average	11.87	

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-3.998 cubic feet; Guildhall lamps with No. 4 Incandescent burners 3.980 cubic feet; Ordinary lamps with No. 3 Incandescent burners 3.405 cubic feet,

4---Lamp Book—This book was produced and examined. Incandescents extinguished, 51 (4 metered), burning dimly, 12. Ordinary Lamps extinguished 30 (5 metered), burning dimly, 2. Resolved, That the attention of the Gas Company be again called to the large number of lamps out and an explanation requested.

5—Contract for Public Gas Lighting—The Town Clerk submitted for approval the draft contract with the Gas Company for the public gas lighting as settled at meetings of the Sub-Committee. Resolved, That the same be approved and that the Common Seal be affixed to the contract.

6—View Meeting re Public Lighting—The Chairman reported that at a view meeting of this Committee held on the 6th instant, re Public Lighting there were present: Councillors Green, Marshall, Merrett and himself. They recommended after inspection as follows:—

St. Luke's Road—That the Lambeth lamp be replaced by an ordinary incandescent gas lamp.

Road from Suffolk Road to Painswick Lawn--That the present lighting is sufficient.

Naunton, Lane—That two new lamps be placed in this road and one removed to a new position as indicated on the plan now before the Committee.

Fairfield Estate Road—That nine now lamps be placed on the Fairfield Estate in the positions shown on the plan now submitted as the laud is built on and houses occupied.

Ewlyn. Road—That the position of the existing lamp be altered as indicated by the Committee. Montpellier Walk—That the existing lighting is sufficient.

Parabola Road—That the positions of the existing lamps in this road be altered in accordance with the plan now submitted. Resolved, That The recommendations be approved and adopted.

7—Public Lighting in London Road (above Hale's Road) and High Street end of Grosvenor Place South—Resolved, That consideration of complaints received as to the above be adjourned for the Committee to view.

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- 8--Automatic Circuit Breakers—On the recommendation of the Borough Electrical Engineer. Resolved, That two automatic switch circuit breakers be purchased for the two turbine generators at a cost including fixing of about £104.
- 9—Borough Electrical Engineer's Monthly Report—Read, the Monthly Report of the Borough Electrical Engineer. On the 13th inst. there were 851 customers, with the equivalent of about 56,230 8-candle power lamps, connected to the private supply mains, the corresponding figures for last year being 797 and 52,600 respectively.
- 10—Electricity Department Staff—With reference to Minute No. 10 of this Committee of the 16th ultimo, the Borough Electrical Engineer further reported that he had given notice to the storekeeper at the works and placed the stores under one of the Clerks at present employed at the High Street Offices where it would not be necessary to employ another clerk. The saving thus effected amounted to £54 12s. per annum.
- 11—Application for Supply—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that Mr. S. P. Ryland had applied for a supply of energy for his motor car house in the lane behind Lansdown Place. The cost of the necessary cables would be £10 and the applicant was willing to pay this. Resolved, That the extension be made and supply given.

ROBT. LEY WOOD,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Wednesday, the 20th December, 1905—Present: Councillors Green, Gridley, Ley Wood, Marshall, Merrett, and Steel (Councillor Ley Wood in the chair)

12—Cheltenham Gas Bill—The Town Clerk reported that the Bill being promoted by the Gas Company was deposited on the 18th inst., and contained provisions extending the Company's limits of supply to the Parishes of Southam, Woodmancote and Bishops Cleeve and also provisions reducing the prescribed illuminating power to 14 candles, and altering the prescribed mode of testing the gas, and repealing Section 33 of the Gas Company's Act of 1872, with regard to the purity and mode of testing of the gas, except so much thereof as relates to ammonia, and Section 35 of the Act of 1896 as to illuminating power of gas. Resolved, That the Council be recommended to authorise this Committee to obtain the assistance of a Gas Expert if they shall deem this necessary on further consideration of the provisions of the Bill.

13—Electric Lighting Scale of Charges—The Committee further considered reports and recommendations made by the Engineer for a revised scale of charges and adjourned the consideration to another Meeting to be held on Wednesday, the 27th inst.

ROBT. LEY WOOD, Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Wednesday, the 27th December, 1905—Present : Alderman Norman, Councillors Gridley, Ley Wood, Marshall, Merrett, and Steel (Councillor Ley Wood in the chair).

14—Charges for Private Lighting—The Report of the Borough Electrical Engineer (print herewith) was further considered. He recommended the adoption of the following scale, namely:—8d. per unit for the first 60 hours per quarter on the consumers maximum demand and 3d. per unit for all additional units, the charge for places of worship and under certain special contracts to remain as at present. Resolved, That the-Committee report to the Council that they are in favour of the adoption of this scale, but before finally deciding to recommend the Council to adopt the same, wish to obtain the views of the local wiring contractors.

ROBT. LEY WOOD, Chairman.

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WATER COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Friday, the 1st December, 1905—Present: Alderman Norman, Councillors Baker, Bendall, M. Davis, Margrett, Stroud and Waghorne (Councillor Waghorne en the chair).

1—Additional Plant at Tewkesbury—On the recommendation of the Borough Engineer, Resolved, That two boilers each capable of working one set of pumping machinery, with superheaters, economisers, boiler seatings, &c., be obtained for the Tewkesbury Works at a cost of £1600, and that the Borough Engineer be authorised to arrange terms with the Mineral Waters, Baths and Recreation Grounds Committee for the sale of the two boilers at present in use to replace the worn out boilers at the Montpellier Baths.

H. WAGHORNE, Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Thursday, the 21st December, 1905—Present: The Mayor, Alderman Norman, Councillors Baker, Bendall, M. Davis, Margrett, Stroud and Waghorne (Councillor Waghorne in the Chair).

1,104,805 "

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

DAILY YIELD OF SPRINGS.

For 31 days, ended Average for corresponding period 18th Dec., 1905. during last 3 years.

Hewletts Springs 110,780 gallons 218,770 gallons

Dowdeswell Springs 736,992 " 880,539 "

Leckhampton (approx) 5,496 " (approx.) 5,496 "

CONTENTS OF RESERVOIRS.

853,268 "

Total

	December 18th, 1905.		December 18th, 1904.	
	Depth	Contents	Depth	Contents
Hewletts		7,855,759 gallons:		18,337,857 gallons
Leckhampton	7ft. 7in.	1,024,331 "	6ft. 0in.	810,462 "
Dowdeswell	22ft. 7 in.	55,204,442 "	16ft. 9in.	32,863,649 "
Total Storage		63,584,532 "		52,011,968 "

3—Report of Fire Brigade Captain—The Captain of the Fire Brigade reported that on the 27th ult., the Brigade had been called to an outbreak of fire at Dowdeswell Court. Damage £15. Brigade expenses, £14 12s. 6d., which were at once paid.

4—Horses for Fire Engine—Read, a letter from Mr. E. Addis, Manager of the Plough Hotel Yard, stating that unless the Council were willing to insure the horses hired from him for the fire engine against accident when on brigade work he should be compelled to determine his agreement with the Council on the 31st inst. Resolved, That the horses required for horsing the fire engine from time to time be insured with the Ocean Accident and Guarantee Corporation against accident in the sum of £100, no single horse to be valued for the purpose of such insurance at more than £40, the annual premium being £5

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5- Hone v. The Corporation—Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to write to the Clerk of the County Council, pointing out that the plaintiffs claim in this action that the roadside waste in the Tewkesbury Road, under which the water main has been laid, does not form part of the highway, and asking the County Council to support the Corporation in defence of the action, as the same affects their main road.

6-Salts Farm—On the application of Mr. W. P. Edwards, the tenant of Salts Farm, Dowdeswell, Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to make provision for a supply of water near the cowshed there, at a cost not exceeding £3, and to provide proper eaves guttering for the cowshed at a cost of about £2 10s. 0d.

7—Telephone Pole at Tewkesbury Works—Read, an application from the National Telephone Company for permission to place a telephone pole on Corporation land at Tewkesbury. Resolved, That permission be given subject to the usual agreement and payment of 2s. 6d. per annum.

8-Fencing of Land opposite Dowdeswell Reservoir Lodge—Read, a letter from Mr. W. D. Farrar, tenant of land opposite Dowdeswell Reservoir, asking that the fence belonging to the Corporation bounding his land should be repaired. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to do what is necessary.

H. WAGHORNE,

Chairman.

GENERAL PURPOSES & WATCH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 19th December, 1905—Present: The Mayor, Aldermen Haddon, and Norman, Councillors Bence, Bendall, M. Davis, Parsonage, and Stroud (Alderman Norman in the chair).

1—Deseases of Animals Acts—Superintendent Hopkins reported that except for the case of a horse suffering from mange, the Borough was free from contagious disease amongst animals. Steps had been taken to prevent the spread of the disease from which the horse was suffering, although the same did not come within the Diseases of Animals Acts.

Read, a letter from the Clerk to the Gloucestershire County Council, forwarding copy of the regulations proposed to be made by the County Council for enforcing the compulsory dipping of sheep in the County between the 1st July and 20th August in every year, or, in the case of sheep intended to be exposed for sale in any market or saleyard in certain cases, between the 17th June and 20th August. These regulations would be submitted to the County Council for adoption on the 8th proximo, and the Board of Agriculture had suggested that similar regulations should be made as regards the Borough with a view to the prevention of sheep scab. Resolved, That similar regulations be made for the Borough of Cheltenham, and that the Town Clerk be instructed to issue and publish such regulations accordingly.

- 2- Hackney Carriage Driver's Licence—Read, an application from Mr. James Simpson, of No. 5 Bayshill Parade, for a licence to drive a hackney carriage. Resolved, That the application be not granted.
- 3-Telephone Connections for Police Sub-Stations—Superintendent Hopkins reported that the Chief Constable was of opinion that it would be a great convenience if the three police sub-stations in the Borough were connected by telephone with the Central Station. Resolved, That consideration of the suggestion be adjourned for information as to the cost of carrying out the same.

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4—Petroleum Licences—The Petroleum Inspector reported that Mr. Tillott had now carried out the alterations and repairs necessary to make his premises at the rear of No. 1 Queen Street suitable for storing Petroleum and recommended that a licence to store 80 gallons be granted. Resolved, That a licence be issued accordingly.

5—Small Holdings Act, 1892—Read, a circular letter from the Clerk to the Gloucestershire County Council enclosing copy of a resolution passed by the County Council that having regard to the success of small holdings in Worcestershire, the Small Holdings Committee be asked to enquire whether facilities exist in this County for the formation of small holdings, and if so what steps might advantageously be taken. Information accompanied the resolution as to small holdings at Catshill, near Bromsgrove, and Evesham. The County Council requested that if any effective demand existed in the District they should be informed of the same,

6—Painting of Railings round Montpellier Gardens, &c.—In view of the number of painters in want of employment at the present time in the Borough, Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be authorised to have repainted the railings round the Town Hall, Winter Garden, and Montpellier Gardens, and any other property of the Corporation where necessary, if the weather permits of the work being carried out satisfactorily.

7—Report of Art Gallery Sub-Committee---The Art Gallery Sub-Committee reported that they met on Friday, the 1st inst. Present—Aldermen Haddon, Rogers and Winterbotham, Councillor Marshall and Dr. E. T. Wilson.

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

Curator's Report—The Curator reported that 1,564 visits had been made to the Art Gallery since the 17th October.

Mrs. Bogle had lent five Oil Paintings and one Water Colour Painting by her father, the late Henry Moore, R.A., for 12 months.

Eleven out of twelve pictures lent by Mr. J. R. Ormerod which had been on view for twelve months were returned to him on October 27th. The large Picture entitled "The Gamekeeper," would remain for some little time longer.

The Mayor had kindly lent an Art Folio Volume, with coloured plates, of the Fairford Windows by the Rev. J. G. Boyce, which was published by the Arundel Society, for exhibition in the Art Gallery.

In response to applications to several Artists now exhibiting at Birmingham, for the loan of their Pictures at the close of the Exhibition there, he had received several favourable replies.

Resolved, That the thanks of the Council be tendered to Mrs. Bogle and The Mayor for the loans made by them to the Gallery, that the offers made by exhibitors at Birmingham be accepted and that the Curator be authorised to arrange accordingly.

Rooms in Library Building—Resolved, That this Sub-Committee recommend that the rooms until recently used by the School of Science, be placed at the disposal of the Sub-Committee, from the end of December to the end of June next, the sum of £22 10s. to be charged to the Art Gallery as rent for such period.

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

GEO. NORMAN, Chairman.

MINERAL WATERS, BATHS AND RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Friday, the 15th December, 1905—Present: The Mayor, Councillors Baker, Bence, Bendall, Davies, Merrett, Pilley and Stroud (Councillor Stroud in the chair.)

1—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 £423 17 4 Payments £342 3 10

Rent of Shop £24 0 0 Proportion of repayment of

loans and interest .. £405 2 3

£447 17 4 £747 6 1

2—Alstone Baths—The Borough Surveyor submitted a plan for the conversion of the four spray baths into slipper baths which he had been instructed to prepare in view of the fact that the spray baths were little used while additional slipper baths were much needed. The estimated cost of the conversion was £47. Resolved, That the plan be approved and that the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have the work carried out.

The Borough Accountant reported that the receipts, &c., at these Baths since the 31st March last had been as follows:—

Receipts	£265 10 2	Payments	£219 6 9
		Proportion of repayment of	
		loans and interest	£25169
	f265 10 2		f470 13 6

3—Mineral Waters—Resolved, That on and after the 31st March, 1906, all persons (whether Subscribers to the Gardens or not) be charged 1d. per glass for mineral waters supplied at the Montpellier Baths, Montpellier Gardens, Pittville Pump Room or the Town Hall. HERBERT STROUD, Chairman.

BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Friday, the 22nd December, 1905—Present:—Aldermen Haddon and Rogers, Councillors Baker, Gridley, Pilley and Steel (Alderman Haddon in the chair).

1—Superintendent's Report—The Superintendent of the Cemetery reported that the fences had been repaired and the rose trees planted as ordered.

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2—Designs—Resolved, That the following designs be approved, viz: Headstones to graves of Joshua Robinson and Gertrude Annie Fergusson. Memorial Crosses to graves of Elizabeth Child, Jack Moore and Allan Ramsey.

JOHN HADDON, Chairman.

PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 12th December, 1905—Present: Alderman Rogers, Councillors Bennett, Davies, .31argrett, Marshall, Merrett and Pilley, Baron de Ferrieres, Revs. J. Evans, and A. Beynon Phillips, Messrs. W. Cresswell, C. Hayward, A. Mann, G. H. Palmer and F. Parsons (Alderman Rogers in the chair).

- 1—Librarian's Report--Read, the monthly report of the Librarian. Receipts, £6 11s. 2d. Presentations: Mr. Passmore Edwards (1 pamphlet), Hampton's Scholastic Directory Co. (2 vols.), Mr. L. Richardson, F.G.S. (13 pamphlets).
- 2—Presentation of "Stroud's Judicial Dictionary "—Read, a letter from Mr. Frederick Stroud, stating that he should have much pleasure in presenting to the Public Library a copy of his Judicial Dictionary, bound in half morocco. Resolved, That the cordial thanks of this Committee be tendered to Mr. Stroud for his kind gift which the Committee have much pleasure in accepting.
- 3—"Army and Navy Gazette"—Read, a letter from Mr. H. Brill, asking that the "Army and Navy Gazette" should not be discontinued. Resolved, That the Committee regret that for the present they canna accede to the request.
- 4--School of Art Rooms—The Town Clerk reported that the School of Art desired to continue their tenancy of the rooms occupied by them in the Library building until the 24th June next. Resolved, That this be agreed to.

RICHARD ROGERS, Chairman.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Friday, the 22nd December, 1905—Present: The Mayor, Alderman Waghorne, Councillors Bennett, Parsonage, Steel and Stroud (Alderman Waghorne in the chair).

- 1—General District Rate—The Report of the Borough Accountant, dated the 22nd inst., on the collection of the 2nd instalment of this Rate, was read. Amount collected £8,913 14s. 9d. Leaving outstanding £16,807 14s. 10d.
- 2—Water Rate—The Report of the Borough Accountant, dated the 22nd inst., on the collection of this Rate was read. Amount received £4,858 16s. 10d. Leaving outstanding £6,576 17s. 4d.

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3—Loans—The Borough Accountant reported that he had arranged, subject to the Committee's approval, for a loan of £8,213 at 3 5/8 per cent., the amount of the High Street Wood Paving expenditure, to be advanced for the full period of the sanction. Resolved, That the offer be accepted, and a debenture sealed and issued accordingly.

The Town Clerk reported that he had received an offer of £725 at 3 5/8 per cent. for a period of 5 years and afterwards to be subject to six months notice on either side. Resolved, That the offer be

accepted and a debenture sealed and issued on account of the Naunton Park School site loan accordingly.

- 4.—Salary of Junior Clerk, Borough Accountant's Department—Resolved, That the Salary of the Junior Clerk (R. L. Lloyd) in the Borough Accountant's Department be increased from 6s to 8s per week.
- 5—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 1905-6, amounting to £76 19s. 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, £66 3s. 11d.; Charlton Kings, £10 16s. 7d.
- 6—Overdraft on Capital Account for Education Committee—Resolved, That the Corporation hereby undertake to execute a debenture or mortgage in favour of Lloyds Bank, Ltd., when so required by the Bank for securing on the Borough Fund and Borough Rate the repayment of moneys now or hereafter to be advanced by the Bank in respect of duly authorised loans for educational purposes.
- 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 28th November, 190)5	£31,976 10 5
Paid since that date (including investme	ent	
of Sinking Funds (£5,639 0s. 0d.)		£16,96477
		£48,940 18 0
Received since that date (including Loa	ns £22,509)	£32,742 8 2
Overdrawn		£16,198 9 10
Being Bank Loan Account No, 2	£25,84	I5 17 0
Less in hand on General Accounts	£7.075 5 3	

Less in hand on General Accounts £7,075 5 3

Do. Sinking Funds £2,572 1 11

£9,647 7 2 £16,198 9 10

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 1st January, 1906, at 3 p.m. Present:

THE MAYOR (ALDERMAN WILLIAM NASH SKILLICORNE) in the chair.

THE DEPUTY MAYOR (ALDERMAN JOHN HADDON).

Aldermen: COLONEL RICHARD ROGERS JOHN WAGHORNE JAMES BATTEN WINTERBOTHAM.

Councillors: WILLIAM ALFRED BAKER 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 EDWARD HENRY PARSONAGE 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 4th December 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, with the exception of Minute No. 21 (Sewerage and Sewage Disposal), the proceedings of the Public Health Committee, at their Meetings of the 11th and 18th December last, be approved and confirmed.
- 3—Farms Management Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Farms Management Committee, at their Meeting of the 15th 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 12th and 20th December last, be approved and confirmed, subject to the following amendment, viz: That the Resolution to Minute No. 16 (Stores Account and Highway Expenditure) be referred back to the Committee for further consideration.
- 5—Street and Highway and Lighting Committees (Joint Meeting)—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Street and Highway and Lighting Committees at their Joint Meeting of the 12th December last be approved and confirmed.
- 6—Town Improvement Committee—Resolved, That with the exception of Minute No. 1 (Promenade Improvement No. 2), the proceedings of the Town Improvement Committee, at their Meeting of the 11th December last, be approved and confirmed.
- 7—Lighting Committee Resolved, That the proceedings of the Lighting Committee, at their Meetings of the 14th, 20th and 27th December last, be approved and confirmed.
- 8—Water Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Water Committee at their Meetings of the 1st and 21st December 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 19th December last, be approved and confirmed.

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10—Purchase of Land for Elementary School Site—Resolved, That the Corporate Seal be affixed to a contract with Jesus College, Oxford, for the purchase of land in Gloucester Road, as a site for an Elementary School for £1,850. Resolved also, That application be made to the Local Government Board for their sanction to a loan of £1,920 to provide for the cost of the site at Gloucester Road for an Elementary School, including vendor's, surveyor's and solicitor's costs.

- 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 15th December last, be approved and confirmed.
- 12—Burial Board Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Burial Board Committee, at their Meeting of the 22nd December last, be approved and confirmed.
- 13—Finance Committee --Resolved, That the proceedings of the Finance Committee, at their Meeting of the 22nd 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.

- 14 -Sewerage and Sewage Disposal-Resolved, That the consideration of Minute No. 21 passed by the Public Health Committee, on the 18th December last, be adjourned to the next Meeting of the Council.
- 15—Corporation Officials and Employees—The motion of which Councillor Green had given notice having been duly proposed and seconded, as an amendment thereto it was proposed, seconded and Resolved, That a Committee be appointed to enquire into the number and duties of officials, the number and duties of employees, office and other expenses of the Street and Highway Committee for the years 1895 and 1905, and the system of accounts adopted, with instructions to bring up a report suggesting any improvements and economies (if any) that might be effected.

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Resolved also, That such Committee consist of the following members of the Council: The Mayor (ex-officio), Councillors Baker, Bendall, Green, Ley Wood, Margrett, Marshall, Merrett and Stroud.

16-Notice of Motion-Councillor Margrett gave notice of his intention to move at the next Quarterly Meeting of the Council:

"That in view of the heavy loss annually entailed by the ratepayers on the "Winter Garden, this building be sold, seeing that the town possesses in the "Town Hall a building equally suitable for all its needs."

Mayor.

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Borough of Cheltenham

MINUTES of the Committees of the Town Council to be submitted for approval at the next Quarterly Meeting of the Council to be held on Monday, the 5th February, 1906.

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Wednesday, the 10th January, 1906—Present: Councillors Davies, M. Davis, and Parsonage (Councillor Parsonage in the chair).

1-Zymotic Disease—The Medical Officer of Health reported that there had been notified since the last meeting of the Committee, 3 cases of Scarlet Fever, 2 of Puerperal Fever, 5 of Erysipelas, and 2 of Diphtheria; and that 3 cases of Scarlet Fever and 2 of Diphtheria had been sent into the Delancey Hospital.

2—Cleansing and Limewashing at Nos. 1, 2 & 4 Savory's Court, Duke Street, 70 Fairview Street, and Lamb Tap, Albion, Street. The Medical Officer of Health having certified under Section 46 of the Public Health Act, 1875, that the 9,11nvo-ncrnAil 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 No. 139, Fairview Road, 4, Victoria Place, Fairview, Five Ails inn, Bath Road, 23, Great Norwood Street, and Nos. 56 to 66 and 68 to 73 (both inclusive), 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.

4—Insanitary Property—Nos. 8, Lansdown Terrace, 15 & 16, Tivoli Street, 10, 11 & 12, Burton Cottages, Rose Cottage, Stanhope Street, 1 & 2, Adelaide Buildings, Bath Road, and 4, Victoria Place, Fairview. The Medical Officer of Health reported that the above-mentioned premises were in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to the health of the inmates owing to defective roofs, walls, ceilings, floors, &c., Resolved, That the Council being satisfied that the said premises are in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to health, Notices under Sec. 94 of the Public Health Act, 1875, be served upon the owners requiring them to put the same into a healthy condition, and for that purpose to carry out the works specified therein.

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5—Overcrowding at No. 3, Savory's Court, Duke Street—The Medical Officer of Health reported that the ago the 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, 187; be served on the occupiers thereof requiring them to abate the same.

6—Houses without proper Ash Receptacles—The Inspector of Nuisances reported that the following houses had no proper ashpits or ash receptacles, viz:—No. 9, Burton Cottages, Great Western Road, Nos. 1, 2, 3, 5 & 6 Sunrise Cottages, Pilley, 14, Fairview Street, and 2, Union 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.

7—Dairies, Cowsheds and Milkshops Order—Read an application from Mrs. Ellen Mowbray, of 10 Fairview Road, to be registered as a purveyor of milk. Resolved, That the applicant be registered.

E. H. PARSONAGE,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 22nd January, 1906—Present The Mayor, Alderman Norman, Councillors Bence, M. Davis, Parsonage and Pilley (Councillor Parsonage in the chair).

8—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, 4 of Erysipelas, and 3 of Diphtheria, and that 3 cases of Scarlet Fever and 2 of Diphtheria had been sent into the Delancey Hospital.

9—Cleansing and Limewashing at Nos. 2 Ewlyn Terrace, 2 Angel Court, Fairview Road, 32 Fairview Road, 1 & 2 Witcombe Place, and 1 Knapp Place, 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.

10—Nuisances from Drains, etc., at Nos. 22 Commercial Street, 15 Naunton Park, Terrace, Oxford Villa and 1 & 2 St. John's Cottages, Sun Street, 29, 30, 31, 48, 50, 51, 55, 56, 57, 60, 61, and 62a, Sun Street, and 4 Lansdown. Crescent Stables. 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.

11—Insanitary Property—Nos. 28 Francis Street, 1 Knapp Place, 1 & 2 Kear's Cottages, behind 219 High Street, and 1 & 2 Adelaide Buildings, Bath Road. The Medical Officer of Health reported that . the above-mentioned premises were in such a state as to be it 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 theta to put the same into a healthy condition, and for that purpose to carry out the works specified therein.

12—Overcrowding at No. 1, Kear's Cottages, rear of No 219, 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 91 of the Public Health Act be served on the occupiers thereof requiring them to abate the same.

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13-Houses without proper Ash Receptacles—The, Inspector of Nuisances reported that the following houses had no proper ashpits or ash receptacles, viz:—Nos. 16 Victoria Terrace, Fairview, 28 Francis

Street, and 57, St. George's 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.

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

15—House unfit for Human Habitation—Rooms over Stables at rear of No, 4 Lansdown Crescent—The Medical Officer of Health certified under Section 32 of the Housing of the Working Classes Act, 1890, that this dwelling house was in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to health and unfit for human habitation. Resolved, That the Council being of opinion that the said dwelling house is in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to health and unfit for human habitation, proceedings be taken under the said Act for an order for closing the same.

16—Sewage Disposal—Read, a letter from the Clerk to the County Council enclosing copy of the following resolution passed by the County Council on the 8th inst: "That arrangements be made for collecting evidence in order to take proceedings under the Rivers Pollution" Prevention Act, 1876, unless the Cheltenham Corporation shall have adopted a satisfactory scheme for "treatment of sewage at their February Meeting."

17-Prestbury Sewerage—The Borough Surveyor submitted correspondence he had had with the Cheltenham Rural District Council with regard to their proposal that the new Prestbury Main Sewer should pass through the existing brick culvert sewer in Evesham Road, from which it appeared that the Rural District Council contended that the sewer referred to was vested in them as the Sanitary Authority of the District. Resolved, That the Council be recommended to offer no objection on the distinct understanding that the Rural District Council accept all responsibility in the future for the repair and upkeep of the culvert sewer and that the same is connected with the new Prestbury outfall sewer.

E. H. PARSONAGE,

Chairman.

FARMS MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Friday, the 19th January, 1906—Present: The Mayor, Councillors M. Davis, Green, Gridley, Margrett, 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 20 sheep had been sold for £53 0s. 1d., 1 cart horse for £40, and 25 head of cattle for £452 18s. 7d. Total sales £545 18s. 8d. No purchases of stock had been made during the month, and the number on the farms on the 19th instant was 12 horses, 123 head of cattle, and 13 pigs, all healthy and doing fairly well. 54 sacks of wheat had been threshed at the Barn Farm and were being ground for cattle.

He recommended that two 3-year old cart colts should be purchased, that a drain should be laid from Hay Furlong to the ash-beds, that a supply of stone should be obtained for the repair of the roads on the farms and that the in-foal cart mare should be insured.

Resolved, That the recommendations of the Farms Manager be approved and adopted, 20 tons of stone to be obtained from the Central Depot and put down by the Farms Employees.

M. DAVIS,

Chairman.

STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 9th January, 1906—Present: The Mayor, Alderman Haddon, Councillors Bendall, Gridley, and Parsonage (Councillor Bendall in the Chair).

- 1—Millbrook Street—The Borough Surveyor reported that he had approached the G.W.R. Company and Mr. C. Ballinger with a view to the improvement of the corner at the junction of Millbrook Street and Great Western Road. Mr. Ballinger was willing to give up the necessary portion of his land for 36s, and the cost of paving the land to be added to the road, including the setting back of the fence, would be about £13. Resolved, That if the Railway Company agree, the suggested improvement be carried out.
- 2—Purchase of Trolley—Resolved, That the tender of Mr. C. Phillips for the supply of a trolley at £25 be accepted.
- 3—Purchase of Horses—The Borough Surveyor reported that the Veterinary Surgeon had passed the horse supplied by the Farms Management Committee, but that the other horse sent on approval had been returned. Resolved, That another horse be obtained from the Farms.
- 4-Old Bath Road Improvement—The Town Clerk reported that he had received the sanction of the Local Government Board to a loan of £866 for the improvement of the Old Bath Road, the period for repayment being five years as applied for.
- 5—Footpath in All Saints' Road—Read, a letter from Messrs. Winterbotham, Gurney & Co., complaining on behalf of the owners of "Clovelly "All Saints' Road, of the condition of the footpath, opposite that house, which was repairable by the Corporation. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to report on the matter.
- 6—Sydenham Roads North and South and Eldorado Crescent—The Town Clerk reported that notices declaring these streets to be highways without prejudice to the exercise by the Corporation of the powers conferred on them by Section 44 of the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1852, to require the owners or occupiers of premises adjoining the said streets to pave the footpaths in the said streets as and when required by the Corporation (except such portions of Eldorado Crescent as have already been paved to their satisfaction), had been duly posted up in each street and also advertised in the "Cheltenham Examiner" and " Gloucestershire Echo," as required by the Act, and that no objection

had been made thereto. Resolved. That the notices be recorded on the minutes and that the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have the pillars at the ends of Sydenham Road North removed.

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7—Great Western Terrace—The Borough Surveyor submitted a plan, specification and estimate of the works required to be done to this street. Resolved, That the same be approved and Notices be given under Section 150 of The Public Health Act, 1875, to the owners of the premises fronting, adjoining or abutting upon the parts of the said street, requiring to be sewered, levelled, paved, metalled, flagged, channelled, or made good: requiring then. to do the specified Works within 2S 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.

8—Channelling in Bath Road (opposite "Lewisland" and "Herbertsville")—Read, letters from Mr. Herbert Stroud, as owner and occupier of Herbertsville, and on behalf of the owner of Lewisland, Bath Road, stating that the channelling opposite these houses had been removed, and disclaiming liability to replace the same. Resolved, That Mr. Stroud be informed that the Council agree that no liability to provide new channelling attaches to the owners or occupiers of these properties.

JOHN D. BENDALL,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, the 29th January, 1906—Present: The Mayor, Councillors Baker, Bendall, Gridley, and Parsonage (Councillor Bendall in the Chair):

- 9—View Meeting—The following members attended the View Meeting on Friday last, viz :— Alderman Haddon, Councillors Baker, Bendall, and Gridley.
- 10—Report of Building Plans Sub-Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Plans Sub-Committee, at their meetings on the 9th and 26th inst., be approved and adopted.
- 11--Street Projections—Read, letters from Mr. E. Martin, of 216 High Street, and Sir. E. Attwood Evans, of 24 Pittville Street, apologising for having inadvertently infringed the provisions of the Byelaws, and applying that the signs put out by them at their premises should be allowed to remain. Resolved, That the applications be acceded to, on the usual conditions as to height and projection.

Read, an application from the Clerk of the Works, General Post Office, for permission to erect a projecting lamp at the General Post Office, Promenade, above the Letter Box. Resolved, That the application be acceded to.

12—Borough Surveyor's Monthly Report Re Highways—The Borough Surveyor reported that the work done by the Highways Department from the 15th December 1905 to 25th January, 1906 (both inclusive) had been as follows:—

Roads Repaired—The Park, from Glenmore to Park Place (6,715 super yards), and Hester's Way with clinkers.

Roads Patched—Grafton Road, Royal Well Place, Montpellier Street, Knapp Road, High Street, Great Western Road, Granville Street, Grosvenor Terrace, Clarence Square, Lansdown Crescent, Lypiatt Terrace, Road at rear of Lypiatt Terrace, Montpellier Wide Opening, Lansdown Parade, Grosvenor Street, Warwick Place, Swindon Road, Larput Place, Gloucester Place, Malvern Place, Imperial Square. Regent Street, Gloucester Road, Montpellier Street and Oriel Road.

Work done for G.W.R. Co.—Millbrook Street Diversion (completed), and Market Street lowering (proceeding). Public Improvement—Old Bath Road widening (proceeding). Private Improvement Works—Sandford Mill Road (proceeding).

Gas Trenches Repaired—Christ Church Road, Brandon Terrace, Bath Road and Mitre Street.

Electric Light Trenches Repaired—Andover Road, 6 in High Street, St. George's Road and Leamington Place.

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Telephone Trench Repaired—Gloucester Road. New Asphalte Margin to Footpath—College Lawn. New Crossing Laid-1. Crossings Renewed, 5. Manholes paved round-32. Gullies Renewed-5. Footpaths Repaired-- Promenade, Bath Road, High Street, Douro Road, Carlton Street, Regent Street, College Road, Naunton Crescent, and Francis Street. Surface Water Drains laid-25 lineal yards of 6-inch pipes, Prestbury Road, The Park (proceeding).

Water Boxes paved round-4. Refuge round Lamp Renewed—Queen's Parade. Trees Felled-1 in Tewkesbury Read, 1 blown down in College Road. Trees Pruned—Promenade by Cambridge Villas, and Sandford Allotments.

Ivy Pruned—College Road (Belle Vue House).

Ashes Collection and Disposal—During 6 weeks ended 24th January, 1906-1,546 loads collected, 443 tipped away, and 1,143 consumed. Weight consumed 1,231 tons, 1 cwt.

Slab Factory—During 5 weeks ended 18th January, 1906— 5,172 lineal feet of kerb and channel made.

13—Private Improvement Works in Road back of Cloverdale Lawn—The Borough Surveyor reported that the private improvement works ordered to be done in this road had been carried out by the Corporation at a cost of £64 13s. 5d. 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 as now settled on this basis be approved, and that notices thereof and of demand for repayment be served upon the owners of the premises mentioned therein.

14—Private Improvement Works, Footpath East Side of Gloucester Road—The Borough Surveyor reported that the private improvement works ordered to be done to this footpath (from Malvern Road to Malvern View Villas), had been carried out by the Corporation at a cost of £651 5s. 7d., and this sum was recoverable from the G.W.R. Co. as sole frontager. Resolved, That notice and demand of repayment be served upon the Company.

15—Surface Water Drain in Leckhampton Lane—With reference to Minute No. 15 of this Committee of the 20th ult., read a letter from the Clerk to the Cheltenham Rural District Council, enclosing a resolution passed by them agreeing with regard to the surface water drain in Leckhampton Lane that each Council should provide and hereafter maintain its own gullies, and that the cost, not exceeding £100, of efficiently reconstructing the drain, and extending it to a point just beyond Hall Road, and of all connections with the gullies on either side of the road, shall be borne, ¼ th by the Rural District Council and ¾ ths by the Town Council, and the cost of future maintenance in the same proportions. Resolved, That the arrangement be agreed to.

16—Byelaws as to Locomotives on Highways—The Town Clerk reported that the Byelaws recently made by the Council as to locomotives on highways had now been confirmed by the Local Government Board. Read, a letter from the Board suggesting that for the convenience of locomotive drivers conspicuous notices should be placed in the streets on which such traffic is prohibited or restricted. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to provide and fix the necessary notices.

17—Cheltenham and Honeybourne Railway—The Borough Surveyor submitted correspondence he had had with the G. W.R. Co. and the Cheltenham and District Light Railway Co. with reference to the unauthorised closing of St. George's Road.

18—Light Railway Fare Stages—Read, a Memorial from Messrs. J. Caudle & Sons and 21 other tradesmen in Upper Bath Road, suggesting the advisability in the interests of business of nuking the penny stage on the Light Railway end opposite the Exmouth Arms instead of at the Norwood Arms.

Read, a Memorial, signed by over 400 residents and tradesmen in Bath Road, Leckhampton and Shurdington Roads and neighbourhood, expressing the hope that in the interests of the whole district the present stages would not be interfered with. Resolved, That no steps b2 taken in the matter.

19—Fairfield Estate Roads—Read, a letter from Mr. F. Jenkins with regard to the roads and footpaths on the Fairfield Estate, and suggesting that Fairhaven Road should now be repaired at the expense of the abutting owners, he being the principal one. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to bring up plans, specifications and estimates of the works required in Fairhaven Road, and to the footpath on the East side of Fairfield Walk.

20—Passage between Rosehill Street and Rosehill Terrace—Resolved. That a pillar be fixed at each end of this passage.

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21—Alstone Avenue and Road at Back—The Borough Surveyor submitted plans, specifications and estimates of the works required to be done to these 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 sewered, levelled, paved, metalled, flagged, channelled, or made good; requiring them to do the specified works within 28 days; and that if such notice is not complied with, the Surveyor do proceed to execute the works mentioned or referred to therein; and that the expenses thereof be recovered in the manner provided by the Act, and the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1889.

22—Footpath on South Side of Sandfield Road, from Gloucester Road to Alstone Avenue—The Borough Surveyor submitted plan, specification and estimate of the works required to be done to this 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.

23— Old Bath Road—Letters were read from Messrs. Bubb & Co., complaining that the fence against their clients' land on the East side of this road had been unnecessarily run over, and claiming that a new fence must be erected at the expense of the Corporation. Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to inform Messrs. Bubb & Co. that the improvement was being carried out in accordance with the agreement and the plan thereon, and that their claim could not be admitted.

JOHN D. BENDALL,

Chairman.

PLANS SUB-COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Sub-Committee, held on Tuesday, the 9th January, 1906—Present: Councillors Bend-all and Parsonage (Councillor Parsonage 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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Resolved, That Plans Nos. 369, 370 and 372 be approved that Plan No. 371 be approved, the bicycle home as a temporary building only and subject to the usual agreement being entered into, and that Plans Nod. 374 be disapproved, and that Plans Nod: 374 be adjourned for the Sub-Committee to view.

E. H. PARSONAGE,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Sub-Committee, held on Friday, the 26th January, 1906—Present: Councillors Baker, Bence, and Bendall (Councillor Bendall in the chair).

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.
373	J. Riley	4 cottages in Hatherley Road.
374	Miss Phillips	Additions to No. 1 Portland Place, Portland Street.
375	Mrs. Ringer	Stable and trap house, at rear of Lansdown Crescent.

Resolved, That Plans Nod. 374 and 375 be disapproved and that Plans No. 373 be approved subject to inspection chambers being put in as indicated by the Borough Surveyor.

JOHN D. BENDALL,

Chairman.

HIGHWAYS EXPENDITURE INQUIRY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 23rd January, 1906—Present: Councillors Bendall, Green, Ley Wood, Margrett, Merrett and Stroud (Councillor Ley Wood in the Chair).

- 1—Chairman—Resolved, That Councillor Ley Wood be appointed Chairman of this Committee.
- 2—Street and Highway Department—The resolution of the Council appointing this Committee was considered and the Borough Surveyor and the Borough Accountant were instructed to furnish the information required by the Committee.

ROBT. LEY WOOD,

Chairman.

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TOWN IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 22nd January,1906—Present: The Mayor, Aldermen Normal, Rogers, and Winterbotham, Councillors Baker, Bence, and Bennett (Councillor Bence in the chair).

- 1-Promenade Improvement, No. 2—The Borough Surveyor submitted a plan showing the proposed improvement opposite Nos. 1 to 13 Promenade. Estimated cost £800. Resolved, That the plan be approved and that application be made to the Local Government Board for sanction to a loan for the cost of the same.
- 2—Pittville Pump Room—Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to report what repairs are necessary at Pittville Pump Room, with an estimate of the cost.

3—Presentations for Pittville. --The Borough Surveyor reported that the Rev. W. L. Lang had presented a quantity of bulbs, and Mr. W. Sawyer a large palm. Resolved, That the same be accepted with the thanks of the Council for the gifts.

GEORGE BENCE,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Thursday, the 1st February, 1906—Present: Aldermen Norman, Rogers and Winterbotham, Councillors Bence and Packer (Councillor Bence in the chair)

- 4—Report of Entertainments Sub-Committee—The Entertainments Sub-Committee reported that they had considered the arrangements to be made for concerts during the ensuing summer. They recommended (1) That Mr. A. W. Newton be engaged to manage the summer concerts for the next three years, subject to the Council having the right to terminate the engagement if the concerts are not carried on to their satisfaction or if it should be decided to discontinue them altogether, the terms of the engagement to be the same as last year, except that Mr. Newton should receive in addition half of the Sub-Committee's proportion of the Garden subscriptions after deducting £50.
- (2) That the terms of subscription to the Gardens be the same as last year, except that the limit of age for children's tickets be 12 years.
- (3) That keys be not issued to subscribers to the Gardens either at Montpellier or Pittville. Resolved, That the recommendations be approved and adopted.
- 5—Use of Archery Ground at Montpellier—Read, a letter from Miss Carnegy, applying on behalf of the Cheltenham Archery Club for the use of the ground at Montpellier Gardens from the 1st April to the 31st October next on the usual terms, viz. £11 for the ground, and a man to put up and take down the targets, and a charge of 2s. 6d. for the use of a room at the Lodge on bow days. Resolved, That the application be acceded to.

GEORGE BENCE, Chairman.

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LIGHTING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Thursday, the 18th January, 1906—Present: 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 0, 19th ulto. and the 15th inst. had been as follows: 217 and 216 volts, respectively, an average of 216.5 volts,
- 2—Gas Examiner's Report—The Monthly Report of the Gas Examiner, as follows, was read:

ILLUMINATING POWER. PURITY.

1905 Grains of Sulphur per 100 cubic feet.

Dec. 19th 15.43 candles Dec. 28-29 11-05

29th 16.00

1906

Jan. 15th 16.41 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-3.985 cubic feet; Guildhall lamps with No. 4 Incandescent burners 3.822 cubic feet; Ordinary lamps with No. 3 Incandescent burners 3461 cubic feet.

4—Lamp Book—This book was produced and examined. Incandescents extinguished, 50 (4 metered), burning dimly Ordinary Lamps extinguished 57 (10 metered), burning dimly, 3.

5—Borough Electrical Engineer's Monthly Report—Read, the Monthly Report of the Borough Electrical Engineer. On the 17th instant there were 851 consumers with an equivalent of 56,590 eight candle power lamps connected to the private supply mains, the corresponding figures for last year being 804 and 53,680, respectively. The net addition during the month had been equivalent to 356 eight candle power lamps.

6—Public Arc Lighting in Sandford and Keynsham Roads. Resolved, That Sandford and Keynsham Roads be lighted by the all-night circuit lamps only.

7—Cheltenham Gas Bill, 1906—The provisions of this bill were considered so far as the same affected matters within the purview of this Committee, and it was Resolved, That the Council be recommended to oppose the Bill in regard to the repeal of the Clauses of the previous Acts relating to the purity of gas, and to obtain Clauses in the event of the Bill being passed:—(1) To amend Section 53 of the Act of 1856, so as to give the Corporation more favourable terms of discount on gas supplied for public lighting, (2) To empower the Corporation to provide a place for testing the gas, and to extend the hours between which the gas may be tested by the Gas Examiner; (3) To give the Gas Examiner powers of inspecting and testing the governors, burners, &c., on the public lamps. (4) To provide for a reduction in the price of gas corresponding with the reduction of candle power if the reduction of candle power is granted by Parliament. (5) To provide for tests being made for the calorific power, purity and illuminating power of the has as ascertained by means of a flat flame burner, and (6) To increase the prescribed pressure.

ROBT. LEY WOOD,

Chairman.

WATER COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Thursday, the 25th January, 1906—Present: The Mayor, Councillors Baker, Bendall, M. Davis, Margrett, 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	Average for corresponding period
		18th Jan., 1906.	during last 3 years.
Hewletts Springs		305,280 gallons	253,400 gallons
Dowdeswell Springs		2,003,616 "	1,647,000 "
Leckhampton (approx.)		5,496 "	(approx.) 5,496 "
Total		2.314.392 "	1.905.896 "

CONTENTS OF RESERVOIRS.

	January 18th, 1906,		January 18th, 1905.	
	Depth	Contents	Depth	Contents
Hewletts		12,810,634 gallons		15,769,445 gallons
Leckhampton	10ft. 8in.	1,440,818 "	3ft. 9in.	506,535 "
Dowdeswell	32ft. 0 in.	100,023,701 "	17ft. 0in.	33,700,605 "
	Total Storage	114,275,153 "		49,976,585 "

Dowdeswell Reservoir was full to overflowing, which had not happened for two years past.

Pumping at Tewkesbury ceased on the 6th instant.

He also reported mains extensions and other works carried out by the Department during the past month, including the substitution of a 6 inch main for a 3 inch main over the St. George's Road bridge, the cost of which would be paid by the G.W.R. Co.

2-Report of the Fire Brigade Captain-The Captain of the Fire Brigade reported that on the 31st ult., the Brigade was called to a fire at 28 Suffolk Parade. Damage, £50. Cause not apparent. Extinction expenses, £3 4s. The buildings and contents were insured.

On the 1st inst., the Brigade was called to a Hay Rick Fire in the Old Bath Road. Damage about £30. Cause unknown. The rick was not insured. Expenses incurred £7 9s.

Read, a letter from Mr. T. James, the owner of the hay rick, with reference to the conduct of the Brigade at the fire on the 1st instant, together with Captain Such's reply to the statements contained in the letter.

3—Report of Fire Brigade Sub-Committee—The Fire Brigade Sub-Committee reported that they met on the 24th inst., Present: Alderman Norman (in the chair) and Councillor M. Davis. Chairman—Resolved, That Councillor Baker be appointed Chairman of this Sub-Committee for the ensuing year.

Additions to Fire Station—Resolved, That the consulting room proposed to be provided be omitted and that a dado of buff bricks, 4 feet from the ground, be placed round the walls of the fire engine room. Captain Such reported that until the Committee had made other arrangements, Mr. Addis of the Plough Hotel Yard was willing to continue to supply horses.

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First Aid—Dr. Mount Biggs attended this Meeting in support of his application as Hon. Surgeon for a number of first aid instruction books and appliances. Resolved, That the Sub-Committee recommend that Dr. Mount Biggs be authorised to procure 20 first aid instruction books, 8 diagrams, 1 box of appliances; with baskets for attachment to engine and bicycle, and-1 dozen bandages, at a cost of about £8 10s., the diagrams to be put up in the station when this can be done and that consideration, of his suggestion for the purchase of another ambulance (or preferably the patent "Veleda" stretcher) be adjourned. Resolved, That the proceedings of the Sub-Committee be approved and confirmed with the exception of the recommends Lion as to the supply of first aid books, &c., the further consideration of which be adjourned.

4—Re-Organisation of Fire Brigade—Resolved, That this Committee take into consideration at a Special Meeting to held at an early date the question of the re-organisation of the Fire Brigade with a view to its increased efficiency.

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 23rd January, 1906—Present: The Mayor, Aldermen Norman, and Rogers, Councillors Bence, Bendall, M. Davis, Ley Wood, Parsonage, 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. With reference to the recent case of horse mange in the Borough, read a letter from the Board of Agriculture, stating their willingness to make an order similar to the Portsmouth (Parasitic Mange) Order, 1905, if the Local Authority desired. Read, a Report of Mr. Taylor, Veterinary Inspector, from which it appeared that the premises on which the outbreak occurred were now free from disease and no further action appeared to be necessary.
- 2—Hackney Carriage Driver's Licence—Read, application from Mr. Horace Garner, of Park Mews, for a licence to drive a hackney carriage. Resolved, That a licence be granted.
- 3—Wheel-Chair Licence—Read, an application from Mr. Andrew Hope, of Beckford Cottage, Moorend Crescent, for a licence to ply for hire a wheel chair. Resolved, That the application be granted, subject to the vehicle being inspected and passed by the Chairman of this Committee.

4—Telephone Connections for Police Sub-Stations—The Town Clerk reported the terms on which the National Telephone Company were willing to connect the Police Sub-stations to the Exchange or as an alternative to the Central Station only. Resolved, That an offer of £10 10s. per annum be made for connecting the three Sub-stations with the Central Station.

5—Charlton Kings Charity—Read, a letter from the Charity Commission, enclosing for the information of the Council a copy of the draft scheme proposed for the regulation of the Charlton Kings Charity for the Poor.

6—Coltham Fields Infants' School—Read, a letter from the Board of Education enclosing for the information of the Council notice and draft of a proposed scheme for the variation of the trust deed relating to Coltham Fields Infants' School and other purposes.

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7—Pate's Grammar Scheme—Read, a letter from the Board of Education informing the Council that the new scheme for the administration of Pate's Grammar School had been sealed on the 5th ultimo, and enclosing prints.

The Town Clerk submitted draft agreement between the Corporation and the County Council as to the contribution by the latter to the Grammar School. Resolved, That the same be approved and that the Common Seal be affixed thereto.

8—Soup Kitchen—The following gentlemen attended as a deputation from the Poor Relief Committee, viz: Revs. J. Evans, and J. A. Owen, and Col. King-Harman. The deputation asked whether the Corporation would take over the building erected for a soup kitchen in New Street, in the event of the Poor Relief Committee deciding to, hand over the same. Resolved, That the Poor Relief Committee be informed that the Corporation are willing to take over the building.

9—South African War Memorial—The question of the provision of a Memorial to those who volunteered for service in South Africa or lost their lives there was further considered. Resolved, That the Committee regret that the Council have no funds out of which the cost of the proposed memorial can be defrayed, and that any such memorial must therefore be erected by public subscription.

10—Town Postal Deliveries—With reference to Minute No. 14 of this Committee, of the 24th November last, read a letter from the Postmaster of Cheltenham, stating that with a view to meeting the objections received from Northleach and other places it was proposed to afford a delivery at 8 p.m. to callers at the Head Post Office and that beyond this the Express Delivery Service admitted of urgent communications being delivered at a small fee. Resolved, That the Council have no objection to make to the proposed alterations.

11-Gift of Ambulance—The Mayor reported that a lady who did not desire her name to be made public wished to present an ambulance to the town, the same to be kept at the Police Station. Resolved, That the Mayor be requested to convey the cordial thanks of the Council to the donor for her kind offer which they have pleasure in accepting.

12-Tenders for Coal, Printing, &c.—Resolved, That the tenders received for coal, printing, &c., be referred to the Stores Sub-Committee of the Street and Highway Committee for consideration.

13-Cheltenham Gas Bill, 1906—The provisions of this Bill were considered and it was Resolved to submit the following Report thereon to the Council:

By Clause 5 of the Bill, the Company propose to reduce the present illuminating power from 15 to 14 candles.

A similar reduction was obtained in 1900 and 1902 by two of the Metropolitan Gas Companies, and in 1904, by several provincial Gas Companies. In a Report, which was issued in May, 1904, by a Departmental Committee appointed by Parliament to report as to gas testing in the Metropolis, the Committee stated that

" A consideration of the evidence leads the Committee to the conclusion that the supply of an inferior quality " of gas is of doubtful advantage alike to the Companies and the consumers. The reduction in price which " can equitably be required from a Company cannot well be greater than the consequent saving in cost of manufacture, and this does not appear to be sufficient to make up for the loss to the consumers in the " value of the gas supplied to them."

This report does not appear to have been before the Parliamentary Committees when the Bills passed in 1904 were considered. The present Bill contains no provision for a reduction of price of gas so that no advantage is proposed to be given to consumers by the saving which would be effected by the proposed reduction in quality. The reduction of candle power will not appreciably affect incandescent burners, but users of flat flame burners (which are chiefly used by the Poorer classes), will have to use a larger burner and a larger supply of gas to obtain the same light.

By Clause 10 of the Bill the sections of the Gas Company's previous Acts, restricting the quantity of sulphur in the gas are repealed, leaving the Company entirely unfettered as to the purity of their gas. The quantity of sulphur allowed by their Act of 1872, was to be not more than 30 grains per 100 cubic feet, and this quantity was reduced at the instance of the Corporation to 25 grains by the Act obtained by the Company in 1896.

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The Committee are of opinion that these Clauses will be detrimental to the Borough and that the Bill should be opposed with a view to having the Clauses relating to the illuminating power and purity of the gas struck out. An endeavour should also be made to have a Clause inserted to place beyond question that the Gas Company are not entitled under Section 51 of the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1852, to discharge any waste refuse into the public sewers, which will injure the sewers. The Committee therefore recommend that the Bill be opposed and that the Common seal be authorised to be affixed to a Petition against the Bill

GEO. NORMAN, Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Wednesday, the 31st January, 1906—Present: The Mayor, Aldermen Haddon, Norman, and Rogers, Councillors Bence, Bendall, M. Davis, Parsonage and Stroud (Alderman Norman in the chair).

14—Education Committee—It having been reported that the term for which the nominated members of the Education Committee were appointed will expire on the 25th of March next. It was Resolved, That the Clerk be instructed to ascertain what, if any, changes the bodies with the right of nomination under the Scheme desire to make in their representation for the ensuing three years, and whether the co-opted members are willing to continue to serve upon the Committee if reelected.

15—Cheltenham Gas Bill, 1906—The Town Clerk submitted draft petition against this Bill. He also reported that 22 Gas Companies had joined together in the promotion of a Bill in this session to remove the sulphur restrictions to which they were subject and he had been in communication with the Town Clerks of some of the Boroughs which would be affected and had ascertained that it had been decided by the Corporations concerned to oppose this Bill.

GEO. NORMAN Chairman

MINERAL WATERS, BATHS AND RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Friday, the 19th January, 1906—Present: Alderman Norman, Councillors Baker, Bendall, Davies, Merrett, Pilley, and Stroud (Councillor Stroud in the chair.)

1—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 £434 1 2
Rent of Shop ... £ 24 0 0

£458 1 2

Payments £416 14

Proportion of repayment of

loans and interest .. £405 2 3

£821 16 0

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The Borough Surveyor submitted the report of the Boiler Insurance Company on their examination of the boilers at these Baths. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to obtain details and prices for a circulating system for the heating of the Baths and to report.

2—Alstone Baths—The Borough Accountant reported that the receipts, &c., at these Baths since the 31st March last had been as follows

Receipts £267 7 7

£26777

Payments £236 1 4

Proportion of repayment of

loans and interest ... 251 6 9

£48781

HERBERT STROUD, Chairman.

BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Friday, the 26th January, 1906—Present:—Alderman Haddon and-Councillors Baker, Bence, Gridley, Merrett, Pilley and Steel (Alderman Had-don in the chair).

1—Superintendent's Report—The Superintendent of the Cemetery reported that during 1905, 679 interments had been made in the Cemetery, being 40 more than in 1904. Owing to the unpunctuality of undertakers from time to time much inconvenience was caused to those attending other funerals fixed for about the same time. Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to call the attention of the local undertakers to the complaints received, and ask them for the general convenience to keep as closely as possible to the time mentioned in the notice of interment.

2—Designs—Resolved, That the following designs be approved, viz: Memorial Crosses to graves of Emma Flora Graham and Sydney Billings.

3—Fees on Interments of Parishioners in Consecrated Ground at 3 p.m.—The following local undertakers attended this meeting:—Messrs. J. Hawkins. W. Prow. S. J. Smith, S. E. Wilcox. and J. H. Williams. The deputation submitted for consideration resolutions passed at a meeting of local undertakers on the 12th inst., asking (1) that the Rector's fee at funerals at 3 p.m. should not be charged where carriages followed a shillabier. (2) That the toolhouse at the rear of the Chapels should be opened as a shelter for bearers and others attending funerals during inclement weather, and (3) that the sanitary conveniences should be put into order. It was pointed out by the Clerk that the funeral services at 3 p.m. were given free of charge for the benefit of the poor inhabitants of the Parish, and that the origin of the rule as to carriages was for the purpose of distinguishing those able to pay a fee from those for whom the remission of the fee was intended.

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Resolved, That the Table of Fees on interments in the Established Church ground be amended so as to provide that on the interment of an inhabitant householder at 3 p.m. the Rector's fee of £1 1s. 0d. will be charged if a hearse (or shillabier used as a hearse) or a shillabier followed by more than one carriage is used, and that the Town Clerk be instructed to take the necessary steps to obtain the' approval of the Rector and the Bishop of the Diocese to the amendment of the table of fees.

Resolved, Also, That permission he given for the use of the toolhouse as requested, and that the undertakers informed that instructions have already been given as regards the sanitary conveniences at the Cemetery.

JOHN HADDON,

Chairman.

PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held On Thursday, the 18th January, 1906—Present: Alderman Rogers, Councillors Bennett, Margrett, Merrett and Pilley, Revs. J. Evans, A. Beynon Phillips, and J. A. Owen, Baron de Ferrieres, Col. King-Harman, Messrs. A. Beckingsale, C. H. Palmer and E. C. Rogers (Alderman Rogers in the chair).

- 1—Librarian's Report—Read, the monthly report of the Librarian. Receipts, £7 3s. 2d. Presentations: F. Stroud (3 vols.) T. Norton Longman (1 vol.), T. G. Carson (1 vol.), Mrs. Frank Eland (1 vol.), Dr. Garrett (1 vol), Baron de Ferrieres (5 vols.)
- 2—Report of Sub-Committee—The Sub-Committee reported that they met on the 12th instant—Present: Alderman Rogers (Chairman), Councillors Marshall and Merrett, Col. King-Harman, Rev. J. Evans and Mr. G. H. Palmer, Six applicants for the post of Junior Assistant, vacant by the resignation of E. T. Wheeler, were interviewed and the Sub-Committee recommended the appointment of A. Baker at 6s per week.

They also recommended that the Librarian be authorised to expend not exceeding on the purchase of books from the Cheltenham Subscription Library, the books proposed to be purchased to be approved by the Sub-Committee. Resolved, That the recommendation be approved and adopted.

3—School of Science Rooms—The Town Clerk reported that with the approval of the Council the Art Gallery Sub-Committee had agreed to take the rooms formerly occupied by the School of Science, from the 31st ultimo to the end of June next at a rent of £22 10s.

RICHARD ROGERS,

Chairman.

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FINANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 30th January, 1906—Present : The Mayor, Councillors Bence, Merrett, Parsonage, Steel and Stroud (Councillor Bence in the chair).

- 1—General District Rate—The Report of the Borough Accountant, dated the 30th inst., on the collection of the 2nd instalment of this Rate, was read. Amount collected £16,185 12s. l1d. Leaving outstanding £9,535 17s. 6d.
- 2—Water Rate—The Report of the Borough Accountant, dated the 30th inst., on the collection of this Rate was read.

Amount received £7,490 18s. Od. Leaving outstanding £4,251 1s. 3d.

3—Loans under Education Acts—The Town Clerk reported the receipt of sanctions to loans under the Education Acts as follows:—

Amount Purpose Term for Repayment.

£1920 Purchase of Site for School in Gloucester Road. 60 years. £150 Alterations to Dunalley Street Schools (2nd sanction) 30 years.

4—Transfer from Stores Account to Highways Account—The resolution of the Street and Highway Committee on this subject, referred back by the Council at its last meeting were considered by this Committee. Resolved, That, in the absence of the Chairman, the further consideration be adjourned to the next meeting.

5—Loans—The Borough Accountant reported that he had arranged a loan of £10,046, the loan to be for a period 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.

Resolved, That the arrangement be approved and that debentures on account of the Water Works, £3,230 and £6,816 loans be sealed and issued accordingly.

6—Accounts—The Financial Statement of the Receipts and Expenditure since the last meeting and the Bills and Accounts to be paid were examined, and the latter, ordered to be paid by the Borough Treasurer.

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

Overdrawn on the 22nd December, 1905 \qquad £16,198 9 10 Paid since that date \qquad £22,367 9 6 \qquad £38,565 19 4

Received since that date (including High

 Street Wood Paving Loan £8,213)
 £36,419 6 8

 Overdrawn
 £2,146 12 8

Being Bank Loan Account No. 2 £18,513 18 10

Less in hand on General Accounts £10,179 15 3 Do. Sinking Funds £6,187 10 11

> £16,367 6 2 £2,146 12 8

GEORGE BENCE,

Chairman.

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Borough of Cheltenham.

At a Quarterly and Special 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 February, 1906, at 3 p.m. Present:

THE MAYOR (ALDERMAN WILLIAM NASH SKILLICORNE) in the chair.

THE DEPUTY MAYOR (ALDERMAN JOHN HADDON).

Aldermen: 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 EDWARD HENRY PARSONAGE JOSEPH PILLEY ROBERT STEEL HERBERT STROUD HENRY WAGHORNE.

- 1—Minutes of Last Meeting- Resolved, That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Council, on the 1st January last, having been printed and a copy sent each member of the Council, be taken as read, and that the same be adopted and confirmed.
- 2—Sewerage and Sewage Disposal—Resolved, That the Council do resolve into Committee for the consideration of Minute No. 21 of the proceedings of the Public Health Committee of the 18th December, 1905.

The Council having resumed, Resolved, That Minute No. 21 of the proceeding of the Public Health Committee at their Meeting of the 18th December 1905, be approved and confirmed.

3—Public Health Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Public Health Committee, at their Meetings of the 10th and 22nd January last, be approved and confirmed, subject to the following amendment, viz:-

That the Resolution to Minute No. 17 (Prestbury Sewerage) be referred back to the Committee for further consideration.

- 4—Farms Management Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Farms Management Committee, at their Meeting of the 19th January 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 9th and 29th January last, be approved and confirmed.
- 6—Town improvement Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Town Improvement Committee, at their Meetings of the 22nd January last, and 1st February instant, be approved and confirmed, subject to the following amendments, viz: That Minute No. 1 (Promenade Improvement No. 2), Minute No. 4 (Report of Entertainments Sub-Committee), and Minute No. 5 (Use of Archery Ground at Montpellier) be referred back to the Committee for further consideration.
- 7---Lighting Committee Resolved, That, with the exception of Minute No. 7 (Cheltenham Gas Bill, 190G), the proceedings of the Lighting Committee, at their Meeting of the 18th January last, be approved and confirmed.

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8-Water Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Water Committee at their Meeting of the 25th January last, be approved and confirmed. —

9-General Purposes & Watch Committee-- Resolved, That, with the exception of Minute No. 13 (Cheltenham Gas Bill, 1906), the proceedings of the General Purposes and Watch Committee, at their Meetings of the 23rd and 31st January last, be approved and confirmed, subject to the following amendment, viz:

That the Resolution to Minute No. 10 (Town Postal Deliveries) read as follows:—

"That the Council hope that the connection with the rural districts and the last " Town delivery will, as suggested by the Postmaster, be maintained by arranging an earlier collection of correspondence from the rural districts."

Presentation of Ambulance—The Chairman stated that he was now at liberty to mention the name of the donor of the Ambulance, who was Mrs. Manley, of 13 Montpellier Grove. The presentation was made by her in memory of her husband, the late Surgeon-General W. G. N. Manley, C.B., V.C. Resolved, That the hearty thanks of the Council be given Mrs. Manley for her kind gift.

10—Cheltenham Gas Bill, 1906—Pursuant to notice duly given as required by the Borough Funds Act, 1872, it was Resolved, by an absolute majority of the Council, "That this Council consider it expedient to oppose the Cheltenham "Gas Bill, 1906, and that the Common Seal be authorised to be affixed to a "Petition against the Bill, and that the expenses of such opposition be charged on and paid out of the Borough Fund and Rate."

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 19th January last, be approved and confirmed.

12—Burial 'Board Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Burial Board Committee, at their Meeting of the 26th January last, be approved and confirmed.

13--Finance Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Finance Committee, at their Meeting of the 30th January last, be approved and confirmed.

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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—Winter Garden—The motion of which Councillor Margaret had given notice on this subject was not moved by him.

15—Notice of Motion—Councillor Margrett gave notice of his intention to move at the next Monthly Meeting of the Council: " That in view of the heavy loss annually entailed on the ratepayers by the " Winter Garden, this building be sold, seeing that the town possesses in the " Town Hall a building equally suitable for all its needs."

Mayor.

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Borough of Cheltenham

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 5th March, 1906.

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 12th February, 1906—Present; The Mayor, Alderman Norman,

Councillors M. Doris, 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, 8 cases' of Scarlet Fever, 4 of Erysipelas, and 5 of Diphtheria and that 8 cases of Scarlet Fever and 1 case of Diphtheria had been sent into the Delancey Hospital.
- 2—Cleansing and Disinfecting at No. 16 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 to cleanse and disinfect the house or parts thereof within the time specified in such Notice,
- 3—Cleansing and Limewashing at Nos. 90 Tewkesbury Road, 7 Lypiatt Street, 14 Tivoli Street, and 6 Hereford 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. 1 Hanover Parade, Railway Inn, Norwood Road, 13 Victoria Terrace, Bath Road, 10 Commercial Street, 135 & 137 Fairview Load, 2, 3, 4, 46, 47, 48, 53, 54, 55 & 62, Waterloo Street, Ivy Cottage, Waterloo Cottage, and Nos. 1, 2, and 3, Hopewell Cottages, Waterloo 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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- 5—Insanitary Property-Nos. 14, Hatherley Street, 7, Lypiatt Street, 6 & 9, Hereford Place, 2, Waterloo Street, and 35, Tewkesbury 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.
- 6—Overcrowding at No. 6, Upper Park Street—The Medical Officer of Health reported that the above premises were so overcrowded as to be dangerous or injurious to the health of the inmates. Resolved, That the Committee being satisfied of the existence of a nuisance on the said premises, Notices under Section 91 of the Public Health Act, 1875, be served on the 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:—No. 7, Lypiatt Street, Inkerman, Cottage, Lansdown Road, 9, Bloomsbury Street, 6 Hereford Place, 5 Burton Street, 1 Hanover Parade. 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. Catherine Buckle, of 30, New Street, to be registered as a purveyor of milk. Resolved, That the applicant be registered.

9—Destruction of Diseased Meat—The Medical Officer of Health reported that the carcase and offal (total weight 896 lbs) of a beast badly affected with tuberculosis was surrendered on the 3rd instant by the butcher in whose slaughter house it was killed, and cremated at the Ash Destructor. On the 1st instant the diseased hind quarters of a pig (weight 44 lbs.) were surrendered and destroyed.

10—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.

11—Prestbury Sewerage—The resolution to Minute No. 17 of this Committee of the 22nd ultimo referred back by the Council for reconsideration was again considered. Resolved, That the resolution be re-affirmed, and that the Council be recommended to offer no objection to the proposal of the Cheltenham Rural District Council on the distinct understanding that the Rural District Council will accept all responsibility in the future for the repair and upkeep of the culvert sewer and that the same is connected with the new Prestbury outfall sewer.

12—Hatherley Brook Sewer—The Borough Surveyor reported that the Hatherley Brook Sewer where it passes under land on the East side of Shelburne Road, had burst and the arch of the culvert had been displaced for a distance of about 50 yards. He estimated the cost of replacing the damaged portion of the sewer at about £120. Resolved, That the work be carried out.

13—Sewer near The Park—The Borough Surveyor reported that the sewer at the back of the Park, between The Woodlands and the junction with the Hatherley Brook main sewer was blocked and the portion examined was found very defective. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to examine and report upon the sewer throughout its whole length.

E. H. PARSONAGE,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 19th February, 1906--Present: The Stayer, Councillors Bence, 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, 1 of Erysipelas, and 1 of Diphtheria, and that 1 case of Diphtheria had been sent into the Delancey Hospital.

15-Cleansing and Limewashing at Nos. 6 Sandford Street, Moreton Cottage, Mitre Street, and 5, Victoria. Parade. 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, Victoria, Place, Bath Road, 1 & 2, Fountain Cottages, Fountain Passage, 11, 12, 13, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21 & 56, Waterloo Street, and 32, 33, 15, 46, 47, 48, 50, 50a, 52 & 53 Worcester 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. 4, Bath Cottages, Bath, Terrace, 12, Victoria Place, Bath Road, 6, Sandford Street, 2 & 3, Victoria Street, and 17a Bennington 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.

18-Overcrowding at Nos. 18 & 19, Swindon Place-The Medical Officer of Health reported that the above premises were so overcrowded as to be dangerous or injurious to the health of the inmates. Resolved, That the Committee being satisfied of the existence of a nuisance on the said premises, Notices under Section 94 of the Public Health Act be served on the 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. 4 & 5, Saul ford Street, 12, Victoria. Place, Bath Road, 1 & 2 Fountain Cottages, Bath Road, and 3, 4 & 6, Victoria 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 41-fcalth submitted a list of Notices requiring the abatement of nuisances arising from defective drainage and overcrowding which had been served, but not complied with. Resolved, That the Town Clerk he instructed to take the necessary proceedings to compel compliance.

21-Destruction of Diseased Meat-The Medical Officer of Health reported that a pig killed at the Abattoir was found to be affected with generalised tuberculosis and was destroyed on the 12th instant (weight 120 lbs.) On the 16th inst., a cow killed in a private slaughter house and found to be very badly affected with generalised tuberculosis was reported by a representative of the owners

and destroyed (weight 1010 lbs.) Both the carcases mentioned were voluntarily surrendered by the owners on their being informed of the condition of the same.

E. H. PARSONAGE,

Chairman.

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At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 26th February, 1906—Present : Alderman Norman, Councillors Davies, M. Davis, Parsonage and Pilley (Councillor Parsonage in the chair).

22—Sewage Irrigation at Barn Farm—The Borough Surveyor reported that the Farms Management Committee desired to apply the sewage to about 4 acres of sandy soil at the Barn Farm which could not at present be properly irrigated. This could be done by taking up the present 6 inch delivery pipe to the land and relaying the same as two supply pipes across the Sand common field. The material required would be inconsiderable and the work would provide suitable employment for the Distress Committee to undertake. He had obtained the majority of the consents necessary for carrying the pipes through the common field, and he did not anticipate any difficulty in obtaining the remainder. Resolved. That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to arrange with the Distress Committee to undertake the work.

E. H. PARSONAGE,

Chairman

FARMS MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE,

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Friday, the 16th February, 1906—Present: Councillors M. Davis. Green, Gridley, Margrett 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 13 head of cattle had been sold for £223 10s. 0d. and 1 sow and 11 store pigs for £22 6s. 9d. The total sale £246 5s. 9d. One calf and 9 pigs had been bred during the month. The livestock on the farms on the 16th instant was 11 horses, 111 head of cattle and 10 pigs, all doing very well.

A cart horse had been sent on hire to the Depot at 10s per week with option of purchase. Wheat had been planted al the Barn Farm and draining work was in progress. 2 tons of mangolds had been sold for £1 8s., and 4 tons, 19cwts. 3qrs. Of meadow hay and 3 tons 8 cwts. of wheat straw had been sent to the Central Depot. 2 qrs. of wheat for seeding had been purchased, also pipes for draining, posts, &c., for fencing, as authorised. On the recommendation of the Farms Manager, RESOLVED, That the carrier on the Barn Farm be uncovered and the joints made good, and that seed oats be purchased for spring planting.

Chairman.

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STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 13th February, 1906—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. H. E. Steel, Ltd., applying for permission to fix 2 wrought iron electric lamp bracelets at 105 High Street. Resolved. That the application be acceded to.

2-Unemployed—A deputation from the Distress Committee, consisting of Colonel King-Harman and Councillor Steel, attended this meeting, and stated that there were still a large number of men in want of employment, and the Distress Committee were prepared to apply the funds at their disposal in employing these men, if the Street and Highway Committee could suggest- any useful work which could be undertaken by the Distress Committee. The Borough Surveyor stated that the Committee had already put in hand all the work which they were in a position to carry out but suggested that the men might be employed in sifting the waste material on the tips in College Road and Keynsham Road, also in the diversion of the old course of the Chelt, and in levelling the ground at the Ash Destructor. Resolved, That the Distress Committee be authorised to undertake these works.

3-Private Improvement Works, Footpath on East Side of Gloucester Road—The Borough Surveyor reported that the private improvement works ordered to be done to this footpath (from Malvern View Villas to Queen's Road) had been carried, out by the Corporation at a cost of £113 11s. 2d., which sum he had apportioned amongst the abutting owners according to the frontages of their respective properties. Resolved, That the apportionment be approved, and that notices thereof and of demand for repayment be served on the abutting owners.

4-Ewlyn Road—Read, a letter from Mr. J. E. Bendall asking the Council to require the portion of Ewlyn Road, opposite the houses recently finished, to be properly made. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to report upon the matter, and submit a plan.

5-Paving, etc., in front of Rifle Drill Hall, North Street—Read, a letter from Major Pottinger asking to be relieved of the cost of renewing the paving and making a crossing in front of the new Drill Hall in North Street, as he had considerable difficulty in collecting the amount required for the cost of the building, which was being erected for a public purpose. Resolved, That under the circumstances half the cost only be charged.

6—Footpath in front of Clovelly, &c., All Saints' Road—Read, a letter from Messrs. Winterbotham, Gurney & Co., on behalf of the trustees of the late Mr. C. Winstone's will, calling attention to the condition of the footpath in All Saints' Road adjoining Clovelly, Resolved, That Messrs, Winterbotham, Gurney & Co. be informed that the Committee intend to pave the footpaths in All Saints' Road during the next financial year.

7—Seat near "Ellerslie," Albert Road—Read, a letter from Messrs. Winterbotham, Gurney & Co., asking en behalf of the trustees of the late Mr. C. Winstone's will that the seat, until recently placed just outside the entrance gate to "should not be replaced in its old position but higher up the road. Resolved, That the seat be placed in Albert Road opposite the middle of the field adjoining Hill Court Road.

8-Ditch in Charlton Lane—Read, a letter from Mrs. E. Tuttle, asking that the ditch in Charlton Line, near Leckhampton Road, should be piped. Resolved, That the Committee are not prepared to undertake this work at present.

JOHN D. BENDALL,

Chairman.

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At a Meeting of this Committee held on, Monday, the 16th February, 1906—Present: The Mayor, Alderman Haddon, Councillors Baker, Bendall, Gridley, Packer and Parsonage (Councillor Bendall in the Chair).

9—Borough Surveyor's Monthly Report Re Highways—The Borough Surveyor reported that the work done by the Highways Department from the 26th January to 22nd February, 1906 (both inclusive) had been as follows:—

Roads Repaired—Tewkesbury Road (proceeding). Roads Patched—Malvern Road, Milsom Street, Jersey Street, Knapp Road, New Street, Suffolk Square, Gloucester Road, Bath Parade, Painswick Road, Suffolk Road.

Gas Trenches Repaired—Albert Place, Hatherley Street, Lypiatt Street, and Regent Street.

Electric Light Trenches Repaired—Bath Road, Tudor Lodge Road and Suffolk Parade.

Wood Paring Repaired—Colonnade. Paving Repaired—Rutland Street, York Street, Marle Hill Parade and Prestbury Road. Footpath Gravelled—Whaddon Lane by Recreation Ground.

Footpath. Paving Relaid—Dagmar Road (520 super yards). Kerb Relaid—Dagmar Road (260 lineal yards).

Channel Relaid—Dagmar Road (260 lineal yards). Gulley fixed-1 in Exmouth Street. Gulley Drain laid-1 in Exmouth Street into minnow ditch. Gulley Grates and Frames Renewed-4.

Haywards' Light fixed for Owner-354 High Street. New Crossings laid. in gateways-2. Crossings renewed-4.

Crossings repaired-1. Public Improvements (proceeding)—Old Bath Road and Charlton Lane.

Private Improvement Works (completed)—Sandford Mill Road. Works for Great Western Railway (proceeding)— Lowering Market Street and raising St. George's Road. Manhole Covers refixed-4.

Footpath Trough fixed for Owner-5, Upper Bath Road. Refuge fixed round lamp—Parabola Road.

Tree Pruned—By No. 14, Promenade Villas. Trees Felled-5 in Old Bath Road (widening of road).

Ashes Collection and Disposal—During 4 weeks ended 22nd February, 1906-1,118 loads collected, 353 tipped away, and 765 consumed. Weight consumed 829 tons, 12 cwts, 1 qr.

Slab Factory—During 4 weeks ended 15th February, 1906-4,152 lineal feet of kerb and channel made.

- 10—Report of Building Plans Sub-Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Plans Sub-Committee, at their meetings on the 13th and 23rd inst., be approved and adopted.
- 11—Street Projection—Read a letter from Mr. E. W. Devereux applying for permission to fix a hairdresser's pole in front of No. 18 Granville Street. Resolved, That the request be acceded to.
- 12--Footpath in Thirlestaine Road—Read, a letter from Sirs. Jackson, of Sandford Lodge, calling attention to the condition of the footpath in Thirlestaine Road opposite her house. Resolved. That the footpath be inspected at the next View Meeting.
- 13—Footpath in Hale's Road, from King's Road to Sydenham Road—Read, a letter from Mrs. McDonell, of Woodchester Lawn, complaining of the condition of this footpath. Resolved. That consideration of the matter be adjourned for the Committee to view.
- 14—Rick Fire on Land in Old Bath Road—Read a letter from Mr. Herbert Stroud, claiming, on behalf of Mr. Thomas James, of Great Norwood Street, £40, the value of a hayrick destroyed by fire on the 1st January, 1906, alleged to be caused through the negligence of workmen in the employ of the Corporation engaged upon the Old Bath Road Improvement. The Town Clerk reported the result, of his enquiries. Resolved, That the Council do not admit any liability in the matter.
- 15--Name Plates for Eldorado Road and Crescent—Road, a letter from Lieut.-Colonel Joynt asking that a name plate should be put up at each end of Eldorado Road. Resolved, That name plates be put up in Eldorado Road and Crescent.
- 16---Crossing in Swindon Road—Read a letter from. Rev. H. H. Orpen Palmer, enclosing copy of a resolution passed by the Managers of St. Peter's School, requesting the Council to place a crossing opposite the school in Swindon Road. Resolved, That consideration of the request be adjourned for the Committee to view.

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17--Footpath in All Saints' Road—Read, a letter front Mr. A. C. on behalf of the owners of "Inholmes" asking the Committee to amend the specification already approved with regard to the width of the paving, the material to be used and otherwise, and further that the execution of the work might be allowed to stand over until the remainder of the footpaths in All Saints' Road were paved by the Council. Resolved, That the Committee cannot recommend the amendment of the specification as suggested, and the work must be carried out in accordance with the notice given.

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18-Ewlyn Road—The Borough Surveyor submitted a plan, specification and estimate of the works required to be done to the portion of this street not declared to be a highway. 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 street, requiring to be severed, levelled, paved, metalled, flagged, channelled, or made good, requiring them to do the specified Works within 28 days; and that, if such Notice is not complied with, the

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

19-Cheltenham and District Light Railway—The Town Clerk reported that the sum of £275 due from the Light Railway Company as agreed had not been paid by them. Read, a letter from the Manager of the Company asking that the settlement might be deferred until the Company had arranged matters with Messrs. Blackwell & Co. Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to take proceedings for the recovery of the amount due from the Company.

20—Report of Stores Sub-Committee—The Stores Sub-Committee reported that they met on the 23rd instant (Present : Councillors Baker, Bendall, Gridley and Parsonage) and considered the tenders received for the supply of materials, and for printing for the 12 months ending the 31st March, 1907, together with the samples submitted. Resolved, To recommend the acceptance of the schedules of prices for the supply of goods required by the Corporation from the following tradesmen; the tender in the case of printing and stationery to be accepted for 2 years from the 31st proximo:

Cement—Saxon Cement Co., Cambridge, 29s per ton.

Coal—Critchley & Keen, Birch Coppice, 14s 7d per ton; A. H. Nott, Welsh steam coal, 17s 6d per ton; Critchlow & Sheppard, Lydbrook small nuts, 13s 6d per ton; W. D. Farrar, best Welsh steam coal, 20s per ton; small coal, 7s per ton

Kerb, Setts, Macadam, &c.—Left to Borough Surveyor to order from Schedules as required.

Timber—Smith Bros., G. Hickman and Messrs. Boardman.

Ironmongery—S. Mason, D. Davies, Strang & Sons, and Fisher & Co. Ltd.

Whitelead, Oils, and Colours---Fisher & Co.. and Dix Co.

Forage—Corporation Sewage Farms and E. Snowsell. Tools—Strang & Sons and S. Mason,

Disinfectants—Kilgerm Co., Alkali Co, India Rubber Hose, &c.—Thornton & Co. Wrought Iron, Steel and Files—Fisher & Co. Ltd., Bosher & Co., and Pearce & Sons.

Household goods and sundries—Bird & Co., Joyner &. Son, Whitaker Bros.., J. Tinkler, A. N. Cole, E. L. Ward, W. J. Newth, and Fisher & Co. Ltd,

Lime, Bricks and Sand—Webb, Bros., Greaves, Bull & Lakin, Ltd., Stonehouse Brick & Tile Co., Powell, Gwinnell & Co., Ltd. The Cattybrook Brick Co. Ltd.

Castings and Name Plates—F. Bradley.

Lead Pipe and Fittings—Farmiloe Ltd.. Fisher & Co. Ltd., and Plumbers' Supply Co.

Stoneware Pipes—Woodward's Ltd.

Electric Light Fittings—Verity's Ltd.

Books, Printing, Stationary, &c.--Horace Edwards, G. P. Poole, W. T. Cossens, Harvey & Healing, Banks & Son, Reynolds & Co., Ellams & Co., T. Hailing, Haldane & Co., S. R. Grove and W. W. Bastin.

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

21—Team Labour for Ashes Collection—Resolved, That tenders be invited by advertisement for the team labour required for the ashes collection in each of the four districts into which the Borough is already divided for this work.

JOHN D. BENDALL,

Chairman.

PLANS SUB-COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Sub-Committee, held on Tuesday, the 13th February, 1906—Present: Councillors Baker, Bendall, and Parsonage (Councillor Parsonage in the chair).

1—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
374	Miss Phillips	Additions to 1 Portland Place, Portland Street.
376	H. E. Steel, Ltd.	Alterations and Additions Street to Old Bank premises, High Street
377	Andrew Page	Two semi-detached villas, Swindon Road
		(opposite Townsend Street).
378	J. McCarthy	Alterations and additions to 6 Promenade Villas.
379	J. D. Bendall	Two semi-detached villas, Old Bath Road, Pilley
380	W. Clark	Additions to Southam Villa, Prestbury Road.

Resolved. That Plans Nos. 374, 377, 379 and 380 be approved, and that Plans Nos. 376 and 378 be disapproved.

E. H. PARSONAGE, Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Friday, the 23rd February, 1906—Present: Councillors Baker Bendall and Parsonage (Councillor Parsonage in the chair).

1—New Buildings—The borough Surveyor laid before the Sub-Committee the following notice and plan of intended new Buildings, viz:-

No. of Plan	Name	Description
381	W. Wollen	New and reconstruction of stable rear 28 Waterloo Street

E. H. PARSONAGE,

Chairman.

HIGHWAYS EXPENDITURE INQUIRY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, the 27th February, 1906—Present: Councillors Baker, Bendall, Ley Wood, Margrett, Marshall and Merrett (Councillor Ley Wood in the chair),

Highways Expenditure—The information furnished to the Committee by the Borough Surveyor and the Borough Accountant was considered. Resolved, That the further consideration of the same be adjourned to the next meeting.

ROBE LEY WOOD,

Chairman.

TOWN IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held an Monday, the 19th February, 1906—Present: The Mayor, Aldermen Rogers, and Winterbotham, Councillors Pence, Bennett and Packer (Councillor Bence in the chair).

- 1—Report of Entertainments Sub-Committee—The Entertainments Sub-Committee reported that they had again considered the arrangements to be made for concerts next summer, and in view of the objections made at the last meeting of the Council to the proposed conditional engagement of Mr. Newton for three years, the Sub-Committee had agreed that the engagement should only be for the ensuing season. The Sub-Committee, therefore, recommended
- (1) That Mr. A. W. Newton be engaged to manage the summer concerts this year on the same terms as last year except that he be allowed to receive in addition half of the Sub-Committee's proportion of the Gardens subscriptions after deducting
- (2) That the terms of subscription to the Gardens be the same as last year, except that the limit of age for children's tickets be 12 years.
- (3) That keys be not issued to subscribers to the Gardens either at Montpellier or Pittville. The Sub-Committee pointed out; that no guarantee either as to the gate receipts or subscriptions was given to Mr. Newton, who took the entire risk as regards payment to the bands and concert parties engaged. Resolved, That the recommendations of the Sub-Committee be approved and adopted.
- 2—Use of Archery Ground at Montpellier—The application of the Cheltenham Archery Club was further considered The Rev. L. B. Bubb and Buchan attended this meeting as representing the Club Committee, and after discussion agreed to the increase of the rent paid from £11 to £12 12s., and that except upon the 8 bow days during the season the Corporation should be at liberty to occupy or let for a tennis court part of the present archery ground. Resolved, That the ground he let to the Archery Club from the 1st April to the 31st October next, on the following terms, viz: £12 19s. for the ground and a man to put up and take down the targets, and a charge of 2s 6d for the use of a room at the Lodge on bow days, the Corporation to be at liberty to let another tennis court as above mentioned.

3—Promenade Improvement No. 2-This matter was further considered, together scab letters from Mr. A. Prothero on the subject:. Resolved, That. further consideration be adjourned to the next meeting when Sir. Prothero be invited to attend.

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4—Advertising—Resolved, That the page illustrated advertisement of Cheltenham in the Gordon Hotels Guide, "Where to stay," be renewed for one year at a. cost of £9 9s. Resolved, That a half-page advertisement of Cheltenham be inserted in "Holiday Haunts," an official publication of the G.W.R. Co., at a cost of £4

GEORGE FENCE,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Saturday, the 24th February, 1906—Present : Alderman Rogers, Councillors Baker, Bence and Packer (Councillor Bence in the chair)

5—Pittville Park—The Committee met at Pittville and inspected the Pump Room and Gardens, and instructed the Borough Surveyor to report as to the cost of works considered necessary, with a view to provision being made for the same in the estimates if so resolved.

GEORGE BENCE, Chairman.

LIGHTING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Thursday, the 15th February, 1906—Present 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 29th ulto. and the 12th inst. had been as follows: 216 and 210 volts, respectively, an average of 213 volts.

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

ILLUMINATING POWER				PURITY		
1906				1906		Grains of Sulphur per 100 cubic feet.
Jan.	20th	16.77	candles	Jan.	29-30	13.28
" Feb.	29th 7th	16.72 15.88	u u	Feb.	12-13	10.7
11	" 12th 15.40 "		"	Average	11.99	
Average		16.19	u			

3--Gas inspector's Report—The Gas Inspector reported that the hourly average consumption of as per lamp during the previous month had been as follows:—Ordinary lamps 3.956 cubic feet; Guildhall lamps with No. 1 Incandescent burners 3.904 cubic feet; Ordinary lamps with No. 2 Incandescent burners 3.450 cubic feet.

4----Borough Electrical Engineer's Monthly Report-Read, the Monthly Report of the Borough Electrical Engineer. On the 15th instant there were 859 consumers with an equivalent of 57,069 eight candle power lamps connected to the private supply mains, the corresponding figures for last year being 807 and 53,092, respectively. The net addition during the month had been equivalent to 479 eight candle power lamps.

5-Exchange of Plant—On the recommendation of the Borough Electrical Engineer, Resolved, That the offer of Messrs. Danks, Ltd. of Netherton, near Dudley, to provide a new superheater (value about £85); n: the Galloway boiler in exchange for the disused exciter set at the Works be accepted.

6-Automatic Circuit Breakers—The Borough Electrical Engineer recommended some alteration in the arrangement of the proposed circuit breakers for the turbo-generators which would increase the cost by £7. Resolved, That this additional expenditure be approved.

ROBT. LEY WOOD,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on, Wednesday, 28th February, 1906—Present .7 Councillors Green, Gridley, Ley Wood, Marshall, Merrett, and Steel (Councillor Ley Wood in the Chair).

7-Charges for Private Lighting and Motors—The charges for the supply of energy for private lighting were further considered. The following local wiring contractors attended this meeting, and discussed the matter with the Committee:—Messrs. C. Marshall, jun., R. Organ, A. G. Sanders, and H. E. Steel, The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that he had further considered the matter, and recommended the adoption of the following revised scale, namely, 5 ½ d. per unit for the first 125 hours per quarter on the consumers maximum demand, 4d. per unit for the next 125 hours per quarter, and 2d. per unit for all additional units, with a discount of 5 per cent, on payment within 14 days of demand. He also recommended that a flat rate of 2d. per unit be charged for energy for motors, Resolved, That the scale recommended be approved and adopted, and that consumers be at once notified that the new scale of charges will come into force after the March reading of the meters, the charge for places of worship and other special cases to remain as at present pending further consideration by the Committee, and that the resolution to Minute No. 8 of this Committee, passed on the 18th May last (as amended by the Council to be varied accordingly.

ROBT. LEY WOOD,

Chairman.

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WATER COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Thursday, the 8th February, 1906—Present: Alderman Norman, Councillors Baker, Bendall, M. Davis, Margrett, Stroud and Waghorne (Councillor Waghorne in the Chair).

1—Filters at Tewkesbury--The Committee visited the Tewkesbury Works, and inspected the new filters now under construction. Resolved, That the Committee record their satisfaction with the way in which the work is being carried out under the Borough Engineer.

2—Meetings of Committee—Resolved, That the Monthly Meetings of this Committee be held in turn at Dowdeswell, Cheltenham, and Tewkesbury, commencing with the March meeting, which will be held at Dowdeswell.

H. WAGHORNE, Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Thursday, the 22nd February, 1906—Present: The Mayor, Aldermen Norman, Councillors Baker, Bendall, M. Davis, Margrett, Stroud and Waghorne (Councillor Waghorne in the chair).

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

	DAILY YIELD OF SPRINGS,			
	For 31 days, ended		Average for corresponding period	
	18th Feb., 1906.		during last 3 years.	
Hewletts Springs	433,440 gallons		331,200 gallons	
Dowdeswell Springs	1,410,216 "		1,794,740 "	
Leckhampton (approx)	5,496 "	(approx.)	5,496 "	
Total	1,849,152		2,131,436	

CONTENTS OF RESERVOIRS.

	February 18th,	1906.	February 18th, 1905.	
	Depth	Contents	Depth	Contents
Hewletts		22,780,727 gallons		18,101,692 gallons
Leckhampton	10ft. 6in.	1,418,306 "	8ft. 6in.	1,148,152 "
Dowdeswell	31ft. 10in.	99,145,769 "	15ft. 3in.	27,939,990 "
Total Storage	128,344,802			47,209,834

The mains authorised to be laid in Albert Road- and Evesham Road had been completed, and the supply to Marle Hill and Prestbury districts was in consequence improved.

4—Additional Plant for Tewkesbury—The Borough Engineer submitted the tenders he had obtained for the 2 boilers, etc., to be fixed at the Tewkesbury Works, and he recommended that the tender of Messrs H. and T. Danks, of Netherton nr. Dudley, for the supply of 2 Lancashire boilers, with superheater, meldrum blowers, etc., and a Green's

Economiser, with engine and dampers complete, in accordance with his specification, at a cost of £1,260, be accepted. Resolved, That Messes. Daubs' tender be accepted subject to a formal contract to be prepared by the Town Clerk being entered into.

- 5—Tenders for Pipes—The Borough Surveyor submitted a tabulated list of the tenders received for the supply of cast iron pipes. Resolved, That the tender of the Staveley Iron Co., Chesterfield, be accepted for the year ending the 31st March, 1907.
- 6—Tenders for Coal—The Borough Engineer submitted tenders he had obtained for the supply of coal for the Tewkesbury Works for 12 months. Resolved, That the tender of Mr. F. W. Wallis, of Tewkesbury, at 10s. per ton be accepted.
- 7—Report of Fire Brigade Captain—The Captain of the Fire Brigade reported that on the 6th inst. the Brigade was called to an alarm of fire on premises at the rear of No. 8 Promenade Villas. Damage slight. Expenses incurred £3 4s. 6d. Property insured. He requested permission for the brigade and appliances to take part in the annual meeting and competitions of the West Midland District of the National Fire Brigades Union, to be held in Cheltenham in May next, and for a free supply of Water (about 1000 gallons) for the steam fire engines. Resolved, That the permission asked for be granted, and that no charge be made for the water used.
- 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 20th February, 1906—Present: The Mayor, Aldermen Haddon, and Norman, Councillors Bendall, M. Davis, Ley Wood, and Parsonage (Alderman Norman in the chair).

- 1—Diseases of Animals' Acts—Superintendent Hopkins reported that the Borough was entirely free from contagious disease amongst animals. Sheep Dipping—The Town Clerk submitted draft regulations for the compulsory dipping of sheep. Resolved, That the same be adopted and submitted to the Board of Agriculture for confirmation.
- 2—Wheel Chair Licence—Read, an application from Mr. A. T. Lucas, of 12 Spa Buildings, for a licence to ply for hire a wheel chair. Resolved, That the application be granted subject to the vehicle being passed on inspection by the Chairman of this Committee.
- 3—Petroleum Licences—Read, an application from Messrs. H. E. Steel, Ltd., for a licence to store 400 gallons of petroleum at No. 105, High Street. The Inspector having reported that the premises were satisfactory, Resolved, That the application be granted. Read, an application from Messrs. Whitehead and Williams for a licence to store petroleum at their premises in Portland Street. The Inspector having reported that the premises were unsuitable, Resolved. That the application be not granted.

- 4--Cheltenham Gas Bill The repel, of Mr. E. H. Stevenson upon the provisions of the Bill was considered by the Committee. RESOLVED, That, the council be recommended to withdraw their opposition to this Bill in the first House, reserving: their right to oppose the Preamble of the Bill in the second House should the Gas Companies (Removal of Sulphur Restrictions) Bill be rejected, provided that the Company will undertake to insert clauses for the following purposes
- (a) That the gas shall be tested with the same apparatus, and by the same method for the time being prescribed for testing the illuminating power of 14 c.p. gas in the Metropolis.
- (b) No change or enrichment of the gas to take place after the gas leaves the gasholder.
- (c) The (his Examiner to Is at liberty to test the gas at any reasonable time without previous notice to the Company.
- (d) Power to the Corporation to provide a testing place.
- (e) To amend the provisions of the Company's Act of 1856 with regard to discount on gas supplied for public lighting so as to increase same to 10 per cent.
- (f) To declare that the Company are not entitled to discharge into the sewers waste refuse which may injure the sewers or affect the treatment of the sewage at the disposal works.
- (g) To require the Company to provide a map showing the position of their main E., in the public streets and to permit the Corporation to inspect the same when required.
- (h) To fix a standard price for gas supplied by the Company, and a sliding scale regulating the dividend according to the increase or decrease of the price of gas.
- (i) To provide for tests being made for calorific power and purity of gas as regards sulphur and illuminating power to be ascertained by means of a fiat flame burner as provided by the London Gas Act, 1535.
- (j) To increase the prescribed pressure in the mains to ten 10ths of an inch, and to provide for testing the same at the top of the lamp posts of the public lamps.
- (k) To provide that new burners suitable for the reduced illuminating power shall be supplied to all consumers of gas by slot meters.
- (I) To empower the Gas Examiner to test the governor and burner of street lamps in order to ascertain whether the gas supplied is in accordance with. Contract.
- (m) To require the Company to submit a plan to the Corporation at least 7 days before laying any new main except in case of emergency and to make any reasonable modification therein, aid empowering the Corporation to under-take the excavation of the trenches required for Gas mains and reinstating and making good the surface of the streets after such mains have been laid.

5—Report of Art Gallery Sub-Committee-The Art. Gallery Sub-Committee reported the :hey met on the 1st inst. Present : Aldermen Haddon and Winterbotham, Councillor Marshall. Baron De Ferrieres, and Dr. E. T. Wilson (Alderman Winterbotham in the chair).

Curator's Report-The curator reported that 1,705 visits had been made to the Gallery since the 1st December last.

The first consignment of reproductions of English Silversmiths' work had been received from Messrs. Elkington, Ltd. He had been informed by the Board of Education that the Second Historical Collection of Water Colour Paintings would be lent for three months from April next.

Some of the pictures promised front the Exhibition of the Rival Society: of Artists, Birmingham, together with a few others from the Studios of London Artists had been placed on exhibition A catalogue of these and other exhibits had been printed, and 103 copies had already been sold (1d. each)

Resolved, That the Curator be instructed to apply for loans of some of the exhibits now at the Arts and Crafts Exhibition, London, on the usual terms as to carriage, insurances etc.

Rooms in Library Building-Read, letters from the Hon. Secs. Medical Library and the Cheltenham Natural Science Society, asking for terms for the joint use of a room over the Library. RESOLVED, That they be informed that the Sub-Committee are not in a position to let any room at the present time.

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Resolved, That the Curator be instructed to exhibit in the rooms over the Library any local prints of interest. Resolved, That the recommendations of the Sub-Committee be approved and adopted.

6—Market Tolls—Resolved, That the letting of the Market Tolls for the Mops and Fairs this year be advertised.

7—South African War Memorial—Read, a letter from Messrs. Boulton & Sons, offering at cost price to make a replica of the Memorial made by them for the Oxford Light Infantry Memorial. Resolved, That Messrs. Boulton be thanked for their offer, and that the Mayor be requested to convene a meeting early in April with a view to raising funds by public subscription for a local memorial of the South African War.

8—Telephone Connection for Police Sub-Stations—The Town Clerk reported that the National Telephone Company were willing to connect the three police sub-stations with the central station for £16 per annum, subject to a five years' agreement. Resolved, That the Tewkesbury Road and Shurdington Road Sob-Stations be connected by telephone with the Central Station at a cost of £10 10s. per annum.

GEO. NORMAN,

Chairman.

MINERAL WATERS, BATHS AND RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Friday, the 26th February, 1906—Present Councillors Baker, Bendall, Merrett, Pilley, and Stroud (Councillor Stroud in the chair.)

1—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 ... £442 12 11 Payments £452 12 4

Rent of Shop £ 36 00 Proportion of repayment £450 2 6

£478 12 11 of loans and interest £902 14 10

2—Alstone Baths—The Borough Accountant reported that the receipts, etc., at these Baths since the 31st March last had been as follows:-

Receipts £269 3 11

Payments £461 8 7

Proportion of repayment of

loans and interest ... £270 5 2

£543 13 9

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Read, applications from the Rev. R. W. Bullock and Mr. H. C. Hill, on behalf of 2 companies of the 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. Resolved, That the same be acceded to, the particular evening in each case to be arranged with the Superintendent of the Baths.

HERBERT STROUD,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Wednesday, the 21st February, 1906—Present:

Councillors Baker, Bendall, Merrett and Stroud (Councillor Stroud in the Chair).

3—Naunton Park—The Committee met at Naunton Park.

Resolved (1) That the new positions for the shelter, swings, giant strides, and other gymnastic appliances suggested by the Superintendent be approved.

- (2) That all trees on the south boundary of the present Recreation Ground be removed, with the exception of the two next the boundary fence adjoining Messrs. Smith's land.
- (3) That the Education Committee be informed that the new lavatories are to be built before the existing ones are dismantled, and a drinking place and water tap provided.
- (4) That the trees from the school site be removed and replanted in the land to be added to the Recreation Greened.

HERBERT STROUD, Chairman.

BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE,

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Friday, the 23rd February, 1906—Present:—Alderman Haddon, Councillors Baker, Gridley, Barrett and Steel (Alderman Haddon in the chair).

- 1—Superintendent's Report—The Superintendent of the Cemetery asked to be supplied with a few loads of Bristol chippings for the roads, and 6 untie, Please keep oil the grass." Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor I" instructed to furnish the same, the stone to be supplied after the end of the current financial year.
- 2----Designs—Resolved, That the following designs be approved, viz. :—Headstones to graves of Lizzie Baker and Walter West.
- 3—Fees for Conducting Funerals—The Rev. Canon Roxby attended this meeting with reference to the proposal to amici:)a the existing table of fees on interments in the Established Church ground, and stated that he thought the time had arrived when a table of fees for both Church of England and Nonconformist funerals ought to be made in accordance

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with Section 3 of the Burial Act, 1900. He recognised that if a new table of fees were made the agreement, dated the 11th January, 1896, made between the Corporation and himself, under which an annual sum was paid to him in lieu of fees, would come to an end so far as regards the fees for conducting funerals, and although the adoption of a new table of fees under the Statute might result in some pecuniary loss to himself, he preferred that this course should be adopted. He also pointed out to the Committee that as Rector of Cheltenham he was entitled to the fees for all Church of England funerals conducted at the Cemetery.

A further letter from Mr. J. H. Williams, on behalf of several undertakers, was read with reference to the Rector's fee.

Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to obtain particulars of the table of fees adopted in other towns similar to Cheltenham with a view to a new table of fees being made and submitted for the approval of the Secretary of State.

JOHN HADDON, Chairman.

PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of, this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 13th February, 1906—Present: Councillors Bennett, Davies, Margrett, Marshall, Merrett and Pilley, Revs. J. A. Owen, and A. Beynon Phillips Baron de Ferrieres, Col. King-Harman, Messrs. J. C. Carr, W. Cresswell, and F. Parsons (Councillor Marshall in the chair).

- 1—Librarian's Report—Read, the Monthly Report of the Librarian. Receipts, £6 4s. 7d. Presentations Baron de Ferrieres, 2 vols.; University Tutorial Press, 2 vols.
- 2—Sub-Committee's Report—The Sub-Committee reported that they met on the 9th inst. Present Alderman Rogers (chairman), Councillor Merrett, Col. King-Harman, and Rev. J. Evans. They recommended that £7 17s. 0d. be offered to the Committee of the Subscription Library in Royal

Crescent for the books on the list now submitted, and that the wages of the second assistant, Mr. A. C. Dunn, be increased from 14s. to 16s. per week.

Resolved, That the recommendations be approved and adopted.

R. EEDE MARSHALL, Chairman.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 27th February, 1906-Present The Mayor, Alderman Waghorne Councillors Bennett, Merrett, Steel and Stroud (Alderman, Waghorne in the chair).

1—General District Rate-The Report of the Borough Accountant, dated the 27th inst., on the collection of the 2nd instalment of this Rate, was read. Amount collected £22,544 0s. 1d. Leaving outstanding £3,177 9s. 6d.

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- 2—Water Rate—The Report of the Borough Accountant, dated the 27th inst., on the collection of this Rate was read, Amount received £10,279 12s. 11d. Leaving outstanding 11,729 7s. 10d.
- 3—Transfer from Stores Account to Highways Account—The resolution of the Street and Highway Committee was further considered. Resolved, That this Committee is of opinion that the question of applying any balance to the credit of the Stores Account should not be dealt with until the end of the financial year.
- 4—Loan—The Borough Accountant reported that he had received an offer of £500 for 3, 5, 7 or 10 years. Resolved, That the same be accepted and that a debenture on account of the Street Improvement £1,265 Loan be sealed and issued accordingly.
- 5—Accounts—The 'Financial Statement of the Receipts and Expenditure :since the last meeting and the Bills and Accounts to be paid were examined, and the latter, 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 eras the General Statement :-

Overdrawn on the 30th January 1906	£2,146 12 8
Paid since that date	£ <u>9,823 10 6</u>
	£11.970 3 2

Received since that date (including Waterworks

Loans £6,816 and £3,230) £28,428 13 6

£16,458 10 4 In Hand.

Being General Accounts £18,344 6 0 Sinking Funds £6,582 3 2 £24,926 9 2

£8,407 18 10

Less Overdrawn on Bank Loan Account No. 2

£16,458 10 4

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 Borough, on Monday, the 5th March, 1906, at 3 p.m. Present:

THE MAYOR (ALDERMAN WILLIAM NASH SKILLICORNE) III the chair.

THE DEPUTY MAYOR (ALDERMAN JOHN HADDON).

Aldermen: GEORGE NORMAN COLONEL RICHARD ROGERS JOHN WAGHORNE

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 EDWARD HENRY PARSONAGE 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 5th February 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—Employees Outing Committee—Resolved, That the following members of the Council form the Employees Outing Committee for 1906:—The Mayor, Aldermen Norman, Rogers and Waghorne, Councillors Baker, Bendall and Parsonage.
- 3—Appointment of Overseers of the Poor—Resolved, That William Alfred Baker, 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.
- 4—Agreement with County Council re Elementary Education—Resolved, That the Common Seal be affixed to an Agreement between the Corporation and the County Council for the payment of a sum of per annum for each child residing in the area of one authority in average attendance at a school in the area of the other authority, such agreement to be determinable by one year's previous notice.
- 5—Naunton Park Council School—Resolved, That application be made to the Local Government Board for sanction to a loan of £14,400 for the cost of building schools at Naunton Park.
- 6----Public Health Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Public Health Committee, at their Meetings of the 12th, 19th and 26th February last, be approved and confirmed, subject to the following amendment, viz

That the Resolution to Minute No. 11 (Prestbury Sewerage) be referred back to the Committee for further consideration.

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

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- 8—Street and Highway Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Street and Highway Committee, at their Meetings of the 13th and 26th February last, be approved and confirmed subject to the following amendments, viz: That the Resolution to Minute No. 5 (Paving, &c., in front of Rifle Drill Hall, North Street) read as follows:—That the whole cost be remitted. That the Resolution to minute No. 21 (Team Labour for Ashes Collection) be not approved.
- 9—Town Improvement Committee--Resolved, That the proceedings of the Town Improvement Committee, at their Meetings of the 19th and 24th February last, be approved and confirmed.
- 10—Lighting Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Lighting Committee, at their Meetings of the 15th and 28th February last, be approved and confirmed.
- 11—Water Committee— Resolved, That the proceedings of the Water Committee at their Meetings of the 8th and 22nd February last, be approved and confirmed.
- 12--General Purposes & Watch Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the General Purposes and Watch Committee, at their Meeting of the 20th February last, be approved and confirmed.
- 13—Education Committee—Resolved, That the following be appointed Members of the Education Committee:
- (a) Four recommended members :-
- Rev. J. A OWEN, on the recommendation of the President and Council of Cheltenham College.
- Miss F. A. SMITH on the recommendation of the Council of Cheltenham Ladies' College.
- MR. W. GERALD GURNEY, on the recommendation of the Cheltenham Grammar School Governors.
- Mr. F. F. WHEELER, on the recommendation of the Cheltenham Teachers' Association.
- (b) One lady resident having experience in Education.:—MRS. F. H. CRAWLEY.

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- (c) Five persons of experience in education and acquainted with the needs of the various kinds of schools in the Borough:—Rev. CANON GARDNER, REV. P. WALLER, Messrs. E. BOURNE, C. FISHER, and J. SAWYER, their term of office to be three years from the 25th instant.
- 14—Pate's Grammar School—Resolved, That Alderman Colonel Rogers be appointed a Governor of the Cheltenham Grammar School in the place of Mr. Gurney (resigned) and that Me. Charles Hayward be reappointed a Governor of the Cheltenham Grammar School.
- 15—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 16th and 21st February last, be approved and confirmed.

- 16—Burial Board Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Burial Board Committee, at their Meeting of the 23rd February last, be approved and confirmed.
- 17—Finance Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Finance Committee, at their Meeting of the 27th February 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.
- 18—Sale of Winter Garden—Councillor Margrett's motion on this subject was not carried.
- 19—Notice of Motion—Councillor Green gave notice of his intention to move at the next Monthly Meeting of the Council: "That the Montpellier Gardens be opened at 9 a.m. on Sundays."

Mayor.

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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 2nd April, 1906.

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 12th March, 1906—Present: Councillors Bence, M. Doris, 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, 6 cases of Scarlet Fever, 3 of Erysipelas, and 6 of Diphtheria; and that 4 cases of Scarlet Fever and 6 of Diphtheria had been sent into the Delancey Hospital.
- 2—Cleansing & Disinfecting at No. 2 Portman Terrace, Upper Bath 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 to cleanse and disinfect the house or parts thereof within the time specified in such Notice.
- 3—Cleansing and Limewashing at Nos. 2 Ewlyn Terrace, 39 Fairview Road, 2, Angel Rote, Fairview Road, Cottage at Back of 57 Rutland Street, and 1, St. Paul's Street, South. 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 Clarence House, North Place, Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, & 15 Elm Street, Nos. 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 7, 9, 10, 11, 12, 19, 20, 21, 22, 27, 30, 54 & 55 Worcester Street, Farmer's Arms Worcester Street, 78, 94, 95, 96, 97, and Barley Mow, Tewkesbury Road. The Inspector of Nuisances having made written application under Section 41 of the Public Health Act, 1875, stating

that the drains, Ac., on or belonging to the above-named houses were in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to health, Resolved, That authority be given to the Inspector of Nuisances to open the ground, examine the drains, and report to the Committee.

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5—Insanitary Property—Nos. 2, 4, 7, & 9 Ewlyn Terrace, 19, Fairfield Place, 28, Francis Street, 7 and 37 Rutland Street and Nos. 1 to 7 (both inclusive) Springfield Cottages, Rosehill Street. The Medical Officer of Health reported that the above-mentioned premises were in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to the health of the inmates owing to defective roofs, walls, ceilings, floors, &c., Resolved, That the Council being satisfied that the said premises are in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to health, Notices under Sec. 94 of the Public Health Act, 1875, be served upon the owners requiring them to put the same into a healthy condition, and for that purpose to carry out the works specified therein.

6—Overcrowding at No. 29, New Street--The Medical Officer of Health reported "that the abo le premises were so overcrowded as to be dangerous or injurious to the health of the inmates. Resolved, That the Committee being satisfied of the existence of a nuisance on the said premises, Notices under Section 94 of the Public Health Act, 1875, be served on the 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:—No. 2, Fairfield Place, 4, Sandford Street and 34, Albert 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—Water Closets Without Flushing Apparatus—The Medical Officer of Health reported that the following houses had water closets without flushing apparatus, viz.;—Nos. 2, 3 and 4 Dovey's Collages, Swindon Road North, Maud's Elm House, and 5, Swindon Road 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 proceeding, be taken for the penalties.

9—Common Lodging House, Cumberland House, Grove Street.--On the recommendation of the Medical Officer of Health, Resolved, That Mrs. Flynn, widow of the late keeper of the Common Lodging house at Cumberland House, Grove Street, be registered as the keeper of such common lodging house.

10—Sewerage and Sewage Disposal—Read, a letter from Messrs. W. & H. Buckle, of Whitehall, Boddington, objecting to the proposed new outfall sewer to the Hayden Farm, and to the proposed new tanks for the treatment of the sewage.

11—Sewer in Lower Mill Street.—The Borough Surveyor reported that the new sewer in Lower Mill Street completed about 4 months ago had been completely blocked up by the refuse discharged into

it from the Gas Works, and it had been necessary to open down in several places in order to remove the deposit.

12—Sewage Disposal—Read, a letter from the Local Government Board, dated the 10th instant, stating that before issuing their sanction to the loan for the Hatherley Outfall Sewer they would require the Undertaking asked for in their letter of the 4th April, 1905. Resolved, That the Board be informed that at the expiration of the Statutory Notice required by Section 32 of the Public Health Act, 1875, application will be made to the Board for their Sanction to loan for the works referred to in Minute No. 21 of this Committee, of the 18th December last, and that on such Sanction being issued the Council undertake to carry out such works as are required for ensuring the proper disposal of the Sewage of the Borough.

E. H. PARSONAGE,

Chairman.

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At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Wednesday, the 21st March, 1906—Present: Councillors Bence, Davies, Parsonage and Pilley (Councillor Parsonage in the chair).

13—Zymotic Disease---The Medical Officer of Health reported that there had been notified since the last meeting of the Committee 5 cases of Scarlet Fever and 2 of Diphtheria, that 3 cases of Scarlet Fever and 2 of Diphtheria had been sent into the Delancey Hospital.

14—Cleansing and Limewashing at Nos. 34, Albert Street, 16, Northfield Terrace, and 9, Upper Bath 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., at Nos. 24 and 25 Stoneville Street, 5, 6, & 7 Albert Street, 13, 11, 15 and 16 Worcester Street, 5, 6, 7 and 8 Weston Cottages, Russell Place, 421, High Street, 2, Hanover Parade, and St. Mark's Boys' School,—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 Nuisance, to open the ground, examine the drains, and report to the Committee.

16—Insanitary Property—Nos. 1 and 2 Queen's Retreat, 1, Elm Street, 7, Bloomsbury Street, & 1 and 2 Witcomb Place, St. Mark's Boys' and Girls' Schools, St. Gregory's Schools, and Parish Church Schools. 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. Resolved, also, That the Education Committee

be informed of the works required to be carried out at the Schools mentioned, and that notices have been served upon the managers to carry out the same.

17—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 fusing 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.

18—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 & 4 Devon Villas, Millbrook Street, Robin Hood Inn, St. Jones's Street, 24, Stoneville Street, 13, Albert Street, and 6, Providence Place, Portland Street. Resolved, That the necessary Notices be given to the respective owners under Section 30 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 be approved by the Inspector of Nuisances on behalf of the Corporation.

19—Dairies, Cowsheds and Milkshops Order —Read an application from Mrs. Holborow, of 13, Suffolk Parade to be registered as a purveyor of milk. Resolved, That the applicant be registered.

20—Compulsory Notification of Phthisis.—The Medical Officer of Health presented the following Report as to the ne or [?] the compulsory notification of phthisis, and provision for its proper treatment:—

"It being now recognised that consumption is communicable, the need of isolating cases to lessen the liability of communication of the disease has become a practical question for public health authorities. Cases in the incipient stage can be benefitted and educated as to the mode of life they should lead for their own greater safety, and that of other people by admissions into institutions established for their reception. For advanced cases, which are likely to die within a short time, provision by special hospitals is required. Hitherto such cases have been admitted to general hospitals.

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All that has been one to the present time in Cheltenham in connection with phthisis has been the adoption of voluntary notification of cases by medical practitioners, and some amount of advice and disinfection in connection with phthisis patients. This voluntary notification, which has been tried for three years, has met with very limited success, as only a portion of the occurring cases have been notified to me. Some of the medical men have expressed to me a doubt as to their liabilities in connection with notifying cases without the consent of the patient. The Local Government Board when applied to has declined to give any opinion upon this point. It lies in the power of the Local Government Board to allow phthisis to be added to the list of diseases required to be notified by the Infectious Diseases (Notification) Act, and some local authorities are appealing to the Local Government Board to obtain power to make phthisis compulsorily notifiable. In my opinion and experience notification of phthisis cases, without provision of suitable means of isolation and treatment, as above indicated, would not be of great value.

There are for consideration two questions, therefore, in connection with phthisis. 1. As to notification: voluntary notification not having proved sufficient, the Council may ask the Local Government Board to allow phthisis to be added to the list of notifiable diseases under the Act. 2. As to provision for treatment: the Council may provide means to this end.

I beg to give this definite advice upon the subject: It is decidedly in the public interest, as well as in the interest of poor phthisis patients, that the governing body should make provision for isolation and treatment of cases of phthisis, and to this end the Local Government Board should be requested by yourselves to allow phthisis to be notified as an infectious disease. The provision by the Corporation of hospital accommodation for phthisis cases will require to follow upon notification of the disease."

Resolved, That this Committee recommend that application be made to the Local Government Board by the Council after due notice to add phthisis to the list of compulsorily notifiable infectious diseases.

21—St. Peter's District Re-sewerage—The Borough Surveyor reported that the work of reconstructing the sewers in St. Peter's district had been completed, and that the final measurements of the various sized sewers and surface water drains were as follows:—

Sewers-310 yards of 15 inch pipes, 1,176 of 12-inch, 2,348 yards of 9-inch, and 132 of 6-inch.

Surface Water Drains-117 yards of 18-inch pipes, 30 yards of 12-inch, 1,639 yards of 9-inch and 486 yards of 6-inch.

The combined length of sewers and surface water drains was about 3 ½ miles. 58 manholes had been built, and 18 ventilating columns erected in connection with the sewers, and 13 manholes constructed on the surface water drains. Private drains had been relaid wherever the levels had been interfered with, and this had entailed a considerable amount of work, as the levels of the greater portion of the sewers had been altered.

All the old sewers bad either been taken out or filled with lime.

It was not possible to give the exact cost at present, the work only just having been completed, but after making the necessary allowance for maintenance, he estimated that the total cost, including compensation, would be £5,352, leaving a balance unspent on the amount sanctioned of £1,300. There were several reasons to account for the saving. £180 had been provided for automatic flushing chambers, Which in practice had not been found necessary owing to the very satisfactory falls, which it had been found possible to give the branch drains. The usual provision of 10 per cent. for contingencies had not been drawn upon, partly owing to the character of the subsoil, this being chiefly sand. The exceptionally fine weather during the progress of the work had also accounted for some saving, and, of course, there had been no contractor's profit as there would have been if the work had not been carried out by administration. Wherever practicable a system of payment by piece work had been adopted throughout, and this had undoubtedly resulted in the work being carried out in a most economical manner.

A complete record of the work as carried out had been kept on the plans. The satisfactory completion of the work at a cost so much below an estimate which was reasonable for the peculiar nature of the work to be carried out, and the difficulties which might reasonably have been anticipated, had been due in a great measure to the care and interest which the Special Assistant engaged on the work (Mr. Earp) had taken in it. Resolved, That the Committees pay a visit of inspection to the district re-sewered after their next meeting.

22—St. Paul's District Re-sewerage—The Borough Surveyor reported that the re-sewering in St. Paul's district was now well in hand, and in order that he might have the services of Mr. Earp in connection with the Sewage Disposal Scheme he proposed to appoint his pupil, Mr. Stewart, as special sewerage assistant at a salary of 30s per week on the expiration of his articles in May next. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor's proposal be approved.

23—Re-sewering of Borough and Tivoli Sewers—The Medical Officer of Health advised that with a view to the re-severing of the Borough being completed without undue delay, another district should be at once snapped out and surveyed, and he recommended that the next district should include the Tivoli district. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to report as to the area, including the Tivoli district, which could conveniently be dealt with as a separate district.

E. H. PARSONAGE, Chairman.

FARMS MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Friday, the 16th March, 1906—Present: Councillors M. Davis. Green, Gridley, and Packer (Councillor M. Davis in the chair).

1—Report of Farms Manager—Read, the Monthly Report of the Farms Manager. Since the last meeting 4 bullocks had been sold for £71 1s. 0d., and the following purchases had been inside :-10 sheep for £18 15s., 1 cart horse (4 years old) for £48, and 18 heifers for £216. Total purchases £282 15s. 0d. A bay cart horse died on the 7th instant from rupture of an intestine. The livestock on the farms on the 16th inst. was 11 horses, 125 head of cattle, 10 sheep and 10 pigs, all doing very well. 13 tons 6 cwts of stone had been obtained from the Central Depot for road repairs, and a quantity of pipes hard been purchased for land drainage. 17s 3d had been received for marigolds sold. Resolved, That the Farms Massager be authorised to obtain oats for fodder and seeding.

2—Valuation of Stock, &c.—Resolved, That this Committee visit the Farms on the 27th inst, for the Annual Stocktaking and Valuation.

M. DAVIS, Chairman.

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STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 13th March, 1906—Present: Councillors Baker, Bendall, Gridley, Ley Wood, Packer and Parsonage (Councillor Bendall in the Chair).

1—Gift of Public Seats—Read, a letter from Mrs. Miller, of 2 Bayshill Lawn, offering to give to the Council 2 seats to be placed near Lauriston House, Lansdown. Resolved, That the offer be accepted with the thanks of the Council for the same.

- 2—Charlton Lane—The Town Clerk reported that Mr. T. D. Boulton was willing to at once give up the land required for widening Charlton Lane to the improved line shown in the plan on the agreement made with him instead of deferring this until the land was developed for building as provided by the agreement, provided the Corporation would allow him 2s a yard for erecting a new fence, the distance being 77 yards. Resolved, That the offer be accepted.
- 3—Street Obstructions—The Street Inspector submitted a list of tradesmen who persistently placed goods in front of their shops so as to obstruct the public footpath. Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to give notice to the tradesmen mentioned to discontinue the obstructions, and to take proceedings if in any case such notice is not complied with.
- 4—Great Western Terrace Private Improvement Works—Read, a memorial signed by Mr. Frederick Maunder and other owners of property in this road, objecting to the private improvement works ordered by the Council, and a letter from Mr. Herbert Stroud, on behalf of Mr. H. Holder, an abutting owner, also objecting. Resolved. That they be informed that the Council are satisfied that the works are necessary, but that when the apportionment of expenses is made it is intended to relieve the abutting owners of the cost of the crossing mentioned in the specification and the question whether the cost of the works has been in any way increased by the raising of St. George's Rood will also be considered.
- 5—Footpath in All Saints' Road, opposite "Inholmes"—Mr. A. C. Billings attended this meeting with reference to the notice served on the owners of "Inholmes" to pave this footpath. He intimated that the owners were prepared to pave the footpath with in situ concrete paving, and asked that the paving might be limited to a width of 6 feet from Pittville Circus Road to the stable entrance, and the remainder 7 feet as specified. Mr. Billings was informed that if this Work was carried out by him to the satisfaction of the Borough Surveyor, the same would be accepted in lieu of the paving specified in the notices served on the owners.

JOHN D. BENDALL, Chairman

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, the 26th March, 1906—Present Councillors Baker, Kendall, Gridley Packer and Parsonage (Councillor Kendall in the Chair).

6—Borough Surveyor's Monthly Report Re Highways—The Borough Surveyor reported that the work done by the Highways Department from the 23rd February to 22nd March, 1906 (both inclusive) had been as follows:--

Roads Repaired—Swindon Street (1,413 super yards). White Hart Street (400 super yards). Roads Patched Albert Road, Road in front of Pittville Chalet, Road at rear of Saxham Villa, Harp Hill, Short Street, Upper Norwood Street, Hall Road, Fairview Street, Fairview Road, Glenfall Street, Thirlestaine Road, Hewlett Road, St. Anne's Terrace, Road at rear of Lansdown Place, London Road, St. James's Square, Clarence Street, Ambrose Street, Manchester Street, St. George's P18% Prestbury Road, Painswick Road, Norwood Road, Andover Road, Painswick Lawn, Grafton Road and Gratton Road.

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Public Improvements (proceeding)—Old Bath Road and Charlton Lane.

Private Improvement Works (proceeding)—Fairfield Avenue.

Works for Great Western Railway (proceeding)—Raising of St. George's Road and lowering of Market Street.

Crossing Repaired, 1. Crossings Relaid, 9. Crossings renewed 4. Electric Light Trenches Repaired—Douro Road London Road, and by Napier House, Pittville.

Sewer Trenches Repaired—Stanhope Street, St. Peter's Girls' School Ground, Worcester Street, Swindon Road and Waterloo Street.

New Gullies fixed, 15. Gullies Renewed, 6. Gullies repaired, 3.

Surface Water Drain laid, 900 lineal feet of 6-inch pipes, The Park.

Footpaths Repaired—Alexandra Street, Rose and Crown Passage, Malvern Street and Six Chimneys Lane.

Footpath Paving Relaid--Bath Road (738 super yards).

New Slab Paving laid—Passage, rear of St. Philip's Street (169 super yards).

Asphalt Margin laid—St. Paul's Road, 68 1/3 super yards. Channel relaid—Bath Road (1,464 lineal feet). Swindon Road (30 lineal feet).

Kerb relaid—Bath Road (1,464 lineal feet). Manhole Cover fixed, 1. North Street, footpath trough fixed.

Trees planted-5 in Leckhampton Road, 3 in St. George's Road, 23 in Eldorado Road, 10 in Eldorado Crescent and 8 in Glencairn Park Road.

Trees Pruned—St. Stephen's Road, Prince's Road, Sydenham Villas Road, Sydenham Roads, North and South, Trafalgar Street and Albion Street.

Trees Felled 1 (dangerous) in Imperial Square. Ivy pruned, Hatherley Lawn.

Ashes Collection and Disposal—During 4 weeks ended 22nd March, 1906-1,073 loads collected, 291 tipped away, and 782 consumed. Weight consumed 827 tons, 6 cwts, 3 grs.

Slab Factory—During 4 weeks ended 15th March, 1906-2,592 feet of kerb and 577 square yards 7 square feet of slabs made.

7—View Meeting—The following members attended the View Meeting on the 23rd inst.: Alderman Haddon, Councillors

Baker, Bendall, Gridley, Packer and Parsonage.

8—Report of Plans Sub-Committee--- Resolved. That the proceedings of the Plans Sub-Committee, at their meetings of the 13th and 23rd inst., be approved and adopted.

9—St. Ann's Road—Read, letters from Mr. J. R. Moses, of Bella, Vista, St. Ann's Road, calling attention to the bad state of repair of this road. The Borough Surveyor submitted a plan specification

and estimate of the works required to be done to this street by the abutting owners. 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 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.

10 — Sydenham Villas Road Private Improvement Works — The Borough Surveyor reported that the private improvement works, ordered to be done in Sydenham Villas Road, had been carried out by the Corporation at a cost of £219 Os. 1d., which sum he had apportioned amongst the abutting owners according to the frontages of their respective properties. Resolved, That the apportionment be approved, and that notices thereof and of demand for repayment be served on the abutting owners.

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- 11—Fairhaven Road (road and footpaths) and Fairfield Walk (footpath on East Side)—The Borough Surveyor submitted plans, specifications and estimates of the works required to be done to these streets by the abutting owners. 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 sewered, levelled, paved, metalled, flagged, channelled, or made good, requiring them to do the specified works within 28 days, and that if such notices are not complied with, the Surveyor do proceed to execute the works mentioned or referred to therein, and that the expenses thereof be recovered in the manner provided by the Act and the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1889.
- 12.—Manure Receptacle in White Hart Street—Read, a Memorial signed by the occupiers of houses in White Hart Street complaining of the nuisance caused by a manure receptacle recently constructed at the rear of 243 High Street. Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to give notice under Byelaw 54 to the owner to show cause why the same should not be removed.
- 13—Crossing in Swindon Road—With reference to the request of the Managers of St. Peter's Boys' School that a crossing should be placed opposite the School in Swindon Road, the Committee having viewed. Resolved, That the application be acceded to.
- 14—Hereford Place and Nailsworth Terrace—Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to bring up a specification of the works required to be done in Nailsworth Terrace by the abutting owners, and to have the paving etc., in Hereford Place repaired as soon as possible.
- 15—St. Paul's Road Footpath from Marle Hill Parade to Hanover Street—Resolved, That provision be made in the estimates for the next financial year for the repair of the footpath.
- 16—Normal Terrace--Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to give notice to Mr. Dodwell to remove the obstructions placed by him in Normal Terrace.

17—Footpath in St. James's Square—Read, a letter from Mr. Peter Bendall, asking that the footpath in front of the Burton Brewery Stores, adjoining his premises in St. James's Square, should be repaired. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to repair the footpath.

18—Footpath from Sandford Mill Road to Old Bath Road—Read, a letter from Mr. C. E. Gael, stating that he proposed, with the approval and sanction of the Town Council, to apply for an Order of the Justices in Quarter Sessions, closing the public footpath from Sandford Mill Road to Old Bath Road in continuation of the footpath along the south side of the Chelt as unnecessary, having regard to the existing alternative route between Old Bath Road and Sandford Mill Road.

The Committee having inspected the footpath and met Mr. Gael there, Resolved, That the Council cannel ' see their way to consent to the footpath being stopped up. Resolved, also, That Mr. Gael be called upon to remove the barbed wire and repair the fence adjoining the footpath.

19—Footpath in Church Road, Leckhampton—Read a letter from Mr. W. Fordham, of Royston, calling attention to the condition of the footpath in Church Road, Leckhampton, between the Leckhampton Road and Hall Road. Resolved, That the consideration of the complaint be adjourned.

20—Promenade Improvement No. 2—The Town Improvement Committee having called the attention of this Committee '; the fact that the proposed improvement in the Promenade, opposite Nos. 1 to 13 would include the re-laying and renewing of the whole of the existing paving, Resolved, That this Committee recommend that the cost of 06 improvement be defrayed out of the balance standing to the credit of the Slab Factory available for transfer to the General District Fund Account.

21—Advertisement Hoardings—Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to give notice requiring the removal of advertisement boards and hoardings in Bath Road, near Thirlestaine Place, Clare Street, and in Francis Street as the same encroach upon the public highway.

JOHN D. BENDALL, Chairman.

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PLANS SUB-COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Sub-Committee, held on Tuesday, the 13th March, 1906—Present Councillors Baker, Bendall, and Parsonage (Councillor Parsonage in the chair).

1—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
376 H. E. Steel, Ltd.	Alterations and additions to No. 105 High Street.
378 J. McCarthy	Alterations to No. 6 Promenade Villas (conversion into shops).
381 W. Woollen	New scullery and reconstruction of stable, rear of 28,
	Waterloo Street.
382 Cheltenham Original	
Brewery Co., Ltd	Alterations to attics, The Globe Inn, North Street.
383 F. W. Strange	Two semi-detached houses, Keynsham Road.

384	F. E. Jenkins	Two cottages, Fairhaven Street.
385	F. E. Jenkins	Eleven cottages, Fairhaven Street.
386	J. Haddon	Motor house at Clarefield, Evesham Road.

Resolved, That Plans Nod. 381, 382, 383 and 384 be approved, that Plans Nod. 376 be approved, subject to the rainwater gulley being placed at the summit of the drain, and to all existing drains being of iron pipes with manholes as shown on the plan, an agreement of indemnity to be entered into by the owners with regard to the manhole cover in the footpath, that Plan Nod. 386 be approved, subject to the double doors being made to open inwards, and that Plans Nod. 378, and 385 be disapproved.

E. H. PARSONAGE, Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Sub-Committee, held on Friday, the 23rd March, 1906—Present Councillors Baker, Bence, Bendall and Parsonage (Councillor Parsonage in the chair).

2—New Streets and Buildings—The Borough Surveyor laid before the Sub-Committee the following notice and plan of intended new Streets and Buildings, viz. :—

Resolved, That Plans Nod. 390 be disapproved, that Plan Nod. 388 be approved as shown, subject to the footpath through being of approved pattern, that Plans Nos. 389 be approved as a temporary building only, and subject to the usual agreement, that Plans Nod. 392 be approved, subject to the existing drainage being made to the satisfaction of the Building Inspector, and that Plans Nod. 391 be approved, subject to the step being set back in line with the property on the south side.

E. H. PARSONAGE, Chairman.

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TOWN IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 19th March, 1906—Present: Aldermen Norman, Rogers, and Winterbotham, Councillors Baker, Bence, Bennett and Packer (Councillor Bence in the chair).

 $1- \text{Report of Entertainments Sub-Committee} - \text{The Entertainments Sub-Committee} + \text{Committee} - \text{Committee} + \text{Committ$

- (1) That the free use of the Town Hall be granted to Mr. Teague for an Afternoon Benefit Concert on the 2nd, and to the Municipal Orchestra for a similar benefit concert on the 7th prof.
- (2) That arrangements be made with Mr. Teague to give two sacred concerts on Good Friday next, he to pay the Corporation 20% of the gross takings, plus cost of lighting.

They reported that they had accepted the offer of the band to give two Afternoon Concerts on the 3rd and 4th April in lieu of concerts which could not be held on the 15th and 24th inst., that they proposed to engage the band for afternoon concerts on Thursday and Friday in the same week at the same rate as at present (admission 6d.), and that they were arranging with Mr. Newton for entertainments to be given in the Winter Garden during Easter week.

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

- 2—Promenade Improvement No. 2—Mr. H. A. Prothero attended this meeting, and agreed to waive the stipulation in the agreement reserving the enclosed space opposite No. 13 Promenade, on the understanding that the scheme would provide for ornamental vases so as to break up the wide expanse of pavement. Resolved, That the Council be recommended to approve the scheme with this amendment, the estimated cost being £800.
- 3—Wild Flower Garden, Pittville—An application was made by Mr. W. L. Mellersh to have the top of an American thorn lopped so as to prevent the overshadowing of the Wild Flower Garden . Resolved, That Alderman Winterbotham be requested to view, and that the matter be left in his hands.
- 4--Photographs for Midland Railway Carriages—The Town Clerk submitted photographs for a selection to be made for the photogravures required for the Midland Railway carriages. Resolved, That the same be referred to the Entertainments Sub-Committee for selection.
- 5—Advertising—Resolved, To insert a 2 inch weekly advertisement in the Madras Times for one year at a charge of £5 4s. Od., the paper undertaking to supply local guides on application at their Madras Office.

Resolved, also, That a quarter page advertisement be inserted in Miller's North British Railway Official Tourist Guide. Midland and North British Railways Tourist Guide, Glasgow and South Western Railway Tourist Guide, and the Midland and Glasgow and South Western Railways Tourist Guide at a charge for one year of 40s for the four guides.

GEORGE BENCE, Chairman.

LIGHTING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Thursday, the 15th. March, 1906—Present: Alderman Norman, 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 6th and 14th inst. had been as follows 212 and 210 volts, respectively, an average of 211 volts.

The Borough Electrical Engineer called attention to the fact that as the tests were taken at the Manchester Street Sub-Station the voltage recorded there would be much higher than at the consumers' premises. He reported that the Electrical Inspector and he had had an interview with Mr. A. C. Saxby, 397 High Street, and the latter was willing to allow the testing volt meter to be placed in his shop, and that the tests should be made there. Resolved, that the offer of Mr. Saxby be accepted with thanks, and the tests taken accordingly.

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

ILLUMINATING POWER.			PURITY.
1906		1906	Grains of Sulphur per 100 cubic feet.
Feb. 28th	14.69 candles	March 5-6	12.2
Mar. 7th	16.51 "		
" 13th	15.04 "	13-14	12.04
" 14th	16.37 "		
Average	15.65 "	Average	12.12

Resolved, That the attention of the Gas Company be called to the test on the 28th silt., when the illuminating power was below the minimum required by the Companys' Acts.

- 3—Gas Inspector's Report—The Gas Inspector reported that the hourly average consumption of gas per ordinary (unconverted) lamp had been 4.199 cubic feet.
- 4—Norwood Road Lighting--Read, a letter from Mr. G. H. Watts, asking that an additional gas lamp should be placed in Norwood Road. Resolved, That consideration of the request be adjourned for the Committee to view.
- 5—Borough Electrical Engineer's Monthly Report--Read, the Monthly Report of the Borough Electrical Engineer. On the 14th inst. there were 861 consumers, with an equivalent of 57,998 eight candle power lamps connected to the private supply mains, the corresponding figures for last year being 812 and 54,239 respectively.
- 6-Exchange of Plant—With reference to Minute No. 5 of this Committee at its last meeting, the Borough Electrical Engineer reported that Messrs. Danks, Ltd., after inspection of the exciter set at work were willing to include the necessary piping and fixing of the superheater offered in exchange, thus increasing the value of their offer from £85 to £120. Resolved, That these terms be accepted.
- 7—Application for Supply—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that he had received an application from Capt. Morgan for a supply of energy to Oak Villa, London Road. The main was 60 yards distant, and the cost of the necessary extension would be £20. Capt. Morgan was willing to guarantee a return of 30% per annum for three years on this cost. Resolved, That the extension be made on these terms.

8----Tenders for Arc Lamp Carbons—The tenders received from 8 firms for the supply of arc lamp carbons were opened. Resolved, That the same be referred to the Borough Electrical Engineer to report upon.

9--Insurance of Electric Light Employees—Read, a letter from the Royal Exchange Assurance Company, stating that they found it necessary to make an increase in the rate for the unconditional insurance of the employees in Electric Light Departments, other than the clerical staff, to 12s 6d per cent., this snaking a difference of about £7 on the premium at present paid by the Cheltenham Corporation. Resolved, That the insurance be renewed at the increased premium.

10—Outstanding Accounts--The Borough Electrical Engineer submitted a list of accounts for electric energy, which were considerably in arrears. Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to take proceedings if necessary to obtain payment.

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11 — Charges for Private Lighting--The Committee considered the list of consumers supplied under special contracts, and instructions were given with a view to the termination of all these contracts, and for the application of the general scale in all cases except churches and chapels and places ordinarily used as places of worship.

ROBT. LEY WOOD,

Chairman.

WATER COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Thursday, the 22nd March, 1906—Present: Alderman Norman, Councillors Baker, Bendall, M. Davis, Margrett, Stroud and Waghorne (Councillor Waghorne in the Chair).

1—Report of Fire Brigade Captain—The Captain of the Fire Brigade reported that the Brigade had not been called out to any fire since the last meeting.

Read, a letter from Mr. H. C. Hill, of Saxony House, Promenade, expressing his satisfaction at the promptitude of the Fire Brigade in attending a fire at his premises on the 6th ult.

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

DAILY YIELD OF SPRINGS.

For 29 days, ended
19th March, 1906.
Hewletts Springs
309,600 gallons
Dowdeswell Springs
1,025,484 "
Leckhampton
(approx.) 5,496 "
Total 1,340,580 "
Average for corresponding period during last 3 years.
390,700 gallons
1,427,542 "
(approx.) 5,496 "
1,823,738 "

CONTENTS OF RESERVOIRS.

	March 19th, 1906.		March 19th, 1905.		
	Depth	Contents	Depth	Contents	
Hewletts		21,681,137 gallons		19,293,883 gall	ons
Leckhampton	10ft. 8in.	1,440,818 "	6ft. 1in.	821,718	u
Dowdeswell	31ft. 11 in.	99,581,732 "	24ft. 4in.	62,757,262	"
	Total Storage	122,706,687 "		82,872,883	u

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- 27 new single hydrants and 2 double hydrants, ordered by the Charlton Kings Urban District Council, had been fixed, making a total of 82 hydrants in their district, He reported the other works carried out by the Department during the past month.
- 3—Appeals--The cases entered in the Appeal Book were considered and the rates settled and adjusted.
- H. WAGHORNE,

Chairman.

GENERAL PURPOSES & WATCH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 20th March, 1906—Present: Aldermen Haddon, Norman and Waghorne, Councillors Bence, Bendall, M. Davis, Parsonage 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 Driver's Licence—Read, an application from Mr. Walter Lewis, of 3 Garden Cottages, for a licence to drive a hackney carriage. Resolved. That the same be granted.
- 3—Transfer of Hackney Carriage Licences—Read, letters from Mr. F. G. Baldwin and Mr. F. Pittaway, applying for the transfer of Hackney Carriage Licences Nod. 38 and 39 from the former to the latter, to whom the business had been sold. Resolved, That the application be acceded to. Read, letters from Mr. James Smith and Mr. E. Spire, applying for the transfer of Hackney Carriage Licence No. 82 from the former to the latter, he having purchased the licensed carriage. Resolved, That the application be not granted.
- 4—Junior Clerk in Town Clerk's Office—Read, an application from Mr. M. C. Taylor, junior clerk in the Town Clerk's Department, for an increase in his salary, at present 17s 6d per week. Resolved, That his salary be increased. to £1 per week.
- 5—Road in front of Suffolk Lawn and Lypiatt Terrace—Resolved, That this road be named Lypiatt Road, and name plates fixed at each end thereof.
- 6—Town Hall—The Entertainments Sub-Committee recommended that the free use of the Town Hall be granted to Mr. Horace Teague for a benefit concert on the 2nd prox., and to the band for a

concert for their benefit on the 7th pros. Resolved, That the recommendation be approved and adopted.

Resolved, also, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have a curtain placed over the entrance to the ladies' cloak room at the Town Hall.

7—Town Postal Deliveries—With reference to previous correspondence on the subject of proposed alterations in the Town Postal Deliveries, read a letter from the Secretary, General Post Office, stating that it had been decided to revise the deliveries as already intimated, and that with regard to an earlier collection from the rural district the Postmaster General proposed to give the local authorities the option of an earlier night-mail despatch connecting with the last delivery in Cheltenham, or the retention of the present hour of despatch without that connection. If the latter alternative was adopted letters from the rural districts received after the commencement of the last town delivery could be obtained by callers at the Post Office, or the senders could make use of the Repress Delivery Service.

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8—Cheltenham Gas Bill—Read, a letter from the Clerk to the Gas Company, enclosing draft clauses which the Company offered to insert in the Bill, provided all opposition thereto was withdrawn in both Houses. Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to inform the Company that the Council are unable to accept the clauses, and that any settlement arrived at must be on the basis of the terms offered by the Corporation.

GEO. NORMAN,

Chairman.

MINERAL WATERS, BATHS AND RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Friday, the 16th March, 1906—Present : Alderman Norman, Councillors

Baker, Merrett, and Stroud (Councillor Stroud in the chair.)

1—Montpellier Baths—The Borough Accountant reported that the receipts and payments in respect of these Baths sine' the 31st March, 1905, were as follows:—

Receipts at Baths ... £452 4 8 Rent of Shop £ 36 0 0 o/a Hire of Bath for Gymnasium - and Cleaning \pm 15 6 0 \pm 503 10 8

Payments £488 6 3 Proportion of repayment of loans and interest. £495 2 9£983 9 0

2—Alstone Baths—The Borough Accountant reported that the receipts, &c., at these Baths since the 31st March 1905, had been as follows

Receipts £270 12 1

£270 12 1

Payments £289 0 9

Proportion of repayment of

loans and interest £307 3 9

£59646

Read, a letter from the Hon. Secretary, Cheltenham Swimming and Water Polo Club, applying for the use of the Alstone Swimming Bath for Aquatic Displays on the same terms as last year, viz :£1.1s. for each occasion, and for practice on Mondays and Fridays, from 9 to 10 p.m., at a charge of 2d. per member attending, minimum payment 2s 6d. Resolved, That the application be acceded to, the cost of taking chairs required to and from the Baths to be pal for in addition as last year.

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3—Report of Mineral Waters Sub-Committee,—The Mineral Waters Sub-Committee reported that they had given instructions for glasses and other necessaries required for supplying the mineral waters at the Town Hall and recommended that a lady attendant be engaged at a salary of 12s 6d per week to attend on each week day from April to September, both inclusive from 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. (Sundays, 7.30 to 9.30 a.m.), and from October to March both inclusive, from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. (Sundays 8 to 9.30 a.m.), and had also arranged that the magazines now supplied to the Montpellier Baths be transferred to the Town Hall for the use of those taking the waters. Resolved, That the Report be approved and adopted.

4--Agg-Gardner Recreation Ground--The Borough Surveyor reported that the Distress Committee had now taken off the men employed by them at levelling at the Agg-Gardner Recreation Ground, and the work remained in an unfinished state. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have the work completed.

5—Grazing at Whaddon Lane and Naunton Park Grounds--Resolved, That tenders for the grazing at these grounds for this season be advertised for.

6—Cricket at Agg-Gardner Recreation Ground—Resolved, That cricket practice be only allowed on the upper ground and that the lower ground be reserved for matches.

Read, letters from the Cheltenham Police, Clarence United, Original Brewery Company, and the Bennington United Cricket Clubs, applying for permission to play cricket at the Agg-Gardner Recreation Ground next season. Resolved, That the applications be granted.

7-- International Exhibition of Hygiene—Resolved, That the Council be recommended to contribute the sum of 10 towards the cost of a space at the forthcoming Exhibition at the Crystal Palace, which would be £68 15s. (including the cost of a panoramic view of Cheltenham and side screens, costing £35), provided that the balance of £58 15s. is obtained from local firms, the painted view of Cheltenham to become the property of the Corporation at the close of the Exhibition.

HERBERT STROUD, Chairman.

BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Friday, the 23rd March, 1906—Present:—Alderman Haddon, Councillors Baker, Bence, Gridley, Merrett, Pilley and Steel (Alderman Haddon in the chair).

- 1—Designs—Resolved, That the following designs be approved, vie: Headstones to graves of Edward Armitage and Elizabeth Trueman. Memorial Grosses to graves of Edward Barnard, Emma Naish, and Rosalie Anne Mahon.
- 2—Fees on Interment in Purchased Grave—Read, a letter from Mrs. Brushfield, of 6, Hawarden Parade, applying for the remission of the extra fee charged in accordance with the Rules upon the interment of her brother-in-law in a grave purchased by her. Resolved, That under the special circumstances the extra fee (17s) be refunded to Mrs. Brushfield.
- 3—Burial Fees—The Town Clerk submitted information he had obtained from a number of other towns as to the scale for ministers' fees approved under the Burial Act, 1900. Resolved, That the further consideration of the matter be adjourned to a Special Meeting of the Committee to be held on Saturday, the 7th proximo, at 10 a.m.

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4—Tree at Cemetery—Read a letter from Mrs. Wheeler, of Middleton Lodge, asking that a fir tree growing over her husband's grave at the Cemetery should be removed. Resolved, That the consideration of the request be adjourned for the Committee to view at the next visit to the Cemetery.

JOHN HADDON, Chairman.

PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 13th March, 1906—Present: Alderman. Rogers, Councillors Davies, Marshall, Merrett and Pilley, Baron de Ferrieres, Revs. J. Evans, J.A. Owen, and A. Benyon Phillips, Messrs. F. Parsons and E. C. Rogers (Alderman Rogers in the chair).

- 1—Librarian's Report—Read, the Monthly Report of the Librarian, Receipts, £6 7s. 11d.

 Presentations:—Medical Library (per Dr. E. T. Wilson), 47 vols. 20 pamphlets, (per Dr. Braine Hartnell), 16 vols.; Miss E. B. Fletcher, 1 vol.; University College of Wales, 1 vol.; Board of Trade, 1 vol.
- 2—Sub-Committee's Report—The Sub-Committee reported that they met on the 9th inst. (Present: Alderman Rogers, Councillors Merrett (Chairman), Marshall and Pilley, and Rev. J. Evans). They recommended that the offer of Mrs. Messenger to present each month the "National Deposit Friendly Society's Magazine" be accepted with thanks, and that "Electrical Installations," by Rankin Kennedy (5 vols), be purchased. 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 Tuesday, the 27th March, 1906—Present: Alderman Waghorne. Councillors Bence, Bennett, Merrett, Parsonage Steel, and Strand (Alderman Waghorne in the chair).

- 1—General District Rate—The Report of the Borough Accountant, dated the 27th inst., on the collection of the lad instalment of this Rate, was read. Amount collected £23,859 12s. 1d. Leaving outstanding £1,861 17s. 6d.
- 2—Water Rate—Tho Report of the Borough Accountant, dated the 27th inst., on the collection of this Rate was read-Amount received £11,067 18s. 1d. Leaving outstanding £941 2s. 8d.

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3—Loans--The Borough Accountant reported that he had received £12,120 on loan for a term of 7 years, and afterwards subject to 6 months' notice on either side. Resolved, That debentures be sealed and issued on account of the loans sanctioned as under:—St. Peter's Sewers, £5,602; Hatherley Brook Sewer, £454; Recreation Grounds, £1,073; Montpellier Baths, £2,688; Town Hall, £779; and Water Works, £1,524.

He also reported that he had arranged, subject to the approval of the Committee, for a loan of £3,000 from the Corporation of St. Helens. Resolved, That his action be approved, and that a debenture on account of sanctioned loans be sealed and issued accordingly.

4—Investment of Sinking and Loads Funds—The Borough Accountant reported that the Corporation of St. Helens were willing to lend £3,000 in exchange for a reciprocal investment of sinking and loans funds for a similar amount on the same terms.

Resolved, That the offer be accepted, and that debentures in respect of sanctioned loans for the amount advanced by St. Helens be sealed and issued accordingly.

5—Promenade Improvement No. 2—The resolution to Minute No. 20 of the Street and Highway Committee at its meeting yesterday was considered. Resolved, That this Committee approve of the proposal to appropriate part of the credit balance on the Slab Factory Account for the carrying out of Promenade Improvement No. 2.

6—Folly Lane Allotments —Resolved, That the sum of £690 14s. 6d. be repaid to the Prudential Assurance Company in reduction of the principal remaining due in respect of the loan of £3,800 raised for these allotments, the amount repaid being the purchase money for the portion of the allotments sold to the G.W.R. Co. together with an unexpended balance of the loan, and that the Common Seal be affixed to a deed adjusting the instalments payable under the mortgage to the Company.

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:—

In hand on the 27th February 1906 £16,458 10 4 Received since that date (including Loans £12,620) £22,741 5 4 £39,199 15 8

Paid since that date £15,011 9 1

In Hand £24,188 6 7

Being General Accounts £16,523 6 8Sinking Funds £7,664 19 11£24,188 6 7

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 2nd April, 1906, at 3 p.m. Present:

THE MAYOR (ALDERMAN WILLIAM NASH SKILLICORNE) in the chair.

THE DEPUTY MAYOR (ALDERMAN JOHN HADDON).

Alderman: GEORGE NORMAN COLONEL RICHARD ROGERS JAMES BATTEN WINTERBOTHAM.

Councillors: WILLIAM ALFRED BAKER GEORGE BENCE JOHN DAVID BENDALL FREDERICK JOSEPH BENNETT RICHARD DAVIES MOSES DAVIS EDWINSON CHARLE3 GREEN EDWARD GRIDLEY ROBERT LEY WOOD, CHARLES HENRY MARGRETT RICHARD EEDE MARSHALL WILLIE JOHN MERRETT TOM HERBERT PACKER EDWARD HENRY PARSONAGE 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 5th March 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—Cleeve Common Conservators—Resolved, That Aldermen Norman, Waghorne and Winterbotham be nominated Conservators of Cleeve Common for the three years ending the 31st March, 1909.
- 3—Public Health Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Public Health Committee, at their Meetings of the 12th and 21st March last, be approved and confirmed, subject to the following amendment, viz:—That the Resolution to Minute No. 20 (Compulsory Notification of Phthisis) be referred back to the Committee for further consideration.
- 4—Farms Management Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Farms Management Committee, at their Meeting of the 16th March 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 13th and 26th March last, be approved and confirmed.

- 6—Town Improvement Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Town Improvement Committee, at their Meeting of the 19th March last, be approved and confirmed.
- 7—Lighting Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Lighting Committee, at their Meeting of the 15th March last, be approved and confirmed.
- 8—Water Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Water Committee at their Meeting of the 22nd March 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 200 March last, be approved and confirmed.
- 10—Mineral Waters, Baths and Recreation Grounds Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Mineral Waters, Baths and Recreation Ground: Committee, at their Meeting of the 16th March 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 23rd March last, be approved and confirmed.
- 12—Finance Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Finance Committee, at their Meeting of the 27th 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.

- 13—Folly Lane Allotments Loan—Resolved, That the further sum of £690 14s. 6d. be repaid to the Prudential Assurance Company Limited, in respect of principal under a Mortgage, dated the 18th day of July, 1890, to secure the sum of £3,800 to the said Prudential Assurance Company Limited in addition to the principal in the instalments previously due under the said Mortgage and that the Seal of the Corporation be affixed to a Deed (now before the Meeting) Nod. 59a for adjusting the instalments henceforth payable under the said Mortgage after such repayment as aforesaid has been made.
- 14—Montpellier Gardens—On the motion of Councillor Green, of which due notice had been given, it was Resolved, That the Montpellier Gardens be opened at 9 a.m. on Sundays.

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MINUTES of a Committee of the Town Council to be submitted for approval at a Special Meeting of the Council to be held on Wednesday, the 18th April, 1906.

GENERAL PURPOSES & WATCH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 10th April, 1906—Present: Aldermen Norman and Rogers, Councillors Bendall, M. Davis, Ley Wood, Parsonage and Stroud (Alderman Norman in the chair).

1—Cheltenham Gas Bill—The Chairman reported that a conference with the Gas Company had been held in London on the 5th inst., which was attended by Messrs. B. Ticehurst, J. B. Winterbotham and G. B. Witts, together with the Manager, and Sir Geo. Livesey (Consulting Engineer), and the Clerk and his Parliamentary Agent, on behalf, the Gas Company; and by himself and Councillors Ley Wood and Marshall accompanied by the Gas Examiner, Mr. E. H. Stevenson (Consulting Engineer), and the Town Clerk and his Parliamentary Agent, on behalf of it Corporation. At the conference the following terms had been provisionally agreed upon, namely.

The Corporation to withdraw their opposition to the Bill in the House of Commons, reserving their right to oppose Bill in the House of Lords in the event of the opposition by other Corporations to the Gas Companies (Removal of Sulphur Restrictions) Bill now in Parliament being successful.

In the event of the Cheltenham Gas Company's Bill not being opposed by the Corporation in the House of Lords the Company undertake to insert clauses in their Bill making the following provisions:—

- (1) The Gas Examiner to be at liberty to test the Gas at the testing place at any time between 9 a.m. and 11 p.m. without notice.
- (2) The prescribed pressure in the mains to be not less than 10/10ths of an inch head of water.

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- (3) The Gas Examiner to be at liberty to test for pressure without notice at the top of the lamp posts of any of the public lamps. A deduction of one tenth of an inch to be made to allow for the difference between the pressure of gas at the top of the lamp column and that at which it is supplied in the street main.
- (4) The Company to provide coin meter consumers with new flat flame burners, suitable for the consumption of gas of the reduced illuminating power.
- (5) The Company to remove the self-acting regulator and burner of any of the Public Lamps for the purpose of being tested by the Gas Examiner. If any regulator or burner is found defective the same to be made good by the Company within 24 hours, but if found in order the cost of removing and replacing the regulator and burner to be paid by the Corporation.
- (6) The Company to provide a Map on a scale of not less than 24 inches to the mile showing all their street mains, &c. and to keep same up to date, and to allow the Corporation and their officers and to inspect same and take extracts therefrom.
- (7) The Accounts for gas supplied for street lighting to be payable quarterly instead of monthly, and the same rate of discount to be allowed on such quarterly accounts as is at present allowed on the monthly accounts.

(8) The Company to use the best known practicable means of preventing the discharge from their works into the sewers of any waste refuse or sewage which either alone or in combination with the sewage would prejudicially affect the sewers or the treatment, disposal by sale, application to land or otherwise, of the sewage matter conveyed along such sewers or which would from its temperature or otherwise be injurious from a sanitary point of view.

The Corporation by any of their officers specially authorised to be empowered to enter the Company's premises for the purpose of examining whether the provisions of this section are being contravened, and if such entry is refused, a Justice's order to be obtainable authorising entry to be made.

(9) It was also agreed that the agreement recently made between the Company and the Corporation providing for the Corporation undertaking the work of excavating and filling in gas trenches required to be made in the public streets, should remain in force for ten years unless determined by the Corporation by 6 months' notice.

The Town Clerk submitted Memorandum embodying the terms arranged and the detailed clauses to be inserted.

Resolved, That the terms agreed to at the conference be approved.

GEO. NORMAN,

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 18th April, 1906, at 3 p.m. Present

THE MAYOR (ALDERMAN WILLIAM NASH SKILLICORNE) in the chair.

THE DEPUTY MAYOR (ALDERMAN JOHN HADDON)

Aldermen: COLONEL RICHARD ROGERS GEORGE NORMAN

Councillors: WILLIAM ALFRED BAKER GEORGE BENCE JOHN DAVID BENDALL FREDERICK JOSEPH BENNETT RICHARD DAVIES MOSES DAVIS EDWINSON CHARLES GREEN EDWARD GRIDLEY CHARLES HENRY MARGRETT WILLIE JOHN MERRETT EDWARD HENRY PARSONAGE ROBERT STEEL.

1—General Purposes and Watch Committee—Resolved, That the proceeding's the General Purposes and Watch Committee, at their Meeting of the 'Ott' April instant, be approved and confirmed.

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2-Notice of Motion—Councillor Green gave notice of his intention to move at the next Quarterly Meeting of the Council:—

"That as the present pavement in front of Messrs. Engall Cox & Co. to Messrs. Prothero and Phillott's premises is in such excellent condition, except where broken opposite the Post Office, that part of Minute No. 20 of the "Street and Highway Committee (Promenade Improvement No. 2) of the 26th March, 1906", as far as repaving the present footpath is concerned be "rescinded."

Mayor.

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MINUTES of the Committees of the Town Council to be submitted for approval at the next Quarterly Meeting of the Council to be held on Monday, the 7th May, 1906.

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Wednesday, the 11th April, 1906—Present: The Mayor, Alderman Norman, Councillors Davies, M. Davis, 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, 11 cases of Scarlet Fever, 1 case of Enteric Fever, 1 of Erysipelas, 1 of Puerperal Fever, and 7 cases of Diphtheria; and that 10 cases of Scarlet Fever, and 3 of Diphtheria had been sent-into the Delancey Hospital.
- 2—Cleansing & Disinfecting at No. 8, Commercial Street and Ellenville, Gordon Road—The Medical Officer of Health having certified that the cleansing, disinfecting and purifying of these houses or parts thereof would tend to prevent or check infectious disease. Resolved, That the Council being of this opinion, Notice be served on the owners to cleanse and disinfect the houses or parts thereof within the time specified in such Notice.
- 3—Cleansing and Limewashing at Nos. 8 ½ Commercial Street, 2 Hanover Parade, and Brunswick Cottage, Malthouse Lane. 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. 1 Limbrick Cottages, Waterloo Street, 1 Mitre Street, 12 Hanover Parade, 36 Marle Hill Road, Clarence Mews, North Place, 27 & 34 Cleeveland Street, and 10, 11 of 12 Albert Street, St. Peter's. 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 abovenamed houses were in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to health, Resolved, That authority be given to the Inspector of Nuisances to open the ground, examine the drains, and report to the Committee.

5—Insanitary Property--Nos. 41, 43, 53, and 57 Rutland Street, and Nos. 7, 8 & 9, Montpellier Retreat. 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.

6—Destruction of Diseased Meat and Fish—The Medical Officer of Health reported the destruction of diseased and unsound meat and fish undermentioned, the whole of which was surrendered by the respective owners or consignees upon his representations:—On the 23rd ulto., 3 pork pigs (weight 266 lbs.), generalised tuberculosis. On the 28th ultimo, 2 forequarters of a heifer (weight 334 lbs.) localised tuberculosis. On the 3rd inst., 5 kegs of tripe (weight 100lbs.) in state of decomposition. On the 10th inst., a box of unsound codfish (Weight 182lbs.)

7—Houses without proper Ash Receptacles—The Inspector of Nuisances reported that the following houses had no proper ashpits or ash receptacles, viz 16 Victoria Terrace, Princes Street, 114 Naunton Crescent, Portland Inn, Albert Place, Burton Brewery, St. James' Square, 44, Rutland Street, and York Street Cottages. Resolved, That the necessary Notices be given to the respective owners under Section 36 of the Public Health Act, 1875, and Section 27 of the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1889, requiring them in each case to provide a moveable ash receptacle of such size, pattern, and construction as may be approved by the Inspector of Nuisances on behalf of the Corporation.

8—Midwives Act, 1902-The Medical Officer of Health reported that the fatal case of puerperal fever reported at this meeting had been attended by an unregistered midwife and the latter had since attended another confinement in spite of his warning. Resolved, That the attention of the County Council be at once called to the infringement of the provisions of the Midwives' Act, 1902.

9—Compulsory Notification of Phthisis—The resolution of this Committee at its last meeting referred back by the Council for further consideration was again considered. Resolved, That the further consideration of the matter be adjourned.

E. H. PARSONAGE, Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 23rd April, 1906—Present: The Mayor, Councillors Bence, Davies, M. Davis and Parsonage (Councillor Parsonage in the chair).

10—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, 1 case of Erysipelas, 1 of puerperal fever, and 5 cases of Diphtheria, that 2 cases of Scarlet Fever and 2 of Diphtheria had been sent into the Delancey Hospital.

11—Cleansing and Limewashing at Nos. 3 Commercial Street, 34 Jersey Street, 1 & 2 Witcombe Place, 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.

12—Nuisances from Drains, etc., at Nos. 16 Victoria Terrace, St. John's, 6 & 7 Norwood Parade, 13, 18, 19, 20, & 23 Albert Street, St. Peter's, 23, 24, 25, 26, 28, 31, 32 and 33 Cleeveland Street, and 10, 11 and 12 Worcester 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 abovenamed houses were in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to health. Resolved, That authority be given to the Inspector of Nuisances to open the ground, examine the drains, and report to the Committee.

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13—Insanitary Property—Nos. 9, Hereford Place, 7 Coltham Fields, 6 Victoria Place, Balls Road, 27 Francis Street, Newark Cottage, and 1, 2 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, 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. Resolved, also, That the Town Clerk be instructed to take proceedings to compel compliance if the notices to be served are not complied with.

14—Overcrowding at No. 16, St. James' Street.—The Medical Officer of Health reported that the above premises were so overcrowded as to be dangerous or injurious to the health of the inmates. Resolved, That the Committee being satisfied of the existence of a nuisance on the said premises, Notices under Section 94 of the Public Health Act be served on the occupiers thereof requiring them to abate the same.

15—Houses without proper Ash Receptacles—The Inspector of Nuisances reported that the following houses had no proper ashpits or ash receptacles, viz:—Nos. 9 Stoneville Street, 56 & 57 St. George's Place, 20 St. James' Street, and 13 Commercial 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.

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

17—Dairies, Cowsheds and Milkshops Order—Read applications from Mr. F. H. Radburn, of St. Paul's Stores, St. Paul's Road, and Mr. E. G. Joyner, of the Albion Dairy, 16 Albion Street, to be registered as purveyors of milk. Resolved, That the applicants be registered.

18—Sewerage District No. 4—On the recommendation of the Borough Surveyor and the Medical Officer of Health. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to examine and report upon the sewers in a portion of the Borough including the Leckhampton and Tivoli districts.

E. H. PARSONAGE, Chairman.

FARMS MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Friday, the 20th April, 1906—Present The Mayor, Councillors Bence, M. Davis, Green, Gridley, Margrett 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, 14 head of cattle had been sold for £241 6s. 3d., and the following purchases had been made, 19 head of cattle, for £223 and 29 sheep and 46 lambs for £76 5s. (Total purchases £299 5s.) The livestock on the farms on the 20th instant was

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11 horses, 130 head of cattle, 84 sheep and 10 pigs, all doing fairly well. 46 sacks of beans and 32 of wheat had been threshed at the Hayden Farm and the following sales had been made:- 20 sacks of beans at 4s 11d per bushel, 28 sacks of wheat at 3s 8d per bushel, 9 tons, 15 cwts. of mangolds, 5 cwts. of hay, 4 tons, 2 cwts., 1 qr. of meadow hay and 4 tons, 14 cwts. of wheat straw. A bay cart horse had been supplied to the Highways Department at £45, and a bay mare taken from that Department at £4.

He recommended that some more cattle and sheep be purchased as opportunity offered, that some mangold seed be purchased, and that a mowing machine be obtained. Resolved, That the recommendations of the Farms Manager be approved and that estimates be obtained from two or three local firms for the mowing machine and the Chairman be authorised to accept one of them.

- 2—Barn Farm—Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to erect a partition in the kitchen at Barn Farm house.
- 3—Annual Stocktaking and Valuation—The Chairman reported that Councillors Gridley, Green, Steel, and himself visited the farms on the 27th ultimo, and valued the stock, implements, &c., on the farms at £2,870 18s. 4d.

M. DAVIS, Chairman.

STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, the 10th April, 1906—Present The Mayor, Councillors Baker. Bendall, Gridley, Ley Wood, Packer and Parsonage (Councillor Bendall in the Chair).

1--Horses—The Borough Surveyor reported that the horse sent from the Farms on approval appeared satisfactory. Resolved, That the same be kept on the understanding that it is sound.

The Borough Surveyor also reported that the Farms Committee were willing to take the old horse belonging to the Highways Department now at the Farms at the value of £4. Resolved, That this offer be accepted.

2—Purchase of Water Van—On the recommendation of the Borough Surveyor, Resolved, That the new water van obtained on approval be purchased at a cost of £47 9s. 6d.

3—Hire of Horses for Hauling—Resolved, That The Mayor, Alderman Haddon, Councillors Baker, Bendall and Parsonage be appointed a Sub-Committee to consider and report as to the present system of hiring homes for hauling.

4—Street Projections—Read, an application from the County Drug Co. for permission to fix two lamps outside No. 389 High Street, Resolved, That the application be granted subject to the usual conditions.

5--Sandford Mill Road—Read is letter from Mr. C. H. Loveridge on behalf of the owner of No. 12 Oxford Place expressing the hope that the Council in exercising its power of taking the degree of benefit derived into consideration in settling the apportionment of the cost of Sandford Mill Road Private Improvement Works would relieve the property mentioned of any share of the cost under the circumstances mentioned in his letter. Resolved, That Sir. Loveridge be informed that his representations will be considered by the Council when settling the apportionment.

JOHN D. BENDALL, Chairman.

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At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 30th April, 1906—Present: The Mayor, Alderman Haddon, Councillors Baker, Bendall, Gridley, and Parsonage (Councillor Bendall in the Chair).

6—Borough Surveyor's Monthly Report Re Highways—The Borough Surveyor reported that the work done by the Highways Department from the 23rd March to the 26th April, 1906 (both inclusive) had been as follows;—

Roads repaired—Sherborne Street (1,620 super yards), Albert Place (1,085 super yards), St. George's Road from Pm Road to Montpellier Street (570 super yards), Priory Street and Queen's Road (proceeding).

Road patched—Winchcomb Street. Private Improvement Works—Fairfield Avenue (completed), Albany Road and Great Western Terrace (proceeding).

Public Improvement Works—Old Bath Road (completed), and Charlton Lane (proceeding).

Street Crossings laid-3. Street Crossings renewed-6. Gateway Crossings relaid-2. Gas Trenches repaired-2 in Bath Street, 1 in Bath Road, and 1 in Leckhampton Road.

Water Trenches repaired-3 in Bath Road, and 1 in Rodney Road. Mew Gullies fixed-2. Gullies renewed—1.

Paving relaid—Rutland Street, Malthouse Lane, Priory Street, Marle Hill Parade, High Street, Montpellier and 67 ½ super yards in Leckhampton Road. New Paving laid—All Saints' Road (102 super yards), Hewlett Road by Deanwood House and Berkhampstead Lodge (170 super yards).

Asphalt Margin laid-26 super yards in All Saints' Road, 84 super yards in Leckhampton Road.

Gravel Margin laid-43 yards in Hewlett Road. Kerb laid-24 lineal yards in Hewlett Road, 254 lineal yards in Hewlett Road (edging to paving), 53 lineal yards in Leckhampton Road. Channel laid—Hewlett Road (24 lineal yards), Leckhampton Road (44 lineal yards).

9-inch Surface Water Sewers laid—Road rear of Queen's Parade (50 lineal yards), St. Stephen's Road (25 lineal yards)

Trees planted-12 in the Promenade. Broken Tree removed-1 in Bayshill Road. Ashes Collection awl Disposal—During 4 weeks ended 19th April, 1906-1.011 loads collected, 274 tipped and 767 consumed, weight consumed 736 tons 13 cwts. During year ended 31st March, 1906, 263 dogs, 153 cats, 50 pigs and 2 ½ beasts consumed.

Slab Factory—During 5 weeks ended the 19th April, 1906-1,282 square yards of slabs made.

7—View Meeting—The following members attended the view Meeting, on Friday last: The Mayor, Alderman Haddon Councillors Baker, Bendall, Gridley and Parsonage.

8—Report of Plans Sub-Committee—The Chairman reported the proceedings of the Plans Sub-Committee at Meetings on the 17th and 37th instant. Resolved, That the same be approved and adopted.

9—Motor Traffic—Read, a letter from the Clerk to the St. Alban's Rural District Council, forwarding a resolution passed by them on the subject of the nuisance and damage caused by dust from motor traffic, expressing the opinion of all motor vehicles should be in some measure further taxed, and that part of the revenue so derived should devoted towards the cost of watering the roads used by motor vehicles in transit to other places, and that serious danger accrued to persons using the highways from the great clouds of dust raised by such vehicles preventing approach of other vehicles being seen. Resolved, That the Council concur in the above resolution, and that copy of this minute be forwarded to the Borough Member and to the President of the Local Government Board.

10—Eldorado Road and Ewlyn Road—The Town Clerk reported that notices declaring these streets to be highways (in the of Eldorado Road with prejudice to the exercise by the Corporation of the powers conferred on them by Section 44 of the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1852, to require the owners or occupiers of premises adjoining the said street to pave, edge and channel the footpaths in the said street as and when required by the Corporation, and in the Ewlyn Road for a length of 343 feet from Leckhampton Road only) had been duly posted up in each street, and also advertised twice consecutively in the Cheltenham Examiner, as required by the Act, and that no objection had made thereto. Resolved, That the notices be recorded on the Minutes.

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11—Hayward's Road Private Improvement Works—The Chairman reported that as agreed at a joint meeting of the Sub-Committees appointed by the Town Council and the Charlton Kings Urban District Council, tenders had been invited by 'advertisement for the Private Improvement works ordered in Hayward's Road and the Sub-Committees recommended the acceptance of the tender of Messrs. Mark Williams & Co. to carry out the whole of the work for £215 17s. 6d. Resolved, That the recommendation be approved and adopted.

- 12—Light Railway Byelaws—Mr. F. Wells attended this Meeting with regard to alleged breach by the Light Railway Co. of the byelaws made by the Council, particularly as regards overcrowding.
- 13—Report of Hauling Sub-Committee--The Hauling Sub-Committee reported that they met on the 25th and 27th instant. Present: The Mayor, Alderman Haddon, and Councillors Baker and Bendall (Councillor Bendall in the chair).

They had inquired into the present system of engaging team work and in order that the Hauling Contractors may be changed monthly and that suitable horses and men only may be engaged, they recommended that 6 horses be purchased, 1 to be a light horse suitable for the Disinfector Van.

They also recommended that stabling accommodation be provided at the Leckhampton Depot and that Stone and other material required for the Leckhampton District be brought in by rail to Leckhampton Station. Resolved, That the recommendations of the Sub-Committee be approved and adopted.

- 14—Old Bath Road Improvement—This improvement being now complete, Resolved, That the Committee record their satisfaction with the way in which the work has been carried out, and that the Borough Surveyor be instructed at the proper time to plant a few suitable trees in the road.
- 15—Manure Receptacle in White Hart Street—Mr. Jackson pursuant to notice attended this meeting to show cause why the manure receptacle built by him on land In White Hart Street should not be removed. Resolved, That the matter Ire referred to the Public Health Committee to deal with.
- 16—Street Projections—Read, a letter Irons Messrs. H. K. Steel, Ltd., applying for permissions for the illuminated sign erected by them at No. 105 High Street to remain. Resolved, That the permission asked for be granted on the Usual conditions, but that notice be given to Messrs. Steel to remove any other projections erected by them without permission.
- 17—Footpath in Bath Road and Bath Street--Read, a letter from Messrs. H. G. Norton & Co., asking that the paving opposite the extension to their premises in Bath Road and Bath Street, should be relaid on the same terms as from the High Street along Bath Road. Resolved, That Messrs. Norton & Co. be informed that the Council will pave the footpath on their undertaking to pay for the cost of the slabs, and making the crossings they require.
- 18—Tip for Road Scrapings----The Town Clerk reported that Messrs. Smith Bros. had agreed to let to the Corporations the exclusive right to use is piece of land about one acre in extent as a tip for road scrapings for a period of 5 years from the 25th March last, and afterwards subject to six months' notice on either side, at a rent of 5s per week, to cover the expenses of the landlords in removing and replacing all turf and doing all necessary levelling of the material deposited. Messrs. Smith Bros. were also willing to give up is piece of land to widen Naunton Lane to a width of 36 feet as shown in the plan now submitted, the Corporation agreeing to bear half the cost of paving and channelling the footpath where the road is so widened. Resolved, That the arrangement be approved, and the common seal affixed to an agreement accordingly.
- 19—Locomotives Act, 1898—The Borough Surveyor submitted design for notices as to the restrictions imposed by the Byelaws made by the Council under this Act. Resolved, That the same be

approved and that it be left to the Borough Surveyor and Superintendent Hopkins to settle the exact positions in which the same shall be fixed.

JOHN D. BENDALL, Chairman.

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PLANS SUB-COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Sub-Committee, held on Tuesday, the 10th April, 1906—Present: Councillors Poker, Bendall, and Parsonage (Councillor Parsonage in the chair).

1—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
393	E. Gridley	Vestibule, &c., No. 26 Priory Street.
394	Mrs. Holborow	Additions to shop, corner of Suffolk Parade and Road
395	C. M. Haward	Additions to No. 426 High Street
396	Mrs. Howard	Additions to rear of No. 4 Blenheim Parade
397	W. J. Slader	Shop and Store Room, Portland Street
398	W. Rodway	Additions to warehouses, Bath Road
399	Cheltenham & District	
	Light Railway Co	New road and ten cottages, near Car Depot. St. Mark's
378	J. McCarthy	Conversion of No. 6 Promenade Villas into 3 shops intended
		to be brought forward beyond the existing line.
385	F. Jenkins	Eleven cottages in Fairhaven Street
390	J. G. Evans (for owners)	New Street out of Hatherley Road
		(length 1080 feet, width 40 feet)

Resolved, That Plans Nod. 393 and 397, be approved, that Plan No. 394 be approved subject to no part of the building projecting beyond the line shown on the plan, that Plans Nod. 395 and 396 be approved subject to the drainage and other sanitary arrangements being carried out to the satisfaction of the Inspector of Nuisances, that Plans Nod. 398, 399 and 385 be disapproved, that Plan Nod. 390 be approved except as regards the severing and draining of the street, and that Plans Nod. 378 be approved subject, to the party walls being carried through the roof, and the area unbuilt upon being added to the public footpath, the usual agreement of indemnity to be entered into as regards the proposed pavement lights.

E. H. PARSONAGE,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Sub-Committee, held on Friday, the 27th April, 1906—Present : Councillors Baker, Bence, Bendall and Parsonage (Councillor Parsonage in the chair).

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

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387	Cheltenham Education	
	Committee	New Schools, Naunton Park, Naunton Lane
398	W. Rodway	Shop and Store Room, Portland Street
400	Mrs. Stroud	Additions to the Retreat, St. Mark's
401	G. A. Peake	Motor house at rear of Alma House. Rodney Road
402	J. Cheshire	Wooden shed in Post Office Lane, rear of Clarence Parade
403	G. Fowles	Rebuilding Stable at rear of Nos. 4 & 5 Painswick Parade
404	F. Jenkins	10 cottages in Fairhaven Street.
405	Mrs. Donald	Detached villa in Old Bath Road.

Description.

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No. of Plan. Name.

Resolved. That Plans Nod. 401 & 405 be approved, that Plans Nod. 387 be approved subject to the erection of screen walls opposite the Recreation round entrances to the urinals and w.c's, that Plans Nod. 400 be approved subject to the drainage being carried out to the satisfaction of the Inspector of Nuisances that Plan No. 398 be approved, subject to the building line indicated in the note on the plan being adhered to, that Flans Nod. 403 be approved subject to the drainage including the provision of a special stable gully being carried out to the satisfaction of the Inspector of Nuisance, and that Plans Nod. 402 and 404 be disapproved.

3—Pavement Light opposite No. 366 and 367 High Street—On the recommendation of the Inspector of Nuisances, Resolved, That permission be granted to Messrs. George's Ltd. to place a Hayward's Prismatic Ventilated Pavement Light in the footpath opposite their premises in High Street to serve as a fresh air inlet in connection with the re-drainage of their premises, subject to the usual agreement of indemnity.

E. H. PARSONAGE, Chairman.

TOWN IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 23rd April, 1906—Present The Mayor, Aldermen Norman and Rogers, Councillors Baker, Bence, and Bennett (Councillor Bence in the chair).

1—Report of Entertainments' Sub-Committee—The Entertainments Sub-Committee submitted the following statement of receipts and payments on account of the Musical Afternoons.

RECEIPTS.		PAYMENTS.
Afternoons.		Afternoons.
Subscriptions	£198 17 6	Orchestra £504 0 0
Books of Tickets	£ 7190	Attendants £26 7 4
Admission at Doors	£246 0 6	Vocalists £36 11 0
Programme rights	£ 25 0 0	Electric Energy £39 3 6
Refreshment Do.	£ 600	Use of French Music £3 3 0
	£483 17 0	Piano Hire, 1904-5 £4 5 0
Popular Evenings.		Do. 1905- £6 5 7
		0

[RECEIPTS]		[PAYMENTS]		
Admissions	£12 5 9	£9 12 0		
		Manager's 5 per cent. £22 19 2		
		Advertising, Printing, etc £41 17 1		
		£683 13 1		
		Popular Evenings.		
		Orchestra £16 0 0		
		Attendants £2 12 0		
		Vocalists. £6 6 0		
		Electric Energy £6 0 0		
	£496 2 9	Manager's 5 per cent. £0 12 3		
Deficiency	£219 8 1	Roll Tickets £0 7 6		
		£ 31 17 9		
	£715 10 10	£715 10 10		

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They also reported the engagements made for the ensuing summer concerts.

2—Advertising—Read, a letter from the "Times of India," asking for a renewal of the advertisement in the weekly wail edition on the same terms, viz: for a space of 2 inches in length, 32 insertions at 2s 6d per insertion. Resolved. That the advertisement be renewed for 1 year.

Read, a letter from Messrs. Morton &. Co., asking for a renewal of the two page advertisement of Cheltenham in their illustrated Guides to places of interest on the Midland and Great Western Railways and of the one page advertisement in their Guides to the Great Northern, London, Brighton and South Coast, and London and North Western Railways for a further period of 3 years at a cost of £35, Resolved, That the advertisements be renewed on the terms mentioned.

- 3—Boating at Marle Hill—Read, an application by the College Boating Club for the use of Marle Hill Lake this year for practice on the same terms as in previous years, viz: payment of 5 guineas. Resolved, That the application be acceded to.
- 4—Prestbury Sewerage Scheme—The Borough Surveyor reported that on behalf of the Rural District Council, Mr. J. C. Villar had offered £46 9s. as compensation in respect of the sewer laid through Pittville Gardens. Resolved, That the offer be accepted.

GEORGE BENCE, Chairman

LIGHTING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, laid on Thursday, the 19th April, 1906; -- Present: Alderman Norman, Councillors Green, Gridley, Ley Wood, Merrett and Steel (Councillor Ley Wood in the chair).

1—Inspection of Electric Works—The Committee met at the Electric Works and the following members of the Council also attended and inspected the works at the invitation of the Chairman, viz Alderman Rogers, Councillors Bennett, Davies, Margrett and Pilley.

2—Electrical Inspector's Report—The Electrical Inspector reported that the result of his tests of the electrical supply on the 20th ult., and 11th inst. had been as follows 210 volts.

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

ILLUMINATING POWER.			PURITY.	
1906 Mar. 20th	15.05 candles	1906	Grains of Sulphur per 100 cubic feet.	
		Mar. 28-29		11.68
"29th	16.69 "			
		April 10-11		9.49
April 11th	15.16 "			
Average	15.62 "		Average	10.58

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The Gas Examiner requested that the Corporation should find accommodation for the Photometer now fixed at his residence which he was shortly leaving. Resolved, That the same be removed to the Manchester Street Sub-Station.

4—Gas Examiner's Leave of Absence—On the application of Mr. Matthews, Resolved, That he be granted leave of absence from the middle of May to the end of June.

5—Report of View Meeting re Public Lighting—The Chairman reported that the Committee met on the 19th ultimo, (Present Councillors Green, Gridley, Ley Wood, Marshall, Moffett and Steel), and visited the following localities in respect of which complaint had been received as to the public lighting and recommended as follows:-

Grosvenor Place South (High Street end)—That no alterations be made here.

London Road (above Hale's Road)—That another lamp be erected on the North side of the road, in the position shown on the plan now submitted.

Norwood Road—The Committee consider the present lighting sufficient.

St. Philip's Street—That one lamp be removed and one lamp refixed as shown on the plan.

Malvern Road, Parabola Road and Passage between the tire roads—That no alterations be made.

Millbrook Street—No alteration to be made in the lighting at present, but the Committee to again inspect after the carrying out of the intended improvements.

Swindon Road North (opposite new houses)—That no addition be made to the present lighting.

Resolved, That the recommendations be approved and adopted.

6—Keynsham Road Lighting—Read, a Memorial signed by a number of residents in Keynsham Road and Sandford Terrace stating that the lighting of Keynsham Road by means of the all-night arcs was insufficient. Resolved, That further consideration of the memorial be adjourned for the Committee to view.

7—Borough Electrical Engineer's Monthly Report—Read, the Monthly Report of the Borough Electrical Engineer. On the 17th inst. there were 865 consumers, with an equivalent of 58,217 eight candle power lamps, connected to the private supply mains, the corresponding figures for last year being 816 and 54,642 respectively.

8—Applications for Supply—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that application had been received from the owners of houses in Keynsham Road for an extension of the main. Mr. Winburg and Mr. Dodwell were each willing to guarantee £4 per annum for 3 years, and the latter and Mr. Strange each undertook to wire 2 more houses when built. The estimated cost of the extension was £72 and he recommended that the same be made. Resolved, That the recommendation be approved on the terms mentioned.

9—Annual Convention of the Municipal Electrical Association—Resolved, That the Chairman, Alderman Norman and the Borough Electrical Engineer be appointed representatives to attend the Annual Convention of the Municipal Electrical Association to be held in London, from the 19th to the 22nd June, 1906.

10—Road to Destructor and Electric Works—With reference to Minute No. 2 of the 12th December, 1905, at a joint meeting of this Committee and the Street and Highway Committee, the Borough Electrical Engineer reported that the Street and Highway Committee on the recommendation of the Borough Surveyor proposed to substitute granite sets for sleepers in the reconstruction of the approach road to the works and destructor, the estimated cost being the same, £600. Resolved, That this Committee acquiesce in the proposal and agree that half the cost, not exceeding £300, shall be charged to the Electric Light Undertaking, subject to readjustment of this division of the cost if in the near future the use of the road by the Electric Light Department should materially decrease, and that the resolution to the minute above referred to be varied accordingly.

11—Tenders for Coal—Resolved, That tenders for a twelve months' supply of coal for the works be advertised for.

12—Contract for Meters—On the recommendation of the Borough Electrical Engineer, Resolved, That the Contract with the British Thomson-Houston Co., Ltd., for the supply of meters be conserved for one year.

ROBT. LEY WOOD, Chairman.

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WATER COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Thursday, the 26th April, 1906—Present: Alderman Norman, Councillors Baker, M. Davis, Margrett, and Waghorne (Councillor Waghorne in the Chair).

1—Report of Fire Brigade Captain—The Captain of the Fire Brigade reported that the Brigade had been called on the 30th ulto., to a fire at Messrs. Dale, Forty & Co's, Promenade. The fire was extinguished before the arrival of members of the Brigade. Expenses 7s.

On the 7th instant, to Southwood House, Bath Road. Before the Brigade left the station, a message was received that their services were not required. Expenses £1 16s.

On the 23rd instant, to a fire at Lansdown Inn, Gloucester Road, caused by a defective flue. Damage £5. Extinction expenses, £2 3s.

The Captain reported that he proposed to arrange for the Brigade to attend divine service at St. Matthew's Church, on Sunday afternoon, the 20th instant.

2—Fire Brigade Sub-Committee --Resolved, That Councillor Margrett be appointed a member of the Fire Brigade Sub-Committee.

3—Barrett's Mill Ground—The Cheltenham Quoit Club having decided to determine their tenancy of the ground at Barrett's Mill, Resolved, That the quoit ground be added to the Recreation Ground and that the Borough Surveyor be authorised to arrange for the removal of the present defective wood fence along the Chelt and the erection of the iron fencing no longer required at Naunton Park in its place.

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

DAILY YIELD OF SPRINGS.

For 31 days, ended		Average for corresponding	
19th April, 1906.		period during last 3 years.	
Hewletts Springs	236,160 gallons	284,970 gallons	
Dowdeswell Springs	673,056 "	772,832 "	
Leckhampton (approx.)	5,496 "	(approx.) 5,496 "	
Total	914,712	1,063,298 "	

CONTENTS OF RESERVOIRS.

	April 19th, 1906.		April 19th, 1905.	
	Depth	Contents	Depth	Contents
Hewletts		8,826,417 gallons		26,747,930 gallons
Leckhampton	9ft. 6in.	1,283,231 "	5ft. 10in.	787,945 "
Dowdeswell	30ft. 4in.	91,326,469 "	30ft. 5in.	91,735,178 "
	Total Storage	111,436,117 "		119,291,053 "

5—Tewkesbury Plant—On the recommendation of the Borough Engineer, Resolved, That one of the boilers to be superseded at Tewkesbury be fixed at Sandford to replace the present worn out boiler there and that the Baths Committee .be informed that the Water Committee are willing to allow the other superseded boiler to be placed at the Montpellier Baths.

- 6—Albany Road, Tivoli—On the recommendation of the Borough Engineer, Resolved, That the 3-inch main in this road be extended for a distance of about 60 yards at a cost of £12 for the improvement of the water supply there.
- 7—Appeals—The cases entered in the Appeal Book were considered and the rates settled and adjusted.
- H. WAGHORNE, Chairman.

GENERAL PURPOSES AND WATCH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, the 24th April, 1906—Present The Mayor, Aldermen, Haddon, Norman, seal Rogers, Councillors Bence, Bendall, M. Davis and Parsonage (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—Transfer of Hackney Carriage Licence—Read, a letter from Mr. E. Spire, of Royal Well House, renewing his application for the transfer to him from Mr. James Smith of Hackney Carriage Licence No. 82.

Read, a memorial signed by 70 hackney carriage proprietors and drivers asking that no new licences should be granted and that transfers of licences should not be granted in future except from father to son or husband to wife as the memorialists considered that the present number of licences was greatly in excess of the public requirements. Mr. Spire having been interviewed by the Committee with reference to his application, Resolved, That the same be acceded to and that the Resolution to Minute No. 3 of this Committee of the 20th ulto., approved by the Council refusing such application be rescinded.

- 3—Annual Inspection and Licensing of Hackney Carriages—Resolved, That the Annual Inspection of the licensed Hackney Carriages be held at the Central Depot, on Friday, the 1st June next, at 9.30 a.m., and the Annual Licensing Meeting of the Council, at the Central Depot, on Friday, the 8th June next, at 10.30 a.m.
- 4--Market Tolls at Mops and Fairs, 1906—The tenders, three in number, received for the right to take the market tolls at the mops and fairs this year were considered. Resolved. That the offer of Mr. Jacob Studt to pay £71 for the tolls be accepted, Mr. Studt to clear up the market on the conclusion of the mops and fairs.
- 5—Town Hall—The Borough Surveyor reported that a special ladder was needed for cleaning purposes at the Town Hall. Resolved, That the Chairman with the Borough Surveyor be authorised to order a suitable ladder at a cost not exceeding £17.
- 6—**Cheltenham Gas Bill, 1906**—The Town Clerk submitted the following clauses to be inserted by the Company in their Bill in compliance with the terms already reported to and approved by the Council.

(a) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in section 19 of the Gasworks Clauses Act, 1871, and section 36 of the Act of 1896 the Gas may be tested at any time between 9 o'clock in the forenoon, and 11 o'clock in the afternoon and no notice of intention to test the gas shall be required to be given to the Company, but (subject to such absence of notice as aforesaid) nothing in this section shall prejudice or affect the rights of the Company under section 31 of the Gasworks Clauses Act, 1871.

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(b) From and after the passing of this Act the prescribed pressure in the mains of the Company shall be not less than 10/10ths of an inch head of water at the junction therewith of the service pipes supplying the respective consumers.

The test for the pressure of the gas supplied by the Company may be taken by the Gas Examiner without previous notice to the Company at the top of the lamp posts of the public lamps as hereinafter provided at the level of the burner of such lamps and for the purpose of making such tests the Gas Examiner shall remove the Governor or self-acting Regulator (as the case may be) and burner of any public lamp used for street lighting.

For the purpose of testing the pressure of the gas supplied by the Company the Gas Examiner shall connect a self registering pressure gauge to the lamp cock by a flexible or other suitable pipe which shall be gas tight and such pressure gauge shall be as nearly as practicable at the same level as the lamp cock.

One tenth of an inch shall be deducted from the registered pressures to allow for the difference between the pressure of gas at the top of the lamp column and that at which it is supplied in the street main.

Forthwith after making any such test whether the same shall reveal any deficiency in the pressure of the gas or not the Gas Examiner shall give notice of the making of such test to the Company stating the time and the position of the lamp at which such test was made and the result of such test.

(c) The Company shall upon the request in writing of the Gas Examiner remove the self acting regulator and burner of any lamp belonging to the Company used for public lighting of the streets in the Borough for the purpose of ascertaining the amount of gas passed per hour through such selfacting regulator and burner.

The Gas Examiner shall give to the Company reasonable notice in writing of the time at which he proposes to test such self acting Regulator and burner and the Company may if they think fit be represented at such testing by some officer, but such officer shall not interfere in the testing.

If the quantity of gas passed per hour through such self-acting Regulator and burner at an initial pressure of not less than 16/10ths and not more than 30/10ths of an inch shall be found to be in accordance with the quantity from time to time agreed to be supplied by the Company for lighting such lamp the Corporation shall on demand pay to the Company the cost of and incidental to the removal and replacing of the said self acting Regulator and burner, but if such self acting Regulator and burner shall be found to be defective the Gas Examiner shall forthwith by notice in writing report the defect to the Company and the Company shall at their own expense within twenty-four

hours after the receipt of such notice make good the defect therein referred to or supply and fix another self acting Regulator and burner.

The Company shall not incur any penalty or forfeiture or be liable to any claim for or in respect of the omission to light any street lamp of which the self acting Regulator and burner shall have been removed for testing under the provisions of this section if the Company shall have complied with the obligations by this sections imposed upon them.

(d) The Company shall within six months after the passing of this Act cause in map on a scale of not less than 24 inches to the mile to be made sheaving as nearly as may be the position of all existing mains or pipes of the Company (other than service pipes) laid in the streets (including streets not dedicated to the public) within the Borough, and shall keep the same at one of the offices of the Company, and the Company shall once at least in every year after the completion of such map cause such corrections, alterations and additions (if any) to be made therein or thereto as may be necessary to show as nearly as may be the position of the various mains and pipe (other than service pipes) of the Company laid in such streets and the Company shall at all reasonable time., during office hours give to the Corporation and any person authorised by them in writing under the hand of the Town Clerk of the Borough access to and permit them or him to inspect and take copies of or extracts from tile said Map and shall upon the request in writing of the Corporation give such information to the Corporation in writing as to the depths at which any of such mains or pipes are laid and the dimensions of any of such mains or pipes and the position of any valves syphons and other appliances connected therewith as may be reasonable required by the Corporation in connection with any works which the Corporation are intending to execute upon or under any of such streets.

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- (e) The accounts referred to in section 53 (Company to allow discount to Commissioners for payments within a certain time) of the Act of 1856 shall be delivered by the Company to the Town Clerk of the Borough once in every three months instead of monthly as provided by the said section and upon payment of such account by the Corporation at the Central Office of the Company within 21 days after the same shall have been so delivered a discount at the rate of £5 per centum, per annum, shall be allowed therefrom unless such discount shall have already been allowed in the making up of the account.
- (f) Notwithstanding anything contained in section 51 of the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1852, the Company 'shall use the best known practicable means of preventing the discharge from their works into the sewers of the Corporation or any drains communicating therewith of any waste refuse or sewage which either alone or in combination with the sewage would prejudicially affect such sewers or the bacterial treatment disposal by sale or application to land of the sewage matter conveyed along such sewers or which would from its temperature or otherwise be injurious to the sewers or from a sanitary point of view.

If there shall be ground for believing that the provisions of this section are being contravened the Corporation by any of their Officers either generally or specifically authorised in that behalf in writing may enter the premises of the Company for the purpose of examining whether the provisions of this section are being contravened but no such entry shall take place unless such officer

shall be accompanied by an official of the Company and if such entry is refused any Justice on complaint on oath by such officer may from time to time and after reasonable notice in writing of such intended complaint shall have been given to the Company by Order under his hand require the Company to admit such Officer into the premises of the Company and such order shall remain in force for the period specified therein.

(g) Clause 6 of the Bill to be amended so as to read as follows:—At any time within twelve months after the said first day of January, One thousand nine hundred and seven the Company shall if and when required by any consumer of their gas, supply and fix free of charge to such consumer, fiat flame burners suitable in all respects for the consumption of gas of the illuminating power prescribed by this Act in the place of any flat flame burners used by such consumer at the date of making such requirement.

Notice of the provisions of this Section shall be given to every such consumer (other than consumers by coin meter) with each demand note of the Company sent out during the said period and to every consumer by coin meter by leaving Written notice at his or her residence once every three months during the said period.

The Town Clerk also submitted draft agreement for extending the operation of the agreement with the Gas Company as to excavating and filling in gas trenches for a period of 10 years from the 5th April, 1906, unless determined by the Corporation at any time by 6 months' notice.

GEORGE NORMAN,

Chairman.

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MINERAL WATERS, BATHS AND RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Friday, the 20th April, 1906—Present: The Mayor, Alderman Norman, Councillors Baker, Bence, Bendall, Merrett, Steel and Stroud (Councillor Stroud in the chair.)

1--Montpellier Baths—The Borough Accountant reported that the receipts and payments in respect of these Baths since the 31st March, 1905, were as follows:—

Receipts at Baths	£462 7 3	Payments	£541 11 2
Rent of Shop	£48 0 0	Proportion of repayment	
o/a Hire of Bath for Gymnasium		of loans and interest.	£541 10 9
and Cleaning	£15 6 0		£1083 1 11
	£525 13 3		

The Borough Surveyor submitted reports from the Boiler Insurance Company on the condition of the boilers at Montpellier Baths to the effect that No. 1 Boiler was 34 years old and the plates were so corroded as to make it questionable whether it was worth reseating again after removal for repairs and that No. 2 Boiler was 34 years old and was so weakened by corrosion that it should be replaced. The Borough Surveyor reported that since these reports had been received he had seen the

representative of the Insurance Company and had arranged to reduce the pressure on the boilers from 50 lbs. to 25 lbs. per square inch. Holes had also been drilled in the plates to ascertain their exact thickness, with the result that the Insurance Company had somewhat modified their opinion as to the condition of the boilers and were prepared to insure them (subject to the raising of the seating A one of them) for a further period. A report was submitted from Messrs. Haden & Sons recommending alterations to the system of heating the water, etc., involving a cost of over £300. The Borough Surveyor reported that the proposed alterations were not absolutely necessary and that at a comparatively small cost considerable improvements could be made. The hot water circulating system was already being applied to the slipper baths and had been found advantageous, but it was not practicable to apply this system to the swimming bath. Consequently it was necessary to use the boilers as steam boilers when heating the water for the latter. The life of the boilers (especially No. 2 the plates of which were only in places half their original thickness) could not be long and he recommended that the Water Committee be asked to place one of the boilers to be taken out at Tewkesbury at the disposal of the Committee This he recommended should be stored in the yard at the Baths so that it could be fixed and brought into use when absolutely necessary. The alterations recommended for the present would cost about £30. Resolved, That the recommendation of the Borough Surveyor be approved and adopted.

2—Alstone Baths—The Borough Accountant reported that the receipts, &c., at these Baths since the 31st March 1905, had been as follows:—

Receipts	£281 1 0	Payments	£376 11 8
		Repayment of loans and interest	£ <u>335 7 0</u>
	£281 1 0		£711 18

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- 3—Grazing at Naunton Park—The Tenders received for the grazing at -Naunton Park this year were considered. Resolved, That the offer of £6 by Messrs. Downham be accepted.
- 4—Attendant for Central Spa, Town Hall--Resolved, That an advertisement be inserted inviting applications for this appointment on the terms already approved by the Council.

HERBERT STROUD, Chairman.

BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Saturday, the 7th April, 1906—Present Aldermen Haddon and Rogers, Councillors Baker, Gridley, Merrett, Pilley and Steel (Alderman Haddon in the chair).

1—Burial Act, 1900—Ministers and Sexton's Fees—The scale of fees to be made under the above Act for the Ministers and Sexton in the Cemetery was again considered. Resolved, That the further consideration of the matter be adjourned

JOHN HADDON, Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Friday, the 27th April, 1906—Present:—Aldermen Haddon, and Rogers: Councillors Baker, Gridley, Merrett, Pilley and Steel (Alderman Haddon in the chair).

2—Inspection of Cemetery—The Committee met at and inspected the Cemetery. Resolved, That the Committee regret that they cannot accede to the request made by Mrs. Wheeler, of Middleton Lodge, for the removal of a tree near her husband's grave.

3—Designs—Resolved, That the following designs be approved, viz: Headstones to graves of James Herbert Gilding, Major General Henry Lewis, Leona Elise Logan, James Wakeford, Lily Mary Beatrice Collins, Sarah Latham, Foorde Russell Royse; Memorial Crosses to graves of James Lloyd Llanwarne, Richard Vickers, John Charles, Rosanna Malvina and Ernest Henry Annesley, and Myra and Catherine Withers Howard.

JOHN HADDON,

Chairman.

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PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 17th April, 1906—Present: The Mayor, Alderman Rogers, Councillors Bennett, Davies, Margrett, Merrett and Pilley, Colonel King-Harman, Revs. J. Evans, and A. Beynon Phillips, and Mr. A. Mann (Alderman Rogers in the chair).

1—Librarian's Report—Read, the Monthly Report of the Librarian. Receipts £5 15s. 5d. Presentations:—Trustees of British Museum (7 vols.), J. Bland Sutton (2 vols.), Incorporated Society of Musicians (I vol.), Dr. Garrett (1 pamphlet), Dr. Braine-Hartnell (1 vol.), Dr. Mount Biggs (3 vols.), A. C. Saxby (1 pamphlet).

2—Sub-Committee's Report—The Sub-Committee reported that they met on the 12th instant (Present : Alderman Rogers (chairman), Councillor Merrett, Colonel King-Harman, and the Rev. J. Evans).

They reported that they had interviewed 3 applicants for the post of Junior Assistant vacant by the resignation of J. D. Miller and recommended that G. E. Phelps be appointed at 6s per week. They also recommended that in view of the large amount of electric energy consumed at the Library to which attention had been called by the Lighting Committee the news room be closed at 9.30 instead of 10 p.m., and the Magazine Room at 8 instead of 9 p.m., the magazines to be removed to the news room at 8 p.m., and that the Annual Report be not printed this year in view of the financial position of the Library. Resolved, That the recommendations be approved and adopted and that the alteration in the hours of closing come into force on the 1st proximo.

3- Resignation of Member of Committee—The Town Clerk reported that Mr: G. H. Palmer, had resigned his member-ship of the Committee as he had left Cheltenham. Resolved, That Mr. Palmer be informed that the Committee have heard of his resignation with regret and express their thanks to him for his past services on the Committee and Sub-Committee.

RICHARD ROGERS,

Chairman.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 1st May, 1906—Present The Mayor, Councillors Bence. Bennett, Merrett, Parsonage, and Steel (Councillor Bence in the chair).

- 1 —General District Rate—The Report of the Borough Accountant, dated the 1st inst., on the collection of the General District Rate, was read. Amount of Rate (including arrears £138 16s. 4 ½ d.), £51,428 5s. 0 ½ d. Received £51,333 13s. 7d. Leaving outstanding £94 11s. 5d.
- 2—Water Rate—The Report of the Borough Accountant, dated the 1st inst., on the collection of this Sate WAS Amount received £11,232 3s. 5d. Leaving outstanding £2146 14s. 8d.

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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) £91,751 14 10 %Poor Rate (including Borough Rate) £47,332 11 0 £139,084 5 10 %

- 4—Estimates for Rites—Resolved, That a special meeting of the Committee be held on Friday next to consider the estimates for the rates.
- 5—Rating of Light Railways—Read, letters from the Town Clerk of Wakefield stating that the Divisional Court had decided that .Light Railways were liable to pay upon one fourth only of the assessment to the General District Rate. Counsel had advised that having regard to the doubt and difficulty expressed by the Court in arriving at the decision mentioned, there was a reasonable prospect of. successfully appealing against this decision and if the Wakefield Corporation were supported by other Corporations and Urban District Councils they would appeal, and they proposed to hold a conference in London on the 16th instant, to consider the advisability of doing so. Resolved, That the Committee recommend the Council to contribute to the cost of the proposed appeal 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.

Resolved, also, That the Cheltenham and Winchcomb Rural District Councils and the Charlton Kings Urban District Council be asked to join in this contribution.

6—Hatherley Outfall Sewer —The T6wn Clerk reported that he had received the sanction of the Local Government Board to a loan of £4,262 for the construction of the Hatherley Outfall Sewer, the period of repayment being 30 years, and to the application of £1,689 the unexpended balance of £17,200 Electric Lighting Loan for the same purpose.

7—Loans—The Borough Accountant reported that he had received an offer of £5,000 for a term of 10 years, with an option on either side to determine on six months' notice expiring at the end of the 5th or 7th year. Resolved, That the offer be accepted and that debentures on account of loans sanctioned be sealed and issued accordingly.

8--Investment of Sinking Fund—The Borough Accountant reported that the Rhondda Urban District Council desired to obtain a loan of between £3,000 and £4,000 at 3 ¾ per cent. Resolved, That the loan be advanced to the Rhondda Urban District Council out of the Sinking Funds available for investment, subject to the Town Clerk being satisfied with the security offered.

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, ordered to be paid by the Borough Treasurer.

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

In hand on the 27th March, 1906 £24,188 6 7 Received since that date (including Loans £6,000) $\underline{\text{£ 9,554 10 2}}$ £33,744 16 0

Paid since that date (including Sinking Funds £3,000

invested with the Corporation of St. Helens $£20,969 ext{ 10 8}$ In Hand $£12,773 ext{ 6 1}$

Being General Accounts £ 7,568 12 8 Sinking Funds £ $5,201 ext{ } 13 ext{ } 5$ £12,773 6 1

GEORGE BENCE, 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 7th, May, 1906, at 3 p.m. Present:

THE MAYOR ALDERMAN WILLIAM NASH SKILLICORNE) in the chair. THE DEPUTY MAYOR ALDERMAN JOHN HADDON.

Aldermen: GEORGE NORMAN COLONEL RICHARD ROGERS 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 WILLIE JOHN MERRETT TOM HERBERT PACKER EDWARD HENRY PARSONAGE JOSEPH PILLEY 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 2nd and 18th April 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 11th and 23rd April last, be approved and confirmed.

- 3—Farms Management Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Farms Management Committee, at their Meeting of the 20th April 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 10th and 30th April last, be approved and confirmed.
- 5—Town Improvement Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Town Improvement Committee, at their Meeting of the 23rd April last, be approved and confirmed.
- 6—Lighting Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Lighting Committee, at their Meeting of the 19th April last, be approved and confirmed.
- 7—Water Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Water Committee at their Meeting of the 26th April 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 24th April last, be approved and confirmed.
- 9—Mineral Waters, Baths and Recreation Grounds Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Mineral Waters, Baths and Recreation Ground', Committee, at their Meeting of the 20th April last, be approved confirmed.
- 10—Burial Board Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Burial Board Committee, at their Meetings of the 7th and 27th April last, be approved and confirmed.

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1—Finance Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Finance Committee, at their Meeting of the 1st May instant, 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.

- 2—Promenade Improvement No. 2---The motion on this subject of which notice had been given by Councillor Green was not carried.
- 3—Notices of Motion -The following notices of motion for the next Monthly Meeting of the Council were given :---

By Councillor Stroud: -

"That it is desirable in the interests of the general body of Ratepayers to consider the advisability of selling the Electric Lighting Undertaking " of the Borough of Cheltenham to some persons or Company upon terms " that shall reimburse the said Borough the full amount of capital " moneys incurred in the said undertaking up to the present time, and " also fully safeguard the nature and price of supply both for public and " private lighting thereby obviating further capital expenditure by the " Council of the said Borough and the possible risks and disadvantages " attendant upon the management and control of the said Undertaking " by the Municipality."

By Councillor Bennett: —

"That inasmuch as the Minute passed by the Town Council at its February " Meeting with regard to the late or night delivery in Cheltenham of " letters from the outside or rural districts has not been adopted by the " postal authorities, this Council instructs the Town Clerk to make " inquiries if it is intended to adopt the resolution, and, if so, the reasons " for the delay, and to press the postal authorities for a definite promise " that they will henceforth make a late or night delivery of rural letters, " in the same way as was done till a few weeks ago."

Mayor.

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Borough of Cheltenham.

MINUTES of the Finance Committee of the Town Council submitted for approval at a Special Meeting of the Council to be held on Friday, the 11th May, 1906.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Friday, the 4th May, 1906—Present : The Mayor, Councillors Bence, Bennett, Merrett, Steel and Stroud (Councillor Bence in the chair).

1—Estimates for Rates—The estimates for the Borough and General District Rates were considered. Resolved, That the further consideration be adjourned to a meeting of the Committee to be held tomorrow.

GEORGE BENCE,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Saturday, the 5th, May, 1906—Present: The Mayor, Councillors Bence, Bennett, Merrett, Steel and Stroud (Councillor Bence in the chair).

2---Estimates for Rates—The estimates for the rates were further considered. Resolved, That the same as now settled be approved, and submitted to the Council at a meeting on the 11th inst., and if the same are then approved that a meeting of the Council be held on the 19th inst., at 12 noon to make the General District Rate and Order for Borough Rate accordingly.

GEORGE BENCE, 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 Friday, the nth May, 1906, at 3 p.m. Present:

THE MAYOR (ALDERMAN WILLIAM NASH SKILLICORNE) in the chair.

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

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 WILLIAM JOHN MERRETT TOM HERBERT PACKER ROBERT STEEL HERBERT STROUD

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1—Finance Committee---Resolved, That the proceedings of the Finance Committee at their Meetings of the 4th and 5th 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 tenement, whether occupied or unoccupied at a reduced estimate of one half.

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 Saturday, the 19th May, 1906, at 12 noon. Present:

THE MAYOR (ALDERMAN WILLIAM NASH SKILLICORNE) in the chair.

THE DEPUTY MAYOR (ALDERMAN JOHN HADDON).

Aldermen: JAMES BATTEN WINTERBOTHAM JOHN WAGHORNE

Councillors: WILLIAM ALFRED BAKER FREDERICK JOSEPH BENNETT RICHARD DAVIES EDWINSON CHARLES GREEN EDWARD GRIDLEY CHARLES HENRY MARGRETT WILLIE JOHN MERRETT JOSEPH PILLEY ROBERT STEEL HERBERT STROUD

1—Order for 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 seine 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 £26,000 will in addition to the Borough Fund be sufficient for those purposes including therein the

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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 £26,000. 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 arid 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 six instalments, viz:-£4,000 forthwith. £5,000 on or before the 1st day of July next, £4,000 on or before the 1st day of September next, £4,000 on or before the 1st day of November next, £5,000 on or before the 1st 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.

3—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 fivepence 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 he 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.

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 Tuesday, the 5th June, 1906.

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 14th May, 1906—Present: The Mayor, Councillors Bence, M. Davis, and Pilley (The 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, and 1 case of Erysipelas, and that 8 cases of Scarlet Fever, had been sent into the Delancey Hospital.
- 2—Cleansing & Disinfecting at No. 8, Greville Terrace and Moorend House, Moorend 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 to cleanse and disinfect the houses or parts thereof within the time specified in such Notice.
- 3—Cleansing and Limewashing at Nos. 13 Russell Street, 33 Rose Crown Passage, 2, 3 4 Albert Cottages, St. Luke's, and 12 Marsh Terrace. 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 Old Post Office, Arle, Nos. 25 Gloucester Place and 3, 5, 7, 9, 11, & 13 Russell 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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5—Insanitary Property—Old Post Office, Arle; 3 Albert Cottages, St. Luke's, and Cottage at rear of 7 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, &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.

6—Overcrowding at No. 2, Edward Terrace—The Medical Officer of Health reported that the above premises were so overcrowded as to be dangerous or injurious to the health of the inmates. Resolved, That the Committee being satisfied of the existence of a nuisance on the said premises, Notices under Section 94 of the Public Health Act be served on the 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. 7 & 12, Sandford Street, Moorend House, Moorend Street, Westville, Hayward's Road, 6, Rochford Terrace, Alexandra Street, and 6, Waterloo Terrace, Bath 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—Destruction of Diseased Meat—The Medical Officer of Health reported that on the 10th instant a beast killed in a private slaughterhouse was found to be affected by tuberculosis and portions of the carcase and offal (weight 483lbs.) were surrendered by the owner upon the representations of the Inspector of Nuisances and destroyed.

9—Dairies, Cowsheds and Milkshops Order—Read an application from Mr. Alfred Richings, of Granley Cottages, Granley Road to be registered as a purveyor of milk. Resolved, That the applicant be registered.

10—Prestbury Sewerage Scheme—Read, a letter from the Clerk to the Cheltenham Rural District Council stating that the sewers in Prestbury Parish at present connected with the Cheltenham system would all shortly be disconnected, probably within the next two months.

W. NASH SKILLICORNE, Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 21st May, 1906—Present: The Mayor, Alderman Norman, Councillors Bence and Pilley (Tice Mayor lot 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, which had been sent into the Delancey Hospital.
- 12—Cleansing and Limewashing at Nos. 34 Worcester Street, 12 Marsh Terrace, 7 Coltham Fields, 1 & Savory's Court, Duke 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.
- 13—Nuisances from Drains, etc., at Nos. 6, 9, and 14, Albert Street, St. Peter's. 12 and 14 Baker Street, 36, 37, 38, and 39, Cleveland Street, and Slaughterhouse, Sherborne Place.—The Inspector of Nuisances having made written application under Section 41 of the Public Health Act, 1875, stating that the chains, &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, a IA report to the Committee.

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- 14—Insanitary Property—Agra House, Bath Road, 2 Painswick Terrace, 10 Waterloo Street, Workshop in Wellington Passage, and 7, 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.
- 15—Overcrowding at No. 3, 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 Section 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:—Bayshill Inn, St. George's Place, Benhall Farm Dairy, Bath Street, 44 Rutland Street, 24, Stoneville Street, and 4, Windsor 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 a proper ash receptacle, repairs to roofs, floors, &c., which had been served but not complied with. Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to take the necessary proceedings to compel compliance.
- W. NASH SKILLICORNE, Chairman.

FARMS MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Friday, the 18th May, 1906—Present The Mayor, Councillors Bence, M. Davis, Green, Gridley, Margrett 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, 12 sheep had been purchased for £17 8s., and 21 head of cattle and 1 calf for £231 17s. 6d. Six bullocks had been sold for £112 10s. 6d., and 1 lamb for 15s The number of livestock on the farms on the 18th instant was 11 horses and 1 foal, 146 head of cattle, 99 sheep and 10 pigs, all being healthy and doing very well. £36 18s. 8d. had been received for wheat and beans, £1. 16s. for mangolds and £1 14s. 4d. for pea and bean sticks. 2 tons, 17 cwts., 3 qrs. of hay had been delivered to the Central Depot. 3 qrs. of seed oats had been purchased for 24s per qr. Mangolds and oats had been planted at both farms. He reported that he required two new gates at Hayden and posts and rails for fencing. The roof at Haydon Knoll farm house needed attention. Some more sheep and a sow should be purchased.

Resolved, That the recommendations be approved and adopted, and that the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have the roof at the farmhouse repaired.

2---Cottage at Haydon Knoll Farm—Resolved, That notice be at once given to Mr. W. Painter the tenant of a cottage at Haydon Knoll Farm to determine his tenancy.

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3—Shooting over Farms—Read a letter from Messrs. Ticehursts, Mellquham & Wyatt, on behalf of Mr. Baring Bingham and from Mr. G-. Mcllquham, to take the shooting over the Barn and the Hayden and Haydon Knoll Farms respectively, for the year commencing the 1st instant on the same terms as last year. Resolved, That the offers be accepted.

M. DAVIS,

Chairman.

STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, the 16th May, 1906—Present: Alderman Haddon, Councillors Baker, Bendall, Gridley, and Ley Wood (Councillor Bendall in the Chair).

1—Street Projections—The Street Inspector reported that the following projections had been put up without the permission of the Council, viz:—Sign Board at No. 1 Regent Terrace, St. George's Street, 2 gas lamps at the Volunteer Drill Hall, North Street, an enamelled plate at No, 87 Winchcomb Street, sign board in Montpellier Street by Messrs. Wilkins & Slatter, and a hanging sign in Montpellier Street by the County Drug Company.

Read, a letter from Messrs. Wilkins & Slatter and Messrs. Saunders & Sons, Ltd., applying for permission for the signs at their premises in Montpellier Street and at No. 1 Regent Terrace, St. George's Street, respectively, to be allowed to remain. Resolved, That the applications be not acceded to and that notice be given requiring the removal of all the projections mentioned in the Inspector's Report. Read, a letter from

Messrs. H. E. Steel, Ltd., asking the Council to reconsider their decision requiring the removal of the two small petrol signs as a condition of the permission for the illuminated sign being allowed to remain. Resolved, That the Council cannot see their way to alter their previous resolution.

Read, a letter from Mr. K. Devereux, applying for permission to remove a. hairdresser's pole from 18 Granville Street to No. 127 Tewkesbury Road. Resolved, That the application be acceded to.

- 2—Crossing in Swindon Road—Read, a letter from the Managers of St. Peter's Boys' School, thanking the Council for providing a crossing in Swindon Road opposite the School.
- 3—Footpath in front of Rotunda Terrace—Read, a memorial signed by Mr. Edwin Bick and other residents in Rotunda Terrace, calling attention to the increasing use made of the footpath in front of Rotunda Terrace, and the bad state of the paving and channelling. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to report is to the works required with an estimate of the east.
- 4—Cheltenham and District Light Railway—Byelaws—Read, a letter from the Board of Trade enclosing copy of a letter addressed to the Bond by Mr. F. Wells, of Berkeley Place, on the subject of the overcrowding of the cars on the Light Railway. The Town Clerk submitted draft reply to the Board informing them of the instructions given by the Council to the police for the enforcement of the Byelaws. Resolved, That the letter be approved.

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5—Millbrook Street—Read, a letter from the G.W.R. Co. agreeing to set back the wall at the corner of Millbrook Street and Gt. Western Road on payment of £8 to cover the cost of setting back and rebuilding the wall. Resolved, That the offer be accepted and the improvement made.

JOHN D. BENDALL,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 28th, May, 1906—Present: The Mayor, Alderman Haddon, Councillors Baker, Bendall, Gridley, and Ley Wood (Councillor Bendall in the Chair).

6—Borough Surveyor's Monthly Report Re Highways—The Borough Surveyor reported that the work done by the Highways Department from the 27th April, to the 24th May, 1906 (both inclusive) had been as follows:—

Roads repaired—Queen's Road (10,132 super yards), and Priory Street (1,578 super yards).

Roads patched—County Court Road and Leckhampton Road. Public Improvement Works—Charlton Lane (proceeding)

Private Improvement Works—Great Western Terrace, Albany Road, and Chosen Prospect (proceeding).

Work for Great Western Railway Co.—Great Western Road (proceeding). Crossings renewed-6.

New Crossings laid-3. Footpath Paving repaired—Priory Terrace (181 super yards), Montpellier Terrace (218 super yards) and Montpellier Walk. Footpaths gravelled—Lansdown Road (94 super yards), Andover Road (217 super yards), Lansdown Place (256 super yards). Asphalt Footpath repaired—Tewkesbury Road (371 super yards).

Slab Paving laid—All Saints' Road (208 super yards). High Street (by G.W.R. bridge) 66 super yards, Whitehart Street, 17 super yards. Asphalte Margin laid—All Saints' Road, 44 super yards. Kerb fixed—High Street (new), (29 lineal yards), High Street (old), (5 lineal yards), Whitehart Street (3A. lineal yards). Channel fixed—High Street (28 lineal yards),

Gullies fixed—5. Surface Water Drain renewed—Hewlett Street (47 lineal yards). Gas Trenches repaired-1 in Fairfield Road, 5 in Leckhampton Road, 1 in Waterloo Passage, and 1 in Old Bath Road.

Water Trenches repaired-1 in Fairfield Road, 1 in Old Bath Road, and 1 in St. Paul's Road.

Electric Light Trenches repaired—Montpellier Street, Priory Parade, St. George's Road, Thirlestaine Place, Bath Rd.

Ditch filled up and Grass Verge made—The Park (1,470 super yards), Dead Trees removed-1 in Gloucester Road, 6 in Tewkesbury Road, 3 in Clarence Road, and 1 in Wellington Square. Trees pruned—Ambrose Street and young shoots in Lansdown Road,

Ashes Collection and Disposal—During 4 weeks ended 19th May, 1906, 1,084 loads collected, 2S3 tipped away and 801 consumed. Weight consumed, 788 tons, 10 cwts. 2 qrs.

Slab Factory—During 4 weeks ended 17th May, 1906-478 2/3 super yards of slabs and 3,037 lineal feet of kerb and channel made.

7—View Meeting—The following members attended the View Meeting on Friday last:—Alderman Haddon, Councillors Baker, Bendall, Gridley and Ley Wood.

8—Report of Plans Sub-Committee—The Chairman reported the proceedings of the Plans Sub-Committee at their Meetings of the 16th and 25th instant. Resolved, That the same be approved and adopted.

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9—Apportionment of Private Improvement Expenses—Trafalgar Street—The Borough Surveyor reported that the private improvement works ordered to be done in Trafalgar Street had been carried Out by the Corporation at a cost of £2 12s. 3d., which sum he had apportioned amongst the abutting owners according to the frontages of their respective properties. Resolved, That the apportionment be approved and that notices thereof and of demand for repayment be served.

10—Hand Trucks --The Borough Surveyor recommended that three additional hand trucks be purchased and submitted tenders from local tradesmen for the supply of the same. Resolved, That the recommendation of the Borough Surveyor be approved and that the tender of Mr. C. Phillips, of Suffolk Street, for the supply of three trucks at a total cost of £16 10s. be accepted.

- 11—Private Improvement Works--:-Sandfield Road and Road back of Grange Crescent—Read, a letter from Mr. W. Perkins pointing out that he had given up a piece of land to the public for the improvement of Sandfield Road and that he had no entrance at all to the road at the back of Grange Crescent and that he did not consider he should be called upon to pay for the private improvement works. Resolved, That the letter be referred to the Borough Surveyor for consideration and report when the apportionment of expenses is considered by the Committee.
- 12—Pillar Letter Box in Albert Road, Pittville—Read, a letter from the Postmaster applying for permission to erect a pillar letter box in Albert Road, Pittville, near Marston Lodge. Resolved, That the application be granted, the exact position to be approved by the Borough Surveyor.
- 13—Roadway in Front of Crescent Place—Read, a letter from Mr. E. B. Wethered on behalf of the justices present at the Police Court, on the 24th instant, asking the Council to consider whether something could be done to the road to reduce the noise of traffic as at times hearing was rendered very difficult at the Police Court. Resolved, That Mr. blethered be informed that the present tar macadam3 road shall be repaired where required with the same material.

14—Slab Factory—The Borough Surveyor submitted a report of the working of the Slab Factory for the half-year ending 29th March, 1906:—

The following table chews the slabs and kerbs manufactured and disposed of during the half year, the kerbs being calculated at the same thickness as the slabs, viz 2 ½ inches:-

	SLABS.	KERBS.	TOTAL.
	Sq. Yards.	Sq. Yards.	Sq. Yards
Stock 29th September, 1905	10,598 1/3	1,698 2/3	12,297
Less used on Works	<u>256 2/9</u>	233 1/3	<u>489 5/9</u>
	10,342 1/9	1,465 1/3	11,807 4/9
Manufactured half-year ended			
29th March, 1906	<u>1,746 2/3</u>	<u>5,236</u>	6,982 2/3
	12,088 7/9	6,701 1/3	18,790 1/9
Sales half-year ended			
29th March, 1906	<u>3,722 2/9</u>	<u>3,542</u>	7,264 2/9
Stock 29th March, 1906	8,366 5/9	3,159 1/3	11,525 8/9

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SLAB FACTORY REVENUE A					
Half Year from 29th September, 1905, to 29th March, 1906.			rch, 1906.		
Dr. [debit]					
Slabs in Stock, 29th Septen	nber, 1905,				
10598 1/3 sq. yds. at 2s 6d			£1324 15 1	15 10	
Kerbs in Stk. <u>1698</u> 2/3 " at 2s 6d			£ 21268		
12297				£	1537 2 6
Cement, Granite and other materials in Stock,					
29th September, 1905				£	107 2 10

Wages-and Materials for	Half-year,.		
29 th Sept. 1905, to 29th N	Лarch, 1906		
Rates, Taxes and Insuran	ces for Half year,		£633 13 10
29th September, 1905 to	29th March, 1906		£ 9 15 1
Interest and Sinking Fund	for Half year, 29th		
September, 1905 to 29th	March, 1906		£125 10 7
Surplus	••		<u>472 19 9</u>
			£2,916 4 7
Cr [credit]			•
Surplus forward from 29t	h September, 1905		£315 19 3
Sales from 29th Septemb	er, 1905	£1156 9 7	
Less charged to Slab Fact	ory	£ 62 12 4	
			£1093 17 3
Slabs in Stock 29th March	n, 1906,		
7637 5/9 sq. yds. at 2s 6d		954 13 11	
729 " 1s	1s 0d	£ 3690	
Kerbs in Stock			
3159 1/3	2s 6d	<u>£ 394 18 4</u>	
			£1386 1 3
Total 11,525 1/8			
Value of Cement, Granite			
in Stock, 29th March, 190	06		£ 108 6 10
Disused Disintegrator Sol	d		<u>£ 12 0 0</u>
			£2916 4 7

The loan of £3,000 had now been reduced by the Sinking Fund to £2,268 10s. 0d. Resolved, That three new dies be purchased at a cost of £63

1—Wooden Building in Post Office Lane—In accordance with notice given as directed at the last meeting, Mr. J. W. Cheshire attended this meeting to show cause why a wooden building erected by him in Post Office Lane should not be removed, the same being contrary to the Byelaws with respect to New Buildings. Mr. Cheshire having been heard by the Committee, Resolved. That Mr. Cheshire be called upon to remove the building.

JOHN D. BENDALL, Chairman.

PLANS SUB-COMMITTEE. At a Meeting of this Sub-Committee, held on Wednesday, the 16th May, 1906—Present: Councillors Baker and Bendall, (Councillor Bendall in the chair).

1—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
406	Evans & Holliday	Six new houses in Fairfield Parade
407	S. H. Fox	Bathroom at rear of No. 1 Avondale Villas
408	J. Riley	21 houses in Rowanfield Road
390	Hatherley Court Estate Co.	New sewers, Hatherley Court Estate
409	R. R. Skemp	7 cottages in Old Bath Road (Pilley)
404	F. Jenkins	10 cottages in Fairhaven Street

Resolved, That Plans Nod. 407 be approved, that Plans No. 408, 390, 409 and 404 be disapproved, and that Plans Nod. 406 be approved, such approval not to be taken as in any way approving the sewer or drain in the street in front of the houses.

JOHN D. BENDALL, Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Sub-Committee, held on Friday, the 25th May, 1906—Present: Councillors Baker, and Bendall (Councillor Bendall in the chair).

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.
410	J. T. Wilcox	Workshop in St. Paul's Lane, at rear of No. 20 St. Paul's Street North.
411	T. W. Smith	Eight Houses in Hale's Road.

[slid?] subject to the usual agreement being entered into. Resolved, That Plan Nod. 411 be approved, and that Plan Nod. 410 be approved as a temporary building only

JOHN D. BENDALL, Chairman.

HIGHWAYS EXPENDITURE INQUIRY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 8th May, 1906—Present The Mayor, Councillors Baker Bendall, Green, Ley Wood, Margrett and Merrett (Councillor Ley Wood in the chair).

1—Highways Expenditure—The information supplied by the Borough Surveyor Was further considered, together with report as to the age and physical capacity of the men employed by the Highways Department for street sweeping etc. Resolved, That meetings of the Committee be held at the Central Depot, and the men employed as be instructed to attend before the Committee.

ROBT. LEY WOOD, Chairman.

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At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, the 10th May, 1906. Present:—Councillors Baker, Bendall, Green, Ley Wood, Margrett, Merrett and Stroud (Councillor Ley Wood in the Chair).

2—Highways Expenditure—The Committee met at the Central Depot, and interviewed a number of men who had been for many years in the Corporation employ.

ROBT. LEY WOOD, Chairman,

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, the 14th May, 1906. Present:—Councillors Baker, Bendall, Ley Wood and Margrett (Councillor Ley Wood in the Chair).

3—Highways Expenditure -- The Committee again met at the Central Depot, and interviewed the sweepers and spotters in the Highways Department not previously seen by the Committee.

ROBT. LEY WOOD, Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, the 18th May, 1906. Present:—The Mayor, Councillors Green, Ley Wood, Margrett and Merrett (Councillor Ley Wood in the Chair).

4—Highways Expenditure—At this meeting the Committee interviewed the remainder of the employees in the Highways Department.

ROBT. LEY WOOD, Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, the 22nd May, 1906. Present:—Councillors Baker, Bendall, Green, Ley Wood, Margrett and Merrett (Councillor Ley Wood in the Chair).

5—Highways Expenditure—The question of the conditions of employment in the Highways Department was considered. Resolved, That the further consideration be adjourned.

ROBT. LEY WOOD, Chairman.

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At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, the 29th, May, 1906. Present Councillors Green, Ley Wood, Margrett, and Merrett (Councillor Ley Wood in the Chair).

6—Highways Expenditure—The conditions of employment in the Highways Department and other matters were again under consideration.

ROBT. LEY WOOD, Chairman.

TOWN IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 21st May, 1906—Present: The Mayor, Aldermen Norman, Rogers, and Winterbotham, Councillors Baker, Bence, and Bennett (Councillor Bence in the chair).

1—Report of Entertainments' Sub-Committee—The Entertainments Sub-Committee reported that they had engaged the Rifle Volunteer Baud to play in the Promenade Band Stand on Whit-Monday, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. They had also as authorised selected the views for the Midland Railway carriages and proposed that 50 platinotypes of each of the 10 views selected should be obtained from local photographers at a cost of about £30. Resolved, That the proceedings of the Sub-Committee be approved and confirmed.

- 2—Promenade Improvement No. 2—The Borough Surveyor submitted a plan providing for small Italian flower beds being placed opposite the Post Office and Nos. 1 to 10 and 13 Promenade, respectively. The formation of the beds would relieve the large expense of pavement, but would leave a clear thoroughfare for foot passengers of 9 feet in width, immediately in front of the extended building line. The proposed beds could be provided within the estimated cost. Resolved, That the plan be approved and that the resolution to Minute No. 2 of this Committee of the 19th March last be amended accordingly.
- 3—Presentation—Read, a letter from Captain Shakespear, R.N., offering on behalf of his wife and himself for the acceptance of the Council a white camelia tree about 8ft. high. Resolved, That the offer be accepted and that the thanks of the Council be conveyed to the donors.

GEORGE BENCE, Chairman.

LIGHTING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Thursday, the 17th May, 1906—Present 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 14th and 16th inst. had been 202 and 201 volts. respectively. an average of 201.5.

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

ILLUMINATING POWER		PURITY	Grains of Sulphur per
1906		1906	100 cubic feet.
May 7th	16.73 candles	May 4-5	11.22
" 15th	15.85 "	" 14-15	12.96
Average	16.29 "	Average	12.09

- 3--Borough Electrical Engineer's Monthly Report—Read, the Monthly Report of the Borough Electrical Engineer. On the 15th inst, there were 867 consumers, with an equivalent of 58,532 eight candle power lamps, connected to the private supply mains, the corresponding figures for last year being 817 and 54,639 respectively.
- 4—Tenders for Coal—The Tenders received for the supply of coal for the works were opened. Resolved. That the same be referred to the Borough Electrical Engineer for consideration and report.
- 5—Purchase of Water Meter—On the recommendation of the Borough Electrical Engineer. Resolved, That he be authorised to purchase a 3-inch water meter for the Works at a cost not exceeding £50.

ROBT. LEY WOOD,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, the 31st May, 1906--Present: Councillors Green, Gridley, Ley Wood, Merrett and Steel (Councillor Ley Wood in the chair).

6—Tenders for Coal—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported as to the examination of samples he had so far made. Resolved, That the further consideration of the Tenders be adjourned with a view to further tests and report.

7—Promenade Improvement No. 2—The Committee held an adjourned evening meeting to view the locality to decide whether any extra lighting would be required when the improvement had been carried out. Resolved. That the necessary cable be laid along the fronts of the houses to provide for any additional public lamps, and also for private supply at a cost of not exceeding £30

ROBT. LEY WOOD,

Chairman.

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WATER COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Thursday, the 24th May, 1906—Present, Alderman Norman, Councillors Baker, Bendall, 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		Average for corresponding
	20th May, 1906.	period during last 3 years,
Hewletts Springs	188,640 gallons	221,760 gallons
Dowdeswell Springs	414,720 "	554,077 "
Leckhampton	44,640 "	not guaged.
Total	648,000 "	775,837 "

CONTENTS OF RESERVOIRS,

	May 20th, 1906,		May 20th, 1905,	
	Depth	Contents	Depth	Contents
Hewletts		14,910,907 gallons		25,178,160 gallons
Leckhampton	9ft. 2in.	1,285,847 "	11ft. 7in.	1,570,470 "
Dowdeswell	28ft. 2in.	80,501,594 "	30ft. 0in.	93,470,011 "
Total Storage	96,698,348 "			120,218,641 "

2—Report of Fire Brigade Captain—The Captain of the Fire Brigade reported that the Brigade had not received a call to any fire during the month and that the firemen's boots required repairs.

Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have the boots repaired.

3—Report of Fire Brigade Sub-Committee-The Fire Brigade Sub-Committee reported that they met at the Fire Station on the 9th- instant. Present : Alderman Norman, Councillors Baker, and M. Davis (Councillor Baker in the chair).

Captain Such reported that the contractors for horsing the fire engine objected to take the engine more than four miles without four horses and that additional harness would be required. Resolved, That in view of this report and the fact that 2 horses are sufficient for service within the Borough, notice be given to neighbouring authorities that the fire engine will not be taken outside the Borough unless they make a contribution towards the expenses of upkeep of the Brigade.

The question of improving the system of fire bell calls was referred to by Captain Such. Resolved, That no alteration be made for the present. Resolved, That the recommendations of the Sub-Committee be approved and confirmed.

4—Water Supply to Shaw Green Lane, Prestbury—An application was received from Mr. G. L. Bayley for a further extension of main for about 200 yards in Shaw Green Lane, Prestbury. Resolved, That the extension be made on Mr. Bayley agreeing to guarantee 10 per cent., per annum for 10 years, on the outlay for this extension and the extension already made.

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5—Water Supply for Volunteer Camp—On the application of Colonel Cardew, 1st G.R.E.V. Resolved, That a free supply of water be furnished to the Engineer Volunteer Camp at Charlton Park, from the 30th July to the 11th August next.

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

H. WAGHORNE,

Chairman.

GENERAL PURPOSES AND WATCH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, the 22nd May, 1906—Present: The Mayor, Aldermen Haddon, Norman, Rogers and Waghorne, Councillors Bence, Bendall, Ley Wood and Strand (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—Read, applications from Mr. Thomas Short, of Ferncroft, St. Luke's Terrace, and Mr. Henry Dunn, of 1, Victoria Cottages, for licences to drive hackney carriages. Resolved, That the applications be granted.
- 3—Transfer of Hackney Carriage Licence—Read, a letter from Mr. Harry Warner, of the Norwood Arms, applying for the transfer of Hackney Carriage Licence No. 54 to Messrs. Flower & Sons. Resolved, That the application be granted.

4—Telephone Connection for Police Sub-Stations—On the application of Superintendent Hopkins, Resolved, That the St. Mark's Police Sub-Station be connected with the Central Station by telephone at a cost of £5 10s. per annum.

5—Rooms in Library Building--Councillor Merrett and the Revs. J. Evans and A. Beynon Phillips attended this meeting as a deputation from the Public Library Committed with reference to the rooms in the Library building formerly occupied by the Schools of Art and Science. Resolved, That the Sub-Committee appointed on the 21st November last be asked to meet and report at an early date as to the use to which the rooms mentioned should be put.

6—Town Postal Deliveries—Read, a letter from the Postmaster stating that for the past 10 years the 5 p.m. postal delivery on Saturdays throughout the town had been suspended, and now that the 3.15 p.m. delivery had been entirely given up there was no delivery on Saturday's between 1.30 and 7.16 p.m., which owing to frequent arrival of foreign mails on that day rendered the last delivery very heavy and prolonged it to an undesirable hour at night. The postmen had therefore asked that the 5 p.m. delivery on Wednesdays when the work is lighter, should be suspended instead of the same delivery' on Saturdays, and he had been instructed to obtain the opinion of the Council on the proposal. Resolved, That the Council see no objection to the proposed change.

7—Cheltenham Market—Read, a letter from Mr. C. C. Castle, on behalf of the Cheltenham Market Gardeners' Association calling attention to the condition of the market after rain and asking that the drainage, &c., of the same should be improved. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to meet Mr. Castle and report at the next meeting.

8—Ladder for Town Hall—The chairman reported that the special ladder required for cleaning purposes at the Town Hall had been purchased for £5.

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9—Petroleum Licence—Resolved, That a Licence be granted to the G.W.R. Company to store not exceeding 500 gallons of Petroleum in an iron building erected on their premises in St. James' Square until the opening of the Cheltenham and Honeybourne Railway, when it would no longer be required.

GEO. NORMAN, Chairman.

MINERAL WATERS, BATHS AND RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Thursday, the 3rd May, 1906—Present : Alderman Norman, Councillors Baker,

Bence, Bendall, Davies, Merrett, Pilley and Stroud (Councillor Stroud in the chair.)

1—Town Hall Central Spa--Attendant—The applications, 32 in number, received for this appointment, were read and considered, Resolved, That the five applicants now selected be asked to attend a Meeting of this Committee to be held tomorrow.

HERBERT STROUD, Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Friday, the 4th May, 1906—Present: The Mayor. Alderman Norman, Councillors Baker, Bence, Bendall, Davies, Merrett, Pilley and Stroud (Councillor Stroud in the chair).

- 2—Town Hall Central Spa—Attendant—The selected Candidates for this appointment were interviewed by the Committee Resolved, That Miss K. Causon be appointed at the salary and on the other terms and conditions mentioned in the advertisement. Resolved also, That the Spa be opened on Thursday next and that two daily papers and six monthly magazines be supplied for the use of those drinking the waters.
- 3—Naunton Park—Read, an application from the Naunton Park Rugby Football Club applying for permission to play in Naunton Park next season. Resolved, That the application be granted on the usual conditions.

HERBERT STROUD,

Chairman.

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At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Friday, the 18th May 1906—Present: Councillors Baker, Bendall, Bence, Davies, Merrett and Stroud (Councillor Stroud in the chair).

4—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 ... £34 10 5

Payments £40 2 5

Proportion of repayment of

loans and interest £44 8 5 £84 10 10

5—Alstone Baths—The Borough Accountant reported that the receipts, (&c., at these Baths since the 31st March last, had been as follows

Receipts £25 14 1 Payments £31 1 1 Repayment of loans and interest.. £27 18 11 £59 0 0

The Borough Surveyor reported that Mr. and Mrs. Fouracre, the Superintendents of these Baths, had resigned their appointment, Mr. Fouracre having been appointed Superintendent of the Gloucester Corporation Baths. Resolved, That the resignation be accepted and that applications be invited by advertisement for the appointment on the following terms and conditions, viz:--joint salary £70 per annum, rising by £5 per annum to £30, with rooms, fuel and light, both man and wife to be able to swim.

6---Town Hall Central Spa—Resolved, That estimates be obtained for the printing of cards suitable for hanging in local hotels and boarding houses giving particulars of the Central Spa, and that the Public Library Committee be asked to allow the old weighing chair and record book at present stored at the Library to be exhibited at the Town Hall.

7—St. Mary's (Old) Cemetery----Read, a letter from Mr. H. Wilkins, 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 granted.

HERBERT STROUD,

Chairman.

BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Friday, the 25th May, 1906—Present:—Aldermen Haddon and Rogers, Councillors Baker, Merrett, Gridley, Pilley and Steel (Alderman Haddon -in the chair).

1—Superintendent's Report—Read, the Monthly Report of the Superintendent. On his application, Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to supply the usual quantity of bedding out plants for the Cemetery .

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2—Designs—Resolved, That the following designs be approved, viz: Headstones to graves of Elizabeth Spurle, William Hogg, Rosamond M. Bubb, 'Thomas Edwin King, Louis John Macdonald, Frank, Matilda and Thomas Poulton, and Harriet Frowen. Memorial Crosses to graves of Thomas Flynn, Ambrose Gilbert Fox-Harvey, 'Mary Elizabeth Wonson, and Annie Elizabeth Wilderspin. Kerb and Inscription to grave of Samuel Bruce Billings.

3—Grass at Cemetery—The Tenders received for the grass at the Cemetery were considered. Resolved, That the offer of £9 by MR. Edward Minett of Lynworth Farm, Prestbury, be accepted.

JOHN HADDON, Chairman.

PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 14th May, 1906—Present: Alderman Rogers, Councillors Bennett, Davies, Margrett, and Merrett, Revs. J. Evans, J. A. Owen and A. Beynon Phillips, Colonel King-Harman, and Messrs. A. Beckingsale, W. Cresswell, F. Parsons, E. C. Rogers and J. Stewart (Alderman Rogers in the chair).

- 1—Librarian's Report—Read, the Monthly Report of the Librarian. Receipts during the month £5 17s. Od. Presentations:—Baron de Ferrieres (1 vol.), F. B. de Sausmarez (46 vols.), Sister Emily (4 vols.)
- 2--Report of Sub-Committee—The Sub-Committee reported that they met on the 11th inst., (Present : Alderman Rogers (Chairman), Revs. J. Evans and Colonel King-Harman). They recommended that the Exchange and Mart, Financial Times, Army and Navy Gazette, Gardener's Chronicle, the latter in substitution for the Journal of Horticulture, be again taken at the Library. Resolved, That the recommendation be approved and adopted.

3---Rooms over Library—Resolved, That Councillor Merrett and the Revs. J. Evans and A. Beynon Phillips be appointed a deputation to interview the General Purposes and Watch Committee of the Council, and, if necessary, the Art Gallery Sub-Committee, as to the rooms over the Library at present temporarily occupied by the Art Gallery Sub-Committee and the School of Art.

RICHARD ROGERS,

Chairman.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 29th May, 1906—Present: The Mayor, Councillors Bence, Merrett, Steel and Stroud (Councillor Steel in the chair).

1—General District Rate—The Report of the Borough Accountant, dated the 29th inst., on the collection of the 1st instalment of this Rate was read. Amount collected £1,342 10s. 7d. Leaving outstanding £23,279 8s. 2d.

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- 2—Water Rate—The Report of the Borough Accountant, dated the 29th inst., on the collection of this Rate was read. Amount received £1550 17s. 2d. Leaving outstanding £847. 4s. 11d.
- 3—Rating of Light Railways--With reference to the Resolutions, to Minute No. 5 of this Committee of the 1st instant, read, letters from the Cheltenham and Winchcomb Rural District Councils and the Charlton Kings Urban District Council agreeing to join in the contribution of £10 towards the cost of the Wakefield Corporation's appeal in proportion to the assessable value of the Cheltenham & District Light Railway within their districts Cheltenham.
- 4—Loans—The Borough Accountant reported that he had received £5000 on loan at 3 5/8 per cent. for a term of 7 years, determinable by either party at the end of the 3rd or 5th year and this amount together with the loan of £5000, reported at the last meeting he proposed should be applied in repayment to Lloyds Bank of Water Debentures carrying interest at 4 per cent., as the Bank were willing to receive immediate repayment. Resolved, That the proposal be approved and that debentures be sealed and issued accordingly.

The Borough Accountant also reported the receipt of £2000 at 3 5/8 per cent. for a term of 3 years, and an offer of £2200 available in a month's time at a similar rate of interest. Resolved, That the offers be accepted and that debentures be sealed and issued accordingly on account of sanctioned loans.

- 5—Remuneration of Elective Auditors—Read, a letter from the Borough Elective Auditors asking the Council to fix as their remuneration for the audit of the accounts for the hall year ended 31st March last the sum of 25 guineas each in view of the fact that the half year to be audited entails much more work for the auditors than the first half of the financial year. Resolved, That £25 be paid to each of the Auditors for the half year mentioned.
- 6— Accounts of Education Committee—The Town Clerk laid before the Committee the report of the District Auditor upon his audit of the Accounts of the Education Committee for the last financial year

in which he suggested that the statement of the receipts and expenditure of the Education Committee might be included in the published accounts of the Town Council. Resolved, That in future the statement of receipts and expenditure of the Education Committee published in the local press in accordance with the provisions of the Education Acts be inserted in the Abstract of Accounts.

7—Expenditure of Committees—Read, a letter from the Secretary of the Education Committee asking for a payment of on account out of the sum provided in the estimates for Elementary Education. Resolved, That the payment asked for be made after deducting the sum of therefrom, being the amount voted by the Education Committee at their last meeting for the salary of a second Health Visitor for which no provision had been made in their estimate and that the several Committees of the Council be again urged to avoid incurring expenditure not provided for in their estimates.

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, ordered to be paid by the Borough Treasurer. The Treasurer's accounts at the Bank were examined, and the balances found to be correct. The following was the General Statement:—

In hand on the 1st May, 1906 £12,773 6 1 Received since that date (including Loans 10,000) £ $\frac{16,987 \ 9 \ 4}{29,760 \ 15 \ 5}$ Paid since date £ $\frac{10,065 \ 11 \ 1}{20}$

In Hand £19,695 4 4

Being General Accounts £13,828 4 3
Sinking Funds £ 5,867 0 1
£19,695 4 4

ROBERT STEEL, 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 Tuesday, the 5th June, 1906, at 3 p.m. Present:

THE MAYOR (ALDERMAN WILLIAM NASH SKILLICORNE) in the chair. THE DEPUTY MAYOR (ALDERMAN JOHN HADDON).

Aldermen: GEORGE NORMAN COLONEL RICHARD ROGERS JOHN WAGHORNE.

Councillors: WILLIAM ALFRED BAKER GEORGE BENCE JOHN DAVID BENDALL FREDERICK JOSEPH BENNETT RICHARD DAVIES MOSES DAVIS EDWINSON CHARLES GREEN HERBERT, EDWARD GRIDLEY ROBERT LEY WOOD CHARLES HENRY MARGRETT WILLIE JOHN MERRETT EDWARD HENRY PARSONAGE JOSEPH PILLEY ROBERT STEEL STROUD.

- 1—Minutes of Previous Meetings—Resolved, That the Minutes of the Meetings of the Council, on the 7th, 11th and 19th 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 14th and 21st May last, be approved and confirmed.
- 3—Farms Management Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Farms Management Committee, at their Meeting of the 18th 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 16th and 28th May last be approved and confirmed.
- 5—Town Improvement Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Town Improvement Committee, at their Meeting of the 21st May last, be approved and confirmed.
- 6—Lighting Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Lighting

Committee, at their Meetings of the 17th and 31st May last, be approved and confirmed.

7—Water Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Water Committee at their Meeting of the 24th May last, be approved and confirmed subject to the following amendment, viz:-

That the following words be inserted in the last line but one of the second paragraph of Minute No. 3: " After the expiration of six months from the service of such notice," between the words " Borough and " unless."

8—General Purposes & Watch Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the General Purposes and Watch Committee, at their Meeting of the 22nd May last, be approved and confirmed.

(Before this resolution was passed a letter was read from the Postmaster stating that the delivery proposed to be suspended on Wednesd4s, was the 7.15 p.m. delivery and not the 5 p.m. as mentioned in his previous letter).

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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 Meetings of the 3rd, 4th, and 18th April last, be approved and confirmed.
- 10—Burial Board Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Burial Board Committee, at their Meeting of the 25th May last, be approved and confirmed.
- 11—Finance Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Finance Committee, at their Meeting of the 29th May last, be approved and confirmed, subject to the following amendment, viz

That the following words in Minute No. 7 be not approved, viz: " after deducting the sum of £70 therefrom, being the amount voted by the Education Committee at their last meeting for the salary of a second Health Visitor for which no provision had been made in their estimate."

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 Postal Deliveries-- On the motion of Councillor Bennett, of which due notice had been given, It was Resolved,

"That inasmuch as the minute passed by Town Council at its February Meeting with regard to the late or night delivery in Cheltenham of letters from the outside or rural districts has not been adopted by the postal authorities, this Council instructs the Town Clerk to make inquiries if it is intended to adopt the resolution, and, if so, the reasons for the delay, and to press the postal authorities for a definite promise that they will henceforth make a late or night delivery of rural letters, in the same way as was done till a few weeks ago."

13—Electricity Undertaking—The notice of motion by Councillor Stroud on this subject was not moved by him.

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

By Councillor Stroud: -

"That it is desirable in the interests of the general body of Ratepayers to "consider the advisability of selling the Electric Lighting Undertaking " of the Borough of Cheltenham to some persons or Company upon terms " that shall reimburse the said Borough the full amount of capital moneys incurred in the said undertaking up to the present time, and " also fully safeguard the nature and price of supply both for public and " private lighting thereby obviating further capital expenditure by the " Council of the said Borough and the possible risks and disadvantages " attendant upon the management and control of the said Undertaking " by the Municipality."

By Councillor Green:—" That this Council views with deep concern the annually increasing demand " for the County Rate, with little or no corresponding advantage to this " Borough, and ventures to hope that there will be such supervision in " the future over each spending department of the County Council, that " this increasing demand—which the ratepayers feel such a burden—may " be checked."

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 at the Central Depot, St. James' Square, in the said Borough, on Friday, the 8th June, 1906, at 3 p.m.

Present: THE MAYOR (ALDERMAN WILLIAM NASH SKILLICORNE) in the chair.

THE DEPUTY MAYOR (ALDERMAN JOHN HADDON).

Alderman: GEORGE NORMAN.

Councillors: WILLIAM ALFRED BAKER MOSES DAVIS EDWARD GRIDLEY ROBERT STEEL

1—Annual Licencing of Hackney Carriages, Drivers, &c.—The following licences were issued :-25 Wheel Chairs, 1 Hansom Cab, 17 Pony Carriages, 4 Omnibuses, 87 one-horse flys, 176 drivers, and 2 conductors. The fees received amounted to £39 5s. The question of the renewal of four drivers' licences was referred to the General Purposes and Watch Committee for consideration.

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2—Transfer of Hackney Carriage Licences—Read, applications from Mrs. Phelps, and Mr. C. W. Wells for the transfer of Hackney Carriage Licences to Mr. W. W. Cook and Mr. G. Harding, respectively. Resolved, That the same be referred to the General Purposes and Watch Committee for consideration.

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 July, 1906.

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 11th June, 1906—Present: Councillors Bence, Davies, M. Davis, 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, 6 cases of Scarlet Fever, 1 case of Enteric Fever, and 2 cases of Diphtheria; and that 5 cases of Scarlet Fever, and 1 case of Diphtheria had been sent into the Delancey Hospital.
- 2—Cleansing and Limewashing at Nos. 143, Tewkesbury Road, 6 & 7, Witcomb Place, 14, Henrietta Street, 4, Whitehart Street, Five Alls, Bath Road, Whitesmiths' Arms, Gloucester Road—The Medical Officer of Health having certified under Section 46 of the Public Health Act, 1875, that the abovenamed dwelling-houses were in such a filthy and unwholesome condition that the health of the inmates was affected or endangered thereby. Resolved, That 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. 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33 & 34, Albert Street, St. Peter's, 21, 22, 23 and cottage at rear, 26, 28 & 29, Townsend Street, Foresters' Arms, Townsend Street, and Five Alls, 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.

4—Insanitary Property—Nos. 1 and 2, Bear's Cottages, High Street, and 18, Burton Street—The Medical Officer of Health reported that the above-mentioned premises were in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to the health of the inmates owing to defective roofs, walls, ceilings, floors, &c., Resolved, That the Council being satisfied that the said premises are in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to health, Notices under Sec. 94 of the Public Health Act, 1875, be served upon the owners requiring them to put the same into a healthy condition, and for that purpose to carry out the works specified therein.

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5—Overcrowding at Cottage at rear of 21 Upper Norwood 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 91 of the Public Health Act, 1875, be served on the occupiers thereof requiring them to abate the same.

6—Houses without proper Ash Receptacles—The Inspector of Nuisances reported that the following houses had no proper ashpits or ash receptacles, viz —Nov.: 26 cd 17 Sandford Street, and 6, Witcomb Place, Albion 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, 1339, 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—Dairies, Cowsheds and Milkshops Order—Read an application from Mr. W. Whittingham, of 2, Oakville, Gordon Road, Leckhampton, to be registered as a purveyor of milk. Resolved, That consideration of the application be adjourned for a further report from the Medical Officer of Health as to the premises.

8—Destruction of Diseased Meat—The Medical Officer of Health reported that the carcase of a pig (weight 84lbs) badly affected with skin disease and anasarca was surrendered by the owner and destroyed on the 2nd instant.

E. H. PARSONAGE, Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 18th June, 1906—Present Councillors Bence, Davies, M. Davis, Parsonage and Pilley (Councillor Parsonage in the chair).

0—Zymotic Disease—The Medical Officer of Health reported that there had been no further case of infectious disease notified since the last meeting of the Committee.

10—Cleansing and Limewashing at Nos. 2, Higgs' Cottages, Alstone, 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 7 & 8, News Cottages, Alstone. The Medical Officer of Health having certified under Section 46 of the Public Health Act, 1875, that the above-name 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 Nos. 2, 3, and 4, Magdala Cottages, St. Mark's, 30, 32 & 34, Jersey 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.

12—Insanitary Property—Nos. 2, 3, 5 and 6, Higgs' Cottages, Alstone, 1 to 7, New's Cottages, Alstone, and 4 and 5, Derrett's Cottages, Alstone—the Medical Officer of Health reported that the above-mentioned premises were in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to the health of the inmates owing to defective roofs, walls, ceilings, floors, 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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13-Overcrowding at No. 143, Tewkesbury Road—The Medical Officer of Health reported that the above premises were so overcrowded as to be dangerous or injurious to the health of the inmates. Resolved, That the Committee being satisfied of the existence of a nuisance on the said premises, Notices under Section 94 of the Public Health Act, 1875, be served on the occupiers thereof requiring them to abate the same.

14—Houses without proper Ash Receptacles—The Inspector of Nuisances reported that the following houses had no proper ashpits or ash receptacles, viz:—Nos. 2, 3, 5, 6 & 9, Higgs' Cottages, :Elston. 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.

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

16—Dairies, Cowsheds and Milkshops Order—Read, an application to be registered as a purveyor of milk by Miss Williams of 89, Tewkesbury Road. The Medical Officer of Health having reported that the premises were unsuitable, Resolved, That the applicant be not registered.

17—Houses unfit for Human Habitation-Nos. 17 to 21 Whitehart Street (both inclusive).—The Medical Officer of Health certified under Section 32 of the Housing of Working Classes Act, 1890, that these dwelling houses were in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation. He also reported that No. 19, 20 and 21 White Hart Street were not capable of being made fit for human habitation. Resolved, That the Council being of opinion that the said dwelling houses are in such a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation, and that in the case of Nos. 19, 20 and 21 they are not reasonably capable of being made

fit, proceedings be taken under the Housing of the Working Classes Acts, 1890-1903 for an order closing the same.

E. H. PARSONAGE, Chairman.

FARMS MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Friday, the 15th June, 1906—Present: Councillors M. Davis, Green, Gridley, Margrett 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, 38 head of cattle (including one calf) had been purchased for £117 1s. 6d., and the following sales had been made:-30 sheep for £57 13s. 6d., 9 pigs for £16 4s. 6d., and 16 head of cattle (including 1 calf) for £324 15s. 6d. (Total sales £398 13s. 6d.) The number of livestock on the farms on the 15th instant was 11 horses and 1 foal, 168 head of cattle, 64 sheep and 1 pig, all fairly healthy and doing well. A heap of manure at the Barn Farm had been sold for £210 10s., and 1 tons, 9 cwts,, 3 grs. of hay had been delivered to the Central Depot.

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He recommended the purchase of another wagon, a dozen hay forks, 4 new scythes, wagon ropes, and posts and rails fencing, that the spring cart be repaired, and that some more cattle should be purchased. Resolved, That the recommendations be approved and adopted, an advertisement to be inserted in local papers as to the wagon required

2—Corporation Employees' Outing—Resolved, That the employees on the Farms be informed that having regard to the and the Chairman to be authorised to accept an offer or place an order for a new wagon. work on the Farms they will not after this year be allowed to accompany the other Corporation employees on their Outing, but that in lieu thereof, arrangements will be made by the Manager for giving each of the employees a day's holiday at a convenient time each year.

M. DAVIS,

Chairman.

STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, the 12th June, 1906—Present: Alderman Haddon, Councillors Baker Bendall, Gridley, and Ley Wood and Parsonage (Councillor Bendall in the Chair).

- 1—Street Projections—Read, a letter from Major Pottinger, applying for permission for the two lamps outside the Rifle Volunteer Drill Hall, North Street, to be allowed to remain. Resolved, That the application be acceded to subject to the usual conditions.
- 2—Cheltenham and District Light Railway---Fares—Read, a letter from the Manager of the Cheltenham and District Light Railway, asking the sanction of the Council to the alteration of the fare from North Street to Lansdown from 1d. to 1 ½, with a 1d. stage from North Street to the Gloucester Road end of St. George's Road, and another 1d. stage from there to Lansdown. Resolved, That the Council cannot agree to the proposed alteration.

3—Sandford Mill Road Private Improvement Expenses—The Borough Surveyor reported that the private improvement works ordered in Sandford Mill Road had been carried out by the Corporation at a cost of £629 13s. 7d. 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 as now settled on this basis be approved, and that notices thereof and of demand for repayment be served upon the owners of the premises mentioned therein.

4—Private Improvement Works—Naunton Lane—The Borough Surveyor submitted specification, plans and estimate of the works required to be done to the above street. Resolved, That the same be approved, and that notice be given under Section 44 of the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1852, to the owners of the premises fronting, adjoining, or abutting upon the parts of the said street, required to be drained, levelled, repaired, 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.

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5—Horses--Resolved, That an advertisement be inserted, in the local press for the purchase of the six horses and that the Committee meet on the 3rd prox., at the Central Depot to inspect any horses offered for sale.

JOHN D. BENDALL,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 25th June, 1906—Present: The Mayor, Alderman Haddon, Councillors Baker, Bendall, Ley Wood, and Parsonage (Councillor Bendall in the Chair).

6—Borough Surveyor's Monthly Report Re Highways—The Borough Surveyor reported that the work done by the Highways Department from the 25th May, to the 21st June, 1906 (both inclusive) had been as follows:—

Roads repaired—St. George's Road (750 super yards); Bath Road (131 super yards), Sandford and Old Bath Roads (proceeding).

Roads patched—King's Road, Bayshill Road, Naunton Lane and Leckhampton Road:

New Crossings Laid, 1. Crossings renewed, 4. Surface Water Drain laid —Leckhampton Lane (proceeding).

Private Improvement Works—Alstone Avenue and Albany Road (proceeding). Gullies renewed, 4. Refixed, 1.

Manholes paved round, 7. Water boxes paved round, 8. Water pillar stands renewed, 4. Gas Trenches repaired-2 in Montpellier Walk. Water Trenches repaired—Montpellier Spa Road,

Electric Light Trenches repaired—Montpellier Spa Road, Pittville Circus Road, Clarence Square, High Street, and St. James's Square.

Concrete Slab Paving laid—Great Western Road (179 super yards), St. George's Road (231 super yards).

Paving patched--Marle Hill Road, Dunalley Street, Evesham Road, Malvern Street and Hanover Street.

Asphalt Footpath repaired—Vernon Place, Grosvenor Place South, and 536 yards in Tewkesbury Road.

Concrete, dc., Kerb fixed—Millbrook Street (23 lineal yards), Great Western Road (100 lineal yards), St. George's Road (107 lineal yards).

Kerb refixed—St. James's Square (17 lineal yards), St. George's Road (141 lineal yards).

Channel fixed—Millbrook Street (23 lineal yards), Great Western Road (100 lineal yards), St. George's Road (17 lineal yards).

Channel refixed—St. George's Road (129 lineal yards). Paving renewed—St. James's Square (54 super yards). Paving relaid—St. George's Road (95 super yards).

String Edging fixed round trees—St. George's Road (49 lineal yards).

Asphalt Margins to Footpaths—St. George's Road (520 super yards).

Brick Wall rebuilt to Improved Line—Millbrook Street (22 ½ super yards).

Plinth Railings Refixed—St. George's Road, No. 15, Ambrose Street-37 super yards of slabs and 5 yards of string edging laid in back yard to Sanitary Inspector's requirements.

Trees pruned—Christ Church Road, Evesham Road, Bayshill Road, Parabola Road, Lansdown Place, Lansdown Road, Lansdown Crescent, Lansdown Parade, Douro Road, Lypiatt Terrace, Suffolk Square, Ashford Road, Park Place, Shurdington Road, Malvern Road, The Park, Suffolk Lawn, St. Stephen's Road, Andover Road and Painswick Road.

Ashes Collection and Disposal—During 4 week, ended 14th June, 1906, 1,027 loads collected, 212 tipped away and 815 consumed. Weight consumed, 762 tons, 9 cwts.

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Slab Factory—During 4 weeks ended 14th June, 1906--1,389 super yards of slabs made.

7—View Meeting—The following members attended the View Meeting on Friday last Councillors Bendall, Gridley and Parsonage.

8—Report of Plans Sub-Committee—The Chairman reported the proceedings of the Plans Sub-Committee at their meetings of the 12th and 22nd inst. Resolved, That the same be approved and adopted.

- 9—Main and Contribution Roads—The Borough Surveyor submitted correspondence he had had with the County Surveyor on the subject of the amount expended in carrying out the Lansdown Place paving. The Town Clerk having reported that the agreement with the County Council as to the main and contribution roads had not yet been sealed by the County Council, Resolved, That a claim be made on the County Council for the actual expenditure on main roads for the year ending 31st March, 1906, including the cost of improvements.
- 10—Footpath in All Saints Road—Read, a Memorial from Mr. F. W. Wilkins and other residents in All Saints' Road asking that the footpath on the North West side of All Saints Road should be paved now that the paving on the other side of the road was complete. Resolved, That further consideration of the matter be adjourned.
- 11—Telephone Poles in Sandfield Road—Read, an application from the National Telephone Co., for permission to place 9 telephone poles in Sandfield Road. Resolved, That permission be given subject to a payment of 1s per pole, per annum, and to the usual agreement being entered into by the Company as to removal, painting, &c.
- 12—Old Bath Road Improvement—The Town Clerk reported that this improvement being now complete, Mr. H. W. Holliday had paid his contribution towards the cost as agreed, but Mr. Henry Jordan the other abutting owner had refused payment of the amount he had agreed to contribute, viz:-£369. Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to take the necessary proceedings to recover the amount.
- 13--Glencairn Park Road—Resolved, That Glencairn Park Road be declared a highway and that the Town Clerk be instructed to give notice accordingly.
- 11—No. 5, Ambrose Street—The Town Clerk reported that the present tenant of No. 5, Ambrose Street, had intimated his intention to terminate his tenancy at Christmas next. Resolved, That the Town Clerk be authorised to instruct Messrs. Young & Gilling to offer the property for sale by public auction.
- 15—St. Ann's Road Private Improvement Works—Read, letters from the Rev. F. B. Macnutt and Mr. J. R. Moses, asking that regard should be had in apportioning the cost of the private improvement works in St. Ann's Road to the degree of benefit derived by abutting owners, `and the latter also requesting the Council to consider whether paving less than the full width of the footpaths would not be sufficient. Resolved, That the representations made as to benefit derived will be considered when the apportionment is before the Committee, and that Mr. Moses be informed that the full width of the footpath must be paved in accordance with the notices served.
- 16-Street Projections-Read, letters from the Division Officer, Royal Engineers, Exeter, The County Drug Co., and Mr. S. J. Cole, applying for permission for the signs erected at No. 1 Regent Terrace, St. George's Street, 87, Winchcombe Street, and in Montpellier Street respectively, to be allowed to remain. Resolved, That the applications be not granted, and that the applicants be informed that the signs must be at once removed.
- 17—Cycle Sheds in Rodney Road and Selkirk Parade—Cycle sheds having been erected in Rodney Road and Selkirk Parade without plans having first been deposited for approval, and notice given as required by the Byelaws, Resolved, That notice be given pursuant to Byelaw No. 51 to the owners or

persons responsible, requiring them to show sufficient cause why such buildings should not be removed.

18—Chapel Lane, Great Norwood Street—Read, a Memorial by Mr. A. Millard and other occupiers of houses in Chapel Lane, Great Norwood Street, calling attention to the condition of this lane. Resolved, That further consideration of the Memorial be adjourned.

JOHN D. BENDALL,

Chairman.

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PLANS SUB-COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Sub-Committee, held on Tuesday, the 12th June, 1906—Present Councillors Baker, Bendall and Parsonage (Councillor Parsonage in the chair).

1—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.
412	F. G. Drake	Additions to 2 Columbia Place.
413	E. C. Wilkins	Detached house, Eldorado Road.
414	W. M. Hill	Alterations to No. 15 Portland Street.
415	F. W. Strange	Detached house in Keynsham Road.
416	F. J. Comely	Storeroom at rear of Brookleigh, Evelyn Road.

Resolved, That Plans No. 412, 413, 414 and 416 be approved and that Plans No. 415 be approved subject to the building line of the adjoining houses being kept.

E. H. PARSONAGE, Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Sub-Committee, held on Friday, the 22nd June, 1906—Present: Councillors Bendall and Parsonage (Councillor Parsonage in the chair).

1—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
417	W. D. Slade	Alterations to 12 Promenade Villas.
418	H. G. Norman	Workshops, Rose & Crown Passage.
419	Dicks & Sons, Ltd.	New shop front, No. 1 Great Norwood Street.
420	J. Cheshire	Iron building, Post Office Lane.
421	S. Cooke	Detached house, Alstone Lane.
422	C. W. Price	4 houses near St. Luke's Place and Sandford Street.
423	J. D. Bendall	Detached house, Charlton Lane.
424	J. Pilley	2 cottages, Hewlett Place.

J. Riley
 houses in Rowanfield Road.
 J. G. Evans
 Sewers on Hatherley Court Estate.

Resolved, That plans Nod. 390, 417, 418, 420, and 423 be approved, and that Plans Nod. 408 be approved on the understanding that the road will not in any case he taken over by the Corporation until the continuation of the road has also been widened to 36 feet throughout, and that Plans No. 419, 421, 422 and 424 be disapproved.

E. H. PARSONAGE, Chairman.

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HIGHWAYS EXPENDITURE INQUIRY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, the 6th June, 1906. Present:--Councillors Baker, Green, Ley Wood Margrett and Merrett (Councillor Ley Wood in the Chair).

1—Highways Expenditure—Certain special cases amongst the sweepers were considered, The Borough Surveyor submitted a plan showing approximately the frequency with which the roads in the Borough were scavenged.

ROBT. LEY WOOD, Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, the 12th June, 1906. Present:—Councillors Bendall, Green, Ley Wood, Margrett and Merrett (Councillor Ley Wood in the Chair).

2—Highways Expenditure—The three District Foremen were interviewed by the Committee and the plan as to street scavenging submitted by the Borough Surveyor at the last meeting was considered.

ROBT. LEY WOOD, Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, the 15th June, 1906. Present:—Councillors Green, Ley Wood, Margrett, Merrett and Stroud (Councillor Ley Wood in the Chair).

3—Ashes Collection and Disposal—The system of ashes collection and other matters were considered by the Committee.

ROBT. LEY WOOD, Chairman.

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TOWN IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 18th June 1906—Present : Aldermen Norman, and Rogers, Councillors Baker, Bence, and Bennett (Councillor Bence in the chair).

1—Gatekeepers at Gardens—On the recommendation of the Borough Surveyor, Resolved, That the gatekeepers at Montpellier and Pittville Gardens be supplied with official caps.

- 2--Swings for Pittville—The Borough Surveyor submitted tenders he had obtained from local firms for providing and fixing 6 swings at Pittville to replace the existing wooden swings. Resolved, That the tender of Mr. J. T. Mulhearn at £32 10s., the lowest tender, be accepted.
- 3--Wild Flower Garden—The Borough Surveyor reported that Mr. W. L. Mellersh desired the erection of some fencing and the provision of a water supply for the Wild Flower Garden at Pittville. Resolved, That further consideration of the matter be adjourned.
- 4—Montpellier Gardens—Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to report at the next meeting as to the provision of better lavatory accommodation at Montpellier for ladies.
- 5—Inauguration of Central Spa-- Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to supply plants from Pittville for decorating the exterior of the Town Hall on the inauguration of the Central Spa.

GEORGE BENCE, Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Wednesday, the 27th June, 1906—Present: The Mayor, Councillors Baker, Bence, and Bennett, (Councillor Bence in the chair).

6—Report of Entertainments Sub-Committee—The Entertainments Sub-Committee recommended that a canvas screen be provided available for attaching on either side of the awning in the Montpellier Gardens at a cost of £7 4s., and that 200 copies of the Souvenir of the Garden Entertainments be purchased and placed in hotels and other places of public resort in Cheltenham and Gloucester, and the neighbourhood, at a cost of about a. Resolved, That the recommendations of the Sub-Committee be approved and adopted.

GEORGE BENCE,

Chairman.

LIGHTING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Thursday, the 14th June, 1906—Present.. Alderman Norman, Councillors Gridley, Ley Wood, Merrett and Steel (Councillor Ley Wood in the chair).

1—Gas Examiner's Leave of Absence—Read, a letter from the Gas Examiner asking that the leave of absence granted him should be extended until the end of September, and, if this were granted, Mr. Saxby, the Borough Meteorologist, was willing to make the usual tests and reports as his Deputy. Resolved, That the request be acceded to and that the offer made by Mr. Saxby be accepted.

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- 2- Electric Inspector—Resolved, That 3 months' notice be given to Mr. Matthews that the Council do not intend after the expiration of that period to continue his appointment as Electrical Inspector under the Council.
- 3--Contract for Meters—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that he had obtained a new tender from the British Thomson Houston Co., Ltd., for the supply of meters, the same being slightly more advantageous than last year's contract with the Company. Resolved, That the tender be accepted for the supply of meters for one year.

4—Tenders for Coal—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported the results of further tests he had made of samples of coal obtained. On his recommendation, Resolved. That the tender of Messrs. Critchlow & Sheppard for the supply of slack coal from Lydbrook Colliery for 12 months from the 1st instant at 10s 6d per ton be accepted, subject to a formal contract being entered into, to be prepared by the Town Clerk.

5—Borough Electrical Engineer's Monthly Report—Read, the Monthly Report of the Borough Electrical Engineer. On the 13th inst. there were 867 consumers, with an equivalent of 58,883 eight candle power lamps, connected to the private supply mains, the corresponding figures for last year being 820 and 54,829 respectively.

6—Lighting of Winchcomb Street—Read, a memorial from Mr. F. Kilbey and other tradesmen in Winchcomb Street, asking that the proposed alteration should not be made as they considered the lighting as so altered would be insufficient for the needs of the thoroughfare. Resolved, That consideration of the matter be adjourned for the Committee to view.

7—Promenade Improvement No. 2—The Borough Electrical Engineer submitted alternative proposals as to the laying of a cable along the front of Nos. 1 to 13 Promenade. In view of the heavy load on the present main at the back of the General Post Office he recommended that the scheme necessitating an expenditure of £64 be adopted. Resolved, That the recommendation be approved and adopted.

ROBT. LEY WOOD, Chairman.

WATER COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on. Tuesday, the 26th June, 1906—Present: Councillors M. Davis, Margrett, Packer and Waghorne (Councillor Waghorne in the Chair).

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

DAILY YIELD OF SPRINGS.

	For 31 days, ended	Average for corresponding
	20th June, 1906.	period during last 3 years.
Hewletts Springs	148,320 gallons	162,240 gallons
Dowdeswell Springs	338,688 "	413,000 "
Leckhampton	43,200 "	not guaged.
Tota	al 530,208 "	575,240 "

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	June 20th, 1906.		June 2015, 190	1905.	
	Depth,	Contents	Depth	Contents	
Hewletts		16,469,674 gallons		18,471,097 gallons	
Leckhampton	7ft. 2in.	968,051 "	10ft. 6in.	1,418,306 "	
Dowdeswell	26ft. 6 in.	72,569,135 "	27ft. 9in.	78,488,402 "	
Total S	torage	90,006,860 "		98,378,405 "	

Pumping had been continued night and day at Tewkesbury and during the day at Sandford.

He reported the extensions carried out during the last month and submitted applications for an extension of main for 225 yards in Swindon Lane, the applicants (Messrs. W. Green and H. Packer) being willing to guarantee 10 per cent. per annum upon the outlay. An application had also been received for supply to a house in Cemetery Road between Prestbury Road and the Cemetery Lodge, necessitating an extension of 235 yards at a cost of about £100. The owners were willing to guarantee a return of £5 per annum, but at some future time it would be desirable to lay a 6-inch main along the entire length of Cemetery Road to improve the supply to Prestbury. Resolved, That the extensions be made.

- 2—Tewkesbury Works—The Borough Engineer submitted tenders he had received for boiler seatings, steam pipes and other work in connection with the new boilers at Tewkesbury. On his recommendation, Resolved, That the tender of Messrs. Danks, Ltd., of Coventry for the carrying out of the work at a cost of £709 5s. 2d. be accepted.
- 3—Inspection of Tewkesbury Works and Severn—Resolved, That the Council pay a visit of inspection to the Tewkesbury Works and the Severn above the intake on the 18th proximo.
- 4-- Charge for Baths—Read, a letter from Mr. R. R. Skemp, suggesting that in the interests of the public health the charge for a bath in a house under rental should be reduced to 5s per annum. Resolved, That the further consideration of the suggestion be adjourned to the next meeting, the Borough Engineer to report then as to the effect of the same on the revenue of the Water Undertaking if adopted.
- 5—Fire Brigade—Read, a letter from Dr. Mount Biggs, Hon. Surgeon to the Fire Brigade, enclosing account for £6 6s. Od. for ambulance instruction books and appliances supplied for use by the Brigade. Resolved, That the account be passed for payment.
- 6—Appeals—The cases entered in the Appeal Book were considered and the rates settled and adjusted.
- H. WAGHORNE, Chairman.

GENERAL PURPOSES AND WATCH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 19th June, 1906—Present: The Mayor, Aldermen Haddon, Norman, Rogers and Waghorne, Councillors Bence, Bendall, M. Davis and Parsonage (Alderman Norman in the chair).

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

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2-Hackney Carriage Drivers' Licences- The following drivers, the renewal of whose licences was objected to by the police, attended before the Committee to show cause why the licences should not be refused, viz:—Frank Hoare, Edward Gough, Frank Smith and Albert Smith. Resolved, That

after a reprimand and caution by the Chairman, the licences of Frank and Albert Smith be renewed, but that the applications of Frank Hoare and Edward Gough for renewal be not granted.

3—Transfer of Hackney Carriage Licences—Read, letters from Mrs. Phelps, of 3 Royal Well Place, and Mr. W. Cook, of 6. Queen's Terrace, applying for the transfer of Hackney Carriage Licence No. 115, from the former to the latter, he haying purchased the carriage. Resolved, That the application be acceded to. Read a letter from Mr. C. W. Wills, formerly of No. 32 Keynsham Street, applying for the transfer of Hackney Carriage Licence No. 34, to Mr. George Harding, of 13 Henrietta Street, who was willing to purchase the carriage if he could obtain the licence. Resolved, That the application be not granted.

4—Town Postal Deliveries—With reference to the resolution passed at the last Monthly Council Meeting, read, a letter from the Postmaster stating that the maintenance of the connection between letters from the rural districts and the last Town delivery had been hindered in the majority of cases by the unwillingness of rural authorities to consent to the earlier postings necessary. He had submitted to the postal authorities the desire of the Council that arrangements might be made under which the country letters might be delivered in Cheltenham as they were prior to the recent alteration.

5—Licences to deal in Game—Applications for the renewal of licences to deal in game were received from Olive & Olive, C. Barnett. H. F. Barnett, G. Hemmings, W. Hall & Sons, T. B. Woodard, H. J. Woore, Mrs. L. A. Morris, J. Maxwell and W. Willis. Resolved. That the Council be recommended to grant the applications.

6—Licence to Store Petroleum—Read, a letter from Messrs. J. Fisher & Sons, Ltd., applying for the transfer to them of the licence to store 50 gallons of petroleum at Exchange Buildings, Bath Road as they had taken over the business until recently carried on by Miss Baughan. Resolved, That the application be granted.

7—Cheltenham Market—With reference to the letter from Mr. Castle, read at the last meeting, the Borough Surveyor recommended that the ground in and around the Fruit Market should be tar painted. Resolved, That this be done.

8—Rooms in Library Building—The Borough Surveyor submitted a plan showing the accommodation available over the Library and the departments of the Corporation that could be provided with office accommodation there. Resolved, That the further consideration of the same be adjourned. GEO. NORMAN, Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 26th June, 1906—Present: The Mayor, Aldermen Norman, Rogers and Waghorne, Councillors M. Davis and Parsonage (Alderman Norman in the chair).

9—Rooms over Library—The Committee inspected the rooms in the Library building formerly occupied by the Schools of Art and Science, and again considered the plan submitted by the Borough Surveyor at the last meeting. Resolved, That the further consideration of the matter be adjourned and that the Public Library Committee be asked to appoint representatives to confer with representatives of this Committee upon the subject.

GEO. NORMAN, Chairman.

MINERAL WATERS, BATHS AND RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Wednesday, the 13th June, 1906—Present: Councillors Bendall, Davies, Merrett, and Stroud (Councillor Stroud in the chair.)

1—Inauguration of Central Spa—Drs. H. Bramwell, Cardew and Collins attended this Meeting by invitation and instruction:; were given as to the arrangements to be made in connection with the inauguration of the Central Spa on Wednesday next.

Dr. Garrett submitted revised booklets on the Cheltenham Waters (containing Professor Thorpe's Analyses) and the Concentrated Aperient Water. Resolved, That 2000 copies of each booklet be printed for the information of those attending at the Spa on Wednesday next and for general circulation.

HERBERT STROUD,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 25th June, 1906—Present: Alderman Norman, Councillors Baker, Bence, Davies, Merrett and Stroud (Councillor Stroud in the chair).

2—Central Spa Inauguration—Resolved, unanimously, That a cordial vote of thanks be passed to the Mayor, the Chairman of this Committee, the Chamber of Commerce, and the Medical Committee for their efforts in ensuring the successful inauguration of the Central Spa on Wednesday last.

3—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	£125 11 3	Payments	£93 18 7
Hire, etc. for Gymnasium	£3189	Proportion of repayment	
		of loans and interest	£ <u>88 16 10</u>
	£15700		£182 15 5

4—Alstone Baths—The Borough Accountant reported that the receipts, &c., at these Baths since the 31st March last, had been as follows:—

Receipts	£57 7 2	Payments		£79 11 1
		Repayment of loa	ns and	
		interest .,		£ <u>55 17 9</u>
	£57 7 2			£135 8 10

The Borough Surveyor submitted a plan for a coal-house at the Alstone Baths, the estimated cost being £16. Resolved, That the same be approved, and the work carried out.

5—Superintendents of Alstone Baths—The applications, 29 in number, received for this appointment, were considered Resolved, That the following be asked to attend a meeting of this Committee to be held on Tuesday next, and that the Council authorise this Committee to make the appointment, viz., Mr. A. Casson and wife, 4, Silvester Street, Hull; Mr. Healey and wife, Rosehill Street, Cheltenham; Mr. Lewis and wife, 10, Moreton Terrace, Charlton Rings; Mr. Pilkington and wife, 16, Westfield Place, Morley; Mr. Stratton and wife, The Baths, Stourbridge,

6—Use of Alstone Baths by Churchdown School Boys—Read, a letter from the Head Master of the Council School, Churchdown, applying for permission for a dozen or 15 lads from his school to use the Alstone Baths on Thursday afternoons. Resolved. That permission be given on payment of 3d; per head.

7—Football at Recreation Grounds—Read, letters from the St. Paul's United Association, the St. George's Association, and the Cheltenham North Rugby Football Clubs, applying for permission to play football at the Agg-Gardner Recreation Ground. next season. Resolved, That the applications of the St. George's and St. Paul's Clubs be granted, and that consideration of the remaining application be adjourned to the next meeting for a report from the visitors. Read, a letter from the Aston Rangers Association Football Club, applying for permission to play on the Whaddon Lane Ground. Resolved. That the application be not granted. Resolved, also. That matches only be played on the old portion of the Ago-Gardner Recreation Ground.

8—Presentations to Naunton Park—The Superintendent reported gifts of flowers, bats and balls from the following:— The Baron de Ferrieres, Mrs. St. Clair-Ford, Mrs. James Cox, Slice Hamilton. Councillors Bendall, Margrett and Stroud, Messrs. T. E. Rickerby, Cypher & Sons, Worman and Amos, H. Carter, E. M. Clissold, H. Bartlett and G. Mayo. 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 8th June, 1906. Present:—Aldermen Haddon and Rogers, Councillors Baker, Bence, Gridley, Merrett and Steel (Alderman Haddon in the Chair). 1—Burial Act, 1900—Ministers' and Sextons' Fees—The Town Clerk reported that as instructed by the Committee he lied forwarded a copy of the scale of Ministers' fees proposed by the Committee to the Rector, the local Free Church Ministers and the Roman Catholic Clergy, and replies had been received approving the same. Resolved, That the scale of fees for the Minister and Sexton be now made and forwarded to the Home Secretary for his approval (a print of the scale accompanies these Minutes).

Cemetery Fees and Charges—The Committee considered the revision of the Table of Fees and Payments in force in the Cemetery made in 1879. Resolved. That the further consideration of proposed alterations be adjourned to the next. meeting.

JOHN HADDON, Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Friday, the 22nd June, 1906—Present :=Aldermen Haddon and Rogers, Councillors Gridley, Merrett, Pilley and Steel (Alderman Haddon in the chair).

2—Burial Act, 1900—Rector's Fees on erection of Tombstones, &c.—The Town Clerk reported that for the ten years prior to 1891, when the agreement was first made with the then Rector of Cheltenham the average annual amount received by the Rector for fees on the erection of tombstones, &c., in consecrated ground at the Cemetery was £118. and upon this average the annual payment to the Rector was based. The average annual amount received for such fees during the 10 years prior to 1906 was, however, £89, and the Rector was willing to enter into an agreement with the Burial Board for the payment of that amount per annum to him during his incumbency, the Board to receive the fees. Resolved, That an agreement be entered into accordingly.

Cemetery Fees and Charges—The Committee completed the revision of the existing table of fees and charges. Resolved, That the table as now settled be approved and made and that the same be forwarded to the Local Government Board for their approval. (A Print of the table accompanies these Minutes).

- 3—Superintendent's Report—On the application of the Superintendent, Resolved, That a gas cooking stove be hired for use at the Lodge.
- 4—Designs—Resolved, That the following designs be approved, viz:—Headstones to graves of George Thomas, Anne Rumboll, and Walter Stephen Ryland, Henry, Jane, and Edward Castell, Helen Charteris, Gertrude and Violet James and Eliza Afford. Memorial Crosses to graves of Dorothy Garrard, Guy Frances Thomas and Anthony Walter Power, and Thomas Alfred Flynn, Additions or Alterations to Memorials on graves of Frederic Lloyd Harford, and Allan Ramsey.

Resolved, also, That no extra fees be charged upon the replacement of a memorial by another of the same class or character and that on the substitution of one memorial by another, on which a higher fee is payable, the difference only between such higher fee and the amount paid when the first memorial was erected be charged.

JOHN HADDON,

Chairman

PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 12th June, 1906—Present: Alderman Rogers, Councillors Davies, and Merrett, Rev. J. Evans, Messrs. J. G. Carr, C. Hayward, A. Mann, and F. Parsons (Alderman Rogers in the chair).

- 1—Librarian's Report—Read, the Monthly Report of the Librarian. Receipts during the month 9s. 6d. Presentations:—Mrs. Linton Bogle (1 vol.), National Union of Teachers (1 vol.)
- 2—Sub-Committee's Report—The Sub-Committee reported that they met on the 8th inst., when there were present:—Alderman Rogers (Chairman), Councillor Merrett and Rev. J. Evans. They recommended (1) That the Lending and Reference Departments be closed on the 23rd inst., the date of the Corporation Employees' Annual Outing, and (2) That the old weighing chair and record book

be lent for exhibition at the Central Spa, Town Hall. Resolved, That the recommendations of the Sub-Committee be approved and adopted.

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The Librarian reported that the junior assistant, A. Baker, had resigned. Resolved, That the Sub-Committee be authorised to fill the vacancy, the wages to be 6s per week.

3—University Extension Lectures—Read, a letter from the Hon. Sec. of the Oxford University Extension Lectures Committee, stating that it was hoped to again arrange for courses of lectures in Cheltenham, and inviting this Committee to appoint representatives on the Lectures Committee. Resolved, That the Chairman and the Librarian be appointed to act on the Committee.

& RICHARD ROGERS,

Chairman.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 26th June, 1906—Present: The Mayor, Alderman Waghorne, Councillors Bence, Bennett, Merrett, Parsonage, Steel and Stroud (Alderman Waghorne in the chair).

- 1—General District Rate—The Report of the Borough Accountant, of date the 26th inst., on the collection of the let instalment of this Rate was read. Amount collected £6,292 11s. 7d. Leaving outstanding £18,329 7s. 2d.
- 2—Water Rate—The Report of the Borough Accountant, dated the inst., on the collection of this Rate was read. Amount received £4062 19s. 7d. Leaving outstanding £7335 2s. 6d.
- 3—Farms Stock, &c. Account—On the application of the Farms Management Committee, Resolved, That that Committee be authorised to make payments for cake and fodder out of the Farms Stock Account in order to secure the discounts allowed upon cash payments, and that the resolution to Minute No. 5 of this Committee of the 25th October, 1904, be varied accordingly.
- 4—Bank Overdraft—Resolved, That the Chairman, with the Town Clerk and the Borough Accountant be authorised to interview the Directors of Lloyds Bank with a view to obtaining better terms in respect of advances by the Bank.
- 5—Town Clerk's Disbursements—Resolved, That the amount advanced to the Town Clerk for disbursements be increased from £50 to £100 and that the resolution to Minute No. 5 of this Committee of the 30th June, 1903, be altered accordingly.
- 8--Accounts—Tile Financial Statement of the Receipts and Expenditure Antic 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:—

In hand on the 29th May, 1906 £19,695 4 4

Received since that date (including Loans £2,000) £16,398 2 1 £36,593 6 5

Paid since that date (including Loans repaid £10,000) £20,092 5 9

In Hand.. £16,301 0

Being General Accounts £10,614 5 9
Sinking Funds £5,836 14 11
£16,501 0 8

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 2nd July, 1906, at 3 p.m. Present:

THE MAYOR (ALDERMAN WILLIAM NASH SKILLICORNE) in the chair. THE DEPUTY MAYOR (ALDERMAN JOHN HADDON).

Aldermen: COLONEL RICHARD ROGERS JOHN WAGHORNE.

Councillors: WILLIAM ALFRED BAKER GEORGE BENCE JOHN DAVID BEND ALL FREDERICK JOSEPH BENNETT RICHARD DAVIES EDWINSON CHARLES GREEN ROBERT LEY WOOD CHARLES HENRY MARGRETT RICHARD EEDE MARSHALL WILLIE JOHN MERRETT TOM HERBERT PACKER EDWARD HENRY PARSONAGE JOSEPH PILLEY 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 5th and 8th 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 11th and 18th June last, be approved and confirmed.
- 3—Farms Management Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Farms Management Committee, at their Meeting of the 15th 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 12th and 25th June last, be approved and confirmed.
- 5—Town Improvement Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Town Improvement Committee, at their Meetings of the 18th and 27th June last, be approved and confirmed.

6—Lighting Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Lighting Committee, at their Meeting of the 14th June last, be approved and confirmed.

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

8—General Purposes & Watch Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the General Purposes and Watch Committee, at their Meetings of the 19th and 26th 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 13th and 25th June last, be approved and confirmed.

10—Burial Board Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Burial Board Committee, at their Meetings of the 8th and 22nd June last, be approved and confirmed.

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11-Finance Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Finance Committee, at their Meeting of the 26th 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—Gloucester Road School—Resolved, That application be made to the Local Government Board for their sanction to a loan of £14,152 for the erection of an Elementary School in Gloucester Road.
- 13—County Rate and Expenditure—On the motion of Councillor Green, of which due notice had been given, it was Resolved, That this Council views with deep concern the annually increasing demand for the County Rate, with little or no corresponding advantage to this Borough, and ventures to hope that there will be such supervision in the future over each spending department of the County Council, that this increasing demand—which the ratepayers feel such a burden—may be checked.

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 Friday, the 3rd August, 1906.

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Wednesday, the 11th July, 1906—Present: 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, 4 cases of Scarlet Fever, 1 case of Erysipelas, 1 of Puerperal Fever, and 1 of Diphtheria; and that 2 cases of Scarlet Fever, had been sent into the Delancey Hospital.
- 2—Cleansing and Disinfecting at No. 51 Upper Norwood Street—The Medical Officer of Health having certified that the cleansing, disinfecting and purifying of this house or part thereof would tend to prevent or check infectious disease. Resolved, That the Council being of this opinion, Notice under Section 120 of the Public Health Act, 1875, 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 Craven Cottage, Folly Lane, 1 Durbin Cottages, Folly Lane, 2, St. Luke's Place, 55, Worcester Street, 5, Chester Walk, and 7, Hermitage 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. 10, Oxford Place, 21, King Street, and 1 & 2, Somerset Cottages, 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.

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- 5—Insanitary Property—Craven Cottage, and Nos. 1 & 2 Durbin Cottages, Folly Lane, 1 & 2 Glen Cottages, Folly Lane.— 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 state as to be a nuisance or injurious to health, Notices under Sec. 94 of the Public Health Act, 1875, be served upon .the owners requiring them to put the same into a healthy condition, and for that purpose to carry out the works specified therein.
- 6—Overcrowding at Limerick Cottage, 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, 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. 5, Chester Walk, 4, Windsor Street, 213 High Street, and 5 Sandford 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—Destruction of Diseased Meat—The Medical Officer of Health reported that the carcase and organs of a beast (weight 784 lbs.) badly affected with tuberculosis was surrendered and destroyed on the 3rd instant.
- 9—Dairies, Cowsheds and Milkshops Order—Read an application from Mr. F. Westmancote, of 2, Cotswold View, Swindon Road, to be registered as a purveyor of milk. Resolved, That the applicant be registered, subject to the Medical Officer of Health being satisfied with the condition of the premises.
- 10—Mackintosh—Resolved, That the Medical Officer of Health be authorised to purchase a new mackintosh for Assistant Inspector Jones.
- E. H. PARSONAGE, Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 23rd July, 1906—Present: The Mayor, Alderman Norman, Councillors Davies, M. Davis, and Pilley (The Mayor in the chair).

- 11—Zymotic Disease—The Medical Officer of Health reported that there had been notified since the last meeting of the Committee, 7 cases of Scarlet Fever, 2 cases of Enteric Fever and 2 cases of Diphtheria, and that 5 cases of Scarlet Fever, 1 case of Enteric, and 1 case of Diphtheria had been sent into the Delancey Hospital.
- 12—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, namely: on the 20th and 23rd instant, respectively, the Infant Departments of St. Luke's and St. Philip's Schools.
- 13—Destruction of Unsound Fish—The Medical Officer of Health reported that on the 13th inst, 105 lbs. of haddock were taken and destroyed with the consent of the owner in consequence of unfitness for human food.
- 14—Cleansing and Disinfecting at 2 Brandon Place, 25 Grove Street, and 10 Malvern 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 under Section 120 of the Public Health Act, 1875, be served on the owners and occupiers to cleanse and disinfect the houses or parts thereof within the time specified in such Notice.

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- 15—Cleansing and Limewashing at Nee. 3, 9, 10 and 11, Whitehart 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. 9, 10, 11, 12, 25 & 26 King Street, 3 & 4 Hereford Place and 14 Glenfall 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 premises 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—Witney Cottage, Granley Road, 30, Jersey Street, 213, High Street, and 14, 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, 1375, 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 Witney Cottage, Granley Road, and 15, White Hart Street—The Medical Officer of Health reported that the above premises were so overcrowded as to be dangerous or injurious to the health of the inmates, Resolved, That the Committee being satisfied of the existence of a nuisance on the said premises, Notices under Section 94 of the Public Health Act, 1875, 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. 4, Ormond Terrace, 1 Severer Hill, Gloucester Road, 1 Old Millbrook Terrace, 15 Glenfall Street, 1, 9, 10 & 11 Whitehart Street, and 51, Upper Norwood Street. Resolved, That the necessary Notices be given to the respective owners under Section 36 of the Public Health Act, 1375, 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:—Sandfields, Leckhampton Road, 74 Fairview Road, ;7 Priory Terrace, and 19 Beaufort Buildings. Resolved, That Notices under Section 23 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 the provision of proper ash receptacles, repair of defective paving, &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—Sewage Disposal—The Borough Surveyor laid before the Committee detailed plans of the Tanks and Filter Beds to be constructed at the Haydon Knoll Farm and of the new Arle Outfall Sewer, to be submitted to the Local Government Board with application for loan. Resolved, That the seine be approved.

The Borough Surveyor recommended that the walls of the Filter beds should be made of Concrete Blocks similar to sample Which he produced as these would be cheaper than bricks and would look better. He stated that these could be made at the Slab Factory if additional plant were provided at a cost of about £150, and this was now under the consideration of the Street Highway Committee.

Resolved. That this Committee. approve of Concrete Blocks being used as recommended provided blocks of satisfactory quality can be obtained.

W. NASH SKILLICORNF.,

Chairman.

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FARMS MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Friday, the 20:th July, 1906—Present: The Mayor, Councillors M. Davis, Gridley, and Margrett (Councillor M. Davis in the chair).

- 1—Report of Farms' Manager—Read, the Monthly Report of the Farms' Manager. Since the last meeting, 41 head of cattle had been purchased for £347 17s. 6d., and the following sales had been made:-29 bullocks for £562 17s. 0d. and 15 lambs and 3 ewes for £30 14s. 9d. The number of livestock on the farms on the 20th inst. was 1 foal, 11 horses, 2 calves, 179 head of cattle, 12 lambs, 34 sheep, and 1 pig, all doing fairly well. Cutting grass for hay was nearly finished. 1 ton 12 cwts, 3 qrs. of hay, 2 tons 3 cwt. of straw and 2 tons 16 cwt. of grass had been delivered to the central depot. He had purchased 4 new scythes, 12 hay forks, and 4 new guy ropes and 1 pig net. He required a new reaping machine, and some more cattle and sheep, also new pole straps for mowing machine, and recommended that notice boards prohibiting smoking by the workmen be put up at the Farms. Resolved, That the recommendations be approved and adopted, and that the Chairman, with the Farms Manager, be authorised to purchase a reaping machine and pole straps.
- 2—Inspection of Farms—The Chairman reported that the Committee inspected the Farms on the 19th ult., and found everything going on satisfactorily.
- 3—Sale of Fruit—Resolved, That the fruit on the Farms be advertised for sale by tender in the "Echo" and "Citizen" (3 insertions), and that the Chairman be authorised to accept a satisfactory offer.
- 4---Road near Barn Farm—Read, a letter from Mr. H. M. Yeend, complaining of the condition of the road leading down to Sand Common Field, along which sewage pipes had recently been laid. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have the road made good.
- M. DAVIS, Chairman.

STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, the 10th July, 1906—Present: The Mayor, Councillors Baker, Gridley, and Parsonage (Councillor Baker in the Chair).

- 1—Cycle Shed in front of Essex House, Rodney Road—Mr. R. J. Winterbotham attended this meeting, and asked that the shed might be allowed to remain. Resolved, That Messrs. Winterbotham, Gurney & Co. be called upon to remove the shed.
- 2—Sydenham Villas Road Private Improvement Works—Mr. Gurney, as Solicitor for several owners of property in Sydenham Villas Road, attended this meeting with reference to the amount of the

paving expenses which had been charged against the owners. Resolved, That the further consideration of the matter be adjourned to the next meeting.

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- 3—Old Bath Road, Pilley—The Town Clerk reported that in connection with the plan submitted by Mr. Skemp for the erection of seven houses in Old Bath Road, Pilley, In was willing to set back his fence to the line approved by the Committee on condition that the Corporation, should allow him 18s. towards the cost 'of fencing along the new line, and make a new gravel footpath with grass verge, .and also agreeing that he should not be called upon to pave the footway within a period of 10 years. Resolved, That these terms be approved, and an agreement entered into accordingly.
- 4—Street Watering—Read, a letter from Mr. G. Williamson, of Glaslyn, Leckhampton Road, asking that the Leckhampton Road should be watered more frequently. Resolved, That Mr. Williamson be informed that his complaint will receive attention, and that the Borough Surveyor be instructed to extend the use of aconia in street watering,
- 5—Oxford Street—Resolved, That Oxford Street be declared a highway, repairable by the inhabitants at large, and that the Town Clerk be instructed to give the necessary notices,
- 6—Old Bath Road Improvement—The Town Clerk reported that Mr. Jordan had now paid the contribution due from him under the agreement.
- 7—Employees' Social Club—Resolved, That the Social Club, formed by the Corporation Employees, be allowed the use of the Mess Room at the Depot for their meetings, and as a reading room.

WILLIAM A. BAKER,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Wednesday, the 25th July, 1906—Present: The Mayor, Alderman Haddon, Councillors Baker, Bendall, and Gridley (Councillor Bendall in the Chair).

8—Purchase of Horses—The Chairman of the Farms Committee attended the Meeting, and two horses from the Farms were inspected. Resolved, That the two horses be taken by this Committee at £90 for the two.

JOHN D. BENDALL, Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Friday, the 27th July, 1906—Present: The Mayor, Alderman Haddon, Councillors Baker, Bendall, Gridley and Ley Wood (Councillor Bendall in the chair).

9—Borough Surveyor's Monthly Report Re Highways—The Borough Surveyor reported that the work done by the Highways Department from the 22nd June, to the 26th July, 1906 (both inclusive) had been as follows:—

Roads repaired—Great Western Road (430 super yards), Road at rear of Queen's Parade (595 super yards), Old Bath Road (015 super yards), Sandford Road (3,865 super yards). Public Improvement—Charlton Lane (proceeding)

Private Improvement Works—Albany Road and Alstone Avenue (proceeding). Roads patched...Grove Street, Royal Well Place, Henrietta Street, Moorend Park Road, Dunalley Street, Moorend Road, Dunalley Parade, and St. James' Square. Ash Destructor Approach Road—Sett Paving (proceeding). Gullies renewed-10. New Gullies-9.

New Manholes—5. Gateway Crossing laid-1. Gateway Crossings repaired-2. Street Crossings renewed-2.

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Footpath Troughs fixed---1 in Sun Street and in Winstonian Road. Water pillar stands paved-1.

Footpath Water Trenches repaired -- New Street, Great Western Terrace, St. George's Road, Monson Avenue and Old Bath Read:

Gas Trenches repaired. - Fairfield Avenue, St. George's Road, Great Western Road and Fairview Road.

Sewer Trenches repaired—Leckhampton Lane, Monson Avenue and Old Bath Road, Manhole Covers fixed-2.

Footpath Paving repaired—Bayshill Road, Sun Street, Hanover Parade, High Street and Montpellier Street.

Asphalt Footpath renewed----(314 super yards) Tewkesbury Road. Concrete Slabs laid—(41 super yards) Tewkesbury Road.

Channel relaid----Suffolk Road (part of). Kerb .fixed—Old Bath Road (75 lineal yards). Channel laid—Old Bath Road (75 lineal yards). Gravel Footpath formed—Old Bath Road (88 super yards). Grass Verge made—Old Bath Road (43 yards).

Trees pruned—Lansdown Parade, Lansdown Crescent, Queen's Road, Wellington Street, Vittoria Walk, Montpellier Parade, Montpellier Terrace, Clarence Square, College Road, Oxford Parade, Sydenham Villas Road, Sydenham Road, Royal Well Lane, Royal Crescent, Tivoli Road, Bath Road, Rodney Road, Oriel Road, Montpellier Drive, Suffolk Square, Fauconberg Road, Lansdown Place, St. George's Road, Montpellier Spa Road, Keynsham Road, Hale's Road, Cemetery Road, Albion Street, Montpellier Street, Queen's Road, Monson Avenue, Orrisdale Terrace, High Street, Cranham Road, Battledown Approach, Hewlett Road, All Saints' Road, Pittville Circus, Pittville Circus Road, Prestbury Road, Albert Road, Pittville Lawn, Clarence Road, Clarence Square, Wellington Road, Evesham Road and rear of Saxham Villas.

Surface Water Drain laid—308 lineal yards of 12-inch pipes, 55 yards of 9-inch and 35 yards of 9-inch pipes in Leckhampton Lane. Open Ditch cleaned out for a length of 20 yards.

Ashes Collection and Disposal—During 5 weeks ended 19th July, 1906,-1,238 loads collected, 123 tipped away and 1,115 consumed. Weight consumed, 989 tons, 19 cwts.

Slab Factory—During 5 weeks ended 19th July, 1906-1,547 lineal feet of kerb made.

- 10—Lansdown Road Surface Water Drainage--The Borough Surveyor submitted plan and estimate for Surface Water Drain in Lansdown Road. and recommended that this should be laid as soon as possible as the road would shortly require re-metalling, Resolved. That the plan and estimate be forwarded to the County Surveyor for approval on behalf of the County Council.
- 11—Concrete Block Making Machine—The Borough Surveyor submitted an offer from Mr. Bowen to supply a newly invented Concrete Blockmaking Machine similar to one which had been inspected by the Committee, at a cost of £165. He also submitted a comparative statement of cost, showing the saving effected by the use of these blocks instead of bricks. Resolved, That the Chairman and Councillor Baker be requested to inspect one of these machines in actual work at Pontardawe, nr. Swansea.
- 12—Fairfield Avenue Private Improvement Works—Resolved, That the apportionment of these expenses be made according to benefit derived.
- 13—Great Western Terrace Private Improvement Works—Resolved, That the apportionment of these expenses be made according to benefit derived.
- 14—Footpath in All Saints' Road—Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to bring up an estimate of the cost of paving the footpath on the North West side of this road so far as the houses extend.
- 15—Street Watering—Letters were read from Mrs. Vockins and Mr. H. Unwin, asking that Gloucester Road, near Arlo Court should be watered. The Borough Surveyor reported that he had arranged to have the road swept periodically, which would reduce the nuisance caused by the dust. Resolved, That this be approved.
- 16----Public Seats—superintendent Hopkins reported that a public seat in Gloucester Road, near Arle Court, had been damaged by someone forcing it from its stand and throwing it over the hedge, that enquiries were being made but the police had not yet traced by whom the damage had been done.
- 17—Sandford Mill Road Private Improvement Expenses—The Town Clerk reported that a Memorial to the Local Government Board had been presented by the Trustees of the late Mr. E. T. Brydges, appealing against the amount apportioned in respect of their property.

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Objections had also been received to the apportionment from Messrs. Brydges, Mellersh & Mellersh, on behalf of Mr. C. E. Gael, and from Mr. W. H. Russell, on behalf of Mr. A. Green. Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to consider these objections and report thereon.

- 18-Sydenham Villas Road—Resolved, That the Committee cannot recommend that any allowance-should be made to the owners in respect of the paving expenses charged against them.
- 19—Purchase of Horses—Resolved, That the 2 carthorses selected be purchased from Mr. Harvey, of Minsterworth for the sum of £54 each and also that the 2 van horses selected be purchased for each, subject in each case to the horses being certified by the Veterinary Surgeon.

20—Report of Plans Sub-Committee—The Chairman reported the proceedings of the plans Sub-Committee at their Meetings of the 10th and 25th instant. Resolved, That the same be approved and adopted.

JOHN D. BENDALL, Chairman.

PLANS SUB-COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Sub-Committee, held on Tuesday, the 10th July, 1906—Present: Councillors Baker, Bence and Parsonage (Councillor Parsonage in the chair).

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

No. of F	Plan. Name.	Description.
425	Cheltenham Gas Co.	Detached house, Lower Mill Street.
424	J. Pilley	2 Cottages, Hewlett Place.
426	W. Burcher	2 Detached Villas, Hatherley Road.
427	Training College Committee	New Assembly Room, St. Mary's Hall.
428	Training College Committee	Alterations and additions to building
		(late Friends' Meeting House), Manchester Street.
429	W. Smith	Additions to 11 Suffolk Square.
421	S. Cooke	Detached house, Alstone Lane.
409	R. R. Skemp	7 Houses, Old Bath Road, Pilley.
430	Rev. C. E. Stone	New W.C.'s, &c., Salem Chapel House.

Resolved, That Plans No. 424, 425, 426, 427, 428, 429 and 430 be approved, that Plans Nod. 409 be approved, subject to the front roof water being conveyed into the road channel, and that Plans Nos. 421 be approved, it being pointed out to the owner that the Corporation will be unable to provide a sewer to take the drainage of the house.

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E. H. PARSONAGE, Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Sub-Committee, held on Wednesday, the 25th July, 1906—Present Councillors Baker and Bendall (Councillor Baker in the chair).

2—New Buildings—The Borough Surveyor laid before the Meeting the following notices and plans of intended new Buildings, viz:—

No. of	Plan Name	Description
431	The Original Brewery Co., Ltd.	Additions to Engineer's Arms, St. Paul's Road.
432	E. C. Green	New shop front, 87 High Street.
433	Mdlle. Geraldy	Recreation Room, 6 Paragon Terrace.
434	J. R. Claridge	2 new bedrooms, Cleeveland, Tivoli Road.
435	Major Percy Shewell	Extension of Motor House, Cotswold, Thirlestaine Rd.

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437 Miss Andrews Additions at 2 Vittoria Walk.

438 G. Cooper New house, Whaddon Lane, Prestbury Road.

Resolved, That Plans 431, 432, 434, 435, 436 and 437 be approved, that Plan 438 be approved subject to the front roof surface water being drained into watercourse and that plans 433 be disapproved; the Committee view the premises.

WILLIAM A. BAKER,

Chairman.

HIGHWAYS EXPENDITURE INQUIRY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, the 5th July, 1906. Present:—Councillors Baker, Green, Ley Wood, Margrett and Barrett (Councillor Ley Wood in the Chair).

1—Stores Department—The Borough Surveyor explained to the Committee the work done and the books kept in the Stores Department.

ROBT. LEY WOOD, Chairman.

TOWN IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 23rd July, 1906—Present: The Mayor, Alderman Norman, Councillors Baker and Packer (Councillor Packer in the chair). Byelaws—The Town Clerk reported that the Local Government Board had now confirmed the Byelaws Prescribing the scale of charges for Croquet and Tennis Courts in the enclosed pleasure gardens at Pittville.

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2—Photographs for M.R. Carriages—The Town Clerk reported that the Midland Railway Co. had approved of the platinotype photogravures submitted by Mr. H. W. Watson, and would accept 50 copies of each print for in their carriages. Resolved, That 50 copies of each of the photogravures he ordered at the price agreed, viz., 14s per dozen.

3—Advertising—Resolved, To renew the 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ inch advertisement in the "Times of Ceylon" for one year at 2s 6d each insertion.

Read, a letter from Messrs. Cornelius & Boulter, enclosing a copy of the "Housefinder," in which they had arranged the publication of an Illustrated Article of Cheltenham. Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to write thanking them for arranging for the insertion of the article.

T. H. PACKER,

Chairman.

LIGHTING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Thursday, the 5th July, 1906—Present ': Alderman Norman, Councillors Green, Ley Wood, and Marshall (Councillor Ley Wood in the chair).

1—Water Softening and Purifying Apparatus—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that he had prepared a specification for the supply of a water softening and purifying plant which he recommended should be obtained for the works. Resolved, That the Borough Electrical Engineer be authorised to obtain tenders in accordance with specification prepared by him and that the Chairman and the Borough Electrical Engineer be authorised to open the tenders when received so that the latter may examine and report thereon.

ROBT. LEY WOOD,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, the 12th July, 1906. Present:—Councillors Green, Ley Wood, Marshall and Merrett (Councillor Ley Wood in the Chair).

2—Gas Examiner's Report—The Deputy Gas Examiner reported that he had tested the gas on the 9th and 10th instant, for purity which showed an average of 1277 grains of sulphur per 100 cubic feet. The meter in connection with the Photo-meter was under repair so that no test for illuminating power had been made.

3—Lighting of Jersey Avenue, Hewlett Road—Read, a letter from Dr. Kelson Millard asking for an improvement in the lighting of Jersey Avenue. Resolved, That consideration of the letter be adjourned for the Committee to view.

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4—Borough Electrical Engineer's Monthly Report—Read, the Monthly Report of the Borough Electrical Engineer. On the 11th inst. there were 875 consumers, with an equivalent of 59,143 eight candle power lamps; connected to the private supply mains, the corresponding figures for last year being 823 and 55,000 respectively.

ROBT. LEY WOOD,

Chairman.

WATER COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Thursday, the 26th July, 1906—Present: The Mayor, Councillors Baker, M. Davis, Margrett, 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	Average for corresponding period
	21st July, 1906.	during last 3 years.
Hewletts Springs	130,600 gallons	142,906 gallons
Dowdeswell Springs	75,800 "	338,640 "
Leckhampton	40,320 "	not gauged.
Total	546,720 "	481,546 "

CONTENTS OF RESERVOIRS.

	July 21st, 1906.		July 21st, 1905	
	Depth	Contents	Depth	Contents
Hewletts		20,951,147 gallons		14,841,854 gallons
Leckhampton	3ft. 0in.	405,231 "	9ft. 0in.	1,215,693 "
Dowdeswell	24ft. 2 in.	62,402,610 "	23ft. 11in.	61,088,637 "
	Total Storage	83,358,988 "		77,146,184 "

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

2—Water Main Extension—Resolved, That the extension of the 6-inch water main authorised to be made in Cemetery Road by Minute No. 1 of this Committee at its Meeting on the '26th June last, be extended to the end of Cemetery Road (565 additional yards) at a cost of £320.

3—Charge for Baths—Resolved, That the charge for a bath in houses under £20 rental in the Borough be reduced to 5sper annum, and that the resolution to Minute No. 4 of this Committee of the 20th December, 1894, be varied accordingly.

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4—Inspection of Tewkesbury Works and Severn—The Chairman reported that on the 18th instant the Committee inspected the two new Filter Beds, one of which was nearly completed and the other actually in use, and the Work had been carried out very satisfactorily.

The Committee inspected the River Intake and also the Sewage Disposal Works at Worcester with which considerable progress had been made, it being understood that work to the value of about £70,000 had been executed.

Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to ascertain what steps the Upton Rural District Council were taking to improve their methods of Sewage Disposal.

Resolved, That this Committee desire to express their hearty thanks to the Mayor for his hospitality at the Inspection.

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

H. WAGHORNE,

Chairman.

GENERAL PURPOSES AND WATCH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, the 24th July, 1906—Present: The Mayor, Aldermen Haddon and Norman, Councillors Bendall, M. Davis and Ley Wood (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---Resolved, That the applications of Edgar Arthur Piper, of 2 Railway Buildings and Frank Norris, of No. 17, Mitre Street, for licences to drive hackney carriages be granted.
- 3—Commons and Footpaths Preservation Society—Read, a letter from the Secretary of this Society asking the Council to become affiliated with the Society of which upwards of 150 Corporations and District Councils were members, the Annual Subscription for a Town Council being 10s 6d. Resolved, That this be agreed to.
- 4—Leckhampton Hill—Read, a letter from Mr. W. H. Russell, intimating that the Leckhampton Quarries Co., Ltd., did not wish to prevent the public having access to the upper portion of the Hill above the Upper Stoneway. Resolved, That the draft letter in reply submitted by the Town Clerk be approved.
- 5—Spa Assembly Rooms—Read, an application from Mr. T. Whittard for the use of the Large Hall for four Sundays in September for holding services during the repair of Salem Chapel. Resolved, That the Hall be let at a charge of £5 5s. for each Sunday plus cost of lighting.
- 6—Report of Art Gallery Sub-Committee—The Art Gallery Sub-Committee reported that they met on the 17th instant. Present: The Mayor, Aldermen Norman, Colonel Rogers and Winterbotham, Councillor Marshall and the Baron de Ferrieres (Alderman Winterbotham in the chair).

Curator's Report—The Curator reported that 5,769 visits had been made to the Art Gallery since the 1st February.

The exhibition of pictures by Modern Artists, had been open from January to March and was much appreciated; as many as 500 catalogues having been sold.

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The Gallery was closed for the annual cleaning March 19th to 31st, and the opportunity had been taken of arranging the exhibits from the Arts and Crafts Exhibition, Grafton Gallery. Considerable interest was shown in these exhibits which remained on view until 30th May, when they were returned to their respective owners without damage.

During the months April, May and June, the Second Historical Water-Colour Series, numbering 113 frames, was on loan to this Gallery from South Kensington Museum. The pictures were insured for £1,600,

The permanent collection of pictures was stored in the School of Science rooms during the time of the special Exhibitions.

The eleven pictures belonging to Mr. Howard Warden which had been on loan to the Gallery for the last two years had been returned.

The first order of reproductions of English Silversmiths' work consisting of 14 pieces had been received from Messrs. Elkington, Ltd. An interesting collection of 19 Water Colour Paintings by Miss Sharpe was on exhibition in the Gallery.

Exhibition of Pictures—The Curator reported that he had received offers from a number of Artists to lend pictures for exhibition during October and November. Resolved, That the offers be accepted on the usual terms, namely, carriage to be paid by the Sub-Committee and the pictures insured, 10 per cent, Commission to be allowed to the Committee on any sales effected during exhibition.

Rooms in Library Building—Resolved, That although this Sub-Committee would much regret the necessity of abandoning their hope of using the rooms vacated by the School of Art for the purpose for which they were originally intended the Sub-Committee feel that they are so much in the hands of the Council that they are prepared to await any proposal of the Council for the use of the vacated rooms as Public Offices.

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

7—Rooms in Library Buildings—Resolved. That a Meeting of this Committee be held on Monday, the 30th inst., to confer with the Representatives of the Library Committee. Read, a letter from Mr. C. Callaway, urging that the vacant rooms should be used as a Museum.

GEO. NORMAN, Chairman.

MINERAL WATERS, BATHS AND RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 3rd July, 1906, at 3.30 p.m.—Present Councillors Baker, Bendall, Davies, and Merrett (Councillor Baker in the chair.)

1—Superintendents of Alstone Baths—The Candidates selected for interview attended this Meeting. Resolved, That Mr. and Mrs. Pilkington, of Morley Corporation Baths be appointed Superintendents of the Alstone Baths at the salary and on the other terms and conditions mentioned or referred to in the advertisement.

WILLIAM A. BAKER, Chairman.

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At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 3rd July, 1906, at 5.30 p.m.7-Present: The Mayor, Councillors Baker, Danes, and Merrett (The Mayor in the chair).

2—Mineral Waters—The following were present by invitation as representing the Medical Committee and Chamber of Commerce:—Alderman Rogers, Drs. H. Bramwell, Cardew, E. Cargill, . F. Johns, R. Kirkland, E. T. Wilson and Cr. A. Peake; Messrs. E. B. Wethered, T. E. Rickerby, J. A. Thomas, and E. Whitbread. the development of the waters and Spa were made and considered. Resolved,

That this Committee approve of the formation of a Committee consisting of the Mayor, representatives of the Medical Profession, the Chamber of Commerce, and of this Committee to consider matters relating to the development of the Spa, and to make recommendations thereon to this Committee.

Resolved also, That the Mineral Waters Sub-Committee (Councillors Bence, Davies and Stroud) be appointed representatives of this Committee on the Joint Committee.

W. NASH SKILLICORNE,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Friday, the 20th July, 1906—Present: The Mayor, Alderman Norman, Councillors Baker, Bendall, Davies and Merrett, (Councillor Davies in the chair).

3—Montpellier Baths—The Borough Accountant reported that the receipts and payments in respect of these Baths since the 31st March last, had been as follows:—

Receipts	£249 3 10	Payments	£125 18 4
		Proportion of repayment	
		of loans and interest	£133 5 3
	£249 3 10		£259 37

Visitor—Resolved, That Councillor Merrett be appointed one of the Visitors to these Baths.

4 —Alstone Baths—The Borough Accountant reported that the receipts and payments at these Baths since the 31st March last, had been as follows:—

Receipts	£133 19 10	Payments	£103 7 10
		Repayment of loans and interest	£ <u>83 16 8</u>
	£133 19 10		£187 4 6

5—Naunton Park—The Borough Surveyor reported that the rustic fence next the Hay Cottage Homes was in a bad state of repair. Resolved, That this be replaced by an iron fence at an estimated cost of £20.

6—Whaddon Lane—Grazing at—Resolved, That the grazing on the ground from the 1st July to the end of March, 1907, be let to Messrs. Waghorne Bros., Ltd., for subject to the terms of an agreement, prepared by the Town. Clerk.

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7—Football at Recreation Grounds—Resolved, That the application of the Cheltenham North Rugby Football Club for permission to play in the Agg-Gardner Recreation Ground next season be granted subject to dates of matches being arranged so as not to conflict with fixtures of other Clubs to whom similar permission is granted.

Resolved also, That with a view to preserve the turf, football only be allowed from the 29th September up to the 2nd Saturday in March.

8—Mineral Waters—The Town Clerk reported that at a Meeting of the Joint Spa Committee held on the 9th inst., the members of the Medical Committee had been requested to prepare a pamphlet relating to the waters, and also to draw up a dietary table suitable for patients visiting the Spa and a Sub-Committee had been appointed to ascertain and make a list of hotels and boarding houses whose proprietors were willing to co-operate with the Committee in providing suitable diet and accommodation for patients. The Committee had also offered to arrange for one of their numbers to visit the Spa each morning to see that the arrangements for dispensing the waters were carried out satisfactorily. The Committee had also made the following recommendations.

- (1) That pipes should be laid so as to supply the Montpellier Waters direct to the Spa.
- (2) That the building should be called "The Cheltenham Spa " for all purposes relating to the Mineral Waters.
- (3) That it should be the duty of some responsible official to supervise matters relating to the Spa and the bottling and sale of the Aperient Water.
- (4) That an advertisement should be inserted in the "British Medical Journal," "The Lancet," and "The Practitioner."

The Borough Engineer made a report on the subject, and submitted a plan and estimate for laying additional pipes and providing new tanks at Montpellier Lodge at an estimated cost of £169, by means of which the Montpellier Waters could be supplied to the Spa by gravitation from the tanks at Montpellier Lodge being pumped thereto from the Wells in Lansdown Terrace and Chadnor Villa.

Resolved, That the plan and estimate of the Borough Engineer be approved, and the work carried out.

Resolved, That the recommendation as to the name of the building be adopted.

Resolved, That Mr. H. J. White, the Assistant Surveyor, be requested to undertake the management of the Spa and the bottling and sale of the Aperient Water.

Resolved, That the question of the proposed advertisements in the medical papers be adjourned, and that a form of advertisement and the rates of charges for same be considered at the next meeting.

Resolved, That the offer of the Spa Committee for one of their members to attend daily at the Spa be accepted.

Resolved, That Alderman Norman, in conjunction with the Medical Officer and the Borough Electrical Engineer, and Mr. White, be requested to consider if any improvement or alteration is required in the method of heating the water at the Spa.

Resolved, That the Waters at the Spa be supplied free of charge to any Medical Man on production of visiting card,

The Borough Surveyor recommended that the use of the existing cisterns at Pittville Pump Room and Pittville Lodge should be discontinued as they were not suitable for the purpose and that a new

enamelled cistern which was in the store should be fixed, at the Pump Room, from which water could be supplied both at the Pump Room and also at the Lodge by means of the existing pipe.

Resolved, That this recommendation be approved and the work carried out at an estimated cost of £7 10s.

Resolved also, That the Medical Officer of Health be requested to visit Pittville to see that his instructions as to the supply of the waters are being carried out satisfactorily.

RICHARD DAVIES,

Chairman

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BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, the 25th July, 1906. Present:—The Mayor, Aldermen Haddon and Rogers, Councillors Baker, Gridley, Merrett and Pilley (Alderman Haddon in the Chair).

1—Superintendent's Report—The Superintendent reported that the whole of the grass at the Cemetery had been cut once and several of the patches twice.

The fencing adjoining Prior's Farm required raising to keep poultry out of the Cemetery. Resolved, To inspect the fencing at the next View Meeting.

- 2--Care of Grave Spaces—Read, a letter from Mr. C. G. Neat, of 112 Queen Victoria Street, London, E.C., enquiring for what sum the Burial Board would undertake to keep grave spaces No. 2961 and 2962 Q in order and bordered round with some flowers according to the season. Resolved, That the maintenance of the graves be undertaken on payment of 100 subject to the terms of an Agreement to be prepared by the Town Clerk.
- 3—Funerals—Read, a letter from Mr. John T. Wilcox, complaining of the arrangements for carriages attending Funerals at the Cemetery. Resolved, That the Committee approve of the arrangements made by the Superintendent.
- 4—Designs—Resolved, That the following designs be approved, viz:—Headstones to William Henry Cowmeadow, Thomas Vizard and William Pope. Memorial Crosses to Emily Charlotte Lukin, Edward Lushington Mather, John Paul McCuskern, John Whitacre Allen, and Catherine Johns. Flatstone to Charlotte Margrett. Kerbing to George Stephenson Voile. Monument to Henry Bullock Webster, and Alteration to Memorial Cross to Benjamin London.

JOHN HADDON,

Chairman.

PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 17th July, 1906—Present: The Mayor, Alderman Col. Rogers Councillors Bennett, Davies, Margrett, Marshall, Merrett, and Pilley, Rev. A. Beynon Phillips, J. Evans, and J. A. Owen, the Baron de Ferrieres, Col. King-Harman, Messrs. W. Cresswell, C. Hayward, E. C. Rogers and J. Stewart (Alderman Rogers in the chair).

- 1—Librarian's Report—Read, the Monthly Report of the Librarian. Receipts during the month £6 11s. 12. Presentations:—Baron de Ferrieres (1 vol.), Secretary, Gloucestershire Education Committee (2 vols.), Publishers, Orient Pacific. Guide (1 vol.).
- 2—Report of Sub-Committee—The Sub-Committee reported that they met on the 18th ultimo. (present Alderman Cal. Rogers (Chairman), Councillor Merrett and Rev. J. Evans), and interviewed 3 candidates for the poet of Junior Assistant, and recommended the appointment of A. Turier, in place of A. Baker, resigned, at 6s per week.

At a Meeting held on the 13th inst., there were present: Alderman Cal. Rogers (Chairman), Councillor Marshall, Merrett, and Col. King-Harman and Rev. J. Evans.

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They recommended—

- (1) That the Librarian be authorised to attend the Annual Conference of the Library. Association to be held at Bradford on September 4th, 5th and 6th.
- (2) That an estimate be obtained from Messrs. Marshall, Ltd., for the necessary repairs to the boiler.
- (3) That the Sub-Committee be authorised to appoint a temporary assistant at 6s per week until the 26th instant, in place of A. C. Dunn, who was away ill, and would not be able to resume his duties until that date. Resolved, That the recommendations of the Sub-Committee be approved and adopted.
- 3—Rooms over Library--Resolved, That the following members be appointed a Sub-Committee to confer with the General Purposes Committee as to the rooms over the Library, viz., Councillors Margrett and Marshall, Baron de Ferrieres, Col. King-Harman, Rev. J. Evans, Rev. J. A. Owen and Mr. C. Hayward.

RICHARD ROGERS,

Chairman.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Friday, the 27th July, 1906—Present: The Mayor, Alderman Waghorne, and Councillor Merrett (Alderman Waghorne in the chair).

1—General District Rate—The Report of the Borough Accountant, dated the 27th inst., on the collection of the 1st instalment of this Rate was read. Amount collected £12,783 10s. 7d. Leaving outstanding £11,838 8s. 2d.

2—Water Rate—The Report of the Borough Accountant, dated the 27th inst., on the collection of this Rate was read. Amount received £6719 5s. 4d. Leaving outstanding £5421 7s. 9d.

3-Loans-The Borough Accountant reported that he had received £215 on loan at 3 5/8 per cent. and also the loan of £2,200 referred to in Minute No. 4 of this Committee's proceedings of the 29th May last.

Resolved, That a Debenture for securing £215 and interest at 3 5/8 per cent. be sealed and issued to Mr. Walter Collins, on account of Street Improvement Loan for £1,265, that a Debenture be sealed and issued for securing £1,100 and interest at 3 5/8 per cent. to Mr. Samuel Mayman and Mrs. Ellen Mayman, and that a Debenture for securing £1,100 and interest at 3 5/8 per cent. be sealed and issued to Mr. Samuel Mayman, the last two Debentures being an account of the loan of £2780 for Dunalley Street Schools.

Resolved, That the sum of £370 part of a sum of £1,370 secured by Debenture No. 107 be repaid to Messrs. Attwood and Villar, on the 1st October next in pursuance of their request.

1—Accounts—The Financial Statement of the Receipts and Expenditure since the last meeting and the Bills and Accounts Lo be paid were examined, and the latter, ordered to be paid by the Borough Treasurer.

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

In hand on the 26th June, 1906	£16,501 0 8
Received since that date (including Loans 2,200)	£19,359 14 0
	£35,860 14 8

Paid since that date (including Sinking Funds invested

with Rhondda Urban District Council, £3,400) £20,491 1 1

In Hand £15,369 13 7

Being General Accounts £11,058 7 0 Sinking Funds £4,311 6 7 £15,369 13 7

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 Friday, the 3rd August, 1906, at 3 p.m. Present:

THE MAYOR (ALDERMAN WILLIAM NASH SKILLICORNE) in the chair.

THE DEPUTY MAYOR (ALDERMAN JOHN HADDON).

Aldermen: GEORGE NORMAN COLONEL RICHARD ROGERS JOHN WAGHORNE.

Councillors: WILLIAM ALFRED BAKER JOHN DAVID BENDALL FREDERICK JOSEPH BEN NETT RICHARD DAVIES MOSES DAVIS EDWINSON CHARLES GREEN CHARLES HENRY MARGRETT RICHARD EEDE MARSHALL WILLIE JOHN MERRETT TOM HERBERT PACKER JOSEPH PILLEY ROBERT STEEL 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 2nd 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.
- 2—Public Health Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Public Health Committee, at their Meetings of the 11th and 23rd July last, be approved and confirmed.
- 3—Farms Management Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Farms Management Committee, at their Meeting of the 20th July 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 10th, 25th and 27th July last, be approved and confirmed.
- 5—Town Improvement Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Town Improvement Committee, at their Meeting of the 23rd July last, be approved and confirmed.
- 6—Lighting Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Lighting Committee, at their Meetings of the 5th and 12th July last, be approved and confirmed.
- 7—Water Committee--Resolved, That the proceedings of the Water Committee at their Meeting of the 26th 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 24th July 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 3rd and 20th July last, be approved and confirmed, subject to the following amendment, viz: That the first three Resolutions to Minute No. 8 (Mineral Waters) 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 25th last, be approved and confirmed.
- 11—Finance Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Finance Committee, at their Meeting of the 27th 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.

12—Notice of Motion—Councillor Bennett gave notice of his intention to move at the next Monthly Meeting of the Council: "That this Council protests against the unfair system by which, without public" competition, many of the County Council orders for goods and work are "given to Gloucester firms, and requests the Count) Council to allow "Cheltenham firms to tender for such goods and work in the usual way" approved by most other public bodies."

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 3rd September, 1906.

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this on Thursday, the 23rd August, 1906—Present : Alderman Norman, Councillors Davies, M. Davis and Waghorne (Councillor M. Davis 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 case of Enteric Fever, 2 cases of Erysipelas, and 3 of Diphtheria, and that 2 cases of Scarlet Fever, and 1 case of Diphtheria had been sent into the Delancey Hospital.
- 2—Cleansing and Limewashing at Nos. 17 Norwood Terrace, 9 and 39 Rutland Street, 29 Sandford Street, 1 Heath's Cottages, Swindon, Road, 21 Stanhope Street, and 3, Orchard Place.—The Medical Officer of Health having certified under Section 46 of the Public Health Act, 1875, that the abovenamed dwelling-houses were in such a filthy and unwholesome condition of the inmates was affected or endangered thereby. RESOLVED, That Notice be given the owners under the said Section requiring the houses to be cleansed and limewashed.
- 3—Nuisances from Drains etc., at Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 10 & 11 St. Paul's Street, South, Vine Cottage, St. Paul's Street, South, 10, 11 and 12, Normal Terrace, 7, Orchard Place, 18, Commercial Street, 44 & 48 St. George's Street, and 183 & 186 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.
- 4—Insanitary Property—Nos. 2 Waterloo Street, 1 Kear's Cottages, High Street, 3 and 9 Hereford Place, Plum Cottage, Hesters Way, and 3, Heath's Cottages, 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 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.

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5—Overcrowding at No. 5 Cox's Cottage, Alstone—The Medical Officer of Health reported that the above premises were so overcrowded as to be dangerous or injurious to the health of the inmates. Resolved, That the Committee being satisfied of the existence of a nuisance on the said premises, Notices under Section 91 of the Public Health Act, 1875, be served on the occupiers thereof requiring them to abate the same.

6—Houses without proper Ash Receptacles—The Inspector of Nuisances reported that the following houses had no proper ashpits or ash receptacles, viz:—Royston Collum End Road, Nos. 19 Sandford Street, 15 Whitehart Street, 213, High Street, 34, Albert Street, 6, and 13, Normal Terrace, & 4, Magenta 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.

7—Dairies, Cowsheds and Milkshops Order—Read, an application from Mr. A. G. Daft, of 16, Portland Street, to be registered as a purveyor of milk. Resolved, That the applicant be registered.

8--Preservatives in Milk—Read, a circular letter from the Local Government Board calling attention to the recent report of the Departmental Committee on Preservatives and Colouring Matter in Food to which the County Council had already called the attention of local vendors of milk, and advertised the recommendations of the Board in the Borough by means of posters.

9—Office at Abattoir—Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to submit a plan and estimate for the provision of proper office accommodation for the Superintendent at the Abattoir.

M. DAVIS,

Chairman.

FARMS MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Friday, the 17th August, 1906—Present: Councillors M. Davis, Green, and Steel (Councillor H. Davis in the chair).

1—Report of Farms' Manager—Read, the Monthly Report of the Farms' Manager. Since the last meeting, 12 head of cattle had been purchased for £134, and 20 sheep for £12 10s. 0d., total £176 10s., and the following sales had been made: -28 head of cattle (including 2 calves) for £474 3s. 3d., 12 sheep and 12 lambs for £42 1s. 4d., and 2 horses for £90. Total sales, £606 4s. 7d. The number of livestock on the farms on the 17th inst. was 12 horses, 165 head of cattle, 42 sheep and 1 pig, all doing fairly well. Hay making had been completed, and he had commenced cutting the oats and wheat. 3 tons. 2 cwts. 3 qrs. of hay, 2 tons 15 cwts. 2 qrs. of wheat straw, and 1 ton 17 cwts. 2 qrs. of grass had been delivered to the Central Depot. 8 tods 9lbs. of wool had been sold for £12 2s. 8d. As authorised he had purchased a reaping machine for £11 15s. 0d. He recommended the purchase of 2 or 3 cart colts, and suggested that the outside wood work, etc., of Hayden Knoll House should be

repaired and painted. Resolved, That the recommendation as to the purchase of cart colts be approved, and that the Committee inspect the farm-house at the next visit to the Farms.

M. DAVIS, Chairman.

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STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, the 14th August, 1906—Present: Alderman Haddon, Councillors Baker and Bendall (Councillor Bendall in the Chair).

- 1—Street Projections—Supt. Hopkins submitted a list of signs and other projections which had been put up without the permission of the Council. Read letters from some of the tradesmen mentioned in the list, applying for permission for the projections put up by them to be allowed to remain. Resolved, That further consideration of the Report and applications be adjourned for the Committee to view.
- 2—Sandford Mill Road—With reference to the Memorial read at the last meeting, sent to the Local Government Board by the Trustees of the late E. T. Brydges, objecting to the apportionment of private improvement expenses in Sandford Mill Road, the Town Clerk read a letter he proposed to write to the Board in reply to the Memorial. Resolved, That the reply be approved.
- 3—All Saints' Road Footpath—from Winstonian Road to Alberton—Resolved, That this portion of the footpath on the North West side of All Saints' Road be paved 6 feet wide with asphalte margins at an estimated cost of £35.
- 4—Steps to General Post Office—The Borough Surveyor submitted a plan of proposed new steps at the General Post Office, Promenade, sent in by H.M. Office of Works. Resolved, That the same be approved subject to a slight modification suggested by the Committee.
- 5—Purchase of Horses—The Borough Surveyor reported that the Veterinary Surgeon had certified as sound three of the horses to be purchased from Mr. Harvey, but one of the van horses was reported not satisfactory. Mr. Harvey had promised to send one or two more horses for inspection by the Committee at an early date.

JOHN D. BENDALL,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 27th August, 1906—Present : Alderman Haddon, Councillors Bendall and ley Wood (Councillor Bendall in the chair)

6—Borough Surveyor's Monthly Report Re Highways—The Borough Surveyor reported that the work done by-the Highways Department from the 27th July, to the 23rd August, 1906 (both inclusive) had been as follows:—

Roads repaired—New Street (1946 super yards), Suffolk Lawn (880 super yards), Leighton Road (1028 super yards), Charlton Lane (3850 super yards), North Place (377 super yards), Winchcomb Street (t36 super yards), High Street (proceeding).

Private Improvement Works—Back lane Alstone Avenue, Alstone Avenue and St. Anne's Road (proceeding).

Roads patched—Harp Hill, Great Western Road, Suffolk Road, Millbrook Street, Suffolk Square, St. James' Square and Old Coach Road. Ash Destructor Approach Road—(proceeding). Gulleys renewed-5.

Gulley grates and frames renewed-2.

Street Crossing renewed—1. Street Crossing taken out—1. Street Crossings roughed-24.

Water Trench repaired—North Place. Gas Trenches repaired—Malvern Street, Great Western Terrace and Sidney St.

Electric Light Trenches repaired—Royal Well Place, Portland Street, and Messrs. Nortons, Bath Road.

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Footpath Paving. repaired-Suffolk Road, Montpellier Avenue, Gloucester Road and Park Street.

Asphalt Footpath renewed-Tewkesbury Road (4241 super yards), Promenade (27 super yards).

Concrete Slabs laid-St. Paul's Street North (370 super yards) Promenade (69 super yards).

New Concrete Kerb laid-St. Paul's Street North (222 lineal yards), St. Paul's Street North (circular), (5 lineal yards). New Concrete Channel laid-St. Paul's Street North (222 lineal yards). Tar painting-Queen's Road (10,132 super yards), New Street (1946 super yards).

Trees pruned of young growths-Ambrose Street, Leckhampton Road, Greville Terrace, Argyle Place, Leckhampton Park, Moorend Park Road, Naunton Park Terrace.

Private Trees pruned-Bayshill Studio, 12, Bayshill Terrace, 3, 2, 7, 11, Royal Well Terrace, 4, 5, 6, 7, and 8, Regent Street, Bus Yard, South Court, 1 and 2, Berkeley Villas, Weston House, Lane at back of Leamington Place, Glentworth, Langholme, Coulter, Dean Close School, Granville Lodge, Nain Tal, 17 Brandon Terrace, Eton Lodge, Ellesmere, Pembridge House, Woodlands, The Park, Park Gate, back of 3, 4, 5, 7, 8, 13 and 17, Park Place, Hollingbourne, Bunwell House, 1, 4, 6 and 7, Painswick Lawn, Trowscoed Lodge, Mornington, Lyndale, Moorend Park Road, 2 & 5, Pittville Crescent, 1, Priory Terrace, 15, Clarence Square, Grovefield Villa, Gloucester Road.

Trees Pruned-Albany Road and Dagmar Terrace. Trees pruned from gas lamps-Providence Place, Portland Street Orchard Place, Back of Leamington Place, No. 8, Naunton Lane, 1, Prospect, Leckhampton, 2, The Granleys, St. Mark's, 2 & 3, back Bayshill Lawn, 1 & 3, back Rotunda Terrace, 2 & 3, Church Yard, Fern Bank, No. 3, Millbrook Street, back 4, Hatherley Place, Boyne House Lane, 1 Back College Lawn, 8, Old Bath Road, 2, Naunton Park Terrace, 2 Sandford Mill Road, 4 Upper Park Street.

Dead trees removed-Ambrose Street 1, St. Luke's Road, 1, and Imperial Square 1.

Hedges cut back-Hill View, Moorend Street, Fullwood, The Park, South Court Cottage Alley.

Surface Water Drain cleaned-Harp Hill, 1.

Ashes Collection and Disposal-During 5 weeks ended 23rd August, 1906-1,196 loads collected, 10 tipped away and 1,185 consumed. Weight consumed, 932 tons, 6 cwts.

Slab Factory-During 4 weeks ended August 16th, 1906 - 3521 super yards of slabs, and 3,306 lineal feet of kerb made.

7-Fairfield Avenue Private Improvement Expenses-The Borough Surveyor reported that the private improvement works ordered in Fairfield Avenue had been carried out by the Corporation at a cost of £613 2s. 4d. 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 as now settled on this basis be approved and that notices thereof and of demand for repayment be served upon the owners of the premises mentioned therein.

8-Sandford Mill Road Private Improvement Expenses-Read, a letter from Mr. C. E. Gael, forwarding copy of a memorial he had addressed to the Local Government Board objecting to the amount he was called upon to pay under the apportionment made by the Council of the Sandford Mill Road Private Improvement Expenses. The Town Clerk submitted draft letter in reply. Resolved, That the same be approved.

9-Granley Road-The Committee having inspected this road, Resolved, That as soon as the amount due for private improvement works in this road has been paid, the same be declared a public highway without prejudice to the right of the Corporation to require the paving under Section 44 of the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1852, of the footpaths when they think fit.

10-View Meeting-The following Members attended the View Meeting, on Friday last, viz : Alderman Haddon, and Councillors Bendall and Ley Wood.

11-Report of Plans Sub-Committee-The Chairman reported the proceedings of the Plans Sub-Committee at their Meetings on the 14th and 24th instant. Resolved, That the same be approved and adopted.

12-Street Projections-With reference to the Report made by the Street Inspector at the last meeting as to projections put up without the permission of the Council. Resolved, That the application of Mr. E. W. Devereux for permission to put up a hairdresser's pole at Oriel House, Bath Road, and of Mr. S. Isenstein for permission to place 2 lamps outside No. 5 Upper Bath Road, be acceded to subject to the usual conditions, and that notices be given under the Byelaws requiring the removal of the other projections mentioned in the inspector's Report.

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13—Street Inspector—Resolved, That in the opinion of this Committee the duties of Street Inspector as regards street projections and obstructions could be conveniently discharged by the Building Inspector and the Committee recommend that from and after the 1st December 'next, such duties be transferred from Superintendent Hopkins to Mr. Holbourn, the General Purposes and Watch Committee if the resolution is approved by the Council, taking into consideration the question of the

adjustment, if any, of remuneration paid to Superintendent Hopkins for such work and as Inspector of Hackney Carriages.

14—Horses—Resolved, That the van horse selected by the Committee on Friday last be purchased from Mr. Harvey for £40, subject to a week's trial and to a satisfactory certificate from the Veterinary Surgeon.

JOHN D. BENDALL,

Chairman.

PLANS SUB-COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Sub-Committee, held on Tuesday, the 14th August, 1906—Present: Councillors Baker and Bendall (Councillor Bendall in the chair).

 ${\bf 1-New\ Buildings-The\ Borough\ Surveyor\ laid\ before\ the\ Sub-Committee\ the\ following\ notices\ and\ plans\ of\ intended\ new\ Buildings,\ viz.\ :-$

No. of I	Plan. Name.	Description.
439	H. J. & A. J. Bradshaw	Two new houses in Halland Road, Leckhampton Road.
440	J. McCarthy	Reconstruction of Bell Hotel, High Street.
441	Lance A Co., Ltd.	Rebuilding 127, High Street.
442	A. D. Vacara	Shop front to " Malakoff," Fairview Road.
443	J. R. Claridge	New Porch and Bath Room at Hewlett Villa, Hewlett Road.
444	D. L. Turner	New house in Whitecross Square,
445	Trustees of Bethel Chapel	
	Poor Estate Charity	Four Cottages in Chapel Street.
446	Vicar and Churchwardens,	
	SS. Philip and James' Church	Assembly Hall, corner of Grafton and Gratton Roads.
447	R. L. Boulton & Sons	Temporary Store Sheds in Wellington Street.
448	J. D. Bendall	Four Villas in Midland Road, Leckhampton Road.
449	C. L. Hardcastle	Converting " Glenlee," Bayshill Road, into 2 houses.
450	C. L. Hardcastle	Converting Stables at " Glenlee," Bayshill Road,
		into Dwelling House.

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Resolved, That Plans No, 439, 441, 442, 444, 445, 448 and 449 be approved, that Plans Nod. 440 and 443 be approved, subject to drainage and sanitary arrangements being carried out to the satisfaction of the Sanitary Inspector, that Plan No. 446 be approved as a temporary building only, and subject to the usual agreement, and that the consideration of Plans No. 447 and 450 be adjourned to the next meeting.

JOHN D. BENDALL,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Sub-Committee, held on Friday, the 24th August, 1906—Present Councillor Bendall.

2—New Buildings—The Borough Surveyor submitted

the following notices and plans of intended new Buildings, viz:—

No. of	Plan Name	Description
450	C. L. Hardcastle	Conversion of stables into dwelling house, near Glenlee, Bayshill.
451	G. Perrott	Additions to Hope Villa, Gloucester Road.
452	E. Parker	New shop front, corner of Edward Place and Edward Terrace.
453	Mrs. Walker	Additions to No. 6 Coltham Fields.
454	Col. Burlton-Bennett	Extension of Conservatory, &c., St. Auvergne, Queen's Road.
455	H.M. Office of Works	Alterations to entrance stops, General Post Office, Promenade.
456	Messrs. Slade	New shop front, Imperial House, Promenade Villas.
433	Mdlle. Geraldy	Recreation Room, rear of 6, Paragon Terrace.
447	R. L. Boulton & Sons	Store Sheds, Wellington Street.

Resolved, That Plans Nod. 450, 452, 455, and 456 be approved, that Plans Nod. 451 be approved subject to the drainage being carried out to the satisfaction of the Sanitary Inspector, that Plans Nod. 433 be approved as a temporary building, subject to the usual agreement as to removal on notice and to the building being erected at least 10 feet from the existing buildings, that Plans Nod. 447 be approved as a temporary building subject to the usual agreement and to the sheds not projecting beyond the line of the front main wall of No. 2 Wellington Place, and that Plans Nod. 453 and 454 be disapproved.

JOHN D. BENDALL,

Chairman.

TOWN IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, time 20th August, 1900—Present Alderman Rogers, Councillors Baker and Bennett (Councillor Baker in the chair).

1—Pittville Park—Read, a Report by Mr. W. L. Mellersh of suggestions made by Sir William Thiselton-Dyer, K.C.M.G., of the Royal Gardens, Kew, on his visit to Pittville Park last month with regard to the trees and shrubs in the Park. Resolved, That Mr. Mellersh be asked to convey to Sir William Thiselton-Dyer the thanks of the Council for his valuable advice and suggestions, and that the further consideration of the report be adjourned to the next meeting.

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2—Pittville Lake—Read, a letter from Major-General Babbage, enclosing suggestions and a sketch plan for the improvement of the water in Pittville Lake. Resolved, That General Babbage be thanked for his letter, and that the matter be referred to the Borough Surveyor for consideration and report.

3—Advertising--In view of proposals for the insertion of advertisements as to the mineral waters in certain medical and other papers, the Committee considered the question of revising the advertisements of the town at present paid for by the Corporation with a view to some of them being discontinued. Resolved. That the further consideration be adjourned to the next meeting, particulars of the advertisements at present undertaken to be sent to each member of the Committee in the meantime.

WILLIAM A. BAKER.

Chairman,

LIGHTING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, the 16th August 1906. Present:—Councillors Green, Ley Wood, Marshall, Merrett and Steel (Councillor Ley Wood in the Chair).

- 1:—Gas Examiner's Report—The Deputy Gas Examiner reported that the result of his tests for 18th ult. and the 8th inst. was 15.86 and 15.35 candles respectively.
- 2—Public Lighting of Naunton Park Terrace and Alstone Avenue—Read, letters from Councillor Stroud and Mr. E. H. Wynn, alleging the necessity for additional public lighting in Naunton Park Terrace and Alstone Avenue respectively. Resolved, That the Committee visit Naunton Park Terrace at the next view that Mr. Wynn be informed that his complaint will receive attention.

The Borough Surveyor reported that in view of the private improvement works in progress in the road between Grange Crescent and Alstone Avenue he had, with the sanction of the Chairman, instructed the Gas Company to fix a lamp half way down this read. He also reported that to avoid interference with the signals near St. George's Road bridge, the G.W.R. had asked for the alteration of the position of certain of the public lamps there, and with the Chairman's approval this had been carried out, the cost being borne by the railway company. Resolved, That the action of the Chairman be approved and adopted.

- St. Margaret's Road—Resolved, That the two lamps in front of St. Margaret's Terrace be remove: lighting being otherwise provided there.
- 3—Borough Electrical Engineer's Monthly Report—Read, the Monthly Report of the Borough On the 14th inst. there were 878 consumers, with an equivalent of 59,142 eight candle power lamps, connected to private supply mains, the corresponding figures for last year being 824 and 53,183 respectively.
- 4—Report for Year 1905-6—The Borough Electrical submitted a report on the working of the Electrical Undertaking during the twelve months ended 31st March, 1906. Resolved. That the same be printed and a copy sent to each member of the Council.

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5—Quarterly Report -- The Borough Electrical Engineer submitted a statement, of the income and expenditure in respect of the Electricity Undertaking for the quarter ending June last, which was considered satisfactory.

6—Accounts—Resolved, That the Finance Committee be asked to have a joint meeting with this Committee with a view to the discussion of certain matters in connection with the Electricity Accounts.

7—No. 335, High Street—Resolved, That notice be given to terminate the tenancy of these premises at the expiration of the current year of the tenancy.

ROBT. LEY WOOD,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 27th August, 1906—Present: Alderman Norman, Councillors Green, Ley Wood, Marshall, 3lerrett and Steel (Councillor Ley Wood in the chair)

8—Tenders for Oil Extracting and Water Softening Plant—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that he had examined the tenders received from 7 firms for the oil extracting and water softening plant required at the Works, and he recommended the acceptance of the tender of Messrs. Mather and Platt, Ltd., for the oil extracting plant at £113, and of The Kennicott Water Softener Co. for the supply of water softening plant for £432 10s.

Resolved, That the recommendations be approved and adopted.

9—Reserve Fund—Resolved. That it is expedient to form a Reserve Fund under the powers contained in the Cheltenham Electric Lighting Order, 1890, and that £500 be set aside for investment as a first payment into such fund out of the surplus remaining on the 31st March last after payment of all charges then due including sinking fund and interest on the deficit loan, or the total amount of such surplus if less than £500.

ROBT. LEY WOOD, Chairman.

WATER COMMITTEE.

it a Meeting of this Committee, held on Thursday, the 23rd August, 1906—Present Alderman Norman Councillors Baker, Bendall, M. Davis, Margrett, Packer, 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 30 days, ended Average for corresponding period 20th August, 1906. during last 3 years. **Hewletts Springs** 102,240 gallons 170,300 gallons 239,000 " **Dowdeswell Springs** 209,100 " Leckhampton 30,960 " not gauged. 342,300 " 409,300 " Total

CONTENTS OF RESERVOIRS.

	August 20th, 1906.		August 20th, 1905.	
	Depth	Contents	Depth	Contents
Hewletts		20,995,487 gallons		13,500,427 gallons
Leckhampton	5ft. 11in.	799,201 "	8ft. 6in.	1,148,152 "
Dowdeswell	20ft. 10in.	48,012,161 "	21ft. 8in.	51,395,660 "
Total Storage		69,806,849 "		66,044,239 "

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

- 2—Charge for Baths—The Committee considered the question of reducing the charge for the supply of water for baths irrespective of rental. Resolved, That the Borough Engineer be instructed to prepare a return showing the number of baths in the water area at the present time, distinguishing the number in this Borough, and the number of cases in which there are two or more baths in a house, houses under £20 gross value and those above, and also showing the income at present derived in respect of baths supply, and the effect of a reduction of the charge to 5s, 6s and 7s 6d per annum. Resolved, also, That in view of the discussion at the last Council Meeting and the question now under consideration by the Committee, the partial reduction approved by the Council at the last meeting be not brought into operation during the half-year commencing on the 29th proximo.
- 3--Fire Brigade Captain's Report—The Captain of the Fire Brigade reported that the Brigade had not been called out to any fire since the last meeting of the Committee.
- 4—Upton-on-Severn Sewage Disposal—Read, a letter from the Clerk to the Upton-on-Severn Rural District Council stating that a scheme for the disposal of their sewage had been prepared upon which an enquiry had been held by the Local Government Board and the Council were now awaiting the Board's decision.
- 5—Appeals—The cases entered in the Appeal Book were considered and the rates settled and adjusted.
- H. WAGHORNE, Chairman.

GENERAL PURPOSES AND WATCH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 30th July, 1906—Present: Aldermen Haddon, Norman, and Rogers, Councillor M. Davis (Alderman Norman, in the chair).

The following also attended as representing the Public Library Committee, viz.;—Councillors Margrett and Marshall, Col. King-Harman, Revs. J. Evans and J. A. Owen.

1—Rooms Over Library, etc.—The plans submitted by the Borough Surveyor last month showing how the rooms over the Library and a portion of the ground floor could be utilized for municipal offices were discussed. Resolved, That the further consideration of the matter be adjourned to enable the Public Library Committee to consider the seine.

GEO. NORMAN, Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, the 21st August, 1906—Present Aldermen Haddon, Norman and Rogers, Councillors M. Davis and Ley Wood (Alderman Norman In the chair).

- 2—Diseases of Animals Acts-Superintendent Hopkins reported that the was entirely free of disease amongst animals.
- 3—Hackney Carriage Driver's Licence--With reference to Minute No. 2 of this Committee of the 19th June last, Frank Hoare, one of the drivers there mentioned, attended this meet and asked the Committee to reconsider their resolution refusing to renew his licence to drive a hackney carriage. Resolved, That a licence be granted, and that the resolution to the Minute above mentioned be varied accordingly.

GEO. NORMAI:,

MINERAL WATERS, BATHS AND RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Thursday, the 9th August, 1906.—Present: The Mayor, Alderman Norman, Councillors Baker, Bendall, Merrett, Pilley and Stroud (Councillor Stroud in the chair)

1—Mineral Waters—The resolutions passed at the last meeting of this Committee with regard to the Mineral Waters referred back by the Council were again considered. Resolved, That the further consideration of the plan and estimate for the laying of additional pipes and the provision of tanks at Montpellier Gardens Lodge be adjourned to the next meeting, the Borough Surveyor in the meantime to prepare estimates of the cost of carrying out alternative suggestions now made.

That Mr. H. J. White, the Assistant Surveyor, be appointed to undertake the management of the Spa and the bottling and the sale of the Aperient Water.

That the Spa at the Town Hall continue to be known as the Central Spa, Town Hall.

- 2—Agg-Gardner Recreation Ground Superintendent—Read, a letter from the Superintendent of Agg-Gardner Recreation Ground applying for a fortnight's leave of absence at the close of the present school holidays. Resolved, That the application be acceded to.
- 3—Football at Recreation Grounds—Read, letters from the Hon. Secs. All Saints' Old Boys' Association and the Y.M.C.A. Association Football Clubs, applying for permission to play in Whaddon Lane Recreation Ground during next season. Resolved, That the applications be granted subject to the usual conditions.

Read, a letter from the Hon. Sec. of the Imperial Football Club, applying for permission to play in the Agg-Gardner Recreation Ground during next season. Resolved, That the application be not granted, in view of the number of applications in respect of this recreation ground already acceded to.

HERBERT STROUD, Chairman.

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At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 17th, August 1906. Present: Councillors Baker, Bendall, Merrett and Stroud (Councillor Stroud in the Chair).

4—Montpellier Baths—The Borough Accountant reported that the receipts and payments in respect of these Baths since the 31st March last, had been as follows:—

Receipts	£352 6 4	Payments	£171 8 1
Rent of Shop	£ 12 0 0	Proportion of repayment	

of loans and interest ... £177 13 8

£364 6 4 £349 1 9

5—Alstone Baths—The Borough Accountant reported that the receipts and payments at these Baths since the 31st March last, had been as follows:—

Receipts £207 17 9 Payments £153 11 6 Repayment of loans and interest ... £111 15 7 £207 17 9 £265 7 1

The Borough Surveyor submitted a plan for an open dressing shelter for the open air bath at Alstone, the estimated cost being £20. Resolved, That the plan be approved and the work carried out.

6—Mineral Waters—The Borough Surveyor submitted plans and estimates in connection with the laying on of the mineral waters to the Central Spa and the Montpellier Gardens. Resolved, That the scheme for conveying the water from the Lansdown Terrace and Chadnor Villa Wells to Montpellier Gardens, the provision of separate storage tanks at Montpellier Gardens and delivery by gravitation to the Central Spa, at an estimated cost of £250, be approved and adopted.

7—Superintendent Whaddon Lane Recreation Ground—Read, a letter from Mr. A. G. Clifford. resigning his office as Superintendent of the Whaddon Lane Recreation Ground. Resolved, That the same be accepted to take effect on the 17th October next and that an advertisement be inserted inviting applications for the appointment, the salary to be per week, with house and light, the person appointed to give the whole of his time to the duties.

8—Naunton Park—Read, a Memorial signed by 200 residents and occupiers of houses in the neighbourhood of Naunton Park stating that they had been informed that it was proposed to extend the Avenue and form a Bowling Green on part of the land recently added to Naunton Park to which proposals the Memorialists objected as it would considerably curtail the space required for the children and would entail extra expense on the ratepayers. They also desired that more use should be made of the ornamental garden for light games and by children.

Read, a letter from Mr. J. Bulgin, of 1, St. Clair Villas, objecting to the ornamental garden being used by children not under proper control or supervision. Resolved, That the Memorialists be informed that they appear to be under a misapprehension as no such proposals as suggested have been either considered or sanctioned by the Committee or Council, but that their suggestions shall receive the serious consideration of the Committee. And that in the meantime the matter be adjourned providing a visit to the grounds by the Committee to view same.

9—Football at Recreation Grounds—Read, an application from the Cheltenham Saracens Association Football Club for permission to play at Naunton Para next season. Resolved, That the application be acceded to subject to the usual conditions.

HERBERT STROUD, Chairman.

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BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Saturday, the 15th August, 1906, Present:—Aldermen Haddon and Rogers, Councillors Baker, Merrett, and Steel (Alderman Haddon in the Chair).

- 1-- Superintendent's Report—The Superintendent suggested that a glass house should be provided at the Cemetery, that in Board should, as was the custom at many other Cemeteries, undertake to keep graves in order, and he submitted a scale. Resolved. That the further consideration of the matter be adjourned to the next meeting.
- 2-Salary of Superintendent and Sexton—Read a letter from Mr. Willis applying for an increase in his salary as Superintendent and Sexton of the Cemetery. Resolved, That his salary (at present £60 per annum) be increased by £5 per annum from the 13th proximo, the date when he will have completed a year's service.
- 3-Burial Act, 1900—Ministers' and Sextons' Fees—The Town Clerk reported that the Home Secretary had approved the scale of fees for tee Minister and Sexton at the Cemetery made by the Council and as copy of such scale had been sent to the local ministers of religion :aid undertakers and was now in operation.
- 4— Cemetery Fees and Charges—The Town Clerk reported that the Local Government Board desired the Cemetery Fees and charges re-arranged in accordance with their model form of scale, be submitted the fees and charges arranged accordingly. Resolved, That the same be approved and again forwarded to the Board.
- 5—Designs—Resolved. That the following designs be examined and approved:—Headstones to graves of Sarah Parker, Elizabeth Ann Griffin, Mary Channon, and Charles Hewlett. Memorial Crosses to graves of Agnes Aitken and Lewis Borrett West. Addition to Monument on grave of Henry Nathaniel Alves.
- 6—Land adjoining Cemetery—Resolved. That the Committee be authorised to give notice to the tenants of the land adjoining the Cemetery to terminate their tenancies.

JOHN HADDON, Chairman

PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 14th August, 1906—Present: Alderman Rogers, Councillors Bennett, Marshall, and Merrett, Revs. J. Evans and J. A. Owen, the Baron de Ferrieres, Col. King-Harman, Messrs. A. Beckingsale, A. Mann, F. Parsons, E. C. Rogers and J. Stewart (Alderman Rogers in the chair).

1—Librarian's Report—Read, the Monthly Report of the Librarian. Receipts during the month, £4 19s. 2d.

Presentations:—Mrs. Ringer, 26 vols.; Public Library, Penge, 1 vol.; Messrs. C. and E. Layton 2 vols.; University Tutorial Press, 1 vol.

2—Report of Sub-Committee—The Sub-Committee reported that they met on the 10th inst. (Present : Alderman Rogers (Chairman), Councillor Marshall and Rev. J. Evans). They recommended that the offer to present weekly the "Stroud News" be accepted with thanks, and that "The Throne," a copy of which had been sent on approval, be not taken. Resolved, That the recommendations be approved and adopted.

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3—Rooms over Library—The Sub-Committee, appointed at the last meeting, reported as to the conference they had had with the General Purposes and Watch Committee on the 30th ult. with regard to the rooms over the Library. Resolved, That Councillor Marshall be authorised to see Mr. Chatters as to the feasibility of a suggestion made by the former for providing, if the Council so desire, a Rate Office on the ground floor without using any portion of the building at present occupied by the Public Library.

RICHARD ROGERS, Chairman.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 28th August, 1906—Present Councillors Bennett, Merrett, Steel, and Stroud (Councillor Steel in the chair).

- 1—General District Rate—The Report of the Borough Accountant, dated the 28th inst., on the collection of the 1st instalment of this Rate was read. Amount collected £19,759 10s. 3d. Leaving outstanding £94,862 8s. 6d.
- 2—Water Rate—The Report of the Borough Accountant, dated the 28th inst., on the collection of this Rate was read. Amount received £9,443 3s Od. Leaving outstanding £737 19s. 5d.
- 3—Electric Lighting Accounts—Read the resolution of the Lighting Committee suggesting a joint meeting with this Committee on the subject of the Electric Lighting Accounts. Resolved, That a special meeting of this Committee be held, the chairman of the Lighting Committee and the Borough Electrical Engineer to be invited to attend, to consider the matter referred to.
- 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, ordered to be paid by the Borough Treasurer.

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

In hand on the 27th July, 1906 £15,359 13 7

Received since that date (including Loans £8,765) £32,081 6 3

£47,450 19 10

Paid since that date (including Loan repaid £150

and Loan transferred to Education Committee.£2,200) £15,734 15 4

In Hand £31,716 4 6

Being General Accounts. £27,063 3 5 Sinking Funds $\underline{£4,653 11}$ £31,716 4 6

ROBERT E. STEEL, Chairman.

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At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, the 29th August, 1906. Present:—Councillors Bennett, Merrett and Steel (Councillor Steel in the Chair).

5—Loans—The Borough Accountant reported that be had arranged loans with interest at 3 5/8% which he proposed to apply as follows :—

£	Purpose of Loan.	Terms of Loan.		
250	Fire Station.	Twelve months certain and then subject to Six months notice.		
250	Do.	Do.	Do.	
15	Street Improvement.	(Addition to £200 repo	(Addition to £200 reported last month.) Do.	
250	St. Peter's Sewers.	Do.	Do.	
800	St. Paul's Sewers.	Do.	Do.	
3,500	Waterworks.	Five years with power to terminate at end of three years		
		on six months notice.		
3,500	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.
3,000	Do.	Three years certain.		
4,000	Do.	Do.		
235	College Road			
	Improvement.	Twelve months certain	and then subject to thre	ee months notice.
260	Park Place Drainage.	Do.	Do.	
<u>150</u>	Winter Gardens £9,650	ter Gardens £9,650. Do. Do.		
£16,21	0			

£7000 to be borrowed on account of Waterworks Loans would be to replace a similar amount lent on debenture by Lloyds Bank now at 4 per cent. Resolved, That debentures be sealed and issued and £7000 repaid accordingly.

ROBERT E. STEEL, 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 3rd September, 1906, at 3 p.m. Present:

THE MAYOR (ALDERMAN WILLIAM NASH SKILLICORNE) in the chair. THE DEPUTY MAYOR (ALDERMAN JOHN HADDON).

Alderman: GEORGE NORMAN

Councillors: JOHN DAVID BENDALL MOSES DAVIS EDWINSON CHARLE3 GREEN EDWARD GRIDLEY ROBERT LEY WOOD CHARLES HENRY MARGRETT, RICHARD EEDE MARSHALL WILLIE JOHN MERRETT JOSEPH PILLEY ROBERT STEEL HERBERT STROUD. HENRY WAGHORNE

1--Minutes of Previous Meeting—Resolved, That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Council, on the 3rd August 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—Public Health Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Public Health Committee, at their Meeting of the 23rd August last, be approved and confirmed.
- 3—Farms Management Committee--Resolved, That the proceedings of the Farms Management Committee, at their Meeting of the 17th August 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 August last, be approved and confirmed.
- 5—Town Improvement Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Town Improvement Committee, at their Meeting of the 20th August last, be approved and confirmed.
- 6—Lighting Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Lighting Committee, at their Meetings of the 16th and 27th August last, be approved and confirmed.
- 7—Water Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Water Committee at their Meeting of the 23rd August last, be approved and confirmed.
- 8—General Purposes & Watch Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the General Purposes and Watch Committee, at their Meetings of the 30th July and 21st August 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 9th and 17th August last, be approved and confirmed.
- 10—Burial Board Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Burial Board Committee, at their Meeting of the 25th August last, be approved and confirmed, subject to the following amendment, viz:

That Minute No. 2 (Salary of Superintendent and Sexton) be referred back for further consideration.

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11—Finance Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Finance Committee, at their Meetings of the 28th and 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.

12—Notice of Motion—The following notices of motion for the next Monthly Meeting of the Council were given: By Councillor Green: That Minute No. 3 of the Minutes of the Meeting of the Street and Highway Committee, on July 10th last past, be rescinded, and that a statement showing the amounts contributed by the County Council and the adjoining owners towards the Old Bath Road Improvement and the cost of these improvements in detail be laid before the Council.

By Councillor Margrett:

That in future the appointment of all officials be made with the condition that any premium paid on behalf of pupils be devoted to the relief of the rates, and that this Council decide whether pupils shall be taken or not.

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 1st October, 1906.

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 10th September, 1906—Present The Mayor, Alderman Norman, and Councillors M. Davis (The 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 Enteric Fever, 1 case of Erysipelas, and 4 cases of Diphtheria, and that 2 cases of Diphtheria had been sent into the Delancey Hospital.
- 2—Cleansing and Disinfecting at Kennedy Lodge, Keynsham Road—The Medical Officer of Health having certified that the cleansing, disinfecting and purifying of this house or part thereof would tend to prevent or check infectious disease. Resolved, That the Council being of this opinion, Notice under Section 120 of the Public Health Act, 1875, be served on the occupiers to cleanse and disinfect the house or part thereof within the time specified in such Notice.
- 3—Cleansing and Limewashing at Nos. 1, 7, 8, 12, 13 and 14 Edward Street and 3 and 7 Orchard 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 Nos. 238a High Street, 21 and 22 Townsend Street, Royal Standard Inn, Swindon Road, 9 St. Paul's Street, South, 7, 42 & 43 Queen Street 42 Sun 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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5—Insanitary Property — Nos. Sherborne Place, 13, Russell Street, 1 and 2, Heath's Cottages, and Slaughter House, Sherborne Place. — The Medical Officer of Health reported that the abovementioned premises were in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to the health of the inmates owing 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.

6—Destruction of Diseased Meat- The Medical Officer of Health reported the seizure and destruction, with the consent of the owner, on the 24th ult., of 341bs. of tripe as unfit for human food.

7—Overcrowding at No. 9 White Hart Street. - The Medical Officer of Health reported that the above premises were so overcrowded as to be dangerous or injurious to the health of the inmates. Resolved, That the Committee being satisfied of the existence of a nuisance on the said premises, Notices under Section 94 of the Public Health Act, 1875, be served on the 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 :--Nos. 1 and 4 Edward Street and 13 Albert Street, St. Peter's. 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—Dairies, Cowsheds and Milkshops Order—Read, an application from Mr. E. H. Cook, of Cullen House, Swindon Road, to be registered as a purveyor of milk. Resolved, That the applicant be registered.

10—Houses Let in Lodgings—The Medical Officer of Health recommended that the landlords of the following houses let in lodgings, viz.:—Nos. 9, 14 and 16, St. Paul's-Street, South, be required to give the necessary information for registration. Resolved. That the landlords of the houses abovementioned be served with notices 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 with respect to houses let in lodgings except as to the age and sex of the occupants and the names of the lessees.

11—Sewerage and Sewage Disposal—The Town Clerk reported that he had made the application to the Local Government Board for their sanction to the loan required for the sewage scheme approved by the Council. The necessary advertisements and notices required in case of sewage works without the district had been given, and an objection to the course of the proposed new outfall sewer from Arle Tank to Hayden Farm had been received from Messrs. W. and H. Buckle, of Whitehall, Boddington. The Local Government Board therefore required a formal resolution passed thereon in pursuance of Section 34 of the Public Health Act, 1875. Resolved, That, pursuant to Section 34 of the Public Health Act, 1875, application be made to the Local Government Board to appoint an inspector to enquire into the propriety of the intended work, and into the objection made thereto.

W. NASH SKILLICORNE,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, the 17th September, 1906. Present:—The Mayor, Councillors M. Davis and Pilley (The Mayor in the Chair).

12—Zymotic Disease—The Medical Officer of Health reported that there had been notified since the last meeting of the Committee, 1 case of Enteric Fever and 1 of Diphtheria, and that the case of Diphtheria had been sent into the Delancey Hospital.

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13—Cleansing and Limewashing at Nos. 17 Edward Street and 3, 4 & 9 Witcombe Place—The Medical Officer of Health having certified under Section 46 of the Public Health Act, 1875, that the above-named dwelling houses were in such a filthy and unwholesome condition that the health of the inmates was affected or endangered thereby, Resolved That Notice be given to the owners under the said Section requiring the houses to be cleansed and limewashed.

14—Nuisances from Drains, etc., at Nos. 60 Brunswick Street, 3, 4 and 5 Swindon Road North, 1, 2, 3 & 4 Sun Street Retreat, 9, 10, 12, 13, 14, 24, 60, 61, 56 and 57 Sun Street, 3, 25 and 26 Stanhope Street, 1 & 2 Rehobeth Place and 32 and 33 Waterloo 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.

15—Insanitary Property---Nos. 2 Waterloo Street, 1 Knapp Place, 7 Rutland Street, and Cottage at rear of 7 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.

16—Houses without proper Ash Receptacles—The Inspector of Nuisances reported that the following houses had no proper ashpits or ash receptacles, viz:—Nos. 26 Henrietta Street, Alfriston, Montpellier Terrace, St. Leonards, Charlton Lane, and 3 and 5, Witcombe 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—Notices not complied with—The Medical Officer of Health submitted a list of Notices requiring the provision of proper ash receptacles, and the cleansing and limewashing of walls and ceilings, which had been served, but not complied with. Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to take the necessary proceedings to compel compliance.

18—Dairies, Cowsheds and Milkshops Order—Read, an application from Mr. E. B. Boyle, of 329 High Street, to be registered as a purveyor of milk. Resolved, That the application be granted.

19—Destruction of Unsound Fish and Meat—The Medical Officer of Health reported that on the 13th inst., the carcases and offal of two lambs in an unsound and emaciated condition, killed at the abattoir, were surrendered and destroyed and on the same date 841bs. of cod were surrendered by a fishmonger and destroyed as unsound and unfit for human food.

20—Sewage Disposal—Read, letters from the Clerks of the County Council and Rural District Council, forwarding copies of resolutions passed by the Swindon Parish Meeting, making complaint on account of sewage being supplied to certain land near the Barn Farm Outfall Sewer. The Town Clerk submitted draft letters in reply thereto. Resolved, That the same be approved.

W. NASH SKILLICORNE,

Chairman.

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FARMS MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Friday, the 14th September, 1906—Present: The Mayor, Councillors M. Davis, Green, Gridley, Margrett and Steel (Councillor M. Davis in the chair).

1- Report of Farms Manager—Road, the Monthly Report of the Farms Manager. Since the last meeting 15 head of cattle had been sold for £321 15s., and 10 sheep for £20 8s. 7d. (Total sales £342 3s. 7d.) The number of livestock on the farms on the 14th inst., was 11 horses and 1 foal, 146 head of cattle, 32 sheep and 11 pigs, all doing very well. The fruit at the Barn Farm had been sold for 10s., and at Hayden for £13. 3 tons 1 cwt. of hay and 2 tons 12 cwts. 1 qr. of straw had been delivered to the Central Depot.

He recommended the purchase of a new drinking trough for the cattle at the Barn Farm and a new chaff cutting machine and gear for Hayden Knoll. The wagon and carts required painting. Resolved, That a drinking trough be purchased, that estimates be obtained for a chaff machine, &c., and that the manager be instructed to have the carts painted.

2—Sewage Disposal—Read, letters from the Clerk of the County Council, and the Clerk of the Cheltenham Rural District Council with reference to complaints made by the Swindon Parish Meeting as to sewage supplied to certain land near Swindon. The Town Clerk submitted draft letters in reply thereto. Resolved, That the same be approved.

M. DAVIS,

Chairman.

STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, the 11th September, 1906—Present: Alderman Haddon, Councillors Baker, Bendall, Gridley and Ley Wood (Councillor Bendall in the Chair).

- 1—Street Projections—Read, a letter from Mr. D. Davies, of 149, High Street, applying for permission to place 3 lamps outside his premises, also from Messrs. J. Hepworth & Son, for permission to substitute 3 new lamps for those at present in front of their premises No. 352 High Street, and to fix an additional lamp over their side window in Church Street. Resolved, That the applications be acceded to subject to the usual conditions except that the lamp in Church Street must not project more than one foot from the face of the building.
- 2—Advertising Show Case in Promenade—Read, a letter from Mr. Paul Coe applying for permission to place a show case of photographs on an unoccupied piece of land belonging to the Corporation in front of the Imperial Rooms, Promenade, for which he was willing to pay a small rent. Resolved, That the proposal be not entertained.
- 3---Motor Road Roller—The Borough Surveyor reported the result of enquiries he had made with a view to obtaining a small road roller suitable for road patching and path making. On the recommendation of the Borough Surveyor, Resolved, That is motor road roller be obtained for a week's trial from Messrs. Barford & Perkins, of Peterborough, at a charge of £7 7s. (including driver and railway carriage).
- 4—purchase of Horses—The Borough Surveyor reported that the Veterinary Surgeon had passed the horse purchased from Mr. Harvey as sound. He also reported that the week's trial had been satisfactory.

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- 5—Private Improvement Works, Chosen Prospect, Tewkesbury Road—The Borough Surveyor reported that the private improvement works ordered to be carried out in front of Chosen Prospect, Tewkesbury Road, had been executed by the Corporation at a cost of £59 10s. 10d., which amount he had apportioned amongst the abutting owners according to the frontage of their respective premises. Resolved, That the apportionment be approved and adopted and that notices thereof and of demand of repayment be served upon the owners.
- 6—Surface Water Drainage, Lansdown Road—The Borough Surveyor reported that the County Highways Committee had resolved to recommend the County Council to contribute £540 towards the cost of the provision of surface water drainage in Lansdown Road, from Montpellier to

Lansdown Castle, payable by two equal annual instalments, the first instalment to be paid in April, 1907. Resolved, That the offer be accepted and the work put in hand.

JOHN D. BENDALL,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 24th September, 1906—Present: Alderman Haddon, Councillors Baker, Bendall and Gridley (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 the 24th August, to the 21st September, 1906 (both inclusive) had been as follows:—

Roads repaired--High Street, from Gloucester Road to St. George's Street (5,500 super yards).

Roads Patched—Knapp Road, Vittoria Walk, Clarence Street, St. George's Place, Royal Well Place, St. George's Road, Bayshill Road, Bath Parade, St. Luke's Road, Hewlett Road, Duke Street, Oriel Road, Grosvenor Street, Montpellier Spa Road, Montpellier Terrace, Imperial Lane and Rodney Road.

Electric Light Trenches repaired-1 in Promenade, 1 in Vittoria Walk and 1 in St. George's Road.

Gas Trenches repaired-1 each in Tivoli Street, Edward Street, High Street, Montpellier Walk, Andover Road, Great Western Road, rear of Lansdown Place, St. George's Place, Rosehill Street, Carlton Street, Queen's Circus, Millbrook Street, Cleeveland Street, Malvern Road, and St. George's Road.

Private Improvement Works—Alstone Avenue and back Road, St. Anne's Road, Albany Road and Naunton Lane proceeding.

Public Improvement Works—Promenade paving proceeding.

Water Trenches Repaired-3 in Bath Road and 1 each in Rodney Road, High Street, Oriel Road, Gloucester Road and Vittoria Walk.

Street Crossings renewed-5. Gateway Crossings renewed-3. Gravel Footpath Tar Painted—Old Bath Road (1,338 super yards). Road tar painted—Old Bath Road (600 super yards). Gateway Crossing laid-1. New Footpath paving—All Saints' Road proceeding, St. James' Square (12 super yards). Paving relaid (10 super yards) in St. James' Square. Kerb fixed—(51 lineal feet) in St. James' Square. Channel fixed—(41 lineal feet) St. James' Square.

Water Boxes paved round-14. Manhole Covers paved round--4. Approach road to Ash, Destructor proceeding.

Hedge pruned—Sherburne Road. Dead trees removed-1 in Overton Road and 1 in Promenade. Trees pruned—Glengyle and 9 Clarence Square.

Ashes Collection and Disposal—During 4 weeks ended 20th September, 1906, 917 loads collected, 36 tipped away, and 881 consumed. Weight consumed 719 tons, 11 cwts.

Slab Factory—During 4 weeks ended 13th September, 1284 2/3 square yards of slabs made.

8—View Meeting—The following members attended the View Meeting on Friday last:—The Mayor, Councillors Baker, Bendall, and Gridley.

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- 9—Report of Plans Sub-Committee—The Chairman reported the proceedings of the Plans Sub-Committee at their meetings on the 11th and 21st inst. Resolved, That the same be approved and adopted.
- 10—Oxford Street—The Town Clerk reported that a notice declaring Oxford Street (from Oxford Parade Road to the road leading from Priory Terrace to Priory Street, a length of 412 feet), to be a highway had been duly posted and advertised and that no objection had been made thereto. Resolved, That the notice be recorded in the Minutes.
- 11—Street Projections—Read, a letter from Messrs. J. Marston, Ltd., applying for permission to place two enamelled signs suspended in brackets outside Bath House, Bath Street. Resolved, That the application be not granted.
- 12—Footpath in Thirlestaine Road—Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to relay with concrete slabs the footpath in Thirlestaine Road between Naunton Lane an-I Ravensworth, at a cost of £70.
- 13—Footpaths in Carlton Street --Read a letter from Messrs. W. T. R. A. Hunt, calling attention to the condition of the footpaths in Carlton Street and asking that the same should be relaid with new slabs. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to repair the footpaths, the question of repaving to be considered on the estimates for next year.
- 14—Footpath in front of Oriel Terrace—Resolved, That the footpaths in front of Oriel Terrace from Wellington Street to Ellenborough House, be relaid with slabs at a cost of
- 15- Footpaths in Painswick Road. &c.--Read, a letter from Councillor Bennett on behalf of several residents in Painswick Road, asking that the present gravel footpaths opposite their houses should be paved and suggesting an improvement at the corner of Painswick Road at its junction with Suffolk Road. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to submit plans and estimates of the cost of carrying out the proposals.

JOHN D. BENDALL, Chairman.

PLANS SUB-COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Sub-Committee, held on Tuesday, the 11th September, 1906-Present: Councillors Baker and Bendall (Councillor Bendall in the chair).

1—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.

457 Andrew Page Six houses in Swindon Road North.

458 H. E. Branch Studio at rear of house Fairfield Park Road.

Resolved, That Plans Nod. 457 be disapproved and that plans Nod. 458 be approved as a temporary building and subject to the usual agreement being entered into.

JOHN D. BENDALL,

Chairman.

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At a Meeting of this Sub-Committee, held on Friday, the 21st September, 1906—Present: Councillor Baker and Bendall (Councillor Bendall in the Chair).

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

No. of Plan	Name	Description
453	Mrs. Walker	Additions to No. 6 Coltham Fields
459	H. Unwin	Cowsheds and Stables, Elm Farm, Fidlers' Green.
460	J. T. Ireland	Additions to Gloucester House, Lansdown Place

Resolved, That the plans be approved.

JOHN D. BENDALL,

Chairman.

TOWN IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monthly, the 17th September, 1906—Present: The Mayor, Aldermen Norman, Rogers and Winterbotham, Councillors Baker, Bennett and Packer (Councillor Packer in the chair).

1—Town Hall Musical Afternoons—The Entertainments Sub-Committee reported that they had had under consideration the arrangements to be made for the Musical Afternoons at the Town Hall during the winter. They recommended :

That Musical Afternoons be held on each week day except Saturday, from the 29th October to the 30th March next, the terms of subscription and admission to be as last year, except that the charge for a subscription ticket for a single person be increased from 7s 6d to 10s 6d.

That the offer of Mr. H. G. Norman of for the sole right to provide and sell the Programmes be accepted.

That the offer of Mr. Horace Teague to provide a band of 17 performers for £32 per week be accepted.

That the offer of the Oriental Cafe Co. of £7 10s. for the sole right to supply tea and other light refreshments be accepted, gas used for heating purposes to be paid for in addition. Resolved, That the recommendations be approved and adopted.

2—Summer Concerts, 1906—The Entertainments Sub-Committee submitted the following Statement of Accounts with regard to the Summer Entertainments, viz

EXPENDITURE	£	S.	d.	INCOME,	£	s. d.
Working Stock, etc., on hand, 21st May, 1906	25	0	0	Admissions, Chairs, &c	1264	16 8
Artistes, Bands, &c.	822	3	0	Programme Rights	50	0 [0]
Attendants	103	16	7	Proportion of Subscriptions .	157	11 0
Advertising, Billposting, &c.	161	14	6	Working Stock, &c., on hand, September 8th	25	0 [0]
Printing, Stationery, Stamps, &c,	106	11	9			
Candles, Lanterns, &c,	22	16	4			
Electric Energy and Fittings	42	12	4			
Manager's share of subscriptions	53	15	6			
Sundry Materials, Repairs and	15	5	11			
Fittings •••						
Hire of Tents, Furniture, &c.	5	7	8			
Piano hire, &c,.	10	7	9			
Miscellaneous	<u>3</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>5</u>			
	1373	3	9			
Credit Balance	124	3	11			
	£1,497	7	8		£1,497	7 8

They recommended that an application from Mr. A. W. Newton for the free use of the Town Hall for a Benefit Concert on the 26th inst. be granted, subject to the payment of cost of lighting by him as on the last occasion. Resolved, That the recommendation be approved and adopted.

- 3—Lectures—The Entertainments Sub-Committee reported that in view of the revival of the Oxford University Extension Lectures they did not propose to arrange for a course of lectures this winter.
- 4—Promenade Improvement No. 2—The Borough Surveyor submitted designs and estimates he had obtained from local firms for the iron fencing to be placed round the new flower beds in the Promenade. Resolved, That a design submitted by Messrs. Letheren & Sons, at 15s per yard be accepted.
- 5—Winter Garden—On the application of the Borough Surveyor, Resolved, That the free use of the Winter Garden be granted to the Corporation Employees' Club for lectures and concerts on occasions when the building is not otherwise engaged.
- 6—Pittville Park Lakes—The Borough Surveyor reported as to the suggestions made for the improvement of the condition of the lakes in Pittville Park. Resolved, That the further consideration of the matter be adjourned.

7.—Pittville Park—Resolved, That the offer made by Sir Thistleton Dyer to supervise the pruning and planting of trees, at the Pittville Park be gratefully accepted, it being understood that any expenditure for alterations which may be recommended by him, involving an expenditure of more than £20 will first be submitted for the approval of the Committee.

T. H. PACKER,

Chairman.

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At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 24th September, 1906—Present: The Mayor, Alderman Rogers, Councillors Baker, Bennett and Packer (Councillor Packer in the chair).

8—Promenade Improvement No. 2—The Borough Surveyor reported that Messrs. Cypher and Messrs. Heath & Son, had each expressed their willingness to keep one of the beds now being formed as part of this improvement supplied with flowers free of expense to the Council, and Messrs. Pates & Sharpe would probably be willing to do the same as regards the third bed, the only condition b:ing that permission should be given for a small notice being placed near each bed stating by whom it is maintained. Resolved, That the offers be accepted for one year, the notice boards to be identical in form and not to exceed 15 inches in length by 10 inches in depth.

T. H. PACKER,

Chairman.

LIGHTING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, the 13th September 1906, at the Electric Works, Arle Road. Present:—Alderman Norman, Councillors Gridley, Ley Wood, Marshall, Merrett and Steel (Councillor Ley Wood in the Chair).

- 1—Gas Examiner's Report—The Deputy Gas Examiner reported that he had tested the illuminating power of the gas on the 24th ult. and the 12th inst. with the following results, viz, :-15.72 and 15.92 candles respectively.
- 2—Resignation of Gas Examiner—Read a letter from Mr. Henry Matthews, received on the 11th instant, giving 3 months notice of his intention to resign his appointment as Gas Examiner. Resolved, That his resignation be accepted.
- 3—Lighting of Cleeve View Road, Whaddon Lane—Read a letter from Mr. T. Brewer, stating that Cleeve View Road, Whaddon Lane, in which there were about 40 new houses, had no public street lamp, and asking that the street should be lighted. Resolved, That the Committee view the street at their next view meeting.
- 4—Borough Electrical Engineer's Monthly Report—Read, the Monthly Report of the Borough Electrical Engineer. On the 11th inst. there were 880 consumers, with an equivalent of 59,158 eight candle power lamps, connected to the private supply mains, the corresponding figures for last year being 829 and 55,186 respectively.

5—Works Staff—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that Mr. F. L. Wilder has resigned his position as charge Engineer. He had been at the works over 5 years and during that time had satisfactorily performed his duties. On the recommendation of the Borough Electrical Engineer, Resolved, That he be authorised to engage an Engineer to fill the vacancy at a salary of 35s per week, with an increase of 5s per week at the end of 12 months' satisfactory service.

6—Articled Pupil for Borough Electrical Engineer—The Borough Electrical Engineer made a satisfactory report with regard to Mr. A. Brooks, who had been for some time at the Electricity Works on probation. Resolved, That the Borough Electrical Engineer be authorised to take Mr. Brooks as an articled pupil for a period of 3 years at an annual premium of £75, on the understanding that half the premiums received would be paid to the Corporation.

ROBT. LEY WOOD, Chairman.

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At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 18th September, 1906—Present Councillors Gridley, Ley Wood, Marshall, Merrett and Steel (Councillor Wood in the chair).

7—Gas Examiner—Resolved, That the Council be recommend to invite applications by advertisement in the local papers for the appointment of a Gas Examiner at a salary of £25 per annum, to undertake the following duties. To make monthly tests of the illuminating power of the Gas and of its purity in regard to freedom from sulphuretted hydrogen, other sulphur compounds, and ammonia, also to make occasional tests of the pressure and of the quantity of gas being supplied to the public lamps, and to attend the inns of the Lighting Committee and the Council when required or necessary for the purpose of advising or reporting on matters relating to the supply quality and price of gas supplied in the Borough.

ROBT. LEY-WOOD,

Chairman.

WATER COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Thursday, the 20th September, 1906—Present: Councillors Baker, M. Davis, Margrett, Packer, 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 29 days, ended Average for corresponding period 18th September, 1906. during last 3 years. **Hewletts Springs** 93,600 gallons 104,030 gallons 222,265 " **Dowdeswell Springs** 167,616 " Leckhampton 6.624 " not gauged. 267,840 " 326,295 " Total

CONTENTS OF RESERVOIRS.

	September 18t	:h, 1906.	September 18th, 1905.		
	Depth.	Contents	Depth	Contents	
Hewletts		20,240,064 gallons		12,718,246 gallons	
Leckhampton	6ft. 2in.	832,974 "	6 ft. 11in.	934,278 "	
Dowdeswell	15ft. 8in.	29,289,295 "	20 ft. 3in.	46,026,965 "	
Total Storage		50,362,333 "		59,679,489 "	

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

2—Charges for Baths—The Borough Engineer presented a return showing that the number of baths in the water area Was 2174, from which the present annual income at 10s each amounted to £1,087. If the charge for baths in the whole, area was reduced to 5s per annum this would mean a loss of income of £543, and if the reduction was made to apply in Cheltenham alone it would amount to £489 15s. Od. He was strongly of opinion that in view of the present financial position of the undertaking no substantial reduction should be made. The repayment of principal and interest on the loan for the 11—inch pumping main amounted to £1,100 per annum in addition to the charges in respect of the new filter beds and further expenditure for plant would be necessary. This expenditure although necessary did not mean increased income. Resolved, That this Committee after careful consideration cannot recommend any reduction in the present charge of 10s for baths, and they recommend that their resolution to Minute No. 3 of the 26th July last approved by the Council reducing the charge on houses of less than 10 rental in the Borough be rescinded.

3--New Filter Beds at Tewkesbury—The Borough Engineer reported an interview he had had with Messrs. Collins & Godfrey's representative respecting the delay in carrying out the contracts for the new Filter Beds at Tewkesbury, and having regard to the extra work carried out, and other considerations urged by the contractors, he recommended that no penalty should be claimed. Resolved, That the recommendation of the Borough Engineer be adopted,

4—Report of Fire Brigade Captain—The Captain of the Fire Brigade reported that the Brigade had been called out since the last meeting, as follows:—On the 25th ult. to a rickyard fire at Yew Tree Farm, Gotherington. Damage £500. Cause not apparent. Extinction expenses, £17 15s. 6d. On the 2nd inst. to Elm Farm, Fiddler's Green. Damage £150. Cause unknown. Extinction expenses, £9 10s. 6d. In both cases the property was insured.

He recommended that Frederick Cross, a Corporation employee, should be added to the Brigade as driver at the same pay as a fireman. Resolved, That this recommendation be approved and adopted, and that No. 5 Ambrose Street be rented for fire brigade purposes for occupation by the brigade driver at a rental of £16 per annum, Mr. Cross to pay £11 per annum, including rates, as rent, his tenancy to be determinable with his employment in the Brigade.

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

H. WAGHORNE, Chairman.

GENERAL PURPOSES AND WATCH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Wednesday, the 12th September, 1906—Present Aldermen Haddon, Norman, Rogers and Waghorne (Alderman Norman in the chair).

1—Cheltenham Market--The Town Clerk reported that on his attention being called to the market which Mr. S. B. Warder had begun to hold in Millbrook Street, for the sale of fruit and vegetables and general produce, he had notified Mr. Varder that this was an infringement of the market rights vested in the Corporation and must be at once discontinued.

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Read, a letter from Mr. Warder making application for the permission of the Council to hold the sales mentioned and expressing willingness to pay toll. Resolved, That having regard to the provisions of Section 86 of the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1852, prohibiting such sales elsewhere than in the market place, the permission asked for be not granted.

GEO. NORMAN,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 18th September, 1906—Present: The Mayor, Aldermen Haddon, Norman and Rogers, Councillors Bendall, M. Davis and Stroud (Alderman Norman in the chair).

- 2—Diseases of Animals Acts—Superintendent Hopkins reported that the Borough was entirely free from contagious disease amongst animals.
- 3—Hackney Carriage Licences—Read a letter from Mr. E. Bishop, of Portland Mews applying for the transfer to him from Messrs. Flower & Sons, of Hackney Carriage Licence No. 54, he having purchased the carriage. Resolved. That the application be acceded to subject to the chairman's approval of the carriage. Wheel Chair—Read an application from Mr. Evan Morris, of Ewlyn Road, for a licence for a wheel chair. Resolved, That a licence be granted, subject to the Chairman's approval of the chair.
- 4—Street Inspector—The resolution of the Street and Highway Committee approved by the Council at its last meeting transferring the duties of Street Inspector as regards street projections and obstructions to the Building Inspector, and referring it to this Committee to consider whether any alteration should be made in the salary at present paid to Superintendent Hopkins as Street Inspector and Inspector of Hackney Carriages was considered. Resolved, That the salary of S:20 now paid to Superintendent Hopkins be continued in respect of his services as Inspector of Hackney Carriages.
- 5—Petroleum Storage Licences—Read, applications for renewal of licences to store petroleum which expire on the 5th proximo. Read, a letter from Mr. A. R. Doxsey, applying for a licence to store 120 gallons instead of 100 as at present. On the report of the Inspector that the premises were satisfactory, Resolved, That licences for the storage of petroleum for one year from the 5th proximo be granted as follows

Name	Place of Storage	Galls
H. E. Steel Ltd.	105 High St	400
E. A. Stretton Million Works	Bath Rd	250
H. G. Norton & Co. 416	416 High St	200
Bass & Co.	Nr Old Bath Road	150
A. R. Doxsey Carriage Works,	nr St James Square	120
J. Fisher & Sons, Ltd.	34, Winchcombe St	100
Do. 2, Exchange Buildings,	Bath Road	50
E. S. Holloway 3,	St Mark's Emporium	100
T. W. Harvey & Sons, Ltd.	180 & 181, High St	100
Meats & Co., Ltd.	Montpellier Engineering Works	100
J. Gapper 1,	Queen St	80
A. G. Sanders	22, Clarence St	80
Jacobs, Smith & Co.	104 High St	50
D. Davies 149	149 High St	50
Albert Lusty 7	7, 8 & 9, rear of Larput Place	50
M. Bellamy	251 High St	40

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6—Rooms over Library, &c.—The recommendations passed by the Public Library Committee at their meeting on the 11th instant were read. Resolved, That as no portion of the ground floor of the Library is available for use as a Rate Office this Committee cannot recommend any scheme for adapting the rooms on the first floor of the Library building for municipal offices.

GEO. NORMAN, Chairman,

MINERAL WATERS, BATHS AND RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Friday, the 14th September, 1906.--Present: The Mayor, Alderman Norman, Councillors Baker, Merrett, Pilley, Steel and Stroud (Councillor Stroud he the chair.)

1—Montpellier Baths—The Borough Accountant reported that the receipts and payments in respect of these Baths since the 31st March last, had been as follows:—

Receipts	£394 17 10	Payments	£229 15 7
Rent of Shop	£ 12 0 0	Proportion of repayment	
Hire of Bath for Gymnasium	n, &c. £31 8 9	of loans and interest.	£222 2 1
	£438 6 7		£451 17 8

Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be authorised to give notice for the closing of the baths on such date prior to the 15th prox., as may be necessary in order to have the bath ready for use for the Physical Culture School.

2—Alstone Baths—The Borough Accountant reported that the receipts and payments at these Baths since the 31st March last, had been as follows

Receipts £270 6 7

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Payments £204 2 8

Repayment of loans and

interest ... £139 14 6

£343 17 2

3--Football at Recreation Grounds—Read, letters front the Hon. Secs. G.P.O. Association and Y.M.C.A. (Wednesday) Football Clubs, applying for permission to play football at the Agg-Gardner Recreation Ground, and from the Hon. Secs. Pittville Rovers, Wednesday, and the All Saints' Choir Football Club, making similar applications in respect of Whaddon Lane Recreation Ground,. Resolved, That the application of the Y.M.C.A. (Wednesday) Football Club be granted, but having regard to the number of clubs already granted permission to play during the season, and the condition of the grounds, the Committee regret they cannot accede to the other applications.

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4—Mineral Waters—The Borough Surveyor having reported that the present supply of booklet:, waters was almost exhausted, Resolved, That 1000 copies of the pamphlet as to the Cheltenham Water and 2000 copies of the pamphlet relating to the Aperient Water be obtained, at a cost of £3 12s.

Resolved. That the following members be appointed a Sub-Committee to consider and deal with in connection with laying on the waters to the Town Hall, on which the Borough Surveyor may instructions, namely, the Chairman, Councillors Baker and Davies.

HERBERT STROUD,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, the 21st September, 1906. Present:—The Mayor, Alderman Norman, Councillors Baker, Bendall, Davies, Merrett and Stroud (Councillor Stroud in the Chair).

5,—Superintendent of Whaddon Lane Recreation Ground—The applications, 51 in number, received for this appointment were considered. Resolved. That the following be invited to attend a Meeting of this Committee, on Tuesday next J. H. S. Coates, W. Caudle, W. Hamblin, W. H. Leacey, G. Poulson, and J. Willis.

6—Mineral Waters—Resolved. That from October to March inclusive the Central Spa be opened at 7.30 a.m., and that the resolution to Minute No. 3 of this Committee, of the 16th March last, fixing the hour at 8 a.m., be varied accordingly.

HERBERT STROUD, Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Wednesday the 26th September, 1906—Present: The Mayor, Councillors Baker, Bendall, Davies, Merrett and Stroud (Councillor Stroud in the Chair).

7—Superintendent of Whaddon Lane Recreation Ground—The 6 selected candidates for this appointment attended before the Committee. Resolved, That the names of Mr. W. Caudle, of No. 1 Bedford Place, Prestbury Road, gardener, and Mr. W. Hamblin, of 10 Marsh Terrace, gardener, be submitted to the Council from which to make a selection for the appointment. Resolved, also, That application be made to the Chief Constable to have the person appointed sworn in as an additional constable.

HERBERT STROUD,

Chairman.

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BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, the 21st September, 1906. Present:—Aldermen Haddon and Rogers, Councillors Baker, Gridley and Merrett, (Alderman Haddon in the Chair).

- 1—Care of Grave Spaces—The scale of charges suggested by the Superintendent for the care of grave spaces was considered, together with information as to the charges made in other Cemeteries. Resolved. That the further consideration of the matter be adjourned.
- 2—Designs—Resolved, That the following designs be approved, viz., Kerbing to graves of Thomas Williams and Mary Murch Wyatt; Headstone to grave of Henry Thomas Walter; Memorial Cross to grave of Henry William Clark.

JOHN HADDON,

Chairman

PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 11th September, 1906—Present: Alderman Rogers, Councillors Marshall, Margrett, and Merrett, Baron de Ferrieres, Revs. J. Evans and A. B. Phillips, Col. King-Harman, Messrs. A. Beckingsale, W. Cresswell, A. Mann, F. Parsons, and E. C. Rogers (Alderman Rogers in the chair).

- 1—Librarian's Report—Read, the Monthly Report of the Librarian. Receipts during the month, £5 7s. 3d. Presentations:—Board of Trade, 1 vol.; J. T. Presley, 6 pamphlets; W. L. Mellersh, 3 vols.; Trustees of British Museum, 3 vols.; J. J. Paton, 1 vol.; Gloucestershire Education Committee, 1 vol.; Merchant Venturers' Technical College, Bristol, 1 vol.; B. Walmsley, 1 vol.; F. A. Hyatt, 8 vols. and 8 pamphlets.
- 2- Sub -Committee Report—The Sub-Committee reported that they met on the 7th inst. Present :— Councillors Marshall (Chairman), Merrett and Pilley, Col. King-Harman, Rev, J. Evans and Mr. C. Hayward), when the monthly accounts were examined.
- 3—Rooms Over Library—Resolved, That this Committee are willing that the vacant rooms should be let to the Corporation with the. entrances thereto for 10 years from June 24th, 1906, on the following terms—A rent of £125 per annum to be paid half-yearly on June 24th and December 25th,

and a contribution of half the cost of heating, (being the same amount paid by the School of Art and School of Science), any alterations necessary for the Corporation not to be charged to the Library Rate, and the rooms when vacated by the Corporation to be restored as the Library Committee may at that time require them at the charges of the Corporation. Resolved, also, That the Committee are unable to recommend that any portion of the ground floor now occupied by the Library be let.

Resolved also, That the Committee recommend that the plans of any alterations should be submitted to the architects of the structure lest the building should be injured or permanently damaged by the proposed alterations.

RICHARD ROGERS,

Chairman.

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FINANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 25th September, 1906—Present: Alderman Waghorne, Councillors Bennett, Merrett, Steel, and Stroud (Alderman Waghorne in the chair)

- 1—General District Rate—The Report of the Borough Accountant, dated the 25th inst. on the collection of the 1st instalment of this Rate was read. Amount collected £22,409 19s. 4d. Leaving outstanding £2,211 19s. 5d.,
- 2—Water Rate—The Report of the Borough Accountant, dated the 25th inst., on the collection of this Rate was read. Amount received £11,099 10s 1d. Leaving outstanding £1,100 7s. 10d.
- 3—Electric Lighting Accounts—The Chairman of the Lighting Committee (Councillor Ley Woo, I) arid the Borough Electrical Engineer attended this meeting with reference to the Electric Lighting Accounts, and various matters were discussed and information afforded, and it was agreed that the Lighting Committee should be furnished with full information as to the payments made from time to time in respect of interest and sinking funds on loans, and for the taking up or reborrowing of loans,
- 4—Audit of Corporation Stock Accounts—The Borough Accountant reported that on the 12th and 13th instant, he had audited the Corporation Stock Accounts and found the same in satisfactory order and he had made the necessary half-yearly return to the Inland Revenue authorities as to stamp duty.
- 5—Loans-- The Borough Accountant recommended that in addition to the £7,000 authorised to Ix; re-paid last month, a further £7000 of the loans received last month should be applied in replacing Waterworks Lo-Jans now advanced by Lloyds Bank, Resolved, That repayment be made accordingly.
- 6—Education Loans Sinking Funds—Resolved, That the Sinking Funds Accounts for loans sanctioned under the Education Acts be kept by the Borough Accountant and investments made by this Committee with the sanction of the Council from time to time as required.

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 blowing was the General Statement :—

In hand on the 28th August 1906 £31,716 4 6 Received since that date (including Loans £7,645) £15,664 15 7

£47,381 0 1

Paid since that date (including Loans £12,000) £24,418 0 3

In Hand £22,962 19 10

Being General Accounts £18,04194Sinking Funds £4,921106£22,9621910

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 1st October, 1906, at 3 p.m. Present:

THE MAYOR (ALDERMAN WILLIAM NASH SKILLICORNE) in the chair.

THE DEPUTY MAYOR (ALDERMAN JOHN HADDON).

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

Councillors: WILLIAM ALFRED BAKER JOHN DAVID BENDALL FREDERICK JOSEPH BENNETT RICHARD DAVIES MOSES DAVIS EDWINSON CHARLES GREEN EDWARD GRIDLEY, ROBERT LEY WOOD CHARLES HENRY MARGRETT WILLIE JOHN MERRETT TOM HERBERT PACKER JOSEPH PILLEY ROBERT STEEL HERBERT STROUD HENRY WAGHORNE

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1—Death of Councillor Bence—On the motion of the Mayor, seconded by Alderman Colonel Rogers, It was unanimously Resolved, That this Council express their deep regret at the death of Councillor George Bence and their sincere sympathy with his widow and family at the loss which they have sustained, They also wish to record their recognition and appreciation of the untiring and able services which he has rendered to the town as a member of the Council during a period of 9 years, and as a member of other public bodies.

- 2—Minutes of Previous Meeting—Resolved, That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Council, on the 3rd 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.
- 3—Pate's Grammar School--Read, a letter from the Board of Education, enclosing for the information of the Council a notice of an intended sale of property in Rose and Crown Passage by the Governors of Pate's Grammar School.
- 4—Public Health Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Public Health Committee, at their Meetings of the 10th and 17th September last, be approved and confirmed.
- 5—Farms, Management Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Farms Management Committee, at their Meeting of the 14th 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 11th and 24th September last, be approved and confirmed.
- 7—Town Improvement Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Town Improvement Committee, at their Meetings of the 17th and 24th September last, be approved and confirmed.
- 8—Lighting Committee—Councillor Ley Wood moved and Councillor Green seconded the following motion: That the proceedings of the Lighting Committee, at their Meetings of the 13th and 18th September last, be approved and confirmed.

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To this an amendment was moved by Councillor Margrett, seconded by Councillor Merrett: That the Resolution to Minute No. 6 (Articled Pupil for Borough Electrical Engineer) be amended by the substitution of the words "the whole of," for the word " half."

A further amendment was moved by Councillor Stroud seconded by Councillor Davies: "That Minute Mo. 6 be referred back to the Committee for further consideration."

On the latter amendment being put to the Meeting it was declared lost. The amendment first moved was then put and the names of the members voting for or against were recorded as follows:—

For—Councillors Baker, Bendall, Davies, Davis, Margrett, Merrett, Packer, Stroud and Waghorne (9).

Against—The Mayor, Aldermen Haddon, Norman, Rogers. Waghorne, and Winterbotham, Councillors Bennett, Green, Gridley, Ley Wood, Pilley and Steel (12).

The Mayor declared this amendment lost and having put the motion to the meeting declared the same carried.

- 9—Water Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Water Committee at their Meeting of the 20th September last, be approved and confirmed.
- 10—General Purposes & Watch Committee Resolved, That the proceedings of the General Purposes and Watch Committee, at their Meetings of the 12th and 18th September last, be approved and confirmed.

11—Motor Omnibus Licences--Resolved, That Licences for 2 Motor Omnibuses and for the necessary Drivers and Conductors be granted to the Great Western Railway Company to ply for hire between the Great Western Railway Station, St. James Square, and the Borough Boundary on the Shurdington Road, at the Scale the

12—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 14th, 21st and 26th September List, be approved and confirmed.

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13—Appointment of Recreation Ground Superintendent—Resolved, That Mr. W. Hamblin be appointed Superintendent of the Whaddon Lane Recreation Ground at the salary and on the other terms and conditions mentioned in the advertisement inviting applications for the appointment, his duties to commence on the 17th instant.

14—Burial Board Committee--Resolved, That the proceedings of the Burial Board Committee, at their Meeting of the 21st September last, be approved and confirmed.

15—Finance Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Finance Committee, at their Meeting of the 23th September 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.

16—Pilley Lane and Old Bath Road Improvements—The motion of which notice had been given by Councillor Green was ruled out of order by the Mayor.

17—Pupils for Officials—As an amendment to the motion duly proposed by Councillor Margrett and seconded, it was Resolved, That in future the appointment of all officials be made with the condition that this Council decide whether and upon what terms pupils shall be taken.

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 Friday, the 9th November, 1906.

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 8th October, 1906—Present: The Mayor, Councillors Davies, M. Davis and Pilley (The 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, 7 cases of Scarlet Fever, 4 of Enteric Fever, .1 case of Erysipelas, and

2 cases of Diphtheria, and that cases of Scarlet Fever and 1 case of Diphtheria had been sent into the Delancey Hospital.

2—Cleansing and Limewashing at Nos. 11 St. Paul's Street South, 1 & 9, hermitage Street, 6 & 16, Edward Street, and 1, Edward 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.

3—Nuisances from Drains etc., at Nos. 11, 12 & 29, Waterloo Street, and 94 & 95 Tewkesbury 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. 30, Sherborne Street, 6, 11 and 16, Edward Street, and Park Cottage, Hermitage Street. The Medical Officer of Health reported that the above-mentioned premises were in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to the health of the inmates owing to defective roofs, walls, ceilings, floors, &c. Resolved, That the Council being satisfied that the said premises are in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to health, Notices under Sec. 94 of the Public Health Act, 1875, be served upon the owners requiring them to put the same into a healthy condition, and for that purpose to carry out the works specified therein.

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5—Overcrowding at No. 33, Worcester Street. — The Medical Officer of Health reported that the above premises were so overcrowded as to be dangerous or injurious to the health of the inmates. Resolved, That the Committee being satisfied of the existence of a nuisance on the said premises, Notices under Section 94 of the Public Health Act, 1875, be served on the occupiers thereof requiring them to abate the same.

6—Houses without proper Ash Receptacles—The Inspector of Nuisances reported that the following houses had no proper ashpits or ash receptacles, viz:—Nos. 4 Bayshill Parade, Bayshill Cottage, Little Bayshill Terrace, 5, 5a and 27, Hermitage Street, and Park Cottage, Hermitage 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.

7—Destruction of Unsound Fish—The Medical Officer of Health reported the seizure and destruction with the consent of the consignee of 140 lbs of haddock so unsound and unwholesome as to be unfit for human food.

8—Office at Abattoir—The Borough Surveyor submitted a plan for an Office for the Superintendent at the Abattoir. Resolved, That consideration be adjourned for the Committee to visit the Abattoir.

9—Slaughter House at No. 213 High Street—Read, a letter from Messrs. Brookes & Badham, stating that their client would accept £33 3s. as compensation for the closing of the registered slaughter house at No. 213, High Street. Resolved, That the sum mentioned be paid in full discharge of all claims in respect of the closed slaughter house.

10 ---Hatherley Outfall Sewer —The Town Clerk reported that the G.W.R. Company were willing to grant the necessary wayleave for the laying of the new Hatherley Outfall Sewer under the line near Granley Road on the Corporation entering into the agreement now submitted and paying £10 as compensation and £3 3s. Od. costs of agreement. Resolved, That the terms of the Agreement be approved and the Common Seal be affixed to the same.

11—Factory and Workshop Acts--Read, a circular letter from the Home Office calling especial attention to the provisions of the Factory and Workshop Acts dealing with the subject of home work.

W. NASH SKILLICORNE,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on. Monday, the 15th October, 1906. Present:—The Mayor, Alderman Norman, Councillors Davies, M. Davis and Pilley (The Mayor in the Chair).

12—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, 1 case of Enteric Fever, 1 of Puerperal Fever, and 1 of Diphtheria, and that 2 cases of Scarlet Fever had been sent into the Delancey Hospital.

13—Cleansing and Disinfecting at No. 4, Swindon Street—The Medical Officer of Health having certified that the cleansing, disinfecting and purifying of this house or part thereof would tend to prevent or check infectious disease. Resolved, That the Council being of this opinion, Notice under Section 120 of the Public Health Act, 1875, be served on the owners to cleanse and disinfect the house or part thereof Within the time specified in such Notice

14--Cleansing and Limewashing Nos. 2 Edward Place, and Edward House, Shurdington Road, St. Philip's Street, Cottage at back of No. 57, Rutland Street, and 14, Witcomb Place.- The Medical Officer of Health having certified under Section 46 of the Public Health Act, 1875, that the abovenamed dwelling houses score 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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15—Nuisances from Drains, etc., at Nos. 14 & 15, Witcomb Place, 5, Glenfall Terrace, Keystone, Glenfall Terrace, 5, 6, 7 and 8, Weston Tewkesbury 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-tinned houses were in 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—Nos. 3 and 5, Hermitage Street, 2, Edward Terrace, and 2 and 3, Edward Place. The Medical Officer of 'Health reported that the above-mentioned premises were in such a

state as to be a nuisance or injurious to the health of the inmates owing to defective roofs, walls, ceilings, floors, etc. Resolved, That the Council being satisfied that the said premises are in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to health, Notices under Section 94 of the Public Health Act, 1875, be served upon the owners requiring thorn to put the same into a healthy condition, and for that purpose to carry out the works specified therein.

17—Overcrowding at No. 12, Northfield Passage—The Medical Officer of Health reported that the above premises were so overcrowded as to be dangerous or injurious to the health of the inmates. Resolved, That the Committee being satisfied of the existence of a nuisance on the said premises, Notices under Section 94 of the Public Health Act, 1875. be served on the 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:—Nos. 1 2, Bubb's Cottages, York Street, 6, York Street, 24, Stoneville Street, 14, Lansdown Parade, and 25, Sidney 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 the abatement of nuisances arising from dirty walls, &c., and defective roofs, floors, &c., which had been served, but not complied with. Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to take the necessary proceedings to compel compliance.

20—Destruction of Diseased Meat—The Medical Officer of Health reported that on the 9th instant, the diseased carcase of a pig was surrendered and destroyed (weight 196 lbs.) and on the 11th inst., the carcase of a heifer with offal (weight 724 lbs.) very badly affected with tuberculosis was surrendered and destroyed.

21--Houses without a proper Water Supply—The Medical Officer of Health reported that Nos. 1 and 2, Durbin Cottages, 1 & 2 Glen Cottages, and Cottage in Brick Yard, Folly Lane, were without it proper supply of water. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to report whether these houses can be supplied from the Corporation mains.

22—Sewer in Wellesley Road—The Borough Surveyor reported that the defective brick sewer in Wellesley Road, Pittville, should be replaced by a 9-inch pipe sewer and he recommended that this should be done as part of the St. Paul's District Re-sewerage Scheme at a cost of £90 Resolved, That the recommendation be approved and adopted.

23—Ambulance Shed —Read, a letter from Dr. E. T. Wilson, stating that some slight repairs were necessary to the Corporation Ambulance Shed at the Delancey Hospital. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to do the work.

W. NASH SKILLICORNE, Chairman.

FARMS MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Friday, the 12th October, 1906—Present: The Mayor, Councillors M. Darin, Green, 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 12 head of cattle had been purchased for £113 10s., 61 sheep for £126 18s., 1 sow and 10 pigs for 10s., and 2 cast colts for £76. (Total £325 18s. 0d.) The following sales had been made: 24 head of cattle for £428 6s. 3d., 17 sheep for £38 15s. 3d., and 2 cart horses to the Highways Department for £90. (Total sales £557 1s. 6d.) The number of livestock on the farms on the 12th inst. was 11 horses and 1 foal. 134 head of cattle, 76 sheep and 22 pigs all doing very well. Oats and wheat had been threshed out at the Barn Farm and 12 quarters of wheat had been sold for 27s 4d per quarter. 4 tons, 15 cwts. of hay and 3 tons, 4 cwts. of straw had been delivered to the Central Depot £1 18s. 6d, had been received for horse tack, and 3s for 1 ½ cwt. of rough straw. 3 qrs. 54 lbs. of beans had been purchased for £4 8s. for the cattle.

He required 3 field gate posts and 12 long posts for wire fencing. Resolved, That the same be obtained.

The Farms Manager submitted estimates he had obtained for a new chaff cutter. Resolved, That a chaff cutter be purchased at a net cost of £10 5s. 3d.

2—Inspection of Farms —The Chairman reported that on the 25th ulto., Councillors Gridley, Margrett, Steel and himself visited the farms and found everything satisfactory and in good order.

M. DAVIS,

Chairman.

STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, the 9th October, 1906—Present: Alderman Haddon, Councillors Baker, Bendall, Gridley and Ley Wood (Councillor Bendall in the Chair).

- 1—Trees—Read, a letter from Mr. T. Wilkins asking for the removal of the Chestnut tree in front of his property, Foreland, The Park. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to comply with the request and also to remove some trees in the London Road as recommended by him.
- 2—Footpath in Malvern Road—Read, a letter from the G.W.R. Co., stating their willingness to give up a piece of land on the south side of Malvern Road adjoining Gloucester Road in order to provide a footpath of a proper width, on condition that the Corporation would pave, &c., the footpath and lay a gateway crossing at an estimated cost of about Resolved, That the oiler be accepted if the Company will pay the cost of the crossing, the Corporation doing the paving at an estimated cost of £[missing]

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3—Footpath in Swindon Road—Read, a letter from the G.W.R. Company stating that they would give up their claim to the place of land in Swindon Road underneath the new bridge for the widening of

the footpath, but that they would not contribute to the cost of making good the carriage way and setting back the footway as they did not consider they were liable for the cost of this. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have this done at the cost of the Corporation, estimated at £16.

4—Footpaths in Painswick Road—With reference to Minute No. 15 of this Committee at their last meeting, read, a letter from Mr. A. E. Pearson, of Aireworth, Painswick Road, objecting on his own behalf and that of 4 other owners of property abutting upon the road to the proposed paving of the footpaths on the ground that the present paths were in good order. Resolved, That the further consideration of the matter be adjourned for the present.

5—Street Projections—Read, a letter from Mr. Lewis Lloyd applying for permission to refix the projecting sign with the words "Lower High Street Post Office" thereon previously at No. 164 High Street, outside his own premises, No. 163, High Street. Resolved, That the application be granted subject to the usual conditions.

Read, letters from several tradesmen asking the Council not to insist upon the removal of signs put up by them without permission and in respect of which they had received notices under the Byelaws, Resolved, That the applicants be informed that the signs must be removed and that the Town Clerk be instructed to take proceedings for the penalties in any case in which notices given have not been complied with.

6-Advertising Columns in Streets—Read, a letter from Messrs. O. Grohmann & Co., of London, applying for permission to place circular ornamental advertising pillars in the streets at a rent to be agreed upon. Resolved, That the proposal be not entertained.

7—Fairfield Avenue Private Improvement Works—Read, a Memorial from Mr. J. Stevens and other owners of property in Fairfield Avenue asking the Committee to receive a deputation upon the subject of the private improvement works recently carried out in that street. Resolved, That a deputation be received at the next meeting of the Committee.

8—Destructor—The Borough Surveyor called attention to the bad condition of the inclined approach to the Ash Destructor from the Weighbridge. Resolved. That the Committee inspect the same.

9—Housing Reform—Read, a letter from the Secretary to the National Housing Reform Council asking the Town Council to appoint representatives to attend a Conference in Birmingham on the 27th instant to consider " the better planning of new housing areas," with a view to suggestions being agreed upon for needed legislation on the subject. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be appointed to attend.

JOHN D. BENDALL, Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the :2nd October, 1906—Present :—The Mayor, Alderman Haddon, Councillors Bendall, Ley Wood and Packer (Councillor Bendall in the chair).

10—Borough Surveyor's Monthly Report Re Highways--The Borough Surveyor reported that the work done by the Highway Department from the 22nd September to the 18th October, 1906 (both inclusive) had been as follows :--Road's repaired—M, Road and Street proceeding.

Roads Patched-Norwood Road, Bath Road, Upper Norwood Street, Suffolk Parade and road at rear, Lypiatt Road, St. Paul's Road, Andover Road, Edward Street, Moorend Street, Sun Street, North Place, Warwick Place, Swindon Road, Regent Street, Painswick Road, Suffolk Road, Croft Street, Park Place, Tivoli Road, Leckhampton Road and Clarence Street.

Private Improvements—Alstone Avenue, Albany Road and St. Anne's Road completed. Naunton Lane proceeding.

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Concrete Slab Paving laid—Thirlestaine Road (part), 309 super yards, All Saints' Road, 120 super yards, Promenade, 2,025 super yards.

Asphalt Footpaths repaired—Waterloo Street, Tewkesbury Road and Synagogue Lane.

Slab Paving repaired—Queen Street, Albert Street, Rear of Lansdown Place, Montpellier Villas, High Street, Townsend Street and Tewkesbury Road.

Paving relaid—Bayshill Road (1,438 super yards), Bath Road (713 super yards), Andover Road (150 super yards).

Gravel Margin renewed—Bayshill Road (525 super yards). New Asphalt Margin laid—All Saints' Road (30 super yards). Kerb and Channel fixed—Andover Road (refixed) 75 lineal yards, Promenade (183 lineal yards).

Electric Light Trenches repaired—Portland Street, Vittoria Walk, St. George's Road, Rodney Road and 2 in High Street.

Gateway Crossings repaired-2. New Gateway Crossing fixed-1. Name plates fixed-76. Crossings renewed-3. Gullies renewed-3. New Gullies fixed-4. Gullies repaired—1. Electric Light Switch Boxes paved round-1.

Trees pruned—South Cleeve, No. 5 Grosvenor Place, No. 3 Oriel Terrace, Christ Church Road, Vittoria Walk, Trafalgar House, Kew Place, Keynsham Road and Montpellier Lodge. Hedges pruned—Cemetery Road and Charlton Lane.

Trees transplanted—Promenade to Imperial Square. Tree cut down-1 in Argyle Place.

Ashes Collection and Disposal—During 4 weeks ended 18th October, 1906, 1,016 loads collected, 117 tipped away, and 899 consumed. Weight consumed 811 tons, 1 cwt.

Slab Factory—During 4 weeks ended 11th October, 785. square yards of slabs made.

- 11—View Meeting--Councillor Bendall attended the View Meeting on Friday last.
- 12—Report of Plans Sub-Committee—The Chairman reported the proceedings of the Plans Sub-Committee at their meetings on the 9th and 19th inst. Resolved, That the same be approved and confirmed, and also that Plan No. 404 be disapproved.

13—Slab Factory—The Borough Surveyor submitted the following Revenue Account for the Slab Factory for the half-year ending the 27th September, 1906:—

Surplus bro	ught forward from		
	29th March, 1906	£472 19 9	
Sales from	29th March, 1906	£1714 5 6	
Slabs in sto	ck 27th September, 1906,		
	5132 5/9 square yards, @ 2s 6d	£641 11 5	
Kerbs in sto	ck 27th Sept. 1905, 1584 @ 2s 6d.	£19800	
Value of Ce	ment, Granite and other materials		
	in Stock 27th September, 1906	£ <u>82 16 8</u>	
		£3109 13 4	
Slabs in sto	ck 29th March, 1906-		
	7637 5/9 square yards @ 2s 6d	£954 13 11	
729 square	yards @ 1s 0d	£ 3690	
Kerbs in sto	ck 3159 3/9 square yds. @ 2s 6d	<u>£394 18 4</u>	
			£1386 1 3
Cement, Gr	anite and other materials in stock 29th Marc	ch, 1906	£108 6 10
Wages and	materials for half-year ending 27th Sept., 19	906	£836 19 7
Rates, Taxe	s and Insurance for half-year ending 27th Se	ptember, 1906	£ 9 15 1
Interest and	d Sinking Fund for half-year ending 27th Sep	t., 1906	£12409
Surplus			£641 9 10
			£3109 13 [0]

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14—Private Improvement Works—Hayward's Road—The Borough Surveyor reported that the private improvement works ordered to be carried out in Hayward's Road had been completed at a cost of £87 11s. 5d., which amount he had apportioned amongst the abutting owners according to the frontage of their respective premises. Resolved, That the apportionment be approved and adopted, and that notices thereof and of demand for repayment be served upon the abutting owners.

15—Private Improvement Works—Great Western Terrace—The Borough Surveyor reported that the private improvement works ordered to be carried out in Great Western Terrace had been completed at a cost of £313 14s. 4d. and he submitted an apportionment of this amount based, in accordance with the instructions of the Council, upon the degree of benefit derived by the abutting owners. Resolved, That in the opinion of the Council regard should be had to the greater or lees degree of benefit to be derived front the works carried out, that the apportionment as now settled on this basis be approved and adopted, and that notices thereof and of demand for repayment be served on the owners of premises mentioned therein.

16—Fairfield Avenue Private Improvement Works—The following owners of property abutting upon Fairfield Avenue attended this meeting wills reference to the cost of the private improvement works recently carried out by the Corporation there—Messrs. J. Brunskill, J. Stevens, T. W. Smith, C. Greville, F. Kilbey, G. W. Guest, H. Sims, F. Jenkins, F. E. Cook, J. Birch and Mrs. Caudle.

The deputation leaving laid their views before the Committee, Resolved, That the further consideration of the matter be adjourned until the next meeting for a report from the Borough Surveyor as to the cost of certain portions of the works carried out.

- 17—Pavement Light in Clarence Street—Read, an application from ere C. H. Rainger for permission to place a Hayward's Prismatic Pavement Light in the footpath in Clarence Street opposite the Creamery. Resolved, That the application be acceded to subject to the usual agreement of indemnity being entered into.
- 18—Montpellier Street Paving--Read, letters from Miss Beale and the Secretary of the Ladies' College asking that the paving in Montpellier Street adjoining the College should be relaid, and that the road should be paved settle some less noisy material. Resolved, That further consideration of the matter be adjourned.
- 19—Street Projection at Belle Yue Hotel--Read, a letter from the Local Manager of the National Telephone Co., submitting it, design for a ;iced sign to be substituted for the present swing sign at the Belle Vue Hotel. Resolved, That the proposed sign be permitted subject to the usual conditions, and to the Borough Surveyor's approval of the method of fixing the sane,
- 20—Rowanfield Road—Read, a letter from Rev. Canon Griffiths calling attention to the condition of Rowanfield Road. Resolved, That the Committee inspect the road at their next meeting.
- 21—Oriel Place, Bath Road --Resolved. That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to bring up an estimate of the cost of channelling in Bath Road from Montpellier Drive to Oriel Road.
- 22—Private. Improvement Works—Nailsworth Terrace.—The Borough Submitted specification, plan and estimate of the works required to be done to the above street. Resolved. That the same be approved, seed 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 pert, 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 notices are not complied with the Surveyor do proceed to execute the works mentioned or referred to therein, and that the expenses thereof be recovered in the manner provided by the Act and the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1889.
- 23—Gloucester Road--Kerbing and Channelling—Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to bring up a specification etc., for the kerbing and channelling of the footpath on the East side of Gloucester Road from the Midland Railway Station to Lansdown Castle.

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24—Private Improvement Works---channelling Opposite, Oriel Terrace, Oriel Road—The Borough Surveyor submitted a specification, plan, and estimate of the work required to be done to the above street. Resolved, That the same be approved, and that notice be given under Section 11 of the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1852, to the owners of the premises, fronting, adjoining or abutting upon the parts of the said street required to be drained, levelled, repaired, 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.

25—Lansdown Road Surface Water Drainage----Resolved, That tenders for the laying of the surface water drain in Lansdown Road be invited by advertisement from local contractors.

26—Footpath in Front of Sandford Terrace—Read, a Memorial from Miss Steel and other owners and occupiers of houses in Sandford Terrace asking that the footpath in front of the houses should be paved. Resolved, That consideration of the memorial be adjourned for the Committee to view.

JOHN D. BENDALL, Chairman

PLANS SUB-COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Sub-Committee, held on Tuesday, the 9th October, 1906—Present:

Councillors Baker and Bendall (Comical, Bendall in the chair).

1—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

457 Andrew Page Six houses in Swindon Road.

461 Col. Churchill Additions to Stables at rear of Suffolk House.

Resolved, That Plans Nod. 457 be approved to the carrying out of the undertaking endorsed on the plait as to the widening of the road opposite the houses built, and that plan Nod. 461 be disapproved.

JOHN D. BENDALL, Chairman.

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At a Meeting of this Sub-Committee, held on Friday, the 19th October, 1906—Present: Councillor Bendall.

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

No. of Plan	Name	Description
461	Col. Churchill	Additions to Stables, rear of Suffolk House.
462	Mrs. Tapp	Additions to rear of No. 1 Naunton Park Villas, Old Bath Road.
463	E. A. Waghorne	e Two Villas in Sandford Mill Road.
464	W. Masters	Detached house, Hall Road.
404	F. Jenkins	Ten Cottages in Fairhaven Street.

Resolved. That plans Nod. 461, 462, 463 and 461 be approved, and that Plans Nod. 404 be considered by the Street and Highway Committee at their meeting on Monday next.

JOHN D. BENDALL, Chairman.

TOWN IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, the 15th October, 1906—Present.. The Mayor, Aldermen Norman and Winterbotham, Councillors Baker, Bennett and Packer (Councillor Baker in the chair).

- 1—Chairman—Resolved, That Councillor Baker be appointed Chairman at this meeting.
- 2.—Sunshine Recorder—Read, a letter from the Borough Meteorologist recommending the purchase of a Campbell Stokes Sunshine Recorder at a cost of £10 10s. to replace the sunshine recorder at present in use at Pittville, as the latter was not accepted as authentic by the Royal Meteorological Society, and consequently the results recorded were not published by the Society. Resolved, That the purchase be made.
- 3—Montpellier Gardens Lodge—On the recommendation of the Borough Surveyor, Resolved, That the outside of the Montpellier Gardens Lodge be painted, provision having been made in the current estimates for this work.
- 4—Pittville Park—Entrance Lodge—Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to obtain and place in the chalet at the entrance to Pittville Park a few chairs and a small table.
- 5—Lakes in Pittville Park—The Boroughs Surveyor presented a further report as to the condition of these lakes, and he also reported that Mr. H. W. Holliday was willing that the water rising on his land on the East side of Albert Road should be conveyed into the brook running into the lakes, and this would improve the flow of water and condition of the lakes. Resolved, That the further consideration of the matter be adjourned.
- 6—Advertising—This matter was further considered. Resolved, That the advertisements at present inserted by the Corporations in the "Financial News," "Where to Stay," "Holiday Haunts," "Holiday Tours," and "Railway Guides," be discontinued after the end of the present year. and the advertisements at present inserted in Morton's Railway Guides and Cassell's Official Guides to the G.W. and M. Railways be not, renewed when the present agreements expire, and that the Mineral Waters, Baths and Recreation Grounds Committee be informed that in view of the above revision a sum not exceeding £50 per annum will be available for advertising in the Medical Journals.

WILLIAM A. BAKER. chairman.

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LIGHTING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, the 11th October 1906. Present:—Councillors Green, Gridley, Ley Wood, Marshall, Merrett and Steel (Councillor Ley Wood in the Chair).

1—Gas Examiner's Report—The Deputy Gas Examiner reported that he had tested the illuminating power of the gas on the 28th ult. and the 10th inst. with the following results :-15.30 and 15.23 candles respectively.

- 2—Deputy Gas Examiner—Resolved, That Mr. A. C. Saxby be authorised to continue to act as Deputy Gas Examiner until the 11th December next, when Mr Matthews' resignation takes effect.
- 3—Borough Electrical Engineer's Monthly Report—Read, the Monthly Report of the Borough. Electrical Engineer. On the 11th inst, there were 889 consumers, with an equivalent of 59,419 eight candle power lamps, connected to the private supply minis, the corresponding figures for last year being 835 and 55,420 respectively.
- 4—Appointment of Charge Engineer –The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that he had as authorised appointed Mr. Ardasser of Swansea charge engineer, in the place of Mr. Wilder, resigned.
- 5—View Meeting re Public Lighting—The Chairman reported that the Committee met on the 18th ult. (Present Councillors Gridley, Ley Wood, Marshall, Merrett and Steel), and visited the following streets in respect- of which complaint had been received as to the public lighting, and recommended as follows:—

Jersey Avenue, Alstone Avenue and Naunton Park Terrace---That no alteration in or addition be made to the existing lighting in these streets.

Cleeve View Road, Whaddon Lane—That, a lamp be placed in the road in the position shown on the plan now submitted,

Keynsham road—Than an existing electric arc lamp near Sandford Street be removed to the opposite corner, and that a lamp opposite the new houses in the road be again switched on.

Lansdown. Crescent and Malvern Road—That the positions of 2 lamps be altered, and 1 limp be taken away altogether as shown on the plan now submitted,

Resolved, That the recommendations be approved and adopted.

6—Public Lighting near Queen's Hotel-Ltd, a letter from the Manager of the Queen's Hotel, asking for an improvement in the lighting in front of the Hotel. Resolved, That consideration of the application be adjourned for the Committee to view.

7—Electric Lighting Accounts—The audited Accounts of the Electricity Undertaking for the year ending 31st Starch, 1906, were laid before the Committee.

The Chairman reported the result of the interview he and the Borough Electrical Engineer had had with the Finance Committee at their last meeting.

ROBT. LEY WOOD. Chairman.

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WATER COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on, Thursday, the 18th October, 1906--Present: Alderman Norman, Councillors Baker, M. Davis, and Margrett (Councillor M. Davis 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	Average for corresponding period
	16th October. 1906.	during last 3 years.
Hewletts Springs	82,080 gallons	83,320 gallons
Dowdeswell Springs	192,672 "	193,308 "
Leckhampton	5,938 "	not gauged.
Total	280,690 "	281,628 "

CONTENTS OF RESERVOIRS.

	October 16th, 1906.		October 16th, 1905.	
	Depth	Contents	Depth	Contents
Hewletts		20,959,065 gallons		9,753,374 gallons
Leckhamptor	6ft. 7in.	889,254 "	4 ft. 7in.	551,564 "
Dowdeswell	13ft. 7in.	22,929,853 "	18 ft. 6in.	39,038,926 "
Total Storag	ge 4	4,778,172 "		49,343,864 "

The consumption including the borough of Tewkesbury had been during the past month about 14 million gallons per day Extensions of mains had been made in Cemetery Road, Oakland Avenue, Harp Hill and Little Herbert's Lane, Charlton Kings. The second new boiler at Tewkesbury would be complete and in working order in about 10 days.

- 2—Report of Fire Brigade Captain—The Captain of the Fire Brigade reported that the Brigade was called out on the 29th ultimo, to a rickyard fire at Red House Farm, near Tewkesbury. Damage £600. Property insured. Extinction expenses £31 18s.
- 3—Fittings for Fire Station, &c.—The Borough Surveyor reported that the Fire Brigade Captain wished a number of fittings to be put up in the Fire Station, Resolved, That the further consideration of the list submitted be adjourned and that the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have the Fire Escape painted.
- 4—Land in Keynsham Road—Read a letter from Mr. C. F. Hough offering £120 for the land in Keynsham Road now in his occupation as tenant of the Corporation. Resolved, That Mr. Hough be informed that the Council have no desire at present to sell the land.
- 5—Appeals—The cases entered in the Appeal Book were considered and the rates settled and adjusted.
- M. DAVIS, Chairman.

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GENERAL PURPOSES AND WATCH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Friday, the 28th, September, 1906—Present : The Mayor, Aldermen Haddon, Norman, Rogers and Waghorne (Alderman Norman in the chair).

1—Cheltenham Market—The following attended this Meeting with regard to the closing of the Central Market established by Mr. Varder in Millbrook Street:—Messrs, J. A. Gale, C. Elliott, A. H.

Daft, B. Reason. and S. B. Varder. The Deputation handed in a Memorial signed by a number of fruit growers and others asking the Council to allow the continued use of the Market in Millbrook Street. The Deputation urged that the present accommodation at the Cheltenham Market was quite inadequate and that competition would be good for business. Resolved, That the decision not to grant permission for the establishment of a private market in Millbrook Street be adhered to, but that the question of improving the accommodation in the Corporation Market be considered.

GEO. NORMAN,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 16th October, 1906—Present: The Mayor Aldermen Haddon, Norman and Waghorne, Councillors Bendall. M. Davis and Stroud (Alderman Norman in the chair).

- 2--Diseases of Animals Acts—Superintendent Hopkins reported an outbreak of swine fever on allotment land near Hanover Street, Of the 21 pigs on the premises, 1 had died and the remaining 20 had been slaughtered by order of an Inspector of the Board of Agriculture and cremated at the Ash Destructor. Notices as required by the Swine Fever Order, 1891, had been duly served on other owners of pigs on the allotments.
- 3—Markets and Fairs (Weighing of Cattle) Acts, 1887 to 1891—The Town Clerk reported that he had made application to the Board of Agriculture and obtained a further exemption for the Market from the provisions of the above Acts requiring the provision of a Weighing Machine for the weighing of cattle for a period of 3 years from the 8th inst.
- 4—Hackney Carriage Drivers Licence—Reid, an application from Edward Gough, of 12 Clare Place, for a licence to drive a hackney carriage. Resolved, That the same be acceded to.
- 5—Hackney Carriage Stand near No. 1 Promenade—Read, a letter from Messrs. Engall. Cox & Co., asking that the cabstand near No. 1, Promenade should be removed now that the Promenade Improvement: had been carried out, Resolved, That the stand be removed in accordance with the resolution of this Committee of 21st July, 1903, approved by the Council.
- 6--Site for War Memorial—The Town Clerk reported that the South African War Memorial Committee desired to place the local memorial in the Promenade Long Garden near No. 13 Promenade. Resolved, That the matter be adjourned for further consideration.
- 7—Leckhampton Hill Case—The Town Clerk reported that Messrs. Ticehursts, McIlquham & Wyatt, Solicitors to the Cheltenham Rural District Council, had delivered their bill of costs amounting to £1,280 17s. 8d., and £2,029 9s. 6d. for disbursements, making a total of £3,310 7s. 2d. and were submitting the same for taxation by the Clerk of the Pear: under Section No. 249 of the Public health Act, 1875. Resolved. the Town Clerk be instructed to attend the taxation on behalf of the Corporation.

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8—Folly Lane Allotments—The Town Clerk reported that the Folly Lane Allotments with some adjoining land belonging to another owner were subject to a rent charge of £40. The owner of the

adjoining land desired to redeem the portion of the rent charge payable in respect of his land and the G.W.R. Company also wished to the portion of the rent charge payable of the land purchased by them from the Corporation and they had asked the Corporation to join in a deed indemnifying them from all liability in respect of the remaining portion of the rent charge, namely £21 10s. 9d., which would be payable by the Corporation. Resolved. That the draft deed of release now submitted be approved and that the Common Seal be affixed to an engrossment thereof.

9—Report of Art Gallery Sub-Committee The Art Gallery Sub-Committee reported that they met on the 20th September, 1906—Present: The Mayor, Aldermen Haddon, Rogers and Winterbotham, Councillor Marshall arid the Baron de Ferrieres (Alderman Winterbotham in the chair).

Curator's Report—The Curator reported that there had been 2,289 visits made to the Gallery since July 16th last, being an average of 40 per day,

The Water-Colour Sketches by -Miss Sharpe had been returned.

Permission had been given to four students to copy pictures in the Gallery.

Loan, from, South Kensington—Resolved, That Councillor Marshall and the Curator be authorised to visit the South Kensington Museum to make a selection of objects for another loan exhibition.

School of Art Rooms—Resolved, That this Sub-Committee recommend that the five rooms recently used by the School of Art be taken from the 29th September, 1906, as an addition to the Museum and Art Gallery, at £70 per annum, a proportionate part of the heating, lighting and cleaning charges to be contributed in addition. Resolved, also, That the Borough Surveyor requested to prepare, in conjunction with the Curator. a specification and estimate for colouring, cleaning and repairing the rooms and that tenders be invited for the carrying out of the work.

At a Meeting of the Sub-Committee, held on the 16th October, 1906—Present: Alderman Winterbotham. Councillor Marshall, Baron de Ferrieres, and Dr. B. T. Wilson (Alderman Winterbotham in the chair).

School of Art Rooms—The Tenders for the repairs, &c. (7 in number) were opened. Resolved, That the tender of Mr. J. Yeates at, £30 9s. be accepted, that being the lowest tender.

Notice Board—Resolved, To approve of a design for a new notice board for the Art Gallery and Museum, notices of special exhibits, &c.

Resolved, That the Report be approved and adopted except that the consideration of the recommendations as a.: raking the School of Art Rooms and repairs, &c,, to them, be adjourned for further consideration.

GEO. NORMAN.

MINERAL WATERS, BATHS AND RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Thursday, the 27th September, 1906: Present- Councillors Baker, Bendall, Merrett and Stroud (Councillor Stroud in the chair).

1-Naunton Park- The Committee visited Naunton Park and met there Mr. C. T. Clark and Mr. Bulgin with reference to the memorial recently presented to the Committee. Resolved, That the Memorialists be informed referred to by them are receiving the careful consideration of the Committee. Resolved That hurdles between the Recreation Ground and the addition to the same be now removed.

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2—Whaddon Lane Recreation Ground---The Committee visited this ground and inspected the Lodge. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor he instructed to carry out the repairs, painting, &c., necessary at the Lodge and that the rockery in the broad walk be removed.

HERBERT STROUD, Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Friday, the 12th October, 1906 -- Present The Mayor, Alderman Norman, Councillors Baker, Bendall, Davies, Merrett, Pilley and Stroud (Councillor Stroud in the chair.)

3—Montpellier Baths—The Borough Accountant reported that the receipts and payments in respect of these Baths since the 31st March last, had been as follows:—

	Receip	ots £413 10 4	Payments	£236 12 9
Rent of Shop		£12 0 0	Proportion of repa	yment of
Hire of Bath for			loans and interest.	. £ <u>266 10 6</u>
Gymnasium, &c		£ <u>31 3 9</u>		
		£486 19 1		£553 3 3

Resolved, That the application of the Superintendent (Mr. Simcock) to be allowed to assist in giving instruction in the Physical Culture School be granted.

4—Alstone Baths—The Borough Accountant reported that the receipts and payments at these Baths since the 31st March last, had been as follows:—

Receipts	£315 3 7	Payments	£230 11 11
		Repayment of loans and interest	£ <u>167 13 5</u>
	£315 3 7		£398 5 4

Swimming Club—Read, a letter from the Hon. Secretary. Cheltenham Swimming and Water Polo Club, applying for an allowance off the Account of £10 4s. 7d. for the use of Alstone Baths during last season in view of the present unsatisfactory financial position of the Club, and the beneficial effect of its operations in extending the use of the Baths by the public generally. Resolved, That the Committee are not able to make a reduction in the account, but will be pleased to receive a deputation at the beginning of next season to discuss future arrangements.

5—Mineral Waters—On the recommendation of the Borough Surveyor, Resolved, That the evaporating pan be included in the insurance of the Corporation boilers.

Resolved also, That the tender of Mr. G. Poole for the printing of 500 cards, for £1 15s., giving particulars as to the Central spa, Public Gardens, &c., for exhibition in local hotels, boarding houses, &c., be accepted.

6—Football at Whaddon Lane Recreation Ground----Read. a letter from the Hon. Secretary, Pittville Rovers, Football Club, asking the Committee to reconsider their previous resolution refusing permission to the Club to play at the Whaddon Lane Recreation Ground this season. The Club had 13 playing members. Resolved, That the Committee cannot see their way to alter their previous resolution.

HERBERT STROUD, Chairman.

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BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, the 19th October, 1906. Present:—Alderman Haddon, Councillors Merrett, and Steel (Alderman Haddon in the Chair).

- 1—Superintendent's Report—The Superintendent applied for a supply of bulbs for planting in the entrance gardens at the Cemetery. Resolved, That he be authorised to expend £1
- 2—Designs—Resolved, That the following designs be approved, viz., Headstones to graves of Thomas and Mary Wood, William Gee, Sarah Lloyd and Mary Pearce. Memorial Crosses to graves of Jane Alexander Worke, William Weallens, Andrew Cunningham, and Eleanor Ann Butcher. Kerb with Inscription to grave of Anne Strath.
- 3—Burial Act 1900 —Ministers' Fees—Read, a letter from the Rev. J. Poster, lion. Secretary to the Free Church Ministers' Fraternal, stating that it would be more convenient to them to receive all funeral fees at the time of interment as heretofore instead of quarterly. Resolved, That this be agreed to and the fees received by the Superintendent on behalf of Clergy and Ministers other than the Rector be paid by him to the Clergyman or Minister entitled at the time of the funeral.
- 4—Cemetery Fees and Charges—The Town Clerk reported that the Local Government Board had now provisionally approved the table of fees and charges to be made at the Cemetery subject to two slight alterations. The Board directed that the table when adopted by the Council should be deposited for inspection at the Municipal Offices and put up in some conspicuous part of the Cemetery for 14 days previous to the application to the Board for their approval, notice of such application and of the deposit for inspection being advertised in a local paper, Resolved, That the table of fees and charges as now settled be approved and adopted, that the Common Seal be affixed thereto and that the Town Clerk be instructed to give notice and make application for the approval of such table in accordance with the Board's instructions.

JOHN HADDON,

Chairman.

PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 9th October, 1906—Present Councillors Bennett, Margrett, Marshall and Merrett, Baton de Ferrieres, Revs. J. Evans, A. Beynon, Phillips and J. A. Owen, Col. King-Harman, Messrs. F. Parsons, and E. C. Rogers (Councillor Marshall in the chair).

1—Librarian's Report—Read, the Monthly Report of the Librarian. The number of volume, consulted in the Reference Library from the 10th September to the 6th October was 1052, a decrease of 93 as compared with the corresponding period of last year and the books issued from the Lending Library numbered 8,248, a decrease of 293 (principally in works of fiction and juvenile literature). Receipts during the month £5 9s. 4d.

Presentations—Baron de Ferrieres, 5 vols.; Sir Brook Kay, Bart., 1 vol., University Tutorial Press, 2 vols., Board of Trade (Labour Department), 1 vol., Miss Trollope, 44 vols., Dr. Garrett, 1 vol.

2—Sub-Committee's Report—The Sub-Committee reported that they met on the 5th inst. Present :--Councillors Marshall (Chairman), and Merrett, Rev. J. Evans and Col. King-Harman). They
recommended

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That the Rev. T. S. Tonkinson be informed that the Committee regret they cannot see their way to comply with his request for the transfer of certain books from the Reference to the Lending Library.

That the list of new books submitted be purchased at a cost of about £8.

That the Gloucestershire Directory for 1906 be purchased for 30s

Resolved, That the recommendation of the Sub-Committee as to the purchase of new books be not approved and that the other recommendations be approved.

H. EEDE MARSHALL, Chairman.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 30th October, 1906—Present The Mayor, Alderman Waghorne, Councillors Bennett, and Merrett (Alderman Waghorne in the chair).

1—General District Rate—The Report of the Borough Accountant, elated the 30th inst., on the collection of the let instalment of this Rate was read. Amount collected £22,603 15s. 4d. Void, excused and otherwise irrecoverable £1755 18s. 5d. Leaving outstanding £272 19s. 4d.

He Reported that £2,117 10s. 1d., had been received on account of the 2nd instalment of this rate, leaving outstanding £32,660 14s. 11d.

2—Water Rate--The 14port of the Borough Accountant, dated the 30th inst., on the collection of this Rate for the half-year ending the 29th ultimo was read. Amount received £11,263 15s. 4d. £1,010 19s. 1d. had also been received on account of the current half-year.

3—Loans—The Borough Accountant reported that since the last meeting he had received £2,500 and £300 on loan at 3 5/8 per cent. interest, for 1 year certain and afterwards subject to six months' notice on either side, and expected to receive an additional £500 on the same terms. He recommended that £3000 should be repaid to Lloyd's Bank in respect, of water debentures held by them and that the amounts obtained should be applied to replace such loan on account of the Waterworks, and £300 as part of the £16,030 Electric Lighting Loan. Resolved, That- repayment be made to Lloyds Bank and issued as recommended.

4---Bank Accounts—The Chairman reported that on the 26h ultimo. accompanied by the Town Clerk and the Borough Accountant, he had had an interview at Birmingham with Lloyds Bank At present the Corporation were paying £100 a year for working the account and 4 per cent. interest on overdraft on Capital Account, but any sun above £2000 standing to the credit of the current account was set off against the overdraft on Capital Account for the purpose of calculating interest on overdraft:. The Bank were not willing to reduce the rate of interest or to discontinue the charge of £100 a year, butt had agreed to allow the whole of the current account, to be set off against the overdraft instead of first deducting £2000. This interest on the Current account was only allowed by the Bank as a set-off over against interest charged on the overdraft on Capital Account.

5--Reciprocal investment of Sinking Funds-The Borough Accountant reported that he could probably arrange for a reciprocal loan and investment of sinking fund with the Bury anti District Water Board of £10,000, interest to be paid on either side at 3 ½ per cent. Resolved, That the proposed arrangement be approved, subject to the security offered being approved by the Town clerk.

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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, ordered to be paid by the Borough Treasurer.

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

In hand on the 25th September, 1906 £22,962 19 10 Received since that date (including Loans £2,800) £19,656 11 3 £42,619 11 1

Paid since that date (including Loans repaid £7,000) £30,410 13

In Hand. £12,209 9 10

Being General Accounts £ 5,359 19 6 Sinking Funds £ 6,849 10 4£12,209 9 10

JOHN 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 Friday, the 9th November, 1906, at 12 noon, Present:

THE DEPUTY MAYOR (ALDERMAN JOHN HADDON).

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

Councillors: WILLIAM ALFRED BAKER JOHN DAVID BENDALL FREDERICK JOSEPH BENNETT RICHARD DAVIES, CHARLES HENRY MARGRETT RICHARD EEDE MARSHALL WILLIE JOHN MERRETT TOM HERBERT PACKER, MOSES DAVIS JOSEPH PILLEY EDWINSON CHARLES GREEN ROBERT STEEL COLONEL MONTAGUE JOCELYN KING-HARMAN JAMES STEWART ROBERT LEY WOOD HERBERT STROUD. HENRY WAGHORNE:

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- 1—Chairman—In the absence of the Mayor, Resolved, That the Deputy Mayor, Alderman Haddon, be appointed Chairman.
- 2—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.
- 3—Election of Aldermen—The members of the Council present entitled to vote, and voting, delivered to the Mayor, papers signed by them, and the same having been openly produced and read, it appeared that the following Burgesses had been voted for and had received the number of votes set opposite their names, viz:

John Haddon, Clarefield, Cheltenham, Silk Mercer 18

George Norman, Alpha House, Cheltenham, Newspaper Proprietor 18

Richard Rogers, Battledown Court, Charlton Kings, Col. (Retired) 1st G.R.E.V. 18

The Mayor accordingly declared the said John Haddon, George Norman, and Richard Rogers to be elected Aldermen to fill the vacancies caused by the 'retirement of the said John Haddon, George Norman and Richard Rogers. The newly elected Aldermen then made their Declarations of Acceptance of Office.

4—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:—

Alderman Winterbotham North Ward.

" Skillicorne Central Ward.

" Rogers East Ward.

" Norman South Ward." Waghorne Middle Ward." Haddon West Ward.

5—Minutes of Previous Meeting Resolved, That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Council, on the 1st 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.

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6-Deputy Mayor—The Mayor signified in writing that he appointed Alderman John Haddon to be his Deputy and the same is hereby recorded.

7—Election of Councillors—The Town Clerk reported the Election on the 24th ultimo, of James Stewart to fill the vacancy in the office of Councillor for the East Ward caused by the death of Councillor Bence. He also reported the election on the 1st instant of the following gentlemen as Councillors, viz: Henry Waghorne for the North Ward. Robert Steel for the Central Ward. Edward Gridley for the East Ward. Herbert Stroud for the South Ward. Robert Ley Wood for the Middle Ward. Montague Jocelyn King Harman for the West Ward. and laid before the Council their declarations of acceptance of office.

8—Death of Councillor Bence—Read, a letter from Mrs. Bence conveying to the Council the sincere thanks of herself and family for the expressions of sympathy with them in their loss.

9--Machine Broken Stone—Read, a letter from the Clerk to the Guardians for the Cheltenham Union protesting against the use of machine broken stone for repairing the highways on the ground that many men could be usefully employed especially during the winter months if the stone was hand broken. Resolved, That the letter be referred to the Street and Highway Committee for consideration.

10---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 Davies, M. Davis, Pilley, King-Harman, Stewart 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.

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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, 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.

Farms Management Committee—Resolved, That the following members of the Council do form the Farms Management Committee for the ensuing year: The Mayor, Councillors M. Davis, Green, Gridley, King-Harman, 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, Benda, Gridley, King-Harman, Ley Wood and Packer, 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.

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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 1.889, 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 Rogers and Winterbotham, Councillors Baker, Bennett, Packer, Steel, Stewart and Stroud, and that their powers and duties be as follows:—To have the control and management of the Montpellier Gardens, Pittville Park and Estate, the Promenade long garden, and Winter Garden, and of any building in connection with such properties, and to enforce the provisions of the byelaws made by the Council with reference to them. To manage and control any entertainments decided upon by the Council and to consider and report upon all matters in connection with the advertising of the Town and the provision of a band.

Electricity and Lighting Committee- That the following members of the Council do form the Electricity and Lighting Committee for the ensuing year: Alderman Norman, Councillors Bennett, Green, Gridley, Ley Wood, Marshall, Merrett and Steel, 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, M. Davis, Green, Margrett, Packer, Stroud and Waghorne, and that their powers and duties be as follows:—To regulate and manage all matters

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relating to the Water Undertaking of the Corporation and to manage MI properties acquired by the Corporation in connection with their Water Undertaking. To carry into effect the provisions of the Cheltenham Corporation Water 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 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 renumbering 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, Bendall, Davies, Merrett, Pilley Stewart 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 thy Burial Board Committee for the-ensuing year: Aldermen Haddon and Rogers. Councillors

Baker, Gridley, King-Harman, 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 Bennett, Marshall, Merrett, Steel, Stewart 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.

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, Green, King-Harman, Margrett, Marshall, Merrett, Pilley and Stewart; together with The Revs. J. Evans, J. A. Owen and A. Beynon Phillips, Baron de Ferrieres, Messrs. A. Beckingsale, J. G. Carr, W. Cresswell, C. Hayward, A. Mann, F. Parsons and E. C. Rogers, 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, Bendall, Bennett, M. Davis, Gridley, King-Harman, Ley Wood, Marshall, Merrett, Packer, Pilley, Steel and Stewart.

Art Gallery and Museum Committee—Resolved, That a Standing Committee of the Council be appointed to be called the Art Gallery and Museum Committee, to regulate and manage all

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matters relating to the Art Gallery and Museum, and that such Committee do consist of the following Members of the Council: Aldermen Haddon, Norman, Rogers, Waghorne and Winterbotham, Councillors Davies, Marshall and Stroud, with the Baron de Ferrieres and Dr. E. T. Wilson as consulting Members of such Committee.

Vacancy on Distress Committee—Resolved, That Councillor Bendall be appointed a Member of the Distress Committee for the Borough to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Councillor Bence.

- 11—Public Health Committee----Resolved, That the proceedings of the Public Health Committee, at their Meetings of the 8th and 15th October last, be approved and confirmed.
- 12—Farms Management Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Farms Management Committee, at their Meeting of the 12th October last, be approved and confirmed.
- 13—Street and Highway Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Street and Highway Committee, at their Meetings of the 9th and 22nd October last, be approved and confirmed.

14—Town Improvement Committee -Resolved, That the proceedings of the Town Improvement Committee, at their Meeting of the 15th October last, be approved and confirmed.

15—Lighting Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Lighting Committee, at their Meeting of the 11th October last, be approved and confirmed, subject to the following amendment, viz: That Minute No. 5 so far as regards the Lighting of Naunton Park Terrace be referred back to the Committee for further consideration.

16—Water Committee----Resolved, That the proceedings of the Water Committee at their Meeting of the 18th October last, be approved and confirmed.

17—General Purposes & Watch Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the General Purposes and Watch Committee, at their Meetings of the 28th September and 16th October last, be approved and continued.

18—Mineral Waters, Baths and Recreation Grounds Committee-Resolved, That the proceedings of time Mineral Waters, Baths and Recreation Grounds Committee, at their Meetings of the 7th September and 12th October last, be approved and confirmed.

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19—Burial Board Committee—Resolved, That, the proceedings of the Burial Board Committee, at their Meeting of the 19th October last, be approved and confirmed.

20—Finance Committee—Resolved, Thai, the proceedings of the Finance Committee, at their Meeting of the 30th 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-Notices of Motion--The following notices of motion for the next Monthly Meeting of the Council were given :—

By Councillor Stroud:

That it be an instruction to the Town Clerk to include in all future contracts involving labour skilled or unskilled a clause requiring the Contractor to employ residents within the Borough to the extent of at least three-fourths of the total labour he shall employ under such contract.

By Councillor Green:

That it is desirable in the best interests of the Town that the present plan of re-electing Aldermen unless in special cases be abandoned.

By Councillor Packer:

That with a view of securing the appointment of properly qualified persons of English Nationality and descent to offices under the Corporation it be an instruction to the several Committees of the

Corporation that in making appointments to minor positions the place of origin of such person be ascertained.

W. NASH SKILLICORNE, 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 3rd December, 1906.

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 12th November, 1906—Present The Mayor, Alderman Norman, Councillors Davies, M. Davis, King-Harman, Pilley and Stewart (The Mayor in the chair).

- 1- Chairman-Resolved. That the Mayor 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, 10 cases of Scarlet Fever, 5 of Enteric Fever, 7 of Erysipelas, and 6 of Diphtheria, and that 9 cases of Scarlet Fever, 5 cases of Diphtheria and 5 cases of Enteric Fever had been sent into the Delancey Hospital.
- 3—Cleansing and Disinfecting at No. 3, Great Western Terrace and 2, Old Millbrook Terrace—The Medical Officer of having certified that the cleansing, disinfecting and purifying of the houses or parts thereof would tend to prevent or chock infectious 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. 6 & 7 Hanover Street 18 Knapp Place, New Street, 37, Townsend Street and 39 Rutland 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.

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5—Nuisances from Drains etc., at No. 62 .Brunswick Street, 12 & 13 Victoria Place, Bath Road, 35 Stanhope Street, London Ale and Porter Stores, High Street, 8 9, Hereford Place, 1, 2, 3 & 4 Hereford Court, 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5, Green's Cottages, Tewkesbury Road. The Inspector of Nuisances having made written application under Section 41 of the Public Health Act, 1875, stating that the drains, he,, on or belonging to the above-named houses were in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to health. Resolved, That authority be given to the Inspector of Nuisances to open the ground, examine the drains, and report to the Committee.

6—Insanitary Property—Nos. 43, Burton Street, 1Vestal Court Farm, 43, Rutland Street, 7, Hanover Street, 12 and 13, 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, he.. Resolved, That the Council being satisfied that the said premises arc in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to health, Notices under Sec. 94 of the Public Health Act, 1875, be served upon the owners requiring them to put the same into a healthy condition, and for that purpose to carry out the works specified therein.

7—Houses without proper Ash Receptacles—The Inspector of Nuisances reported that the following houses had no proper. ashpits or ash receptacles, viz:—Westville, Hayward's Road, 8, Knapp Place, New Street, 34 Albert Street, 11 Lansdown Place, 43 Burton Street, & 12 Victoria Place, Bath 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—Dairies, Cowsheds & Milkshops Order—Read, an application from Mr. E. H. Felton, of 5, Clare Terrace, Bath Road, to be registered as a purveyor of milk. Resolved, That the application be granted.

9—Destruction of Diseased Meat—The Medical Officer of Health reported that on the 5th instant, the carcases and offal of 5 pigs (weight 674 lbs,) badly affected with tuberculosis were surrendered at the Abattoir by the owner and destroyed.

10—Houses Let in Lodgings—The Medical Officer of Health recommended that the Landlords of the following houses let in lodgings, viz, :--Birslup Villa, Grosvenor Street, St. Kilda, Hatherley Villas, No. 20, Grosvenor Place South, & 1, 2, 5 and 8 Grange Crescent, Gloucester Road, be required to give the necessary information for registration. Resolved, That the landlords of the houses above-mentioned be served with notices 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 with respect to houses let in lodgings except as to the age and sex of the occupants and the names of the lessees.

- 11—Plans Sub-Committee—Resolved, That Councillors King-Harman and Pilley be appointed members of the Plans Sub-Committee as representatives of this Committee.
- 12—Delancey Hospital—Resolved, That the Mayor and Councillor Davies be appointed representatives of the Council on the Management Committee of the Delancey Hospital to fill the vacancies caused by the death of Councillor Bence and the retirement of Councillor Parsonage.
- 13—Office at Abattoir—Resolved, To approve the plan submitted by the Borough Surveyor for the erection of an office at the Abattoir for the Superintendent at a cost of £45, and that the same be paid out of the loan authorised.
- 14—Hatherley Outfall Sewer—Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to advertise for tenders for the laying of the new Hatherley outfall sewer at Haydon.

15—Regulations under Dairies, Cowsheds and Milkshops Order—The Medical Officer of Health having recommended that the existing regulations under the Dairies, Cowsheds and Milkshops Order required amendment on two or three points the Town Clerk read a letter from the Local Government Board, to whom the revised regulations had been sent by the instructions of the Committee, Provisionally approving the regulations. Resolved, That the Council he recommended to adopt the revised regulations to come into force on the 1st February next, and that the Town Clerk be instructed to publish the smile by advertisement as required by the Dairies, Cowsheds and Milkshops Order, 1885.

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16—Ambulance Sheds—The Borough Surveyor reported that the repairs necessary to the three ambulance sheds belonging to the Corporation at the Delancey Hospital would cost £10. Resolved, That the work be carried out.

17—Wyman's Brook Sewer—In connection with the resewering of St. Paul's district and the relaying of the Wyman's Brook Sewer, the Borough Surveyor reported that it would be an improvement if the line of the Wyman's Brook Sewer across Mr. T. Smith's land near Folly Lane was altered from its present position. The cost of the alteration would be £292, and Mr. Smith was willing to contribute £178 towards this cost, and to make no claim for disturbance or damage caused in executing the work. Resolved, That this offer be accepted, and the alteration made accordingly.

W. NASH SKILLICORNE,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 19th November, 1906.—Present: The Mayor, Alderman Norman, Councillors Davies, Davis, King-Harman and Stewart (The Mayor in the chair.)

- 18—Zymotic Disease—The Medical Officer of Health reported that there had been notified since the last meeting of the Committee, 2 cases of Scarlet Fever, and 3 of Diphtheria, and that 2 cases of Scarlet Fever and 2 of Diphtheria had been sent into the Delancey Hospital.
- 19—Cleansing and Disinfecting at St. George's Nursery, St. George's Road—The Medical Officer of Health having certified that the cleansing, disinfecting, and purifying of this house or part thereof would tend to prevent or cheek infectious disease. Resolved, That the Council being of this opinion, Notice be served on the occupiers to cleanse and disinfect the house or part thereof within the time speeded in such Notice.
- 20--Cleansing and Limewashing at Nos. 51 Rutland Street, 4 Chester Walk, & 48 St. George's 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.
- 21—Nuisances from Drains, etc., at Nos. 9 & 10 Townsend Street, Seven Stars, Henrietta Street, Caledonian House, and Caledonian Brewery, Swindon Road, 2, Russell Street, 15, King Street, and George Inn, 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 abovenamed houses were in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to health. Resolved, That authority be given to the Inspector of Nuisances to open the ground, examine the drains, and report to the Committee.

22—Insanitary Property—Nos. 8, 46 and 31 Rutland Street, 7, Fairfield Place, and 21, Sydney 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 is 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.

23----Houses without proper Ash Receptacles—The Inspector of Nuisances reported that the following houses had no proper ashpits or ash receptacles, viz:—Foresters' Arms, Townsend Street, No. 22 Townsend Street. 23, Francis Street, and 50 to 59 Stanhope Street. Resolved, That the necessary Notices be given

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to the respective owners under Section 36 of the Public Health Act, 1875, and Section 27 of the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1889, requiring them in each case to provide a moveable ash receptacle of such size, pattern and construction as may be approved by the Inspector of Nuisances on behalf of the Corporation.

24—Notices net complied with-The Medical Officer of Health submitted a list of notices requiring the abatement of nuisance arising from floors, ceilings, &c., the cleansing and limewashing of rooms, the provision of ash receptacles, &c., which been served, but not complied with. Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to take the necessary proceedings to compel compliance,

25—Houses Let in Lodgings - The Medical Officer of Health recommended that the landlords of the following houses let in lodgings, viz. Selkirk. Street, 10, Great Norwood Street, 11, Cambray and 2, St. George's Parade be required to give the necessary information for registration. Resolved, That the landlords of the houses above-mentioned be served with notices requiring them 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 with respect to houses let in lodgings, except as to the age and sex of the occupants and the names of the lessees.

W. NASH SKILLICORNE, Chairman.

FARMS MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Friday, the 16th November, 1906—Present: The Mayor, Councillors M. Davis, Green, King-Harman, Margrett and Steel (Councillor M. Davis in the chair).

1—Chairman —Resolved, That Councillor M. Davis be appointed Chairman of this Committee for the ensuing year.

2—Farms Manager's Report Read, the Monthly Report of the Farms Manager. Since the last meeting 34 head of cattle had been purchased for £323 10s., and 44 sheep for £85 4s. (Total purchases £408 14s.) The sales had been as follow - -12 head of cattle and 2 calves for £255 7s. 3d., and 15 sheep for £39 2s, 16d, (Total sales £294 10s. 1d.) The number of livestock on the farms on the 16th instant, was 11 horses and 1 foal, 152 head of cattle, 105 sheep and 22 pigs, all fairly well. 197 loads of mangolds had been carted at the Barn Farm. 5 tons 15 cwts. 1 qr. of hay had been delivered to the Central Depot. £16 7s. had been received for wheat sold and £3 5s. for horse tack. 3 tons, 3 cwts. of wheat straw had been bought for thatching.

He recommended that a hay ricks should be fixed at Hayden Farm for the cattle. Resolved, That further consideration adjourned until the Committee's next visit to the Farms.

3-Cottages at Farms-- The Farms Manager reported that Mr. W. Painter who had received notice to quit by the instructions of the Committee was still in occupation. Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to make application for an ejectment order.

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Resolved, That the rent of the three cottages at the Farms now let to Messrs. W. Mason, Haggard, and Harper at 5s per month be increased to 2s per week and that the necessary notices be given to the tenants.

M. DAVIS,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Wednesday, the 21st November, 1906—Present: The Mayor, Councillors M. Davis, Green and King-Harman (Councillor M. Davis in the chair).

4—Inspection of Farms—The Committee visited the farms and inspected all the livestock, the same being found in good condition. The whole of the root crops had been carried and the grass was in good condition having regard to the time of year.

Resolved, That the farms manager's recommendation as to a hay rack at Haydon be approved and that a manger be obtained for use at the Barn Farm.

M. DAVIS,

Chairman.

STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, the 13th November, 1906—Present: Alderman Haddon, Councillors Baker, Bendall, King-Harman and Ley Wood (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 representatives of this Committee.

- 3--Stores Sub-Committee—Resolved, That the Chairman, Alderman Haddon, Councillors Baker, Bendall and Gridley be appointed to act as a Stores Sub-Committee for the ensuing year.
- 4-Trees Sub-Committee—Resolved, That the Mayor, the Chairman, Alderman Haddon, and Councillors Baker and King-Harman be appointed to act as a Sub-Committee to consider the removal, pruning and planting of trees in the public streets in the Borough.
- 5—Street Projections---Read, letters from Messrs. w. H. Smith & Sons, of No. 19, Promenade Villas, and Messrs. Waite and Son, of No. 349 High Street, applying for permission to put up illuminated signs in accordance with designs submitted by them at their premises. Resolved. That the applications be not acceded to.

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- 6—Lansdown Road Surface Water Drain—The tenders, 4 in number, received for the laying of the surface water drain in Lansdown Road were considered. Resolved, That the tender of Mr. J. Riley for the carrying out of the work for £144 13s. 10d. the lowest tender, be accepted, subject to a contract to be prepared by the Town Clerk being entered into.
- 7—Sydenham Villas Road—Resolved, that Sydenham Villas Road from High Street to Sydenham Road North be declared to be a highway, and that the Town Cleric be instructed to give the necessary notices of such declaration.
- 8—Byelaws with respect to New Streets and Buildings—Resolved, That the Plans Sub-Committee be instructed to consider and report as to what amendment and revision should be made in the present byelaws with respect to -new streets and buildings,
- 9—Fairfield Avenue Private Improvement Works—The Borough Surveyor submitted a detailed statement of the works included in the apportionment of private improvement expenses in respect of Fairfield Avenue. Resolved. That the Committee recommend the Council to make an allowance to the owners of premises included in the apportionment of £83 4s 6d. off the total amount of the apportionment, subject to prompt payment of the reduced amounts, the allowance to be made in each case pro rata on the apportioned amounts.
- 10—Sandford Mill Road Private Improvement Expenses--Resolved, That notice of demand for immediate payment of the sums due for private improvement works in Sandford Mill Road be given to the owners in arrear, and that in default the Town Clerk be instructed to take proceedings for recovery of the amounts outstanding.
- 11—Footpath in Thirlestaine Road—Read, a letter from Mrs. Jackson, of Sandford Lodge, Thirlestaine Road, calling attention to the condition of the concrete footpath in front of her house, and asking that the paving should be relaid. Resolved, That Mrs. Jackson be informed that the question of repaving the footpath is under consideration.

JOHN D. BENDALL,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 26th November, 1906—Present --The Manor, Alderman Haddon, Councillors Baker, Bendall, Gridley and King-Harman (Councillor Bendall in the chair).

12—Borough Surveyor's Monthly Report Re Highways—The Borough Surveyor reported that the work done by the Highways Department from the 19th October to the 22nd November, 1906 (both inclusive) had been as follows:—

Roads repaired—Devonshire Street (1,208 super yards), Parabola Road (10,305 super yards), St. Paul's Road (173 super yards), Beckingsale's Passage (105 super yards).

Roads Patched—St. Luke's Road, Sandford Street, Wellington Street, Overton Road, Swindon Street, Hayward's Road, Milsom Street, College Road, Grafton Road, Crescent Place, Pilley Lane, Western Road, Lansdown Road, Corpus Street, and St. Margaret's Road.

Footpath Paving Renewed—Oriel Road (71 super yards). Asphalt Margin Renewed—Swindon Road by Bridge 78 super yards), Oriel Road (53 super yards). Gravel Margins—Hale's Road (175 super yards), Pittville Circus Road (1,050 super yards), Pittville Circus (70 super yards), Gloucester Road (478 super yards).

Footpath Paving repaired—Leckhampton Road, Carlton Street, York Street, Parabola Road, Hewlett Street, Union Street, College Road, Albert Street and Fairview Street.

Brick Paving relaid—Carlton Place (180 super yards). Asphalt Paving laid—St. Paul's Road (49 super yards).

Kerb refixed----Swindon Road (52 lineal yards), Carlton Place (98 lineal yards). Kerb renewed—Oriel Road (61 lineal yards). Edging round Trees—Oriel Road (6 lineal yards).

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Channel refixed—Orchard Place, Beckingsale's Passage, Royal. Well Place, St. George's Road, Imperial Lane, St. James' Square, Christ Church Road, Swindon Road (52 lineal yards), Carlton Place (98 lineal yards), Oriel Road (53 lineal yards).

New Channel fixed—Berkeley Street (20 lineal yards). Electricity Trenches repaired—Promenade. Gas Trenches repaired—Elm Street, Albion Street. Gullies renewed-4. New Gullies fixed—9. Crossings renewed-5. Crossings repaired-2. Gateway Crossings relaid-2. Trees pruned—London Road, College Road, Lansdown Road, Lansdown Place, Gloucester Road and Andover Road. Trees felled-1 in Albion Street and 2 in Oriel Road.

Ashes Collection and Disposal—During 5 weeks ended 22nd November, 1906, 1,306 loads collected, 228 tipped away, and 1078 consumed. Weight consumed 1,107 tons, 9 cwt., 1qr.

Slab Factory—During 5 weeks ended 15th November, 1906, 1,136 2/3 square yards of slabs, and 27 lineal feet of kerb made.

13—View Meeting--The following members attended the View Meeting on Friday last—Councillors Baker, Bendall, Ring-Harman, and Packer.

- 14—Report of Plans Sub-Committee—The Chairman reported the proceedings of the Plans Sub-Committee at their meetings on the 13th and 23rd inst. Resolved, That the same be approved and confirmed.
- 15—Reddings Road—Read, a letter from Mr. W. Bliss asking the Committee to receive a small deputation to bring before the Committee the matter of Reddings Road. Resolved, That the Committee do not consider any useful purpose would be served by the attendance of a deputation, in view of the consideration already given by the Committee to the matter.
- 16—Hand-Broken Stone—Read, a letter from the Clerk to the Guardians stating that the Guardians were of opinion that the effect of using machine-broken stone as against hand-broken stone for repairing the highways caused many men to be out of work when they could be usefully employed in stone-breaking. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to obtain a quantity of Clee Hill stone for breaking by hand at the Central Depot.
- 17—Destructor—Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to report as to the best method of making good the road from the Weighbridge to the Ash Destructor, and of adapting one or two of the destructor cells to forced draught, with estimates of the cost.
- 18 --White Hart Street—Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to prepare and submit a specification of the works required to be done to the footpath in White Hart Street by the abutting owners.
- 19—Montpellier Street--Read, a letter from the Secretary of the Ladies' College, calling attention to the had condition of the footpath on the West side of Montpellier Street next the College premises, and asking that the same might be relaid. He also asked that the roadway should be re-made with some less noisy material than ordinary macadam. Resolved, That the footpath mentioned be repaved at a cost of £70, and that Mr. Tarrant be informed that the question of the material to be [used] on the road will receive careful consideration when the road has to be repaired.
- 20—Kerbing and Channelling in Bath Road--The Borough Surveyor reported that the cost of kerbing and channelling the footpath on the West side of Bath Road from Oriel Road to Montpellier Drive would be £100. Resolved. That the cost of the work be included in next year's estimate.
- 21—Footpath in St. Paul's Road from Clarence Square to St. Paul's Church—Resolved, That at portion of this footpath be relaid or repaired at a cost not exceeding £50
- 22—Plans of New Building Areas -The Borough Surveyor reported that he had as authorised attended a Conference of representatives of local authorities and others at Birmingham, on the 27th ultimo, on the subject of the planning of new housing areas in or near towns. The conference unanimously passed the following resolution That the Conference is of opinion that local authorities should carefully consider whether the present unsatisfactory manner in which new districts are being developed cannot be prevented by intelligent and comprehensive town planning with to view to framing at an early date a series of practical and definite suggestions to be placed before the Local Government Board. Resolved, That the Council concur in this resolution.

23—Corporation Employee—J. Hopton—The Borough Surveyor reported that John Hopton, 70 years of age, who had been for 40 years in the employ of the Corporation had been compelled under medical advice to give up his work and that he was not in any sick benefit society or club. Resolved, That the instructions of the Council be taken on the matter.

24—No. 5 Ambrose Street—Resolved, That Sir. H. Sims be accepted as tenant of No. 5, Ambrose Street, on a quarterly tenancy from the 25th prox. £18 5s. per annum, the tenant paying all rates.

25—Mackintoshes for Sweepers, &c.--The Borough Surveyor reported that the mackintoshes supplied to the men (about 70 in number) required renewing. Resolved, That the matter be referred to the Stores Sub-Committee to obtain estimates and samples and order the number required.

JOHN D. BENDALL,

Chairman.

PLANS SUB-COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Sub-Committee, held on Tuesday, the 13th November, 1906—Present: Councillors Baker, Bendall and King-Harmon (Councillor Bendall in the chair).

1—Chairman—Resolved, That Councillor Bendall be appointed Chairman of this Sub-Committee for the ensuing year.

2—Building Plans—The Borough Surveyor laid before the Sub-Committee the following notices and plans of intended new Buildings, viz. :—

No. of Plan.	Name.	Description.
465	Education Committee	New Schools, Gloucester Road
466	C. E. F. Mount-Biggs	Motor Garage, Milverton, Bayshill.
467	M. Marks	New Arcade, High Street to Winchcomb Street.
468	J. Baker	2 detached houses, All Saints' Road.
469	J. Haines	Stable and cart shed, Brighton Cottage, Millbrook St.
470	F. H. Collins	Additions to Trouville, Evesham Road.

Resolved, That Plans Nod. 465, 468, and 470 be approved, that Plans Nod. 466 be approved, subject to the erection of a 9-inch brick wall carried up one foot above the roof of the garage on the side nearest the house, and that Plans Nod. 467 and 469 be disapproved.

JOHN D. BENDALL, Chairman.

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At a Meeting of this Sub-Committee, held on Friday, the 23rd November, 1906—Present: Councillor Baker, Bendall, King-Harman and Pilley (Councillor Bendall in the Chair).

3—New Buildings—The Borough Surveyor submitted the following notices and plans of intended new Buildings, viz:—

No. of Plan Name Description

M. Marks New Arcade from High Street to Winchcombe Street.
 H. E. Steel, Ltd. Workshop at rear of Motor Garage, 105 High Street.

Resolved, That Plans Nod. 471 be approved, and that Plans Nod. 467 be disapproved.

JOHN U. BENDALL, Chairman.

TOWN IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Thursday, the 13th November, 1906—Present Councillors Baker, Bennett, Steel, Stewart and Stroud (Councillor Baker in the chair).

1—Chairman—Resolved, That Councillor Baker be appointed Chairman of this Committee for the ensuing year. WILLIAM A. BAKER, Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, the 19th November, 1906—Present: The Mayor, Councillors Baker, Bennett, Steel, Stewart and Stroud (Councillor Baker in the chair).

- 2—Appointment of Entertainments Sub-Committee Resolved, That the Chairman, Alderman Rogers, Councillors Bennett, Packer and Stewart be appointed members of the Entertainments Sub-Committee for the ensuing year.
- 3—Additions to Trouville, Evesham Road—Resolved, That plans for additions to Trouville, Evesham Road, 110W submitted be approved.
- 4—Trees in Pittville Park —Read, a Report from Sir William Thistleton Dyer upon his examination of the trees, &c., in the Pump Room Gardens at Pittville. He recommended that an evergreen oak in front of the Pump Room and a young yew tree near should be removed. In another part of the gardens a lime tree should be removed and a young scarlet oak planted in the "Aare of an oak tree which was dying.

He also suggested that the stone margin round the lake should be broken here and there by water plants and shrubs, and that the rockeries required re-arrangement. Resolved, That Sir W. Thistleton Dyer be thanked for his report, that his recommendations as to trees be approved and adopted, and that the further consideration of the suggestion as to the stone margin he adjourned for a report from the Borough Surveyor.

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5—Sunshine Recorder—The Borough Meteorologist submitted an estimate from the Soho Instrument Works for the supply of a Campbell-Stokes Sunshine Recorder, at a cost of £10 5s. 11d. Resolved, That the instrument be purchased.

WILLIAM A. BAKER, Chairman.

ELECTRICITY AND LIGHTING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, the 15th November 1906. Present:—Alderman Norman, Councillors Bennett, Ley Wood, Marshall, Merrett and Steel (Councillor Ley Wood in the Chair).

- 1—Chairman Resolved, That Councillor Ley Wood be appointed Chairman of this Committee for the ensuing year.
- 2— Gas Examiner's Report—The Deputy Gas Examiner reported that he had tested the illuminating power of the gas on the 9th inst. with the following result :-15.25 candles.
- 3—Gas Examiner—Read, a letter from Mr. A. C. Saxby applying for the appointment of Gas Examiner on the terms and conditions advertised.

Resolved, That the Council be recommended to appoint Mr. A. C. Saxby Gas Examiner, as from the 11th December, 1906, at a salary of £25 per annum to undertake the following duties, viz: To make 12 tests per annum of the illuminating power of the gas and of its purity in regard to freedom from sulphuretted hydrogen and other sulphur compounds, to make occasional tests of the pressure and of the quantity of gas being supplied to the public lamps and to attend the meetings of this Committee and of the Council when required or necessary for the purpose of advising or reporting on matters relating to the supply, quality and price of gas supplied in the Borough, any additional tests for purity and illuminating power to be paid for in addition at the rate of £1 1s. per test, the appointment to be determinable at any time by months' notice on either side.

- 4—Gas Testing Apparatus—Resolved, Mist is set of Wright's Sulphur Testing Apparatus, being the standard apparatus recognised by the London Gas Referees, be purchased at a cost not exceeding £25, and that it be referred to the Chairman and Councillor Marshall to recommend a suitable place for the apparatus to be fixed.
- 5—Lighting of Naunton Park Terrace and Sandford Terrace—The lighting of Naunton Park Terrace and Sandford Terrace was again considered by the Committee. Resolved, That the Committee again inspect these streets at their next view meeting.
- 6-Borough Electrical Engineer's Monthly Report—Read, the Monthly Report of the Borough Electrical Engineer. On the 12th inst. there were 894 consumers, with an equivalent of 60,069 eight candle power lamps, connected to the private supply mains, the corresponding figures for last year being 841 and 55,920 respectively.
- 7— Repayment of Loans--The Borough Electrical Engineer submitted a circular letter from the Secretary of the Incorporated Municipal Electrical Association, enquiring the views of local authorities on various questions with regard to the practice of the Local Government Board in granting loans for purposes of electrical undertakings. Resolved, That the draft letter settled at this Meeting containing the views of the Committee be approved.
- 8-- Sale of Pattern Lamp Standards—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported an offer he had received from Messrs. Hardy & Padmore of £5 for the wooden patterns of electric standards now at

the firm's wed, Resolved, That the offer be accepted, the Council reserving the right to use the design for any further pillars which may at any time be required by them.

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- 9—Costs of Production—The Borough Electrical Engineer recommended that with a view to increased economy in the use of coal, a bonus should be allowed to the charge engineer, stokers and drivers on the night shifts for coal saved. He submitted a scale showing the weekly consumption of coal which he considered a fair standard and that any consumption below this scale would be due to special care in stoking. Similar bonus schemes were in operation in many large works and he recommended that the scheme submitted by him should be tried as an experiment for 3 months. Resolved, That the recommendation be approved and adopted.
- 10—Oil Extracting Plant—Resolved, That the cost of the oil extracting plant be charged to capital, provision for this work having been already made in a loan sanctioned by the Local Government Board.
- 11—Water Purifying Plant and Approach Road—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that £300 was due to the Highways Department of the Corporation for the proportion of the cost of remaking the approach road to the Destructor and Electric Works, and £395 the cost of the water softening apparatus would also have to be provided during the current year. Resolved, That the £500 already appropriated as a reserve for renewals be applied towards payment for the cost of these works, and that the balance required to meet such cost be provided out of the surplus of the year ending 31st March last, and that the Resolution to Minute No. 9 of the 16th August last be varied accordingly.

ROBT. LEY WOOD, Chairman.

WATER COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on, Thursday, the 15th November, 1906—Present: The Mayor, Alderman Norman, Councillors Baker, M. Davis, Margrett, Stroud and Waghorne (Councillor Waghorne in the Chair).

- 1—Chairman—Resolved, That Councillor Waghorne be appointed Chairman of this Committee for the ensuing year.
- H. WAGHORNE, Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on 22nd November, 1906. Present:—The Mayor, Councillors. Baker, M. Davis, Green), Margrett and Stroud (Councillor Baker in the Chair).

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

DAILY YIELD OF SPRINGS.

	For 31 days, ended	Average for corresponding period
	16th November 1906.	during last 3 years.
Hewletts Springs	105,000 gallons	95,960 gallons
Dowdeswell Springs	705.632 "	528,047 "
Leckhampton	9,520 "	not gauged.
Total	820,152 "	624,007 "

	November 16th, 1906.		November 16th, 1905.	
	Depth	Contents	Depth	Contents
Hewletts		21,345,823 gallons		16,931,889 gallons
Leckhampton	3ft. 4in.	450,255 "	2 ft. 3 in.	303,922 "
Dowdeswell	17ft. 1in.	34,869,037 "	18 ft.	37,205,902 "
Total Storage	e 56,665,115	"		54,441,713 "

Four new hydrants had been fixed in the neighbourhood of Battledown.

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

Resolved. That this Committee recommend that the management and regulation of all matters in connection with the Fire Brigade should be placed in charge of the General Purposes and Watch Committee, and that the Resolution to Minute No. 10 of this Council of the 9th November, 1906, be varied accordingly.

4—Extensions of Mains--Resolved, That the Borough Engineer be instructed to prepare and submit a statement showing the amount already expended for extensions of mains for which no sanction has yet been obtained, together with an approximate estimate of the probable amount required for the next two or three years for such purpose with a view to an application by the Council for sanction to a loan to provide for such expenditure.

5---Land at Sandford—Two applications for tenancy of land at Sandford, the present tenants having given notice, were considered. Resolved, That the applications be granted subject to the usual agreements being entered into.

6—Chimney Shaft, Barrett's Mill—The Borough Surveyor reported that the upper part of the chimney shaft at Barrett's Mill was unsafe and liable to fall, and recommended that the shaft should be removed, Resolved, That the recommendation be approved and adopted.

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

WILLIAM A. BAKER,

Chairman.

GENERAL PURPOSES AND WATCH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 20th November, 1906—Present The Mayor, Aldermen Haddon, Norman, Rogers and Waghorne, Councillors Baker, Bendall, M. Davis and Stroud (Alderman Norman in the chair).

1- Chairman---Resolved, That Alderman Norman be appointed Chairman of this Committee for the ensuing year.

2-Diseases of Animals Acts—Superintendent Hopkins reported that no further outbreak of disease amongst annuals had occurred since the last meeting and with the exception of the premises mentioned in his last report which had not yet been declared free, the Borough was free from contagious disease amongst animals.

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- 3—Dogs Act, 1906—Read, a circular letter from the Board of Agriculture and Fisheries calling attention to the powers conferred upon the Board by the Dogs Act, 1906, to make orders (a) prescribing the wearing of collars by dogs when in a highway or place of public resort, and (b) with a view to the prevention of the worrying of cattle, for preventing dogs from straying between sunset and sunrise, and (c) authorising a Local Authority to make Regulations for either of these purposes. Resolved, That the Town Clerk ascertain what action is proposed to be taken by the County Authority, with a view to uniformity of action.
- 4—Hackney Carriage Driver's Licence—Read, an application from Mr. C. H. Wilks, of No. 20, York Street, for a licence to drive a hackney carriage. Resolved, That the application be granted.
- 5—Wheel Chair Licences—Read, applications from Mr. Robert Swordy, of Linley Cottage, The Reddings, and Mr. George Stevens of No. 21 Winstonian Road, for licences to ply wheel chairs for hire. Resolved, That the applications be acceded to, subject to the chairs being inspected and passed by the Chairman of this Committee.
- 6—Grammar School Governors—Resolved, That Aldermen Waghorne and Winterbotham and Dr. E. T. Wilson be re-appointed Governors of the Grammar School by the Council, their present term of office expiring on the 3rd prof.
- 7—Vacancies on Distress Committee—The Town Clerk reported that Councillors Packer and Stroud had resigned their membership of the Distress Committee for the Borough. Resolved, That Councillors King-Harman and Stewart be appointed to fill the vacancies.
- S—Site for Cavalry Barracks—Read, a letter from the War Office stating that the Army Council do not contemplate taking any further steps at present in the matter of a site at Cheltenham for cavalry barracks.
- 9—Fruit and Vegetable Market—Read, a letter from Mr. C. C. Castle, offering to lease the building in the Cattle Market for 7, 14 or 21 years. Resolved. That the Committee cannot recommend the granting of a lease as suggested, but that Mr. Castle's tenancy be continued as a yearly tenancy on the terms of the lease recently expired.
- 10—Committee Fixtures for 1907--Resolved, That the Meetings of the Committees of the Council for 1907 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 Electricity and Lighting 2.30 p.m. Friday .. Farms Management 12.0 noon Mineral Waters, Baths and Recreation Grounds 3.0 p.m.

2nd Week

Monday Public Health (Second Meeting) 3.0 p.m.

Town Improvement 4.0 p.m.

Tuesday General Purposes and Watch 4.0 p.m.

Thursday .. Water 3.0 p.m. Friday Burial Board 11.30 p.m.

Plans Sub-Committee (at Depot) 2.30 pm.

Street and Highway (View) (meet at Central Depot) 3.0 p.m.

3rd Week

Monday Street and Highway (Second Meeting) 10.0 a.m. Tuesday Finance 3.20 p.m.

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WEEK FOLLOWING WEEK OF COUNCIL MEETING.

Monday Public Health 3.0 p.m.

Tuesday Plans Sub-Committee 2.30 p.m.

Street and Highway 3.0 p.m.

Public Library ... 4.15 p.m.

Wednesday Art Gallery and Museum 12.30 p.m.

GEO. NORMAN, Chairman.

MINERAL WATERS, BATHS AND RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE.

At a. Meeting of this Committee, held on Friday, the 16th November, 1906—Present: Alderman Norman, Councillors Baker, Davies, Merrett, Pilley, Stewart and Stroud (Councillor Stroud in the Chair).

1—Chairman—Resolved, That Councillor Stroud be appointed Chairman of the Committee for the ensuing year. Mineral Waters Sub-Committee—Resolved, That the Chairman, Councillors Baker, Davies and Stewart be appointed the Mineral Waters Sub-Committee for the ensuing year.

3--Visitors for Baths and Recreation Grounds—Resolved, That the following members of the Committee be appointed Visitors for the Baths and Recreation Grounds for the ensuing year:—

Montpellier Baths—Councillors Davies and Stroud.

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 Merrett and Stewart.

Grove Street Ground—Councillor Stewart.

4—Advertising—With reference to the Resolution to Minute No. 6 of the Town Improvement Committee, of the 15th nit., approved by the Council. Resolved, That in accordance with the recommendations of the Medical Committee an advertisement of the Mineral Waters be inserted fortnightly in the Lancet (1/8 page), and British Medical Journal (1/8 page, double column), and monthly in the Practitioner (1/8 page) at a cost not exceeding £50 per annum until otherwise resolved by the Council.

5-Mineral Waters--The Borough Surveyor submitted three tenders he had received for the laying of the pipes for the mineral waters. Resolved, That the tender of Messrs. Mark Williams Co., the lowest, at £39 14s. 0d., be accepted.

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6—Montpellier Baths—The Borough Accountant reported that the receipts and payments in respect of these Baths since the 31st March last, had been as follows:—

Receipts	£456 19 10
Rent of Shop	£ 24 0 0
Hire of Bath for Gymnasium, &c.	£ <u>3189</u>
	£51287

Payments ... £329 4 2

Proportion of repayment of

loans and interest — $\,$.. $\,$ £310 18 11 $\,$ £640 3 1

Brine Bath—Resolved, That the deep immersion bath be converted into a brine bath, including supply tanks, at a cost of €33.

7—Alstone Baths—The Borough Accountant reported that the receipts and payments at these Baths since the 31st March last, had been as follows

Receipts	£325 14 7	Payments	£ 257 0 7
		Repayment of loans and interest	£ <u>195 12 4</u>
	£325 14 7		£452 12 11

HERBERT STROUD, Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, the 28th November, 1906. Present :— Councillors Baker, Davies, Merrett, Pilley, Stewart and Stroud (Councillor Strand in the Chair).

8—Medical Baths—Read, a letter from Mr. G. A. Peake, Hon. Sec. of the Medical Committee, stating that the Medical Committee recommended that an Aix Douche and a Vapour Bath and also a massage table should be provided at the Montpellier Baths.

Mr. Peake attended this meeting, and explained the recommendations of the Medical Committee. Resolved, That further consideration of the recommendations be adjourned for a joint meeting with the Medical Committee at the Montpellier Baths on Thursday, the 6th pox.

HERBERT STROUD,

Chairman.

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BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, the 15th November, 1906. Present:—The Mayor, Aldermen Haddon, and Rogers, Councillors Baker, King-Harman, Merrett, and Steel (Alderman Haddon in the Chair).

1—Chairman—Resolved, That Alderman Haddon be appointed Chairman of this Committee for the ensuing year.

JOHN HADDON, Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on. Friday, the 23rd November, 1906. Present:—Aldermen Haddon and Rogers, Councillors Baker, Gridley, King-Harman. Merrett, Pilley and Steel (Alderman Haddon in the Chair).

- 2—Superintendent's Report—The Superintendent reported that the chimney stacks at the Chapels and Lodge required pointing and repairs. He recommended that the 5 men employed at the Cemetery should be supplied with mackintoshes and sou'westers. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to repair, etc., the chimney stacks, and that the Superintendent obtain prices for mackintoshes etc., from local tradesmen for consideration at the next meeting.
- 3—Advance to Superintendent—Resolved, That the amount advanced to the Superintendent for the payment of wages and ministers' fees be increased from £30 to £40, and that the resolution to Minute No. 5 of this Committee of the 27th August, 1897, be varied accordingly.
- 4—Fees on Erection of Headstones, &c.—Read, a Memorial signed by Mr. A. J. Emms and other local sculptors and masons, asking for certain modifications in the fees proposed in respect of memorials at the Cemetery. Resolved, That a deputation be received representing the memorialists at the next meeting of this Committee as suggested by them to discuss the points raised.
- 5—Designs—Resolved, That the following designs be approved, viz., Headstones to graves of Henry Robert Beard, Rosina Jane Walter, Ann Wheeler, George W. Marchant, Samuel and Mary Marchant, Emily, Joseph and Catherine Marchant, Ann Eliza Farmer. Crosses over graves of Annie Wright, Frank Spencer Hildick, and Bessy Lambert. Memorial over grave of Harriet Eliza Whitmore. Kerbing to grave of Sarah Theresa Holland, Susanna Trusted and Selim Smith. Inscriptions on existing memorials to Rev. James Dunkley and Rebekah Savory. Designs for proposed kerbings to graves of William Alexander Harber and Mr. Beetham were not approved.

JOHN HADDON, Chairman.

ART GALLERY AND MUSEUM COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Thursday, the 15th November, 1906—Present The Mayor, Aldermen Haddon, Norman, and Rogers, Councillors Davies. Marshall and Stroud.

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

R. OWEN SEACOME, Town Clerk.

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At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Wednesday, the 21st November, 1906—Present: Aldermen Norman, Waghorne, and Winterbotham, Councillors Davies, Marshall and Stroud, The Baron de Ferrieres and Dr. R. T. Wilson, (Alderman Winterbotham in the chair).

2—Curator's Report—The Curator reported that there had been 2,450 visits made to the Art Gallery and Museum since September 20th last.

The exhibition of Pictures by Artists of the St. Ives School was opened on the 20th ultimo. A crash Catalogue of the Pictures was compiled, and the sum of 25s had been received from the sale of the same.

He submitted a list of objects which had been presented for the Museum by Mrs. Ll. Davies (per Mr. W. J. Crawford) and Mr. W. B. Coopey, of Bentham.

As a result of the visit of Councillor Marshall and himself to the South Kensington Museum, the Authorities were about to send on loan for the Four Show Cases, objects on the subjects of Metal Work, Woodwork, and Needlework, together with a dozen pictures.

They also promised to lend many objects and drawings bearing upon the industries of the town, for future exhibition.

3—Extension of Museum—Resolved, That the five rooms recently used by the School of Art be taken from the 29th September, 1906, as an addition to the Museum and Art Gallery at £50 per annum, a proportionate part of the heating, lighting and cleaning charges to be paid in addition, and that the tender of Mr. J. Yeates for the colouring, repairing, &c., necessary in accordance with the specification prepared by the Borough Surveyor for the sum of £30 9s. be accepted, that being the lowest tender.

JAS. B. WINTERBOTHAM, Chairman.

PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 13th November, 1906. Present: Aldermen Haddon and Rogers, Councillors Bennett, Davies, King-Harman Margrett, Marshall, Merrett, Pilley and Stewart, Rev. J. Evans, Messrs. Beckingsale, W. Cresswell and E. C. Rogers (Alderman Rogers in the chair).

- 1—Chairman—Resolved, That Alderman Rogers be appointed Chairman of this Committee for the year.
- 2--Librarian's Report—Read, the Monthly Report of the Librarian. Presentations: Board of Education 1 vol.; Baron de Ferrieres, 7 vols. Receipts, £7 7s. Od. The number of volumes consulted in the Reference Library showed an increase over the corresponding mouth of last year of 73, while the issues from the lending Library showed a decrease, principally in juvenile literature, of 321.
- 3- Sub-Committee—Resolved. That the Sub-Committee for the ensuing year consist of the following:- The Chairman, Councillors Bennett, Marshall, Merrett, King-Harman, and Pilley, Rev. J. Evans and Mr. C. Hayward.
- 4 Reference Library—Read, a letter from Major-General Swiney suggesting that 2 books presented by him some years ago to the Library should be transferred from the Reference Library to the Lending Library. Resolved. That Major-General Swiney be informed that the Committee think that the books in question are more suitable for the Reference Library.

RICHARD ROGERS.

Chairman.

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FINANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Thursday, the 15th November, 1906—Present: The Mayor, Councillors Bennett, Marshall, Merrett, Steel, Stewart and Stroud.

- 1—Chairman—Resolved, That Alderman Waghorne be appointed Chairman of this Committee for the ensuing year.
- R. OWEN SEACOME, Town Clerk.
- At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 27th November, 1906—Present; Alderman Waghorne, Councillors Margrett, Merrett and Steel (Alderman Waghorne in the chair).
- 2—General District Rate—The Report of the Borough Accountant, dated the 27th inst., on the collection of the 2nd instalment of this Rate was read. Amount collected £5,716 9s. 8d. Leaving outstanding £19,061 15s. 10d.
- 3—Water Rate—The Report of the Borough Accountant, dated the 27th inst., on the collection of this Rate was read. Amount received £3,469 14s. 4d. Leaving outstanding £8,038 4s. 10d.
- 4—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 1906-7, amounting to £75 9s. 8d. Resolved, That the said amounts be certified to be payable and be apportioned between the parishes of Cheltenham and Charlton Kings as follows:--Cheltenham £65 0s. 0d. Charlton Kings £10 3s. 8d.

5 -- Municipal Finance—Read, a letter from Major-General Babbage, forwarding a copy of the "Accountant," containing an article by him on the subject of Municipal Finance.

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, ordered to be paid by the Borough Treasurer.

The Treasurer accounts at the Bank were examined and the balances found to be correct.

The following was the General Statement:—

In hand on the 30th October, 1906 £12,209 9 10 Received since that date (including Loans £500) £11,808 0 5 £24,017 10 3 Paid since that date (including Loans repaid £3,000) £12,798 13 7

£11,219 0 8

Being General Accounts £4,336 14 6Sinking Funds £6,882 6 2£11,219 0 8

JOHN WAGHORNE, Chairman.

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