

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 December, 1907, at 3 p.m.

Present:

THE MAYOR (GEORGE DIMMER, ESQUIRE), in the chair. THE DEPUTY MAYOR (ALDERMAN JOHN WAGHORNE).

Aldermen: JOHN HADDON GEORGE NORMAN WILLIAM NASH SKILLICORNE JAMES BATTEN WINTERBOTHAM

Councillors: WILLIAM ALFRED BAKER FREDERICK JOSEPH BENNETT RICHARD DAVIES MOSES DAVIS WILLIAM GEORGE EARENGEY EDWINSON CHARLES GREEN EDWARD GRIDLEY ROBERT LEY WOOD. CHARLES HENRY MARGRETT WILLIE JOHN MERRETT Tom HERBERT PACKER ROBERT STEEL JAMES STEWART 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 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—Election of Councillors—The Town Clerk reported that Councillor Richard Eede Marshall had, duly made his Declaration of Acceptance of Office as Councillor for the West Ward.

3—Adjourned Business- Resolved. That the Minutes of the various Committees upon the Report of the Expenditure Inquiry Committee, the consideration of which was adjourned to this Meeting, be considered in connection with the proceedings last month of each Committee respectively.

4—Public Health Committee — It was proposed by Alderman Norman, seconded by Councillor Stewart, That Minute No. 10 of the proceedings of the Public Health Committee, at their Meeting of the 4th October last, and the proceedings of such Committee, at their Meetings of the 13th and 18th November last be approved and confirmed.

To this the following amendment was moved by Alderman Skillicorne, seconded by Councillor Ley Wood:—

That Minute No. 10 of the 14th October last be referred back to the Committee for further consideration.

At the request of the proposer and seconder of the amendment, the names of the members of the Council voting were taken down by the Town Clerk as follows :—

For:—Alderman Skillicorne, Councillors Baker, Bennett, M. Davis, Earengy, Green, Ley Wood, Margrett, Merrett and Steel (10).

Against:—The Mayor, Aldermen Haddon, Norman, Waghorne and Winterbotham, Councillors Davies, Gridley, Packer, Stewart, Stroud and Waghorne (11).

The Mayor thereupon declared the amendment lost, and upon the resolution being put to the meeting the same was carried.

5---Farms Management Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Farms Management Committee, at their Meeting of the 15th November last, be approved and confirmed.

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6---Street and Highway Committee Resolved, That Minute No. 4 of the proceedings of the Street and Highway Committee, at their Meeting of the 15th October last, and the proceedings of such Committee, at their Meetings of the 12th and 25th November last, be approved and confirmed.

7--Town Improvement Committee Resolved, That Minute No. 2 of the proceedings of the Town Improvement Committee at their Meeting of the 21st October last, and the proceedings of such Committee, at their Meeting of the 18th November last, be approved and confirmed.

8—Electricity and Lighting Committee—Resolved, That Minute No. 9 of the proceedings of the Electricity and Lighting Committee, at their Meeting of the 8th October last, and the proceedings of such Committee, at their Meeting of the 14th November last, be approved and confirmed.

9—Water Committee—Resolved, That Minute No. 2 of the proceedings of the Water Committee, at their Meeting of the 26th October last, and the proceedings of such Committee, at their Meeting of the 21st November last, be approved and confirmed.

10—General Purposes & Watch Committee—It was proposed by Alderman Norman, seconded by Councillor Margrett, That Minute No. 9 of the proceedings of the General Purposes and Watch Committee, at their Meeting of the 22nd October last, and the proceedings of such Committee, at their Meeting of the 19th November last, be approved and confirmed.

To this the following amendment was moved by Councillor Waghorne, seconded by Councillor Stroud:—

That Minute No. 9 (re Report of Expenditure Inquiry Committee), paragraph 3, of the 22nd October, 1907, be referred back for further consideration.

At the request of the proposer and seconder of the amendment, the names of the members of the Council voting were taken down by the Town Clerk as follows:

For:—Councillors Gridley, Margrett, Packer, Stewart, Stroud and Waghorne (6).

Against:—Aldermen Norman and Skillicorne, Councillors Bennett, Davies, M. Davis, Earengy, Green, and Merrett (8).

The Mayor thereupon declared the amendment lost, and upon the resolution being put to the meeting the same was carried.

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11- Art Gallery and Museum Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Art Gallery and Museum Committee, at their Meeting of the 13th November last, be approved and confirmed.

12---Mineral Waters, Baths and Recreation Grounds Committee--Resolved, That Al Hite No. 6 of the proceedings of the Mineral Waters, Baths and Recreation Grounds Committee, at their Meeting of the 18th October last, and the proceedings of such Committee, at their meeting of the 15th November last, be approved and confirmed.

13—Burial Board Committee Resolved, That the proceedings of the Burial Board Committee, at their Meeting of the 22nd November last, be approved and confirmed.

14—Finance Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Finance Committee, at their Meeting of the 26th 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.

15—Notice of Motion—Councillor Packer gave notice of his intention to move at the next Monthly Meeting of the Council :— That Councillor Merrett be requested to verify by dates and figures the statement made by him at the last meeting of the Council that men absent from work helping at Municipal Elections have been paid by the Corporation for the time lost to the Corporation during their absence.

Mayor.

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 6th January, 1908.

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, the 9th December, 1907. Present :—Aldermen Norman and Skillicorne, Councillors Davies, Earengy, Margrett and Stewart (Alderman Skillicorne in the Chair).

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

2—Cleansing and Limewashing at Nos. 30, Upper Norwood Street, 28, Cleaveland Street, 23, Brunswick Street, and 1, Durbin Cottages, Folly 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.

3—Nuisances from Drains etc., at Nos. 16, Victoria Street, 29, Townsend Street, and 35, Montpellier Terrace. — The Inspector of Nuisances having made written application under Section 41 of the Public Health Act, 1875, stating that the drains, &c., on or belonging to the above-named houses were in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to health. Resolved, That authority be given to the Inspector of Nuisances to open the ground, examine the drains, and report to the Committee.

4 —Insanitary Property—Nos. 43, Swindon Street, 30, Upper Norwood Street, 28, Cleaveland Street, 1 and 2, Durbin Cottages, & 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, etc. Resolved, That the Council being satisfied that the said premises are in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to health, Notices under Section 94 of the Public Health Act, 1875, be served upon the owners requiring them to put the same into a healthy condition, and for that purpose to carry out the works specified therein.

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5—Houses without proper Ash Receptacles—Tho Inspector of Nuisances reported that the following houses had no proper ashpits or ash receptacles, viz :—Nos. 3, 4 and 5 Rose and Crown Passage, 59, Sun Street, 41, Upper Norwood Street, 23, Brunswick Street, 5, Whitecross Square, and Lisle House Stables, Pittville. Resolved, That the necessary Notices be given to the respective owners under Sec. 36 of the Public Health Act, 1875, and Sec. 27 of the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1889, requiring them in each case to provide a moveable ash receptacle of such size, pattern, and construction as may be approved by the Inspector of Nuisances on behalf of the Corporation.

6—Destruction of Diseased Meat—The Medical Officer of Health reported that on the 5th inst. the two forequarters, head and lungs, etc. (weight 263 lbs.) of a beast, and the carcase, etc., of a sheep (weight 101 lbs.) slaughtered at the Abattoir, were surrendered and destroyed as unsound and unfit for human food.

7—Closing of School—The Medical Officer of Health reported that on the 27th ult. the Parish Church Infants' School was closed until after the Christmas holidays upon his advice, on account of an epidemic of mumps and chicken-pox.

8—Clerk in Health Department—The Medical Officer of Health reported that 31 applications had been received for the vacant clerkship in the Health Department. Flee applicants selected by him having been interviewed by the Committee, Resolved, That Frederick Jefford, of Harrington House, Hatherley Road, be appointed upon the terms already approved by the Council.

9—Notification of Births Act, 1907—The Medical Officer of Health presented a Report upon the subject of the Notification of Births Act, 1907, in which he advised its adoption by the Council and that the necessary arrangements should be made for carrying into effect the object of the Act. Resolved, That the further consideration of the matter be adjourned.

10—Unemployed—The Rev. J. Lochhead, Mr. E. Parker, and Mr. J. W. Betteridge attended this meeting as a deputation from the Distrcls1 Committee for the Borough, and asked that any works which this Committee could recommend the Council to put in hand during the winter months should be carried out in order to provide as much employment as possible.

11—Sewage Disposal Works—The Borough Surveyor reported that in connection with the construction of the tanks authorised by the Council at the Hayden Farm it was necessary to make a road to the site at a cost of about £300. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to carry out the work. The Borough Surveyor also submitted a plan showing the proposed under-drainage of about 4 acres of land at the Barn Farm. The cost of the 320 yards of pipe required would be about £120. The Farms Management Committee had inspected the site, and recommended the carrying out of the works. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have the same put in hand.

W. NASH SKILLICORNE, Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 23rd December, 1907—Present : Aldermen Norman and Skillicorne, Councillors Davies, M. Davis, Eareney, Margrett, and Stewart (Alderman Skillicorne in the chair).

12—Zymotic Disease—Mc Medical Officer of Health reported that there had been notified since the last meeting of the Committee, 4 cases of Enteric Fever, 1 case of Erysipelas, and 5 cases of Diphtheria, and that 3 cases of Diphtheria had been sent into the Delancey Hospital.

13—Cleansing and Limewashing at Nos. 12, Croft Street, House back of 170 High Street, 23 Roman Road, of 1 Albion Parade, Market Street. The Medical Officer of Health having certified under Sec. 46 of the Public Health Act, 1875, that the above-named dwelling-houses were in such a filthy and unwholesome condition that the health of the inmates was affected or endangered thereby. Resolved, That Notice be given to the owners under the said Section requiring the houses to be cleansed and limewashed.

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14—Nuisances from Drains, etc., No. 16 North Place, 8 and 9 Edward Street, 41 Upper Norwood Street, & 64 Brunswick 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.

No. 1, Gordon Terrace, Sherborne Place—The Inspector of Nuisances reported that he had examined the drains on or -belonging to the above premises, and found the same to be in bad condition, and requiring amendment and alteration. He submitted a specification of the works required to be done. Resolved, That notice be given under Section 41 of the Public Health Act, 1875, to the owner of the premises requiring him to do the necessary works within 28 days from the service of such notice.

15—Insanitary Property—Southampton Villa, High Street, Nos. 12, Croft Street, 37, Townsend Street, 61, Union Street, 4, Glendale Cottages, 1 and 2, Morton Cottages, 4, 5, and 6 Croft Street, 11 to 17, Edward Street, 1 to 4, Edward Terrace, and 1 to 5, 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 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. 8, 9 and 10 Old Millbrook Terrace, 1 and 2 Claydon Villas, Moorend Street, 4, Victoria Parade, Moorend Street, 2 Morton Cottages, Moorend Street, 3 Moorend Street, 12, Croft Street, & 61 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.

17—Insufficient Water Closet Accommodation—The Inspector of Nuisances reported that a workshop at the rear of Cobden House, Regent Street, was without a sufficient water closet for the use of the employees. Resolved, That notice be given to the owner under Section 36 of the Public Health Act, 1875, requiring the provision of a sufficient water closet on the said premises.

18—Analyses of Water Supply—The Medical Officer of Health reported that he had for years past made monthly analyses of the Severn and Dowdeswell Water Supplies before and after filtration, although not within his duties as Medical Officer of Health as defined by the Local Government Board, and at the request of the Water Committee he had agreed to continue these analyses and supply the Borough Engineer with a statement of the results for his information and that of the Water Committee.

19—Special Report upon the Dairies, Cowsheds, and Milkshops—The Medical Officer of Health submitted a Special Report upon the dairies, cowsheds, and milkshops in Cheltenham. He suggested that before considering the recommendations made therein the Committee should visit the several places where milk is produced in the Borough. Resolved, That consideration of the Report be adjourned, and that the Committee inspect the cowsheds as suggested.

20—Dairies, Cowsheds and Milkshops Order—Read, a letter from Mr. F. A. Ince renewing his application to be registered as a purveyor of milk at No. 283, High Street. Resolved, That the application be granted.

21—Congresses of Sanitary Institute and Institute of Public Health, 1903—Read, a letter from the Secretary of the Royal Sanitary Institute inviting the Council to appoint delegates to attend the Institute Congress at Cardiff from the 13th to the 18th July last. Resolved, That the Chairman, the Medical Officer of Health and the Chief Inspector of Nuisances be appointed to attend the meeting. Read, a letter from the Royal Institute of Public Health, stating that their next Annual Congress would be held at Buxton from the 18th to the 24th July next, and inviting the Council to send representatives.

22—Medical Inspection of School Children—Read, a letter from the Secretary of the Education Committee, stating that the Committee had appointed representatives to consult with the Health Committee with regard to the arrangements for carrying out the medical inspection of elementary school children, and inquiring, if this Committee agreed with the suggestion, when it would be

convenient to hold the Conference. Resolved, That the representatives of the Education Committee be received at the next meeting of this Committee on the 13th prox. at 3 p.m., and that the meeting be held for convenience at the Education Offices.

23—Rodney Terrace Sewer—The Borough Surveyor reported that the reconstruction of this sewer had now been completed, the cost being slightly under the estimate of £500.

24—Sewage Disposal Works—The Borough Surveyor reported as to the progress of the work of constructing the silt tanks at Hayden. Since the date of his Report upon the proposed new disposal works several sewage works had been carried out in different parts of the country, and he asked for authority to visit some of these from time to time in order to take advantage of the latest experience of others. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be authorised accordingly.

W. NASH SKILLICORNE,

Chairman.

FARMS MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Friday, the 20th December, 1907.—Present : Alderman Skillicorne, Councillors M. Davis, Gridley, Margrett and Steel (Councillor M. Davis in the chair).

1—Farm Manager's Report—Read, the Monthly Report of the Farms Manager. Since the last monthly meeting no purchases of cattle or sheep had been made. 15 head of cattle had been sold for £277 8s. 3d. and 5 porkers for £9 8s. 6d. (Total sales £286 16s. 9d.) The number of livestock on the Farms on the 20th inst. was 12 horses and 1 colt, 157 head of cattle, 61 sheep, 10 lambs, and 14 pigs, all, with the exception of one cart horse, doing fairly well. One rick of oats at the Barn Farm had been threshed out, and ploughing had been commenced at Haydon, 10 $\frac{3}{4}$ cwts. of hay had been delivered to Sandford Pumping Station, and 3 tons 9 cwts. 1 qr. of hay to the Central Depot. Miscellaneous receipts amounted to £1 3s. 0d. during the month. He recommended the purchase of some land drain pipes to replace defective pipes at the farms, 2 hay racks for cattle, and a feeding trough for the cart horses. Resolved, That the recommendations be approved, and that the manager be authorised accordingly.

M. DAVIS, Chairman.

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STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, the 10th December, 1907—Present : Alderman Skillicorne, Councillors Baker, Gridley, and Ley Wood (Councillor Baker in the Chair).

1—Trees—Read, letters from Mrs. Ashman, of Sherborne Lodge, Promenade, and Colonel Bookey, of Egmont, Bayshill, asking that trees opposite their houses should be lopped or removed. Resolved, That the letters be referred to the Trees Sub-Committee for consideration.

2—Street Projections—Read, a letter from Messrs. H. E. Steel, Ltd., applying for permission to place 2 arc lamps outside the New Arcade, High Street, the brackets to project 2ft. 6in. from the wall, and

the lamps to be hung 14 feet from the ground. Resolved, That the application be acceded to subject to the lamps not projecting more than 2 feet.

3—Unemployed—The Rev. J. Lochhead, Mr. E. Parker and Mr. J. W. Betteridge attended on behalf of the Distress Committee to ask the Committee to provide some work for those out of employment.

4—Stoneville Street—Read, a letter from Mrs. James, an owner of property in Stoneville Street, asking that as the private improvement works carried out there had now been paid for by the abutting owners, the street should be declared a highway in accordance with a previous resolution of this Committee approved by the Council. Resolved, That Stoneville Street be declared a highway, and that the Town Clerk be instructed to give the necessary notices accordingly.

5—Town Planning—Read, a letter from the Secretary of the Garden City Association, stating that the following resolution was passed at a Conference of representatives of Municipal Corporations and other authorities on the 25th inst. :—

" That this meeting of Municipal and Local Authorities and Societies and others interested in Housing Reform and " Town Planning affirms its belief that the present planless and haphazard extension of towns is detrimental to the "best interests of the nation, inasmuch as, by the creation of new slums and overcrowding, it produces mental, " moral and physical degeneration, and is also burdensome to the ratepayers ; it therefore calls upon all parties to " welcome the Government's promise of legislation upon the matter. This meeting urges also the great advantages " which would result if, wherever possible, a belt of agricultural land could be retained around or in the neighbour-" hood of any new suburb or town which may be built, to relieve the congestion of the urban population. It " would further urge the importance of dealing with the problem of Rural Housing."

The Association invited the Council to pass a similar resolution. Resolved, That the Council concur in the resolution passed by the Conference.

6—Footpath in the Park—Read, a letter from Surg.-Major Newton, of The Broadlands, calling attention to the defective condition of the paving in the Park. Resolved, That the sum of £130 be included in the next estimates for the purpose of improving the paving of the footpaths in the Park.

7—Lower High Street Improvement—Red Lion Inn—Read, a letter from Messrs. Chatters & Smithson on behalf of the Trustees of the Bethel Chapel Poor's Estate Charity stating that they could not see their way to accept the offer of £25 for setting back the ground floor of the Red Lion Inn to the improved frontage line, and that they therefore proposed to proceed with the alterations in accordance with the plans sent in.

WILLIAM A. BAKER, Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday the 30th, December, 1907—Present : The Mayor, Alderman Haddon, and Councillor Gridley (Alderman Haddon in the chair).

8—Borough Surveyor's Monthly Report Re Highways—The Borough Surveyor reported that the work done by the Highways Department from the 22nd November, to the 24th December, 1907 (both inclusive) had been as follows :--

Roads Repaired—St. Stephen's Road (5,441 super yards), Vernon Place (457 super yards), Dunalley Street (1,328 super yards), Wellington Road (1,751 super yards), Road between Albert Road and Pittville Lawn (991 super yards).

Roads Patched—Andover Road, Montpellier Grove, Hatherley Street, Royal Well Place, Rutland Street, Pittville Circus Road; Selkirk Street, Glenfall Street, Tudor Lodge Road, and Gloucester Road.

Electric Light Trenches Repaired-4 in High Street, 1 in College Lawn and 2 in Crescent Place.

Sewer Trench Repaired—Rodney Road, Ashphalt. Footpaths renewed—Gratton Road and Lansdown Crescent.

Footpath paving relaid—Hatherley Street, St. Luke's Road, Albert Street, Albert Road and Pittville Circus Road.

Channel relaid—Vernon Place, Ambrose Street, Manchester Street, Glenfall Street and Montpellier Terrace.

Crossing relaid-5. Manhole Covers renewed-3. New Gullies fixed-14. Surface water drains relaid—Painswick Road and Hewlett Road.

Trees pruned—Vittoria Walk, Montpellier Drive, Imperial Square, Montpellier Parade, The Park, and Montpellier Spa Road.

Hedge pruned—Cloddimore Footpath.

Ashes Collection, and Disposal—During 5 weeks ended 26th December, 1907, 1,274 loads collected, 276 consumed, and 998 tipped away. Weight consumed, 274 tons 15 cwts.

Slab Factory—During 5 weeks ended 19th December, 1907, 1,295 ⁵/₉ square yards of slabs made.

9—View Meeting—The following Members attended the View Meeting on Tuesday last :—
Councillors Baker and Gridley.

10—Report of Plans Sub-Committee—The Chairman reported the proceedings of the Plans Sub-Committee at their Meetings on the 10th and 24th inst. Resolved, That the same be approved and adopted.

11—Street Projections—Read, a letter from Mr. T. Mills, applying for permission to place an electric arc lamp outside No. 222, High Street. Resolved,, That the application be acceded to, subject to compliance with the usual conditions.

12—Pavement Lights—The Borough Surveyor reported that in order to comply with the requirements of the Health Department, the Owners of the Creamery, Clarence Street, and of 22, Bath Street, applied for permission to place a Hayward's ventilating light in the footpath in front of the premises mentioned. Resolved, That permission be granted subject to the applicants entering into the usual agreement of indemnity.

13—Pillar Letter Box in Naunton Lane—Read, a letter from the Postmaster of Cheltenham, applying for permission to place a pillar letter box in Naunton Lane for the convenience of the inhabitants on

the Fairfield Estate. Resolved, That permission be granted, subject to the exact position for the box being approved by the Borough Surveyor.

14-313, High Street--Read, a letter from Messrs. Sadler & Son, giving notice of their intention to determine their tenancy of No. 313, High Street on the 24th June next.

JOHN HADDON, Chairman.

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PLANS SUB-COMMITTEE.

At a .Meeting of this Sub-Committee held on Tuesday, the 10th December, 1907. Present:—
Councillors Baker and Stewart (Councillor Baker 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.
582	H. J. & A. Bradshaw	2 Semi-detached .Villas,. Halland Road.
596	Trustees of Bethel Chapel Poor's... Estate	House and Shop in New Street, and Charity alterations to Red Lion Inn, High Street.
607	Cheltenham College Council.. ...	Junior School and Boarding House, in grounds of Lake House, Thirlestaine Rd.
608	H. A. Gwinnell	New Bathroom, Oxford House, Bath Road.
609	T. W. Smith	13 Houses in New Road, off Naunton Lane.
610	T. Russell	New Bedroom, Myrtle Villa, Tivoli Road.
611	Cheltenham & District Light Railway Co.	Paint Store, Light Railway Depot, St. Mark's.
612	Mrs. Nicholls	Conversion of Conservatory into Bathroom, Sussex House, Winchcombe Street.
613	T. W. Smith	2 Houses, New Road off Naunton Lane.

Resolved, That Plans Nos. 582, 596, 608, 609, 610, 611, 612 and 613 be approved, and that Plans Nos. 607 be approved subject to the whole of the site being covered with cement concrete, and to the floor of the latrines at the Western corner of the building being raised one foot to obtain the-necessary fall to the drains.

WILLIAM A. BAKER, Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Sub-Committee held on Tuesday, the 24th December, 1907. Present:
Councillors Baker and Stewart (Councillor Bakes- 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
614	Andrew Page	2 Semi-detached Houses, Swindon Road North.
615	J. Cooke	New Porch to Sandfield Villa, Sandfield Road.
616	C. Trinder	Conversion of part of Old Stable into dwelling-house, Upper Park Street.

Resolved, That Plans Nos. 614 be approved, subject to no part of the buildings, with the exception of bay windows, projecting beyond the building line approved by the Council, that Plan Nos. 615 be approved as shown, and that Plan Nos. 616 be disapproved.

WILLIAM A. BAKER, Chairman.

TOWN IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE.

At a meeting of this a this Committee, held on Monday, the 23rd December, 1907—Present :
Councillors Baker, Bennett, Packer, Steel, Stewart and Stroud (Councillor Baker in the chair).

1-Winter Garden-The Report made by the Borough Surveyor to the General Purposes Committee so far as it related to the exits and fire protection at the Winter Garden was considered by this Committee. Resolved, That the recommendation of the Borough Surveyor as to the provision of instantaneous spring bolts, the laying of a water main and tit provision of hydrants and fire buckets at a total cost of about £35 be approved and carried out.

2-Unemployed- Messrs. E. Parker and J. W. Betteridge attended this meeting as representatives of the Distress Committee for the Borough to ask that this Committee should put in hand any works which could be conveniently carried out new in order to provide work as far as possible for those at present unemployed in the Borough.

3-Prestbury Sewers - The Borough Surveyor reported that the sewer recently constructed by the Rural District Council across the Pittville Gardens had on three occasions become surcharged, causing some damage and nuisance in the gardens, Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to call the attention of the Rural District Council to the report, and request them to effectually remedy the defects forthwith.

4--Overcoats for Parkkeepers—Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to obtain overcoats for 2 of the employees at Pittville Park, and for one at Montpellier Gardens similar to those recently supplied to the Superintendents of the Recreation Grounds.

5--Wellesley Road—The Borough Surveyor recommended that a footpath, 3 feet wide, should be constructed at a cost of about £40 on the South side of Wellesley Road from Marle Hill Parade to the road leading to the back of Saxham. The Committee having inspected the road, Resolved, That the recommendation be approved and adopted.

6—Gloucestershire Pageant—Read, a letter from Sir. E. Baring, on behalf of the Executive Committee of the Gloucestershire Pageant, applying for the free use of Marle Hill Annexe for the two first weeks in July next, and for permission to erect a Grand Stand prior to the time mentioned,

to remove a portion of the railings and one or two shrubs, the Committee undertaking to replace the fencing and shrubs and make good any damage done. Resolved. That the application be acceded to, the work of removing and replacing the fencing and shrubs and making good any damage to be carried out by the Borough Surveyor at the expense of the Pageant Committee.

7 --Telephone Poles in Lane between Albert Road and Pittville Lawn—Read, a letter from the District Manager of the National Telephone Co., applying for permission to erect 4 telephone poles in the lane at the back of Albert Road and Pittville Lawn. Resolved, That permission be granted subject to the terms of the agreement now submitted, including payment by the Company of 2s 6d per pole per annum, and an undertaking to remove the same upon three months' notice, the exact positions for the poles to be fixed by the Borough Surveyor.

8 --Band—Resolved. That the Rifle Band be engaged to play in the Promenade Band Stand on the 26th inst. from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. for a fee of £3.

9---Summer Concerts—Read, a letter from Messrs. Baring Bros., suggesting that during the Pageant week no entertainment should be arranged for by the Corporation, and from Mr. E. D. Williams applying for the position of Manager of the Summer Concerts for 1908. Resolved, That the letters be referred to the Entertainments Sub-Committee.

10-Musical Afternoons—Resolved, That in view of the use of the Town Hall for balls next month, the Borough Surveyor be authorised to expend in fitting up and decorating the Winter Garden for use for the Musical Afternoons.

WILLIAM A. BAKER, Chairman.

ELECTRICITY AND LIGHTING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Thursday, 28th November, 1907. Present:—Councillors Bennett, Gridley, Merrett and Steel (Councillor Steel in the Chair).

1—Electric Supply to New Club—Read, a letter from Colonel Cunliffe Martin, C.B., enclosing copy of a resolution unanimously passed by the Committee of the New Club expressing the thanks of the Club to this Committee and to the Borough Electrical Engineer for the courteous consideration given to the representations of the Committee of the Club, and the ready advice and assistance afforded by Mr. Bache, and also stating that the installation of the Club was giving every satisfaction.

2—Public Lighting—The Committee proceeded to inspect the various localities as to which complaints had been received of the insufficient public lighting.

ROBERT STEEL, Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, the 12th December, 1907, at the Electric Works, Arle Road. Present: Alderman Norman, Councillors Bennett, Greets, Gridley, Ley Wood, Merrett and Steel (Councillor Ley Wood in the Chair).

3—Gas Examiner's Report—The Gas Examiner reported that he had tested the gas for illuminating power, with the following result :-16.2 candles. The test made by him for purity showed 39 grains of sulphur per 100 cubic feet.

4—Borough Electrical Engineer's Monthly Report—Read, the Monthly Report of the Borough Electrical Engineer. On the 10th inst. there were 944 consumers, with the equivalent of 62,819 8 c.p. lamps connected to the private supply mains, the corresponding figures for last year being 904 and 60,419 respectively.

5—Requisition for Materials Required—The Borough Electrical Engineer submitted a list of materials, etc., which would probably be required during the ensuing month, and the same was approved.

6—Arc Lamps—The Town Clerk submitted draft form of agreement for the maintenance and trimming of arc lamps at an annual charge of 30s per lamp, and the same was approved. Five applications were received for flame arc lamps. Resolved, That these applications be complied with subject to the applicants entering into an agreement.

7—Railway Siding—This matter was again considered by the Committee, and a further report was made by the Borough Electrical Engineer thereon. Resolved, That the further consideration thereof be adjourned.

8--Report of View Meeting—re Public Lighting—The recommendations of the Committee at their view meeting on the 28th ult. were considered, together with plans now submitted by the Borough Surveyor, showing the suggested positions for the additional lamps recommended. Resolved, To approve of the following recommendations:—

Ewlyn. Road—That no additional lamp be provided in this road at present.

Hale's Road—That 2 additional lamps be fixed in Hale's Road, one between Sydenham Road South and Sydenham Road North, and one additional lamp between Sydenham Road North and Hewlett Road.

Halland Road—That one new lamp be placed in this road.

Rosehill Street, footpath from to Hayward's Road—That a lamp be placed in Hayward's Road so as to light the footpath.

New Road off Hatherley Road—That a lamp be placed opposite the houses recently erected in the new road off Hatherley Road.

9—Clarence Street Sub-Station—The Borough Electrical Engineer submitted a plan showing proposed improvement of the ventilation of the Sub-Station in the High Street at the corner of Clarence Street. Mr. A. W. Bryant had agreed to an opening being made in the basement window recess on his premises to provide for a fresh-air inlet to the Sub-Station upon the Corporation entering into an agreement to restore the premises as at present upon three months' notice. Resolved, That the plan be approved and carried out, and an agreement with Mr. Bryant entered into accordingly.

ROBT. LEY WOOD, Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, 19th December, 1907. Present :—Councillors Bennett, Green, Gridley, Merrett and Steel (Councillor Steel in the Chair).

10—Coal. Contract—Mr. Harold Webb attended this meeting and explained the difficulty in obtaining a definite supply from the Howbeach Colliery. Resolved, That the Common Seal be affixed to a contract with Messrs. Webb Bros., Ltd., for the supply up to the 15th March, 1908, of 50 tons of coal per week from the Norchard Colliery at 12s 4d per ton, and 50 tons per week from the Princess Royal Colliery at 12s 5d per ton on the terms of the draft contract submitted by the Town Clerk, and that the Borough Electrical Engineer be authorised to obtain such additional coal as may be required on the best terms that can be obtained from time to time, and to report thereon to the Committee.

11—Assessment of Electricity Works—The Town Clerk reported that the Assessment Committee had had the Electricity Undertaking valued, with the result that the assessment had been increased from £3,600 gross value and £1,800 rateable to £10,865 and £4,850 respectively. He was going into the matter with Messrs. T. F. Hedley & Sons, of Sunderland, who had made the valuation, and hoped to arrive at a satisfactory settlement, but advised that notice of objection should be served.

Resolved, That notice of objection to the Valuation List be given, and that the Council be recommended to authorise the Committee to engage an expert valuer if a satisfactory reduction is not made.

12—Offices—The Borough Surveyor reported that the conversion of the Sub-Station in Manchester Street into offices had now been completed. The accepted tender of Mr. Skemp was £380, including a provisional sum of £45 for the entrance and splayed window. The actual cost of the work, including such entrance and window, was £367 18s. 6d. £300 had been paid on account, and he had issued a certificate for a further £30, leaving a balance to be paid of £37 18s. 6d. £17 18s. 6d. of this would be due on the 10th February next, and the balance would be kept as retention money for 12 months.

ROBERT STEEL,

Chairman

WATER COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, the 19th November, 1907. Present : Alderman Norman, Councillors Baker, M. Davis, Green, 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 28 days, ended		Average for corresponding period
16th Dec., 1907.		during last 3 years.
Hewletts Springs	460,800 gallons	243,900 gallons
Dowdeswell Springs	2,300,000 "	1,550,000 "
Leckhampton	60,000 "	not gauged.
Total 2,820,800 "		1,793,900 "

CONTENTS OF RESERVOIRS.				
Dec. 16th, 1907.			Dec. 16th, 1906.	
	Depth	Contents	Depth	Contents
Hewletts	...	31,328,052 gallons	...	22,580,782 gallons
Leckhampton	12ft. 6in.	1,688,514 "	7ft. 4in.	990,599 "
Dowdeswell	32ft. 0in.	100,023,701 "	19ft. 4in.	42,149,398 "
	Total Storage	133,040,267 "		65,720,779 "

2—Tewkesbury Works—The Chairman reported that the Committee visited the Tewkesbury Works on the 26th ult. (Present : Councillors Green, Margrett and himself), and inspected the proposed site for the coal store, workshop, &c. Resolved, That the plan submitted by the Borough Engineer be approved, and that tenders be invited by advertisement for the carrying out of the same.

3—Dowdeswell—Tree Planting—Resolved, That the piece of land on the East side of the London Road be planted with larch trees. Road near Filter Beds—Read, a letter from the Clerk to the Charlton Kings Urban District Council suggesting that the Corporation should erect a post painted white at the point near the filter beds at Dowdeswell where the road leading to Salts Farm joins the main road, as this point was one of danger to motorists. Resolved, That the Committee consider that the provision suggested should be made by the District Council or by the Motor Union.

4—Condition of Water Supply—With reference to Minute No. 3 of the 26th October last, Dr. Garrett attended this Meeting and informed the Committee that he had for years made monthly analyses of the Severn and Dowdeswell supplies before and after filtration. At the request of the Committee he agreed to continue these analyses and supply the Borough Engineer with a copy of the results.

5—Appeals—The cases entered into the Appeal Book (including the charges to be made in the case of local charitable and other institutions at present supplied free or partially free) were considered, and the rates settled and adjusted.

H. WAGHORNE,

Chairman.

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GENERAL PURPOSES AND WATCH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 17th December, 1907—Present : Aldermen Norman, Skillicorne, and Waghorne, Councillors Baker, Davies, M. Davis and Stroud (Alderman Norman in the Chair).

1—Diseases of Animals Acts—Supt. Hopkins reported that the Borough was entirely free from contagious disease amongst animals. Glanders or Farcy—Read a letter from the Board of Agriculture enclosing copies of a notice issued by the Board, addressed to slaughterers, knackers, and other persons engaged in slaughtering horses, calling attention to the provisions of the Glanders or Farcy Order, 1907. Resolved, That a copy of the notice be sent to all registered slaughterhouses in the Borough.

2—American Gooseberry Mildew Order, 1907—Read, a letter from the Board of Agriculture enclosing copies of the above Order which revoked and superseded the Gloucestershire and Worcestershire Order, 1907. Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to give public notice of the provisions of the Order.

3—Wheel Chair Licence—Read an application from Mr. Daniel Lamer, of the Robin Rood Inn, St. James' Street, for a licence to ply for hire a wheel chair. Resolved, That the application be granted subject to the vehicle being approved by the Chairman of this Committee.

4—Report of Fire Brigade Captain—The Captain of the Fire Brigade reported that on the 13th instant, the Brigade was called to a fire at Messrs. Deakin's Fruit Preserving Factory, Toddington. On arrival, their services were not, however, required. Damage, £250, Expenses of Brigade, £13 2s.

5—Maintenance of Fire Call Bells—The Borough Surveyor having reported that the work of inspecting and maintaining in a state of efficiency the fire call bells at the firemen's houses could be carried out by the Corporation staff. Resolved, That notice be given to Messrs. Marshall to terminate the agreement with them for such maintenance on the expiration of six months.

6—Insurance of Fire Station and Appliances—On the recommendation of the Borough Surveyor, Resolved. That the amount for which the Fire Station and Appliances are insured be increased from £650 to £1000.

7—Territorial and Reserve Forces Act, 1907—Read, a letter from the Army Council stating that under the Scheme for the establishment of the Association for Gloucestershire, in pursuance of the provisions of the above Act, the Town Council were entitled to recommend one representative. Resolved, That the Mayor, for the time being, of the Borough be recommended as the representative of the Council upon the Association.

8—Vacancies on Education Committee—Read, a letter from the Bursar, Cheltenham College, stating that the College Council recommended the Rev. Canon Gardner and Colonel John Geddes from whom a selection should be made to fill the vacancy on the Education Committee for the Borough, caused by the death of the Rev. J. A. Owen. Resolved, That the Council be recommended to appoint Canon Gardner to fill the vacancy.

Read, a letter from the Rev. Canon Gardner resigning his membership of the Education Committee as representing managers of non-provided schools. Resolved, That the resignation be accepted and that Mr. William Welstead, of No. 23 Clarence Square, a manager of St. Gregory's Schools, be recommended for appointment as a member of the Education Committee as representing the managers of non-provided schools in the Borough.

9—Vacancy on Distress Committee—Resolved, That the Mayor be appointed a Member of the Distress Committee for the Borough to fill the vacancy caused by the retirement of Councillor Pilley.

10—Portrait of Miss Beale—The Mayor informed the Committee that Mr. H. E. Branch had offered for the acceptance of the Council a portrait of Miss Beale, LL.D., painted by himself, the cost of materials and frame having been defrayed by private subscription. Resolved, That the portrait be accepted with thanks.

11—Mortuary—Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have suitable curtains or screens placed in the Mortuary.

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12—Use of Market Office for Inquests—Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to bring up an estimate of the cost of making the Office at the Market available for the holding of Coroner's Inquests therein.

13—Winter Garden—Read .a letter from Mr. A. E. Gough, applying for the free use of the Winter Garden, on the 28th inst. for the purpose of giving a tea and entertainment to over 1500 poor children of the town. Resolved, That the application be granted.

14—Corporation Publications—Read, a letter from the Director of the New York Public Library, asking to be supplied with the published Accounts, Minutes and Sanitary Reports of the town for 1905-6 and 1906-7, he defraying cost of carriage. Resolved, That the Town Clerk be authorised to comply with the request.

15—Chairs for Town Hall--The Borough Surveyor submitted tenders from local firms for the supply of 100 second class chairs for the Town Hall. Resolved, That the Chairman be authorised to accept the lowest satisfactory tender after inspection of samples to be obtained by the Borough Surveyor from the firms tendering.

GEO. NORMAN,

Chairman.

ART GALLERY AND MUSEUM COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, the 11th December, 1907. Present :—
Aldermen Norman and Winterbotham, Councillor Davies and Dr. E. T. Wilson (Alderman,
Winterbotham in the Chair).

1—Curator's Report—The Curator reported that 723 visits had been made to the Art Gallery and Museum since the 13th ulto. The Egypt Exploration Fund had presented several Egyptian antiquities from the sites of Abydos, Deir el Bahari, and Oxyrhynchus. The present contents of the four cases belonging to South Kensington Museum had been on exhibition for over 12 months. The 22 Pictures lent by Mr. Macknight-Crawford had been received and hung. The work of re-arranging the Local Prints and Maps was proceeding. Resolved, That the Curator be authorised to visit South Kensington and arrange for fresh loan exhibits, and that a number of local prints now offered to the Committee be purchased for 33s.

JAS. B. WINTERBOTHAM,

Chairman.

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MINERAL WATERS, BATHS AND RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, the 20th December. 1907. Present :—Alderman Norman, Councillors Baker, Davies, Earengy, and Merrett, (Councillor Baker 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, had been as follows :—

Receipts	£442 12 11	Payments ...	£409 13 8
Rent of Shop ...	£ 36 0 0	Interest & Redemption	
Hire of Bath for Gymnasium, etc. <u>10 0 11</u>		(proportion of) ...	<u>353 7 4</u>
	£488 13 10		£763 1 0

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	£292 0 5	Payments	£270 3 4
		Interest & Redemption (proportion of)	<u>£216 17 11</u>
	£292 0 5		£487 1 3

Washing Baths—Read a letter from Mr. John Sawyer, as Chairman of the School Attendance Sub-Committee of the Education Committee, asking whether a reduction could be made in the price charged for the use of the washing baths by School Children provided tickets were purchased in Quantities to the value of £1 or £2 at a time, such tickets to be distributed gratuitously by the Health Visitors to children in whose homes facilities for a bath did not exist. Resolved, That the charge for each child be reduced to 1d., subject to the tickets being purchased and supplied as above-mentioned and to satisfactory arrangements being made with the Superintendent as to time of using the baths, &c.

3—Advertising—Resolved, That the advertisement of the town and waters in the " British Medical Journal," " The Lancet," and the " Practitioner," be renewed for one year.

Read, a letter from Mr. E. J. Burrow, asking the Council to insert an advertisement of the Baths and Waters in " The Way about Cheltenham," to be published at 6d. in the spring, orders for the book having already been received from local stations, boarding-house keepers and others, for over 6,000 copies. Resolved, That a page advertisement (special position) be inserted at a cost of £3 3s., including a photo and block for illustration, the advertisement to appear in all copies of the book issued during the next 2 years.

4-Advertising Posters at Recreation Grounds—Read, a letter from the Recruiting Staff Officer, Royal Marines, Bristol, applying for permission to place Recruiting Posters of the Royal Navy and Marines at Naunton Park and Whaddon Lane Recreation Grounds, the posters to be kept in good order and renewed as often as may be required. Resolved, That the application be acceded to, subject to the Borough Surveyor's approval of the notice board proposed to be used.

5—Mineral Waters—The Borough Surveyor reported that the stock of booklets relating to the Mineral 'Waters was exhausted. Resolved. That a supply of 2,000 copies be obtained, and that Dr. Garrett be asked to revise the booklet before the same is reprinted.

WILLIAM A. BAKER, Chairman.

BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held. on Friday, the 20th December, 1907 --Present Alderman Haddon, Councillors Baker, Gridley, Merrett, Steel and Stewart (Alderman Haddon in the Chair).

1—Cemetery Chapels—The Borough Surveyor reported the result of an examination made by Messrs. Wilson, Hall & Co., of Liverpool, of the spire of the Cemetery Chapels. As recommended by them, copper bands had been fixed round the spire at a cost, including the necessary laddering to enable a proper examination to be made, of about £3 10s. No further works were immediately necessary. Resolved, That the action of the Borough Surveyor be approved, and the further consideration of the matter be adjourned.

2—Designs—Resolved, That the following designs be approved, viz : Kerbing and New Base for Headstone to grave of Eliza Adams, Headstones to graves of Charles Henry Channon and Louisa Moulton, Memorial Crosses to graves of Keturah Woodman, Elizabeth Frances Rose, and Ellen Jenkins.

JOHN HADDON,

Chairman.

PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 10th December, 1907—Present: Councillors Bennett, Davies, Green, Merrett and Stewart, Rev. A. Beynon Phillips, Messrs. W. Cresswell, C. Hayward and F. Parsons (Councillor Davies in the Chair).

1—Librarian's Report—Read, the Monthly Report of the Librarian. Receipts, £4 3s. 4d. Presentation :—Board of Trade, 1 pamphlet. The issues from the Reference Department numbered 1,417, an increase of 27 upon the corresponding period of last year, the issues from the Lending Department numbering 8,481, a decrease of 814.

2—Blacking-out Betting News—Read, a letter from the Rev. J. Foster, on behalf of the Free Church Ministers' Fraternal, asking the Committee to receive a deputation of the Free Church Ministers of the town to protest against the discontinuance of blacking out the betting news from the newspapers in the Library. Resolved, That the deputation be received at the next Monthly Meeting of the Committee.

3—Sub-Committee's Report—The Sub-Committee reported that they met on the 5th inst. (Present: Councillors Dr. Davies (Chairman), Bennett and Merrett). They recommended :—

That the tender of Mr. W. T. Cossens, being the lowest, for the supply of New Books, Magazines and Periodical Literature for the year commencing January 1st next be accepted.

That the tender of Messrs. Norman, Sawyer & Co. for bookbinding for the year commencing January 1st next be accepted.

That the charge for maintenance and oversight of the Medical Library be £2 2s. per annum.

That the Lending and Reference Libraries be closed on Friday morning, the 27th inst.

That the salary of the Chief Assistant, Mr. S. E. Harrison, be increased by £5 per annum for two years, the first increase to date from the 1st prox.

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That the sum of £20 be voted to the Sub-Committee for the purchase of new books, no-further amount to be so expended until after the end of March next. Resolved, That the recommendations of the Sub-Committee be approved and adopted.

4—Cheltenham Subscription Library—The Sub-Committee reported that on the 28th ult., (Present : Councillors Bennett, Dr. Davies (Chairman), Green and Merrett and the Rev. A. Beynon-Phillips) they met a deputation from the Committee of the Cheltenham Subscription Library, consisting of Miss Laurie, Dr. E. T. Wilson, Dr. C. Gallaway, Mr. W. G. Gurney, and Mr. A. J. de Havilland

With reference to the suggested transfer about July of the books in the Cheltenham Library, Royal Crescent, a statement was made by Dr. E. T. Wilson as to the class of books contained in the Library, and as to the wishes of the Subscription Library Committee. The Sub-Committee recommend that the offer be accepted with thanks, and that in consideration of that Committee handing over some 10,000 volumes of reference and other books, many of which are of considerable value and interest, as a free gift to the town, the Public Library accept them on the following terms :—

(1) That ordinary works of Reference, about 1,000 vols., so far as space permits, be placed in an open book-case in the Reference Reading Room so as to be readily accessible to the public.

(2) That the remainder of the books, so far as considered suitable, be placed in the Lending Library, and classified and arranged with the present stock.

(3) That the suggestion of the Cheltenham Library Committee as to the provision of a room or rooms, in one of which such societies as the Natural Science Society and Medical Library could have their books housed and suitably arranged for study, and also a general Students' Room with a selection of works- suitable for reference arranged therein be favourably considered when the finances and other circumstances admit of it.

(4) That the Public Library Committee undertake the removal of the books and book-cases. Resolved, That the recommendations of the Sub-Committee be approved and adopted, and that the Librarian be authorised to arrange accordingly in due course.

RICHARD DAVIES, Chairman.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 31st December, 1907. —Present : The Mayor, Alderman Skillicorne, Councillors Bennett, Earengy, Merrett, Steel and Strong (Councillor Steel in the chair).

1—General District Rate—The Report of the Borough Accountant, dated the 31st inst., on the collection of the second instalment of this Rate was read. Amount collected £8,027 7s. 7d. Leaving outstanding £14,883 19s. 1d.

2—Water Rate—The Report of the Borough Accountant, dated the 31st inst., on the collection of this Rate was read. Amount received £5,065 0s. 4d. Leaving outstanding £6,562 7s. 3d.

3—Fire Insurance—The Insurances Sub-Committee reported that they met on the 17th instant. (Present : Councillors Steel (in the chair) and Merrett). The oiler made by the Municipal Mutual Insurance, Ltd., was considered. Resolved, That the Sub-Committee cannot recommend the transfer of the insurance of the Corporation properties to the Association mentioned at present.

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

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4—Loan of £10,000 by Norwich Corporation—Read, a letter from the Town Clerk of Norwich stating the terms upon which his Corporation were willing to continue the loan of £10,000 advanced by, them. Resolved, That the terms be accepted.

5—Report of Expenditure Inquiry Committee—The Borough Accountant laid before the Committee the Report made by him upon the recommendations of the Expenditure Inquiry Committee as to his Department and the accounts of the Corporation. Resolved, That the consideration of the same be adjourned to the next meeting and that in the meantime a copy of the Report be furnished to each member of this Committee.

6—Unemployed—The Borough Surveyor submitted a statement of work for the Corporation which could be carried out by the unemployed if funds allowed. Resolved, That the Committee raise no objection to payment by the Corporation of one-third of the cost of such work, as certified by the Borough Surveyor, if the same is undertaken by the Distress Committee, the amount to be paid by the Corporation not to exceed.

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 November last	£4,987 5 0
Received since that date (including Loan from Corporation of St. Helen's, £3,000 and Loan repaid by Corporation of Nelson to Sinking Funds Account, £5,000)	<u>£19,943 9</u>
	£24,930 14 8
Paid since that date	<u>£14,391 0 5</u>
	£10,539 14 3
Being General Accounts	£ 206 6 1
Sinking Funds	<u>£10,333 8 2</u>
	£10,539 14 3

ROBERT 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 6th January, 1908, at 3 p.m. Present :

THE MAYOR (GEORGE DIMMER, ESQUIRE) in the chair. THE DEPUTY MAYOR (ALDERMAN JOHN WAGHORNE).

Aldermen : JOHN HADDON GEORGE NORMAN WILLIAM NASH SKILLICORNE JAMES BATTEN WINTERBOTHAM

Councillors : WILLIAM ALFRED BAKER FREDERICK JOSEPH BENNETT RICHARD DAVIES WILLIAM GEORGE EARENGEY EDWINSON CHARLES GREEN EDWARD GRIDLEY ROBERT LEY WOOD. CHARLES HENRY MARGRETT WILLIE JOHN MERRETT TOM HERBERT PACKER ROBERT STEEL JAMES STEWART HERBERT STROUD.

1—Minutes of Previous Meeting—Resolved, That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Council on the 2nd 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.

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2—Winter Garden- -The Mayor reported that he had received an application from the Salvation Army for the free use of the Winter Garden on the 22nd inst. for an evening concert in aid of the funds of the Distress Committee for the Borough. Resolved, That the application be granted.

3—Public Health Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Public Health Committee, at their Meetings of the 9th and 23rd December last, be approved and confirmed.

4—Hatherley Outfall Sewer—Resolved, That Mr. John T. Eayrs, M. Inst. C.E., F.S.I., of Birmingham, be appointed Arbitrator by the Council to act if necessary with reference to the claims for compensation re Hatherley Brook Sewer, and that the Common Seal be affixed to such appointment.

5—Farms Management Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Farms Management Committee, at their Meeting of the 20th December 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 10th and 30th December last, be approved and confirmed.

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

8—Electricity and Lighting Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Electricity and Lighting Committee, at their Meetings of the 28th November last, and the 12th and 19th December last, be approved and confirmed.

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

10—General Purposes & Watch Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the General Purposes and Watch Committee, at their Meeting of the 17th December last, be approved and confirmed, and that the Reverend Canon Gardner and Mr. William Welstead be appointed members of the Education Committee accordingly, subject to the following amendment, viz. :—

To Minute No. 7 (Territorial and Reserve Forces' Act, 1907)—

That the words " Lieut.-Colonel G. A. Cardew or failing him Major F. B. Pottinger," be substituted for the words " the Mayor the time being of the Borough."

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11—Art Gallery and Museum Committee--Resolved, That the proceedings of the Art Gallery and Museum Committee, at their Meeting of the 11th December last, be approved and confirmed.

12—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 20th December last, be approved and confirmed.

13—Burial Board Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Burial Board Committee, at their Meeting of the 20th December last, be approved and confirmed.

14—Finance Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Finance Committee, at their Meeting of the 31st 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.

15---Notice of Motion—The motion, of which. notice had been given by Councillor Packer at the last Meeting of the Council, was ruled out of order by the 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 Oil Monday, the 3rd February, 1908.

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, the 13th January, 1908. Present :—Aldermen Norman and Skillicorne, Councillors M. Davis, Earengy, King-Harman, Margrett and Stewart (Alderman Skillicorne in the Chair).

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

9—Cleansing and Limewashing at Nos. 2, 4 and 5 York Cottages, York Street, 5, Northfield Terrace, and 6 and 10, Columbia Street.—The Medical Officer of Health having certified under Section 46 of

the Public Health Act, 1875. that the above-named dwelling-houses were in such a filthy and unwholesome condition that the health of the inmates was affected or endangered thereby. Resolved, That Notice be given to the owners under the said Section requiring the houses to be cleansed and limewashed.

3—Nuisances from Drains etc., at Nos. 30 and 31, Hungerford Street, Hungerford Cottage, 4, 6, 7, 8 and 9 Hamilton Beechwood house, Montpellier Terrace.—The Inspector of Nuisances having made written application under Sec 41 of the Public Health Act, 1875, stating that the drains, &c., on or belonging to the above-named houses, were in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to health. Resolved, That authority be go to the Inspector of Nuisances to open the ground, examine the drains, and report to the Committee.

4—Insanitary Property—Nos. 5, Northfield Terrace, 22, 26 and 37, Moorend Street, and 6 and 10, Columbia Street. — The Medical Officer of Health reported that the above-mentioned premises, were in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to the health of the inmates owing to defective roofs, walls, ceilings, floors, &c. Resolved, That the Council being satisfied that the said premises are in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to health, Notices under Section 94 of the Health Act, 1875, be served upon the owners requiring them to put the same into a health, condition, and for that purpose to carry out the works specified therein.

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5—Houses without proper Ash Receptacles—The Inspector of Nuisances reported that the following houses had no proper ashpits or ash receptacles, viz : Nos. 60, Fairview Road, 30, Rosehill Street, 2, St. David's Villas, Hazlemere and Greenhays, Cleeve View Road, 22, 23, 26 and 31, Moorend Street, and 6, Columbia 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.

6—Insufficient Water Closet Accommodation--The Inspector of Nuisances reported that No. 4, Pittville Street was without a sufficient water closet for the use of the employees there. Resolved, That notice be given to the owner under Section 36 of the Public Health Act, 1875, requiring the provision of sufficient water closet accommodation on the said premises.

7—Dairies, Cowsheds and Milkshops Order—Read, an application from Mr. E. H. Griffin, of No. 55, Brunswick Street, to be registered as a purveyor of milk. Resolved, That the applicant be registered upon the Medical Officer of Health being satisfied that the premises are suitable.

8—Infringement of Byelaws as to Pigkeeping--The Inspector of Nuisances reported 2 cases of contravention of the byelaws as to pigkeeping within the Borough. Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to take proceedings for the penalties incurred if the number of pigs is not at once reduced to comply with the byelaw.

9—Medical Inspection of School Children and Notification of Births—Mrs. Crawley, the Rev. P. Waller, and Messrs. E. Bourne and W. G. Gurney, as members of the Education Committee, attended this meeting, and the question of the arrangements to be made for carrying out the medical inspection of the school children within the Borough, and in connection with the notification of

births, if the Act relating to the latter was adopted by the Council, was considered. Dr. Garrett reported as to the staff, etc., he thought should be provided. Resolved, That the further consideration of the matter be adjourned.

10—Hatherley Outfall Sewer—The Town Clerk reported that he and the Borough Engineer had had several interviews with Messrs. Ticehurst & Co. on the claims for compensation made by the undermentioned occupiers, and had agreed to recommend the Committee to pay the undermentioned sums in settlement of the claims (including £13 2s. 6d. for valuers and solicitors' charges), towards which Messrs. Mark Williams & Co. had agreed to allow the sum of £22 10s. as the value of the work which they would be saved under their contract :—

	Amount of Claim.	To be paid in Settlement.
J. H. Tucker	£64 18 6	£36 15 0
Messrs. Wood ..	£43 5 5	£24 14 1
Mr. F. W. Brown...	<u>£27 11 0</u>	<u>£16 0 0</u>
	£135 14 11	£77 9 1
Deduct allowance by Mark Williams & Co.		<u>£22 10 0</u>
		£54 19 1

W. NASH SKILLICORNE,

Chairman.

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At a Meeting of this Committee, held on 20th January, 1908 — Present. Alderman Skillicorne, Councillors Davies, M. Davis, Earengy, King-Harman, Margrett, and Stewart (Alderman Skillicorne in the chair).

11—Zymotic Disease The Medical Officer of Health reported that since the last meeting of the Committee no case of infectious disease had been notified.

12—Cleansing and Limewashing at Nos. 12, Columbia Street, 9 and 11 York Street, 2, Hewlett Place, and 72, Queen Street. The Medical Officer of Health having certified under Sec. 46 of the Public Health Act, 1875, that the above-named dwelling-houses were in such a filthy and unwholesome condition that the health of the inmates was affected or endangered. 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., No. 1, Gordon Terrace, 12, Rutland Street, and Oakley Cottage, Cemetery Road.—The Inspector of Nuisances having made written application under Section 41 of the Public Health Act, 1875, stating that the drains, &c., belonging to the above-named houses were in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to health. Resolved, That authority be given to the Inspector of Nuisances to open the ground, examine the drains, and report to the Committee.

14—Insanitary Property--No. 13 Columbia Street, 9 and 11, York Street, 8, 9, 10 and 11, Old Millbrook Terrace, House Stables, Prestbury Road — The Medical Officer of Health reported that the above-mentioned premises were in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to the health of the inmates owing to defective roofs, walls, ceilings, floors, etc. Resolved, That the Council being satisfied that the said premises are in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to health, Notices

under Section 94 of the Public Health Act, 1875, be served upon the owners requiring them to put the same into a healthy condition, and for that purpose to carry out the works specified therein.

15—Dairies, Cowsheds and Milkshops Order—Read, an application from Miss K. Sumner, of 27, Great Norwood Street, to be registered as a purveyor of milk. Resolved, That the applicant be registered.

16—Overcrowding at No. 16 Albion Parade—The Medical Officer of Health reported that the above premises were so overcrowded as to be dangerous or injurious to the health of the inmates. Resolved, That the Committee being satisfied of the existence of a nuisance on the said premises, Notices under Sec. 94 of the Public Health Act, 1875, be served on the owners and occupiers thereof requiring them to abate the same.

17—Houses without proper Ash Receptacles—The Inspector of Nuisances reported that the following houses had no proper ashpits or ash receptacles, viz :—Nos. 13, Columbia Street, 1, 2, 3, and 4, Wilford Terrace, Whaddon Lane, Ewartville, Wilford Terrace, and 72, Queen Street. — Resolved, That the necessary Notices be given to the respective owners under Section 36 of the Public Health Act, 1875, and Sec. 27 of the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1889, requiring them in each case to provide a moveable ash receptacle of such size, pattern, and construction as may be approved by the Inspector of Nuisances on behalf of the Corporation.

18—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 paving, 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

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FARMS MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Friday, the 17th January, 1908.—Present : Alderman Skillicorne, Councillors M. Davis, Green, Gridley, King-Harman, Margrett and Steel (Councillor St. Davis in the chair).

1---Farm Manager's Report—Read, the Monthly Report of the Farms Manager. Since the last monthly meeting no purchases of cattle or sheep had been made. 14 head of cattle had been sold for £238 17s. 0d. and 20 sheep for £53 17s. 1d. (Total sales £292 14s. 10d.) 12 pigs and 1 calf had been bred on the farms during the month, and the number of livestock on the 17th inst. was 12 horses and 1 colt, 144 head of cattle, 51 sheep, and 26 pigs, all doing fairly well. 1 ton 5 cwts. 1 qr. of straw and 8 tons 5 cwts. of hay had been delivered to the Central Depot, 1 load of thorns to Pittville and a load of manure to the Winter Garden. Miscellaneous receipts, 16s 6d. The necessary timber for hay racks had been purchased for £3 14s. 0d. He recommended that a new floor be put in one of the cottages, that a manger be placed in the shed at the Barn Farm, and a pair of long-gear traces purchased. He submitted particulars he had obtained of different types of oil engines for chaff

cutting, etc. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be asked to inspect the cottage floor and report, that the other recommendations be approved, and that a portable Crossley Oil Engine, 4 ¾ H.P., be purchased for £70.

M. DAVIS,

Chairman.

STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, the 14th January, 1908—Present : Aldermen Haddon and Skillicorne, Councillors Baker, Bendall, Gridley, and King-Harman (Councillor Bendall in the Chair).

1—Street Projections—Read, a letter from Messrs. Dicks Sons stating that they proposed fixing 3 flame arc lamps 25 feet above the pavement outside their premises in High Street, and asking the Committee to allow these to project 4 feet from the face of the building, having regard to the height. Read, a letter from Messrs. Young & Gilling asking for permission to place 2 lamps outside the High Street entrance to the New Arcade, and 2 lamps outside the Winchcombe Street entrance at a height of 15 feet above the pavement, and projecting 2ft. 6in. Resolved, That the applications be granted.

2 —College Road Tip—The Borough Surveyor reported that the owners of the land in College Road used by the Corporation as a tip were willing to contribute £75 towards the cost of constructing a culvert over the water course there. He recommended that the Corporation should provide the stone and sand required for the concrete and also the necessary skilled labour, if the Distress Committee would provide the other labour required. Resolved, That the work be carried out on these terms, provided the owners will increase their contribution to £100.

Employees—The Borough Surveyor submitted a list of the men to be paid by the hour instead of as at present by the week. Resolved, That the same be approval, and that the alteration come into force on Monday, the 6th April next.

JOHN D. BENDALL, Chairman.

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At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, the 27th January, 1908. Present- Alderman Haddon and Councillors Baker, Bendall, Gridley and King-Harman (Councillor Bendall in the chair).

4 --Borough Surveyor's Monthly Report Re Highways—The Borough Surveyor reported that the work done by the Highways Department from the 25th December, 1907, to the 23rd January, 1908 (both inclusive) had been as follows:-

Roads Repaired--Road in front of Clarence Square and Wellington Square (2,024 super yards)

Roads Patched—St. Paul's Road, Hatherley Road, Rear of Painswick Lawn, Hale's Road, Leckhampton Road.

Electric Light Trenches Repaired—York Passage and Clarence Square.

Sewer Trench Repaired—Dunalley Parade. Footpaths gravelled—Albert Road and Hatherley Road.

Clinker Footpaths repaired—Gardner's Lane, Daft's Alley, Chelt Alley and Sandfield Road

Footpath paving repaired—Hatherley Street, High Street, and Marle Hill Road.

New Gateway crossings laid-2. Street Crossings renewed-1. Footpath trough fixed 1.

Private Improvement Works—America Passage and Rear of Marlborough House completed.

Manhole Cover paved round-1. Tree planted--Maud's Elm-1.

Ashes Collection and Disposal—During 4 weeks ended 23rd January, 1908, 1,160 loads collected, and 848 tipped away. Weight consumed, 808 tons 4 cwts.

Slab Factory—During 4 weeks ended 16th January, 1908, 444 $\frac{4}{9}$ square yards of slabs and 582 lineal yards of kerb made.

5—View Meeting—The following Members attended the View Meeting on Friday last : Councillors Baker, Bendall, Gridley and King-Harman.

6—Report of Plans Sub-Committee—The Chairman reported the proceedings of the Plans Sub-Committee at their Meetings on the 14th and 24th inst. Resolved, That the same be approved and adopted.

7—Street Projections—The Street Inspector reported that a sign had been put up at the Promenade end of Imperial Square, and projecting lamps at Nos. 187 and 188 High Street. Resolved, That notice be given requiring the removal the same.

Read, an application from Messrs. White Sons for permission to place a lamp outside No. 1 Suffolk Road. Resolved, That the application be acceded to, subject to compliance with the usual conditions.

8—Houses in Old Bath Road, Pilley—Read, a letter from Mr. R. R. Skemp contending that the walls in the covered passage between the houses were not external walls, and that 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ inches thickness was therefore sufficient. Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to inform Mr. Skemp that the Committee cannot accept this view, and to point out that he is not building in accordance with the plans approved by the Corporation.

Resolved, also, That if Mr. Skemp still refuses to put 9-inch external walls notice be given him under Section 74 of the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1852, and that proceedings be taken for the penalties incurred in contravening the provisions of the Act and of the building byelaws.

9—College Road Tip—The Borough Surveyor reported that Major Harford's trustees had now agreed to contribute £100 towards the cost of constructing the culvert,. Resolved, That an agreement be entered lute' with them to construct the culvert and complete same within the period of the tenancy of the Corporation, provided that the Distress Committee will enter into an agreement to provide and pay for the unskilled labour required.

PLANS SUB-COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Sub-Committee held on Tuesday, the 14th January, 1908. Present :—
Councillors Baker, Bendall, King-Harman and Stewart (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.
616	C. Trinder	Conversion of part of Stables, etc., into dwelling-house, Upper Park Street (amended plans).
617	Cheltenham College Council	Additions to Cheltondale, College Road (amended plans).
618	F. Willett	Two Cottages, New Street.
619	Mrs. E. Smith	Three houses, Roman Road..
620	H. H. Chandler	Extension of Workshop, No. 425 High Street.
621	Palace Theatre Co.	Conversion of Victoria Rooms into Theatre.

Resolved, That Plans Nos. 616 be approved, subject to the damp proof course being continued as far as the stable doorway, and that Plans Nos. 617, 618, 619, 620 and 621 be disapproved.

JOHN D. BENDALL,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Sub-Committee held on Friday, the 24th January, 1908. Present : Councillors Baker, Bendall King-Harman and Stewart (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
617	Cheltenham College Council	Additions to Cheltondale, College Road.
618	F. Willett	Two Houses in New Street (amended plans).
619	Mrs. E. Smith	Three Houses in Roman Road (amended plans)
620	H. H. Chandler	Extension of Workshop, 425, High Street.
621	Palace Theatre Co.	Conversion of Victoria Rooms into Theatre
622	R. E. Cleaver	Additions to No. 27 Promenade.
623	C. H. Slider	New Pantry, Rowanfield House, Gloucester Road.
624	Grammar School Governors	Additions to High School for Girls, North Place.

Resolved, That Plan Nos. 621 be disapproved, and that Plans Nos. 623 be approved subject to the rain-water being discharged over the existing gully, and that Plans Nos. 617, 618, 619, 620, 622 and 624 be approved.

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Houses in, Old Bath Road, Pilley—The Borough Surveyor reported that two of the external walls of the houses erected by Mr. Skemp in Old Bath Road, Pilley, were 4 ½ inches in thickness, instead of 9

inches as required by the Byelaws. Read, a letter from Mr. Skemp stating that he did not consider the walls referred external walls. Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to give Mr. Skemp notice to show cause why the work carried out by him in contravention of the Byelaws should not be removed or altered.

JOHN D. BENDALL,

Chairman.

TOWN IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 20th January, 1908—Present : Alderman Winterbotham, Councillors Baker, Bennett, Steel and Stewart (Councillor Baker in the chair).

1—Gloucestershire Pageant—Read, letters from Messrs. Baring Bros. on behalf of the Pageant Committee applying for the free use of the Winter Garden for an exhibition from the 1st to the 15th July next, and asking that no Corporation entertainments should be held during the week commencing the 6th July next, as the Pageant Committee intended arranging for entertainments every evening during the week mentioned. Resolved, That the use of the Winter Garden be granted from the 1st to the 15th July subject to the Pageant Committee paying for lighting and out-of-pocket expenses.

The Town Clerk submitted draft agreement between the Pageant Committee and the Corporation granting the free and exclusive use of the annexe for two weeks from the 29th June, and also reasonable facilities both before and after for preparation and removal, and authorising the Pageant Committee to make such erections as may be necessary for the pageant, and to remove all railings, fences and shrubs which may be necessary, all such erections to be subject to the approval of the Borough Surveyor, and all removals of railings, etc., to be carried out by him at the cost of the Pageant Committee, and the ground to be afterwards reinstated as far as possible to its present state at the like cost. Resolved, That the same as now settled be approved.

2—Greenhouses at Pittville—The Borough Surveyor reported that in consequence of the present earthenware pipes in the greenhouses at Pittville bursting during the recent frost, the plants had been temporarily transferred to the Pump Room. He recommended that a proper hot-water system be installed at a cost of about £35. He submitted tenders he had obtained from 3 local firms for the work. Resolved. That the recommendation of the Borough Surveyor be approved, and that the tender of Messrs. Stephens Finch at £55 10s., the lowest, be accepted.

3—Presentation to Pittville—The Borough Surveyor reported the presentation by Mr. B. L. Ward to Pittville Park of a bald coot. Resolved, That the thanks of the Council be conveyed to Mr. Ward.

4—Winter Garden Curtain—On the recommendation of the Borough Surveyor, Resolved, That the large curtain at the Winter Garden be dyed at a cost not exceeding £12.

WILLIAM A. BAKER.

Chairman

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, the 28th January, 1908. Present :—Councillors Baker, Bennett, Steel, Stewart and Stroud (Councillor Baker in the Chair).

5—Report of Entertainments Sub-Committee re Summer Concerts—The Entertainments Sub-Committee recommended that the subscriptions to the Montpellier and Pittville Gardens this year be the same as last year, and that Mr. A. W. Newton be engaged to manage the summer concerts this year on the same terms as last year, viz., to receive 65 per cent. of the gate receipts and chair money (except in the Pageant week), and in addition half the Sub-Committee's proportion of the garden subscriptions after deducting £50. They also recommended that the concerts commence on the 1st June and end on the 12th September next, that the offer of Mr. H. G. Norman to pay £50 for the programme rights be accepted, and that tenders be invited by the Sub-Committee for the printing required. Resolved. That the recommendations of the Sub-Committee be approved and adopted.

6—Gloucestershire Pageant—Read, a letter from Messrs. Baring Bros. on behalf of the Pageant Committee applying for the use of the Winter Garden, and for the use of the Montpellier Gardens for evening entertainments during Pageant week. Resolved, That the use of the Winter Garden be granted to the Pageant Committee for the week commencing the 6th July next, subject to their paying the cost of lighting and out-of-pocket expenses, and that the entertainments at Montpellier Gardens during that week be arranged jointly by them and the Corporation Entertainments Sub-Committee, Mr. Newton to receive 50 per cent. of the takings at Montpellier and pay the artistes engaged, the balance of the receipts after payment of the expenses of printing, advertising, lighting, attendants, etc., to be divided equally between the Pageant Committee and the Corporation.

WILLIAM A. BAKER,

Chairman.

ELECTRICITY AND LIGHTING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Thursday, 16th January, 1908. Present:—Alderman Norman Councillors Bennett, Green, Gridley, Ley Wood, Merrett and Steel (Councillor Ley Wood in the Chair).

1—Gas Examiner's Report—The Gas Examiner reported that on the 14th inst. He tested the gas for illuminating power, with the following result:-16.5 candles. The test made by him for purity showed 38 grains of sulphur per 100 cubic feet.

2---Requisition for Materials Required--The Borough Electrical Engineer submitted a list of materials, etc., which would probably be required during the ensuing month, and the same was approved.

3-Borough Electrical Engineer's Monthly Report—Read, the Monthly Report of the Borough Electrical Engineer. On the 13th inst. there were 953 consumers, with the equivalent of 63,100 8 c.p. lamps connected to the private supply mains, the corresponding figures for last year being 909 and 60,648 respectively.

4—Contract for Coal—Resolved, That tenders be obtained by advertisement for the supply of coal for the works for three months from the 1st March next, the date of expiry of the present contract.

5—Dilapidations at No. 335 High Street—The Town Clerk reported that a claim had been made by the owner on 335 High Street for dilapidations, and the owner had agreed to accept £24, the electric light fitting, now on the premises to become her property. Resolved, That the sum of £24 be paid.

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6—Public Lighting—The Committee reconsidered the position of the two additional lamps to be placed in Hale's Road. That, one lamp be placed between Sydenham Road North and Sydenham Road South, and the other between Sydenham Road South and Rosehill Street, as indicated on the plan now approved by the Committee, and that the Resolution to Minute No. 8 of the 12th December last be varied accordingly.

Read, a letter from Mr. Albert Dix calling attention to the lighting of Sandfield Road, the positions of the existing lamps requiring adjustment an additional lamp should be placed there. Resolved, That the Committee do not consider any alteration necessary at present.

Read, a letter from Mr. J. W. Curl, asking that a lamp should be placed in Hayward's Lane opposite two houses recently erected by him. Resolved, That consideration of the application be adjourned for the Committee to view.

ROBT. LEY WOOD, Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, the 22nd January, 1908. Present : Alderman Norman, Councillors Bennett, Green, Gridley, Ley Wood, Merrett and Steel (Councillor Ley Wood in the Chair).

7—Disposal of Surplus—The Committee considered the question of the application of the surplus upon the Revenue Account for the year ended 31st March, 1907, viz., £3,872 11s. 6d.

Resolved, That £2,000 be placed to a Reserve Fund and invested, and £1,600 to a Reserve for Renewals Fund, and the be carried forward.

8—Salary of Borough Electrical Engineer—Read, a letter from the Borough Electrical Engineer applying for an increase in his salary at present £400 per annum. Resolved, That the salary of Mr. Bache be increased by £100 from the 1st April next.

ROBT. LEY WOOD, Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held at the Works on Friday, January, 1908. Present :—Alderman Norman, Councillors Bennett, Green, Gridley, Ley Wood, Merrett and Steel (Councillor Ley Wood in the Chair).

9—Railway Siding -The Borough Electrical Engineer submitted amended plan of proposed new siding, and the following of estimate of cost:—

Midland Railway Company—	
For removing existing siding	£ 35
Also for providing materials and laying new track ...	£325
Excavating and preparing, formation, filling in and paving track...	<u>£416</u>
	£776
Proportion of cost to be borne by the Street and Highway Committee	<u>£350</u>
	£426

Resolved, That plan and estimate be approved, and that the plan be submitted to the Midland Railway Company for their approval of the altered route.

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Resolved, also, That application be made to the Local Government Board for their sanction to a loan of £426 for the construction of the siding.

The Town Clerk submitted draft agreement with the Midland Railway Company to remove the existing siding, and to construct the portion of the new siding on the Company's property, the cost to be repaid by the Corporation. The agreement also provided that the portion of the siding on the Corporation's property should be constructed by, and at the expense of the Corporation, and for payment of 2d. for every truck passing over the siding, and contained other provisions for the protection of the Company. Resolved, That the same be approved as altered by the Town Clerk, subject to the sanction of the Local Government Board being obtained to the loan.

Resolved, also, That the tender of the Midland Railway Company for constructing the portion of the siding on the Corporation's property be accepted, and that an agreement be entered into with the Company to carry out the work, subject to the sanction of the Local Government Board being obtained to the loan.

Resolved, also That the Borough Engineer be authorised to proceed with the excavation and formation of the road for track subject to the sanction of the Local Government Board being obtained to the loan.

ROBT. LEY WOOD,

Chairman.

STREET AND HIGHWAY AND ELECTRICITY AND LIGHTING COMMITTEES.

At a Joint Meeting of these Committees held at the Works on Friday, the 24th January, 1908.

Present :—Aldermen Had-don and Norman, Councillors Baker, Bendall, Bennett, Green, Gridley, King-Harman, Ley-Wood, Merrett and Steel (Councillor Ley Wood in the Chair).

1—Railway Siding—The Joint Committee inspected the site of the proposed siding, and the Borough Electrical Engineer submitted amended plan and estimate (amounting to £766). Resolved, That the plan and estimate be approved.

Resolved, also, That the Street and Highway Committee should bear the cost of paving the track where laid along the existing roadway (estimated at £50), and should also contribute £100 in addition to the cost of the siding, and that this contribution should be taken as a re-adjustment of the division between the two Committees of the cost of paving the approach road.

ROBT. LEY WOOD,

Chairman.

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WATER COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this hold it Thursday, the 23rd January, 1908. Present- Councillors Baker, M. Davis, Green and Margrett (Councillor Green 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 16th Jan., 1908.	Average for corresponding period during last 3 years.
Hewletts Springs	430,960 gallons	341,427 gallons
Dowdeswell	1,723,680 "	1,556,560 "
Leckhampton	44,350 "	not gauged.
Total	2,248,990	1,897,987

CONTENTS OF RESERVOIRS.

	Jan. 16th, 1908.		Jan. 16th, 1907.	
	Depth	Contents	Depth	Contents
Hewletts	...	30,783,752 galls	...	24,739,772 gallons
Leckhampton	12ft. 0in.	1,620,924 "	5ft.. 10in.	701,535 "
Dowdeswell	32ft. 0in.	100,023,701 "	24ft. 7in.	63,847,610 "
Total Storage		132,428,377 "		89,291,917 "

A length of 322 yards of 4-inch main had been laid in Keynsham Road, and eleven house services transferred thereto from the pumping main. In Hatherley Street 110 yards of new main had been laid, and 39 house services transferred thereto from the old 2-inch main.

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

E. C. GREEN, Chairman.

GENERAL PURPOSES AND WATCH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 21st January, 1908—Present-Aldermen Haddon., Norman, Skillicorne, Waghorne and Winterbotham, Councillors Baker, Davies, M. Davis and Stroud (Alderman Norman in the Chair).

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

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2—Wheel Chair Licence—Read, an application from Mr. James Oakley, of No. 24, Hatherley Street, for a licence to ply for hire a wheel chair. Resolved, That the application be granted subject to the vehicle being approved by the Chairman of this Committee.

3—Transfer of Hackney Carriage Licence—Read, letters from Mr. W. H. Bell and Mr. E. Spire applying for the transfer of Hackney Carriage Licence No. 20 to the latter, he having purchased the carriage. Resolved, That the application be granted.

4—Hackney Carriage Driver's Licence—An application was received from Mr. G. H. Bryant, of Spring Bottom, Charlton Kings, for a licence to drive a hackney carriage. Resolved, That the application be granted.

5—Portrait of Miss Beale—Resolved, That it be left to the Mayor and the Chairman to fix the position in the Town Hall for Miss Beale's portrait.

6—Report of Fire Brigade Captain—The Captain of the Fire Brigade reported that on the 15th instant the Brigade was called to extinguish a fire at No. 13, Lansdown Place. Damage, £7. Extinction expenses, £2 19s. 6d.

7—Report of Fire Brigade Sub-Committee—The Fire Brigade Sub-Committee reported that they met at the Fire Station on the 21st ult. Present: Alderman Norman, Councillors Baker and M. Davis (Councillor Baker in the chair)

Chairman—Resolved—That Councillor Baker be appointed Chairman of the Sub-Committee for the ensuing year.

Driver for Fire Engine—On the recommendation of the Captain, Resolved, That the appointment as driver of Fireman E. Niblett upon the same terms as F. Cross resigned be confirmed, and that the Borough Surveyor be instructed to make the necessary arrangements for the occupation of No. 5 Ambrose Street by Niblett.

Heating of Station—Resolved—That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to provide a stove for heating the Fire Station.

Attendance of Brigade at Fires outside; Borough—Resolved—That the Sub-Committee recommend that the Brigade attend fires beyond the Borough boundaries only within a radius of 3 miles from the Fire Station.

Steps—Resolved—That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to obtain a pair of steps for use at the Fire Station.

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

8—National Union of Teachers' Conference, 1909—Read, a letter from the President of the Cheltenham Teachers' Association stating that they had invited the Union to hold their Conference

in Cheltenham at Easter, 1909. Resolved, That the Council cordially approve of the invitation, and that the Association be informed that the Council will endeavour in every way in their power to make the Conference if held here a success.

9—Sandfield Road, Arle—Read, a Memorial signed by Mrs. Malvern and others asking that the road known as Sandfield Road should be re-named Arle Road, and that a nameplate accordingly should be placed in the road. Resolved, That the request be complied with.

10--Subscription to General Hospital—Read, a letter from Lieut.-Col. Croker-King, as President of the Cheltenham General Hospital, stating that the Board of Governors had passed a resolution asking the Corporation to make an annual donation equivalent to the amount of water hitherto supplied free of cost to the Hospital (viz., £87 12s. 0d.) The expenses of the Hospital exceeded the annual income by nearly £2,000, and the decision to charge the Hospital for all water used was an additional burden. Resolved, That consideration of the application be adjourned until after the end of March next.

11.—Use of Market Office for Inquests—The Borough Surveyor submitted plans and estimates for the partition and furniture necessary to make the Market Office suitable for the holding of Coroner's Inquests. The cost of the partition would be £20, and of the furniture about £25. Resolved, That the plans be approved and carried out, and the furniture obtained.

GEO. NORMAN,

Chairman.

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MINERAL WATERS, BATHS AND RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, the 17th January, 1908. Present :—The Mayor, Councillors Baker, Davies, Merrett, Stewart 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, been Its follows:—

Receipts	£452 5 0	Payments	£452 13 10
Rent of Shop	£36 0 0	Interest & Redemption	
Hire of Bath for		(proportion of) ...	<u>£397 10 9</u>
Gymnasium, etc.	<u>10 0 11</u>		
	£498 5 11		£850 9 7

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	£293 12 3	Payments .	£299 13 10
		Interest & Redemption	
		(proportion of) ...	<u>£244 0 1</u>
	£293 12 3		£543 13 11

3—Mineral Waters—Resolved, That the Borough Accountant be asked to prepare a Statement of the income and expenditure upon the Mineral Waters and Wells since the opening of the Central Spa, and of the expenditure in connection with the Concentrated Waters since the establishment of the evaporating plant at Alstone.

4—Whaddon Lane and Agg-Gardner Recreation Ground—The Borough Surveyor reported as to the work of tarring fences, painting, levelling, removing swings and fences, etc., being carried out by the Distress Committee at the Whaddon Lane and Agg-Gardner Recreation Grounds. Resolved, That this Committee approve the same.

HERBERT STROUD, Chairman.

BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Friday, the 17th January, 1908—Present : Alderman Haddon, Councillors Baker, Gridley, King-Harman, Merrett, Steel and Stewart (Alderman Haddon in the Chair).

1--Superintendent of Cemetery—Read, a letter from the Superintendent of the Cemetery resigning his position, he having been appointed Superintendent of the Cardiff Cemetery. Resolved. That the resignation be accepted, and that applications for the appointment of Superintendent and Sexton be advertised for in local papers, the terms and conditions to be as follows :—Salary, £60 per annum (rising by £2 per annum to a maximum of £80), with house, coal and gas, whole time service, and that the advertisement as now settled be approved.

JOHN HADDON, Chairman.

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At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Friday, the 24th, January, 1908-Present: Alderman Haddon, Councillors Baker, Gridley, King-Harman, Merrett, Steel and Stewart. (Alderman Haddon in the chair.)

2—Superintendent's Report—The Superintendent of the Cemetery, reported that there were 649 interments in the Cemetery during 1907. Small repairs were necessary to one of the gate piers, which had been accidentally damaged during tree felling. Resolved, That the Superintendent be instructed to have the pier repaired at a cost of 12s 6d.

3—Designs—Resolved, That the following designs be approved, viz. :—Headstones to graves of Sarah Morris, Albina Price, Ann Stocks, and John Evans. Memorial Crosses to graves of Thomas Hughes Sparrow and Mary Jane Leahy.

4—Superintendent and Sexton—The applications, 46 in number, received for this appointment were considered. Resolved, That the following applicants be invited to attend a meeting of this Committee tomorrow :—A. C. Amery, 6, Brecon Terrace, Rosehill Street ; S. Collins, 86, Albion Street ; G. R. Lewis, 15, Victoria Place, Fairview ; C. H. Pyke, 35, Courtenay Street ; W. J. Sutton, 6, Fairhaven Street and H. C. Yiend, 6, Victoria Square, St. Paul's.

JOHN HADDON, Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Saturday, the 25th January, 1908—Present: Alderman Haddon, Councillors Baker, Gridley, King-Harman, Merrett, Steel and Stewart (Alderman Haddon in the chair).

5—Superintendent and Sexton—The six candidates selected at the last meeting were interviewed by the Committee. Resolved, That Mr. Arthur C. Amery be appointed Superintendent and Sexton of the Cemetery at the salary and on the other terms and conditions mentioned in the advertisement, his duties to commence on the 12th pros., the appointment to be determined by three months' notice on either side.

JOHN HADDON, Chairman.

PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 14th January, 1908—Present : Councillors Bennett, Davies, Green, King-Harman and Merrett, Baron de Ferrieres, Rev. A. Beynon Phillips, Messrs. W. Cresswell, C. Hayward, A. Mann, F. Parsons and E. C. Rogers (Councillor Davies in the Chair).

1—Librarian's Report—Read, the Monthly Report of the Librarian. Receipts, £6 7s. 6d. Presentations:—Principal, Local Berlitz School of Languages, 33 vols. ; Librarian of Brighton, 1 pamphlet ; J. Sawyer, 1 vol ; L. Richardson, F.G.S., 1 vol. The issues from the Reference Department numbered 1,298, as compared with 1,528 during the corresponding month of last year, and from the Lending Department 10,177, as compared with 10200.

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2—Sub-Committee's Report—The Sub-Committee reported that they met on the 9th inst. (Present: Councillors Bennett Dr. Davies (Chairman), Green and Merrett and Mr. C. Hayward). They recommended that the offer of the local Secretary of the Shop Assistants' Union to present weekly 2 copies of the " Shop Assistant " be accepted, and that the 173 books selected by the Librarian in London be purchased for £2 8s. 10d.

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

3—Blacking-out Betting News—The following gentlemen attended as a deputation from the Free Church Ministers' Fraternal to protest against the discontinuance of blacking-out the betting news from the newspapers in the Library, and to ask the Committee to reconsider their last resolution on the subject with a view to the renewal of the practice mentioned, viz.:--Revs. C. E. Stone, A. J. T. Le Gros, J. Foster, W. E. Bolt, S. A. Worrall, C. E. Penrose, and T. D. Dodsworth, and Mr. E. E. Boorne, The Revs. C. E. Stone and A. J. T. Le Gros having expressed the views of the deputation, the Chairman thanked them for their attendance.

RICHARD DAVIES,

Chairman.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 28th January, 1908—Present: Aldermen Skillicorne and Waghorne, Councillors Bennett, Merrett, Steel and Stroud (Alderman Waghorne in the chair).

1—General District Rate—The Report of the Borough Accountant, dated the 28th inst., on the collection of the second instalment of this Rate was read. Amount collected £14,985 9s. 5d. Leaving outstanding £7,925 17s. 3d.

2—Water Rate—The Report of the Borough Accountant, dated the 28th inst., on the collection of this Rate was read. Amount received £7,613 9s. 10d. Leaving outstanding £4,525 12s. 4d.

3—Collection of Rates—Read, a letter signed by the Overseers calling attention to the inconvenience and delay which arose in the collection of the rates owing to the late date at which the General District Rate was usually made, and asking that this rate should be made at the same time as the Poor Rate. Resolved, That this Committee will endeavour to comply as far as possible with the suggestion of the Overseers.

4—Audit of Corporation Stock Accounts—The Borough Accountant reported that on the 21st and 22nd inst. he had audited the 3 per cent. Stock Accounts at the National Provincial Bank, London, and found the same in order, and that he had made the necessary half-yearly return to the Inland Revenue Authorities as to stamp duty.

5—Accounts—The Financial Statement of the Receipts and Expenditure since the last meeting and the Bills Accounts to 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 31st December last	£10,539 14 3
Received since that date	<u>£20,901 6 11</u>
	£31,441 1 2
Paid since that date (including Sinking Funds	
£3,000 invested with St. Helen's, Corporation	<u>£23,775 11 0</u>
In hand.	£ 7,665 10 2
Being Sinking Funds	£10,494 7 7
Less General Account Overdrawn	£ <u>2,828 17 5</u>
	£ 7,665 10 2

JOHN WAGHORNE, Chairman

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Borough of Cheltenham

At a Quarterly Meeting of the Town Council of the Borough of Cheltenham, duly convened and held in the Town Hall, in the said Borough, on Monday, the 3rd February, 1908, at 3 p.m. Present:

THE MAYOR (GEORGE DIMMER, ESQUIRE) in the chair.

THE DEPUTY MAYOR (ALDERMAN JOHN WAGHORNE),

Aldermen: JOHN HADDON GEORGE NORMAN WILLIAM NASH SKILLICORNE JAMES BATTEN
WINTERBOTHAM

Councillors: WILLIAM ALFRED BAKER JOHN DAVID BENDALL FREDERICK JOSEPH BENNETT RICHARD DAVIES MOSES DAVIS WILLIAM GEORGE EARENGEY EDWINSON CHARLES GREEN EDWARD GRIDLEY, MONTAGUE JOCELYN KING-HARMAN ROBERT LEY WOOD CHARLES HENRY MARGRETT WILLIE JOHN MERRETT TOM HERBERT PACKER ROBERT STEEL JAMES STEWART HERBERT STROUD.

1—Minutes of Previous Meeting—Resolved, That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Council on the 6th January 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—Gloucestershire Pageant—Read, letters from Messrs. Baring Bros., applying on behalf of the Pageant Committee for the use of the Town Hall on the 6th inst. for a Public Meeting, and on the 8th July next for a Fancy Dress Ball in aid of local charities, subject to the Committee paying the cost of lighting and out-of-pocket expenses on each occasion. Resolved, That the application be granted.

3—Resignation of Councillor Marshall—Read, a letter from Councillor Marshall resigning the office of Councillor for the West Ward, and enclosing the fine payable upon resignation. Resolved, That the office of Councillor for the West Ward of the Borough be declared vacant in consequence of such resignation.

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

5—Farms Management Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Farms Management Committee, at their Meeting of the 17th January 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 14th and 27th January last, be approved and confirmed.

7—Town Improvement Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Town Improvement Committee at their Meeting of the 20th and 28th January last, be approved and confirmed, subject to the following amendment viz. :— " That Minute No. 6 (Gloucestershire Pageant) be referred back to the Committee for re-consideration."

8—Electricity and Lighting Committee—It was moved by Councillor Ley Wood, seconded by Councillor Steel, That the proceedings of the Electricity and Lighting Committee, at their Meetings of the 16th, 22nd and 24th January last, be approved and confirmed.

To this the following amendment was moved by Councillor Margrett, seconded by Councillor Baker :—

" That Minute No. 8 (salary of Borough Electrical Engineer) be referred back to the Committee for further consideration."

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A further amendment was moved by Councillor Green, seconded by Councillor Merrett

" That £50 be substituted for £100 in the Resolution to Minute No. 8."

The last-mentioned amendment being put to the meeting the names of the members of the Councils, voting for and against, were taken down by the Town Clerk as follows :—

For :—Aldermen Skillicorne and Waghorne ; Councillors M. Davis, Earengy, Green and Merrett (6).

Against :—Aldermen Haddon and Norman ; Councillor Baker, Bendall, Bennett, Davies, Gridley, King-Harman, Ley Wood, Margrett, Packer, Steel, Stewart and Stroud (14).

The Mayor having declared this amendment lost, the amendment moved by Councillor Margrett was then voted upon, the names of the members of the Council voting being recorded as follows :—

For :—Alderman - Skillicorne ; Councillors Baker, Bendall, Davies, M. Davis, Earengy, Green, King-Harman, Margrett, Merrett, Packer, Stewart and Stroud (13). Against :—Aldermen Haddon and Norman ; Councillors Bennett, Gridley and Ley Wood (5).

The Mayor declared this amendment carried, and it was thereupon Resolved, That the proceedings of the Electricity and Lighting Committee at their meetings of the 16th, 22nd and 24th January last be approved and confirmed subject to the following amendment, viz :—

" That Minute No. 8 (Salary. of Borough Electrical Engineer) be referred back to the Committee for further consideration."

9--- Street and Highway and Electricity and Lighting Committees—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Street and Highway and Electricity and Lighting Committees at their Joint Meeting of the 24th January last be approved and confirmed.

10- Water Committee-Resolved, That the proceedings of the Water Committee, at their Meeting of the 23rd January last, be approved and confirmed.

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11 —General Purposes & Watch Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the General Purposes and Watch Committee, at their Meeting of the 21st January last, be approved and confirmed, and that a Licence to deal in Game be granted to William-Shaw Carmichael (for Messrs. Lipton, Limited), at No. 386, High Street, accordingly.

12—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 17th January last, be approved and confirmed.

13-Burial Board Committee Resolved, That the proceedings of the Burial Board Committee, at their Meetings of the 17th, 24th and 25th January last be approved and confirmed.

14—Finance Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Finance Committee, at their Meeting of the 28th January last, be approved and confirmed. Resolved, also, That an Order on the Borough Treasurer be signed accordingly authorising and ordering him to pay to the several Corporations, Companies and persons mentioned in the Schedule of Accounts the sum of money set opposite their respective names upon production of a cheque signed by the Borough Accountant.

15—High Street Improvement—Read, a Memorial signed by a number of owners and occupiers of premises in High Street with reference to an improvement in the line of frontage of Nos. 313 and 311 High Street. Resolved, That the Memorial be referred to the Street and Highway Committee for consideration.

16—Notice of Motion—Councillor Packer gave notice of his intention to move at the next Monthly Meeting of the Council :—That Minute No. 1 of the Plans Sub-Committee of their Meeting of December 10th, 1907—so far as it relates to Plan 596 (the rebuilding of the Red Lion Inn)—be rescinded.

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 March, 1908.

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, the 10th February, 1908. Present :—Alderman Skillicorne, Councillors Davies, M. Davis, Earengy, Margrett and Stewart (Alderman Skillicorne in the Chair).

1—Zymotic Disease—The Medical Officer of Health reported that there had been notified since the last Meeting of the Committee, 8 cases of Scarlet Fever, 1 case of Enteric Fever, 3 cases of Erysipelas and 5 cases of Diphtheria, and that 7 cases of Scarlet Fever and 2 of Diphtheria had been sent into the Delancey Hospital.

2—Cleansing and Limewashing at Nos. 31 Columbia Street, The Endeavour Inn, Jersey Street, 39 Malvern Street, of it 6 Knapp Place, New Street.—The Medical Officer of Health having certified under Sec. 46 of the Public Health Act, 1875, that the above-named dwelling-houses were in such a filthy and unwholesome condition that the health of the inmates was affected or endangered thereby. Resolved, That Notice be given to the owners under the said Section requiring the houses to be cleansed and limewashed.

3—Nuisances from Drains etc., at Nos. 39, Jersey Street, 22, Columbia Street, and 21 and 22, Victoria 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. 16, 17 and 22 Columbia Street, The Endeavour Inn, Jersey Street, Bayshill Cottage, rear of St. George's Place, and Everton Lodge, 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 Section 94 of the Public Health Act, 1875, be served upon the owners requiring them to put the same into a healthy condition, and for that purpose to carry out the works specified therein.

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5—Dairies, Cowsheds and Milkshops Order—Read, an application from Mr. Alfred Stallard, of No. 285, High Street, to be registered as a purveyor of milk. Resolved, That the applicant be registered.

6---Houses without proper Ash Receptacles—The inspector of Nuisances reported that, the following houses had no proper ashpits or ash receptacle, viz : Nos. 81 High. Street, Croydon, Collum End Road, 16 20, 23, 24 & 31 Columbia Street, & Sunningend, High Street—Resolved, That the necessary Notices be given to the respective owners under Sec.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 Diseased and Unsound Meat—The Medical Officer of Health reported that on the 5th ins. two pork pigs weight 172 lbs.) slaughtered at the Abattoir were found to be tuberculous and destroyed. On the same date a quantity of cod fish (weight 186lbs.), was found to be unsound and was destroyed.

8---Factory and Workshop Act, 1901—The Medical Officer of Health reported the names of certain tradesmen who had neglected to comply with the provisions of the Factory and Workshop Act, 1901, as to supplying periodically lists of ow workers employed by them, although their attention had been called to the provisions of the Act. Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to take proceedings for the penalties incurred if the lists are not furnished forthwith.

9-Special Report by Medical Officer of Health upon the Dairy Farms and Cowsheds within the Borough—The Committee having on the 21st and 25th ult. visited the dairy farms and cowsheds within the borough, the Medical Officer of Health recommended that the specifications of the works required to be carried out now submitted be approved, and that notices be given to the cowkeepers and the owners of the respective premises to carry out the specified works within three months from the service of such notices. He also recommended that the question of the water supply to several of the farms mentioned in his report, and also to cottages at Hester's Way be referred to the Water Committee and the Borough Surveyor for consideration with a view to arrangements being

made for a supply in each case from the Corporation mains. Resolved, That the specifications be approved, and that notices be served upon the cowkeepers and owners mentioned pursuant to the regulations made under the Dairies, Cowsheds and Milkshops Order, and to Section 94 of the Public Health Act, 1875, accordingly, and that the question of water supply be referred to the Water Committee as suggested.

W. NASH SKILLICORNE.

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 17th February. 1908-Present : The Mayor, Aldermen Norman and Skillicorne, Councillors Davies, M. Davis, Earengay, Margrett, and Stewart (Skillicorne in the chair).

10—Zymotic Disease—The Medical Officer of Health reported that 1 case of diphtheria had been notified since the last meeting of the Committee.

11—Cleansing and Limewashing at Nos. 3, 9, 10, 13, 16, 18, 26, 27 and 30, Lower Park Street—The Medical Officer of Health having certified under Sec. 46 of the Public Health Act, 1875 that the abovenamed dwelling-houses were in such a filthy and unwholesome condition that the health 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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12—Nuisances from Drains, etc., at the Fairview Inn, Fairview Road, Nos. 60 and 61 Sun Street, 1, 2 and 3, Arle End Cottages, 12, Rutland Street, 19, St George's Street, and 42, 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 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.

13—Insanitary Property—Nos. 2, 6, 9, 12, 29, & 31 Lower Park Street, and 28 Cleaveland 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.

14—Houses without proper Ash Receptacles—The Inspector of Nuisances reported that the following houses had no proper ashpits or ash receptacles, viz :—Park Cottage, Lower Park Street, Nos. 8, 10, 11, 13, 16, 17, 18, 24 and 29, Lower Park Street, and 28, Courtenay 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.

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 drainage, roofs, &c., which had been served, but not complied with. Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to take the necessary proceedings to compel compliance.

16—Annual Report of Medical Officer of Health—The Medical Officer of Health presented his Annual Report for 1907. The general death rate per 1,000 living persons was 13.8, being slightly lower than last year, and the zymotic death rate was 6. The infant death rate was low, 95 per 1,000 children born. The birth rate was 17.2 per 1,000 living persons, this also showing a decline upon last year's figures. 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.

17—Hatherley Outfall Sewer—The Borough Surveyor reported that 2,882 yards of the Hatherley Outfall Sewer had been completed, including the portion under the railway, which had been carried out to the satisfaction of the Railway Company. He also reported that Mr. T. B. Stewart, who has acted as Clerk of the Works on the construction of the Sewer, had resigned upon appointment as Assistant Engineer to the Colombo Municipality. Mr. Stewart had carried out the work of supervision very satisfactorily.

18—Fairfield Estate Surface Water Drainage—The Borough Surveyor submitted correspondence he had had with Mr. F. E. Jenkins, the owner of the Fairfield Estate, on the subject of the Surface Water Drainage of a portion of the Estate. The Corporation had already agreed to contribute half the estimated cost of £110 for providing surface water drainage, but Mr. Jenkins now asked the Corporation to contribute half the cost of the 22 gullies necessary. Resolved, That the Corporation provide the whole of the pipes for the works, joint up the same when laid, and provide half the street gullies required, Mr. Jenkins to do the excavating and filling in, and provide half the gullies.

W. NASH SKILLICORNE,

Chairman.

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FARMS MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Friday the 11th February, 1908: Present—The Mayor, Councillors M. Davis, Green, Gridley, Merrett and Steel (Councillor M. Davis in the chair).

1—Farm Manager's Report—Read, the Monthly Report of the last monthly meeting no purchases of cattle or sheep had been made. 5 head of cattle had been sold for £74 10s. 11d., 15 sheep for £37 2s. 3d., and 7 pigs for £13 7s. 3d. (Total sales £125 0s. 0d.) 10 pigs and 1 calf had been bred on the farms during the month, and the number of livestock. on the 14th inst. was 13 horses, 140 head of cattle, 36 sheep and 27 pigs, all doing fairly well. He had commenced corn planting at Hayden and ploughing and chain harrowing at Barn Farm. 10 ton 2 cwts. of hay had been delivered to the Central Depot. 72 bushels of beans at 4s per bushel had been purchased for cattle feeding, and posts and stakes for fencing, He recommended that the old roan cart horse be sent to the Kennels, and that a few fruit trees be planted in the cottage garden occupied by Mr. Ursell to replace those dead or past

bearing. Resolved, That the recommendations of the Manager be approved, the cost of the fruit trees to be planted not to exceed 30S

2—Cottage in Gloucester Road—With reference to the recommendation of the Farms Manager that a new floor should be put in the living room and scullery in the cottage on the Gloucester Road, the Borough Surveyor reported that the cost of putting a new board floor in the living room and a red square floor in the scullery with proper skirting would be about £8. Resolved, That the work be carried out.

3—Stables at Barn Farm—The Borough Surveyor submitted a plan showing the suggested alterations to the stable, etc., at the Barn Farm. Estimated cost £30. Resolved, That the further consideration be adjourned until after the Committee's next visit to the farms.

M. DAVIS,

Chairman.

STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, the 11th February, 1908—Present : The Mayor, Alderman Haddon, Councillors Bendall and Gridley (Councillor Bendall in the Chair).

1—Street Projections—The Street Inspector reported that a projecting lamp had been put up outside No. 164, High Street, for which no permission had not been obtained. Resolved, That notice be given requiring the removal of the same.

Read, a letter from Messrs. Lloyd King, of 109 High Street, applying for permission to put up a small projecting sign on the Winchcomb Street wall of their premises. Resolved, That the further consideration of the application be adjourned for a sketch to be submitted of the sign proposed.

2—St. George's Square—Read, a letter from the Rev. A. J. T. Le Gros and Mr. F. O. Bell, applying for permission to place notices of Popular Concerts at Wesley Lecture Hall, St. George's Street, on the railings of St. George's Square. Resolved, That the Council cannot accede to the request.

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3—Great Western Terrace—Resolved, That, upon repayment of the cost of the private improvement expenses carried out in Great Western Terrace, this street be declared a highway, and that the Town Clerk be instructed to give the necessary notice of such declaration.

4—Lower High Street Improvement—Read, a Memorial signed by Mr. M. H. Adcock and other owners and occupiers of premises in Lower High Street asking the Council to at once carry out the improvement there by setting back Nos. 311 to 313. Resolved, That the further consideration of the matter be adjourned to the next meeting for the Borough Surveyor to bring up a plan showing the suggested new line of frontage.

5—Report of Trees Sub-Committee—The Trees Sub-Committee reported that they met on the 4th inst. (Present : Alderman Skillicorne, Councillors Baker, Bendall and Ring-Harman), and inspected the

trees as to which complaints had been received from time to time. They recommended as follows ;—

Trees Opposite Sherborne Lodge, Promenade—That the trees be not further pruned, and that none be removed.

Imperial Square—Resolved, That the trees opposite No. 27 be trimmed, 2 dead trees removed and chestnuts substituted.

Montpellier Spa Buildings—That nothing be done to the trees in front of these houses. Montpellier Terrace—That alternate trees be removed.

Tree opposite Beckford, Moorend Park Road—That this tree be not removed.

Lansdown Road—That the trees in the public street be not interfered with, but that the owners of Eltham Lawn and Osborne House and the Garden opposite Westal Fountain be asked to have trees belonging to them pruned or removed.

Trees in front of The Hawthorns, Christ Church Road—That the public trees be not removed or pruned

Parabola Road—That no trees be removed.

Tree near Eamont, Bayshill—That this tree be removed.

Tree opposite Twickenham Lawn, Hale's Road—That this tree be not removed.

Tree opposite Beaconsfield, Hewlett Road—That this tree be not removed.

Selkirk Street—That no trees be cut down in this street.

That new trees be planted at the proper time in Old Bath Road, Shurdington Road, Painswick Road, Gloucester Road (from Lansdown Castle to the Borough boundary), Tewkesbury Road, London Road (from Hale's Road to the Borough Boundary), and Hale's Road.

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

6—Attendance of Employees at Pageant —On the recommendation of the Borough Surveyor, Resolved. That he be authorised to so arrange the work and hours of work of the employees in his Department before and during the Pageant week so as to enable those who are willing to take part in the Pageant to do so.

JOHN D. BENDALL, Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held ova Monday, the 24th, February, 1908.—Present : The Mayor, Aldermen Haddon, and Skillicorne, Councillors Baker, Bendall, Gridley, King-Harman and Packer (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 20th January, 1908, to the 20th February, 1908 (both inclusive) had been as follows :—

Roads Repaired--The Park (1,380 super yards).

Roads Patched—Tewkesbury Road, St. George's Road, Overton Park, Lower Mill Street, High Street, Windsor Street, Overton Road, Great Western Road and Manchester Street.

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Electric Light Trenches Repaired— Clarence Parade, Western Road, Montpellier Spa Road and High Street.

Water Trenches repaired—Hatherley Street, Imperial Square and Montpellier Street.

Gas Trenches repaired—Montpellier Terrace and 2 in Lansdown Crescent.

Sewer Trenches Repaired—Montpellier Walk, Suffolk Parade, Rear of Suffolk Lawn, Montpellier Terrace and Lansdown Place.

Footpath paving relaid—Hatherley Street, Witcombe Place, Short Street, Croft Street, Westal Green and St. Luke's Rd.

Private Improvement Works—Ewlyn Road completed.

Trees planted—Leckhampton Road (3), Eldorado Road (10), Eldorado Crescent (8), Queen's Road (1), Glencairn Park Road (2), Gloucester Road (6), Malvern Road (3), Albert Road (1), Wellington Road (4), St. George's Road (2), Promenade (2), Imperial Square (1), Pittville Lawn (2), Montpellier. Drive (1), Old Bath Road (9).

Trees Pruned—Eldorado Road, Eldorado Crescent, St. George's Road, Tivoli House and The Cleeve.
Tree felled—Pittville Circus, one broken down by motor car. New galley grates and frames, 3.

Slab Factory—During 4 weeks ended 13th February, 1908, 739 ⁷/₉ square yards of slabs made.

Ashes Collection and Disposal—During 4 weeks ended 20th February, 1908, 1,097 loads collected, 694 consumed, and 403 tipped away. Weight consumed, 691 tons 19 cwts.

8—View Meeting—The following Members attended the View Meeting on Friday last :—Aldermen Haddon and Skillicorne, Councillors Baker, Bendall, Gridley and King-Harman.

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—Apportionment of Private Improvement Expenses—Keynsham Road—The Borough Surveyor reported that the private improvement works in Keynsham Road had been carried out by the Corporation at a cost of £118 7s. 3d. He submitted an apportionment of this amount based, in accordance with the instructions of the Committee, upon the degree of benefit to be derived from the works. Resolved, That the apportionment be approved, and that notice thereof and of demand of repayment be served upon the owners of properties referred to therein.

Footpath at back of Marlborough House, Loreburn and Beechwood House, Montpellier—The Borough Surveyor reported, that the private improvement works ordered to be done to this footpath had been carried out by the Corporation at a cost of £32 5s. 10d., which amount he had apportioned amongst the abutting owners in accordance with the frontage of their respective premises. Resolved. That the apportionment be approved, and that notice thereof and of demand of repayment be served on the abutting owners.

11—Street Projections—With reference to the application of Messrs. Lloyd & King for permission to place a small projecting sign in Winchcombe Street, the proposed sign was now submitted for the Committee's approval. Resolved. That Messrs. Lloyd & King be informed that the Committee have no objection to the sign being placed fiat against the wall, but the same cannot be allowed to project as proposed.

12—Footpath in Bath Road—Read, a letter from Mr. C. H. Rainger, asking that the footpath opposite his premises in Bath Road should be made good. Resolved, That provision be made in next year's estimates for the repaving of the footpath in Bath Road from Vernon Place to Bath Parade.

13—Destructor—The Borough Surveyor reported that good progress had been made with the new destructor, Resolved, That the Committee inspect the same when the contract has been completed, and before the fires are started.

14—Refuse Carts—The Borough Surveyor submitted 3 tenders he had obtained for the supply of ash collecting vans. On the recommendation of the Borough Surveyor, Resolved, That one Constable's Patent Perfect " Collecting Van be purchased at a cost of £47 10s. 0d.

15—Corporation Employees—Resolved. That the Borough Surveyor be instructed in future to make it a condition of employment that all men engaged in his department must live in the Borough.

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16—Lower High Street Improvement—The Borough Surveyor submitted a plan showing the proposed new line of frontage opposite Nos. 311, 312 and 313 High Street. Resolved, That the plan be approved, that the Town Clerk be instructed to take the necessary steps to offer No. 313 High Street for sale by public auction, possession to be given on the 24th June next, that a condition of such sale be that the premises are set back to the line shown upon the plan now submitted, and that the elevations both to High Street and New Street be subject to the approval of the Council, and that this Committee be empowered to fix the reserve price at such sale. Resolved, also, That the Town Clerk be instructed to ascertain from Corpus Christi College and Mr. Tapp, the owners and lessee of No. 312, High Street, upon what terms they would be prepared to set back their premises to the improved line.

17—Main Roads—Read, a letter from the County Surveyor, asking whether the Corporation would be willing to renew the contract with the County Council for the main roads at £2,200 per annum for three years. The Borough Surveyor recommended that a contract should be entered into for one year only. Resolved, That the suggestion of the Borough Surveyor be approved, and that he be instructed to communicate with the County Surveyor with a view to arriving at an agreement as to the amount to be paid by the County, and to report to this Committee.

18—Rowanfield Road and Footpaths in Gloucester Road (near Arle Road) and in Millbrook Street (opposite the Shrubberies)—Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to bring up plans and specifications of the works required to be carried out by the abutting owners in the above streets.

19—Rotunda Terrace Footpath—The Borough Surveyor submitted a plan showing a proposed improvement of the footpath in front of Rotunda Terrace, the estimated cost of carrying out the same being £179. Of the sum of £500 allotted from the credit balance on the Slab Factory Account there would be sufficient left after the repaving in the Promenade to cover the cost of the Rotunda Terrace improvement. Resolved, That the plan be approved, and the work carried out.

20—Trees, etc.—Read, a letter from Mrs. Mills, of Lowmandale, suggesting the planting of trees in streets on the Fairfield Estate and elsewhere, and also calling attention to the provisions of the Act passed last session as to advertisement hoardings. Resolved, That Mrs. Mills be informed that the matters referred to in her letter are receiving the consideration of the Committee.

21—Langdon and Ewlyn Roads—Read, a letter from Mr. F. J. Comely, suggesting that name plates should be put up in Langdon and Ewlyn Roads. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have these fixed.

22—Tenders for Stores—The Sub-Committee reported that they met (Present : Alderman Haddon, Councillors Baker, Bendall (Chairman), and Gridley), and considered the tenders (296 in number) for the supply of materials, etc., for the 12 months ending the 31st March, 1909, and examined the accompanying samples. Resolved, To recommend the acceptance of the Schedule of Prices from the following for the supply of goods required by the Corporation :—

Electric Light Fittings—General Electric Co., London.

Household Goods and Sundries—A. S. Bartholomew, F. Drake, W. H. Mack and Joyner & Son.

Lias Lime Bricks, &c.—Webb Bros., Powell, Gwinnell Leckhampton Quarries Co.

Printing and Stationery—G. F. Poole, H. Edwards, Thos. Hailing, Smith & Son, S. R. Grove, W. T. Cossens, Harvey & Healing and Norton & Gregory (London). [Note :—The tenders for printing and stationery are for 3 years from the 1st April, 1908].

Oils and Colours—Middleton Bros. (London), Fisher & Sous, Ltd., W. J. Newth (Gloucester):

Castings—F. Bradley (Kidderminster). (This tender to be accepted for 2 years from the 1st April, 1908).

Timber—Smith Bros., Pearce & Co., Acme Wood Co. (London).

India Rubber Goods, &c.—Thornton & Co., Leyland Rubber Co., Birmingham.

Lead Piping and Brass Fittings—Walkers & Co. (Chester), Guest & Chrimes (Rotherham).

Tools—Fisher & Sons, Ltd., D. Davies.

Wrought Iron, Steel and Tiles—Fisher & Sons, Ltd., S. Mason (Oldbury), Basher & Son (Sheffield).

Coal—Powell, Gwinnell & Co., Household, 17s 4d ; Slack, 9s and 10s per ton.

Ironmongery—Fisher & Sons, Ltd. Cement—South Wales Cement Co., 28s 6d per ton.

Disinfectants—Killgerm Co. (Cleckheaton), United Alkali Co. (Liverpool), W. T. Newth (Gloucester).

Forage—Ride & Co., E. Snowsell, and Corporation Sewage Farms.

Kerb, Setts and Macadam—Left to the Borough Surveyor to order from schedules as required.

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

JOHN D. BENDALL, Chairman.

PLANS SUB-COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Sub-Committee held on Tuesday, the 11th February, 1908. Present :—
Councillors Bendall, and Stewart (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.
625	J. Gummer	New Scullery and W.C., 32, All Saints' Road.
626	G. W. Bullock	Two W.C.'s at rear of Nos. 7 and 8 Edward Street.
627	F. C. Ryland	New area surrounded by iron railings, rear of 6, Queen's Circus, Montpellier Street.

Resolved, That Plans Nos. 625 and 626 be approved, and that Plans Nos. 607 be disapproved.

JOHN D. BENDALL,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Sub-Committee held on Friday, the 21st February, 1908. Present : The Mayor,
Councillors Baker, Bendall, King-Harman and Stewart (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
621	The Palace Theatre Company	Conversion of the Victoria Rooms into a Theatre.
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628	T. W. Smith	Eight semi-detached houses, Cemetery Road.
629	F. W. Strange	Two semi-detached houses, Old Bath Road.

Resolved, That Plans Nos. 621 and 629 be disapproved, and that Plans Nos. 628 be approved.

JOHN D. BENDALL, Chairman.

TOWN IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 10th February, 1908--Present : Councillors Baker, Bennett, Packer, Steel, Stewart and Stroud (Councillor Baker in the chair).

1—Gloucestershire Pageant—The application of the Pageant Committee for the use of the Montpellier Gardens during Pageant week was further considered.

WILLIAM A. BAKER,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, the 17th February, 1908. Present :—The Mayor, Councillors Baker, Bennett, Steel, Stewart and Stroud (Councillor Baker in the Chair).

2—Athletic Sports at Montpellier Gardens—Read, a letter from the Hon. Sec. of the Cheltenham Athletic Society, applying for the use of the Montpellier Gardens on Easter Monday next. Resolved, That the application be granted upon the same terms as last year, viz., payment of £15.

3—Archery Ground at Montpellier Gardens—Read, a letter from the Hon. Sec. of the Cheltenham Archery Club, applying for the use of the Archery ground this year upon the same terms as last year, viz. : From the 1st April to the 31st October next at a rent of £12 12s. 0d. for the ground, and the services of 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 granted

4—Photographs of Cheltenham in Midland Railway Carriages—Read, a letter from the Superintendent of the Line, Midland Railway, stating that a large number of new carriages would shortly be placed on their lines affording opportunity for the display of photographs of holiday resorts and places of interests. He should be pleased to place views of Cheltenham in the compartments if supplied with 100 photochrom views of the Promenade and 50 of Pittville Gardens. Resolved, That the views be supplied.

5—Charge for use of Winter Garden—Read, a letter from Mr. J. H. Evans, Chairman of the Cheltenham Fanciers' Society, asking the Committee to make a reduction in the charge of £20 10s. 6d. for the use of the Winter Garden for a 2 days' show and electric energy for lighting, the Society having a deficit of £39 1s. 0d. Resolved, That the Committee regret they cannot accede to the application.

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6—Gloucestershire Pageant---The application of the Pageant Committee for the use of the Montpellier Gardens during the week commencing the 6th July next was again considered, Major Brooke Murray attending as representing the Pageant Entertainments Sub-Committee. He explained that it was impossible for the Pageant Committee to accept the offer contained in the previous resolution of this Committee as to sharing terms, and that the former had already arranged for

entertainments each evening (hiring the week, with the exception of Tuesday, when there would be a firework display at Pittville. Resolved, That no Corporation entertainments be given during the Pageant week, that the free use of the Montpellier Gardens be granted to the Pageant Committee for the week commencing the 6th July next, such Committed paying the cost of lighting and out-of-pocket expenses, and making good any damage done to Corporation property.

The Borough Surveyor submitted a plan showing the proposed position of the grand stand in the Made Hill Annexe. The Committee having inspected the site, Resolved, That the plan be approved.

WILLIAM A. BAKER,

Chairman.

ELECTRICITY AND LIGHTING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Thursday, 13th February, 1908. Present :—The Mayor, Councillors Bennett, Green, Gridley, Merrett and Steel (Councillor Gridley in the Chair).

1—Gas Examiner's Report—The Gas Examiner reported that on the 12th inst. he tested the gas for illuminating power, with the following result :-16.6 candles. The test made by him for purity showed 40 grains of sulphur per 100 cubic feet.

2—Requisition for Materials Required—The Borough Electrical Engineer submitted a list of materials, etc., which would probably be required during the ensuing month, and the same was approved.

3—Borough Electrical Engineer's Monthly Report—Read, the Monthly Report of the Borough Electrical Engineer. On the 10th inst. there were 955 consumers, with the equivalent of 63,365 8 c.p. lamps connected to the private supply mains, the corresponding figures for last year being 910 and 60,591 respectively.

4—Application for Supply—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that he had received an application from Mr. A. E. Ballinger for a supply of energy for lighting and power at No. 49, St. George's Street. He recommended that a low pressure main be laid from High Street, a distance of 40 yards, at a cost of £14. 10s. 0d. Mr. Ballinger was willing to guarantee an annual payment of £2 10s. 0d. for three years. Resolved, That the recommendation of the Borough Electrical Engineer be approved, and supply given on the terms mentioned.

5—Railway Wagons—The Borough Electrical Engineer submitted the tender he had received from the Gloucester Wagon Co. for the hire purchase or hire of 10 ton and 12 ton wagons. Resolved, That the tender of the Gloucester Wagon Co. for the hire purchase on a 7-years' agreement of not exceeding 10 10-ton wagons at £13 2s. 6d. each per annum be accepted, subject to the sanction of the Local Government Board being obtained to the loan for the siding, and to an agreement being made with the Midland Railway Co,

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6—Factory and Workshop Act, 1901—Read, a letter from the Association of Municipal Corporations stating that a Sub-Committee had been appointed by them for the purpose of taking such action as they may deem expedient to protect the interests of municipalities as to the regulations proposed to

be made by the Home Office in regard to the generation, transformation, distribution and use of Electrical Energy in premises under the Factory and Workshop Act, 1901, and asking the Council to join in taking the necessary steps to lay before the Home Office the views of municipalities upon any objectionable regulations, the expenses incurred to be contributed on the basis of rateable value. The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that the Municipal Electrical Association proposed to take joint action with the Municipal Corporations Associations in the matter. Resolved, That no action be taken.

7—Lighting of Ewlyn Road—Read, a letter from Mrs. Slader asking the Committee to reconsider their decision not to place an additional lamp in Ewlyn Road. Resolved, That the Committee see no reason to alter their previous resolution.

E. GRIDLEY, Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, the 20th February, 1908. Present : Alderman Norman, Councillors Bennett, Green, Gridley, Ley Wood, Merrett and Steel (Councillor Ley Wood in the Chair).

8—Tenders for Coal—The tenders, 9 in number, received for the supply of coal for the works for three months from the 15th prox. were considered. Resolved, That the tender of Messrs. Chritchlow & Sheppard for the supply of Lydbrook coal at 12s 2d per ton be accepted.

9—Salary of Borough Electrical Engineer—The resolution of this Committee recommending an increase of £100 in the salary of the Borough Electrical Engineer (at present £400 per annum) referred back by the Council was re-considered. Resolved, That the salary of Mr. Bache be increased by £50 per annum from the 1st April next.

ROBT. LEY WOOD, Chairman.

WATER COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, the 20th February, 1908. Present : Councillors Baker, M. Davis, Green, 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 16th Feb., 1908.	Average for corresponding period during last 3 years.
Hewletts Springs	321,120 gallons	352,000 gallons
Dowdeswell Springs	786,240 "	1,118,000 "
Leckhampton	69,120 " approximately	69,120 "
Total	1,176,480 "	1,539,120 "

CONTENTS OF RESERVOIRS.

	Feb. 16th, 1908.		Feb. 10th, 1907.	
	Depth	Contents	Depth	Contents
Hewletts	...	29,981,160 gallons	...	25,168,001 gallons
Leckhampton.	10ft. 6in.	1,418,300 "	5ft. 0in.	675,385 "
Dowdeswell.	31ft. 4in.	96,512,001 "	23ft. 8in.	58,749,470 "
Total Storage		127,914,467		84,592,856 "

2—Tenders for Cast Iron Pipes—The tenders received for the supply of cast iron pipes were considered. Resolved, That the tender of the Stanton Iron Works Co., Ltd., Nottingham, for the supply of straight pipes at an average price of £5 2s. 11d., and Specials from £9 10s. 0d. to £11 10s. 0d. per ton be accepted, their tender being the lowest, the contract to be for 2 years from the 1st April next if the contractors agree, but otherwise for one year only.

3—Tenders for Coal for Tewkesbury Works—The tenders received for the supply of steam coal for the Tewkesbury Pumping Station for the year ending the 1st March, 1909, were considered. Resolved, That the tender of Messrs. Idiens & Sons, Ltd., Tewkesbury, for coal from Kingsbury at 9s 3d per ton, and Whateley coal at 11s 7d per ton be accepted.

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

H. WAGHORNE, Chairman.

GENERAL PURPOSES AND WATCH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 18th February, 1908—Present : The Mayor, Aldermen Norman, Skillicorne, and Waghorne, Councillors Baker, Bendall, M. Davis and Ley Wood (Alderman Norman in the Chair).

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

2—Hackney Carriage Driver's Licence—Read, an application from Mr. Sidney Sutton, of 27, Imperial Square, for a licence to drive a hackney carriage. Resolved, That the application be granted.

3—Report of Fire Brigade Captain—The Captain of the Fire Brigade reported that on the 23rd ult. the Brigade was called to an outbreak of fire at No. 28, Duke Street, caused by a defective flue. Damage, £2. Extinction expenses £3 4s. 6d. The buildings, but not the contents, were insured.

4—Attendance of Brigade at Fires outside Borough—Read, a letter from Mrs. Theobald, the donor of the Steam Fire Engine, suggesting that the radius for the attendance of the Brigade at fires beyond the Borough boundaries should be increased to one of four miles instead of three from the Fire Station. Resolved, That the suggestion be approved and adopted, and that the resolution to Minute No. 7 of this Committee of the 21st January last be varied accordingly.

5—Transfer of Hackney Carriage No. 35—Read, letters from Mr. H. Morgan and Mr. W. Green applying for the transfer of Hackney Carriage Licence No. 35 from the former to the latter. Resolved, That the application be granted subject to the carriage being inspected and approved by the Chairman.

6—Annual Meeting of Municipal Corporations Association—Resolved, That the Chairman and the Deputy Mayor be appointed representatives to attend the Annual Meeting of the Association of Municipal Corporations in London on the 18th proximo.

7—Honorary Freedom—The Mayor submitted a suggestion that the Honorary Freedom of the Borough should be offered to the Right Hon. Sir John E. Dorington, Bart., Chairman of the County Council, in recognition of his long and distinguished service to the County, and to the cause of Local Government. Resolved, That the suggestion be cordially approved, and that the Mayor be asked to call a special meeting of the Council as required by the Honorary Freedom of Boroughs Act, 1885, for such date and time as may be convenient, and to make other necessary arrangements for admitting Sir John to be an Honorary Freeman of the Borough.

GEO. NORMAN, Chairman.

ART GALLERY AND MUSEUM COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, the 12th February, 1908. Present:—
Councillors Davies and Stroud, and Dr. E. T. Wilson (Councillor Davies in the Chair).

1—Curator's Report—The Curator reported that 1549 visits had been made to the Art Gallery and Museum since the 11th December last.

He had visited South Kensington- Museum with respect to the change of loan exhibits, with the result that the Authorities hoped to send in June or July objects on the following subjects:—Metal-work, wood-carving and needlework.

The 34 Original Drawings of Old Cheltenham had been framed and hung, the Baron de Ferrieres having kindly contributed to the cost of framing.

Mr. J. T. Agg-Gardner had offered to lend a portrait of the Duke of Wellington, a bronze bowl, etc., for exhibition.

He recommended that the Art Gallery and Museum should be closed for the annual cleaning from the 1st to the 18th April.

As a number of pictures on loan were to be returned early in April he recommended that he should be authorised to arrange a loan exhibition of pictures during May, June and July next, and that a charge should be made for admission on certain days each week.

Resolved, That the thanks of the Committee be tendered to the Baron de Ferrieres and Mr. Agg-Gardner; that the Art Gallery and Museum be closed as recommended, due public notice being given of the same; and that the Curator be authorised to arrange for an exhibition of pictures during May, June and July next in the large Gallery, a charge of 6d. to be made for admission on Tuesdays and Fridays, free admission being given on the other days of the week.

RICHARD DAVIES, Chairman.

MINERAL WATERS, BATHS AND RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, the 14th February, 1908. Present :—Councillors Baker, Earengay, Merrett, Stewart 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, had been as follows:—

Receipts	£463 13 2	Payments	£494 7 3
Rent of Shop	£48 0 0	Interest & Redemption	
Hire of Bath for		(proportion of) ...	£441 14 2
Gymnasium, etc. ..	<u>£10 0 11</u> ..		
	£521 14 1		£936 1 5

Boiler.—The Borough Surveyor submitted a Report from the Boiler Insurance Company upon their examination of one of the boilers at the Baths, from which it appeared that the same was unfit for further use. The Borough Surveyor reported that the cost of fixing the disused boiler, agreed to be taken over from the Water Department, at the Baths, including the necessary building, would be £105. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have the new boiler fixed.

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	£295 7 1	Payments	£346 19
		Interest on Redemption	
		(proportion of) ..	<u>£271 2 4</u>
	£295 7 1		£618 2 0

HERBERT STROUD, Chairman.

BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this committee, held on Friday, the 21st February, 1908—Present: The Mayor, Alderman Haddon, Councillors Baker, Gridley, King-Harman, Merrett, Steel and Stewart (Alderman Haddon in the Chair).

1—Superintendent's Report—The Superintendent of the Cemetery reported that he commenced his duties at the Cemetery on the 12th, Mr. Willis being in residence at the Lodge until the 19th inst. He submitted a statement of the repairs, papering, etc., necessary at the Lodge. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have the work done.

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2—Designs—Resolved, That the following designs be approved, viz.:—Headstones to graves of Julia Roberts and Mary Ann Selley, Giles Alfred Cripps, Thomas Sandford Bastin, John Humphris and Harriet Brecy, Juliana Dudfield, and Jessie Channon. Memorial - Crosses, etc., to graves of Elizabeth M. S. Carleton, Rebecca Hester Videcoq, Emma Lyford. Kerbings to graves of Joseph Rodway, S. Gorton and William Styles Green. Addition to memorial on grave of Augusta and Frederick William

Novis. Resolved, also, That a design for a kerb to the grave of the Hon. Beryl Madeline de Courcy be not approved, the width of the same exceeding the maximum allowed by the Cemetery Regulations.

3—Duties of Superintendent and Sexton—The Town Clerk submitted a statement of the duties of the Superintendent and Sexton of the Cemetery. Resolved, That the same be approved.

JOHN HADDON,

Chairman.

PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the [?]th February, 1908.—Present: Councillors Davies, Green, Merrett and Stewart, Baron de Ferrieres, Rev. A. Beynon Phillips, Messrs. A. Beckingsale, W. Cresswell, C. Hayward, A. Mann, and E. C. Rogers (Councillor Davies in the Chair).

1—Librarian's Report—Read, the Monthly Report of the Librarian. Receipts, £5 7s. 4d. Presentations: Harold Griffiths, 1 vol. ; Mrs. E. Chapman, 2 vols. and 1 pamphlet ; University Tutorial Press, 1 vol.

The issues from the Reference Department numbered 1,387, an increase of 128, as compared with the corresponding month last year, and from the Lending Department 9,397, an increase of 409.

2—Sub-Committee's Report—The Sub-Committee reported that they met on the 6th inst. (Present: Councillors Bennett, Dr. Davies (Chairman), Green, King-Harman and Merrett, and the Rev. A. Beynon Phillips). They recommended that the offer of Dr. Callaway to present monthly " The Literary Guide," and the offer of the Secretary of the Women's Industrial Council to present for one year " The Women's Industrial News," be accepted, and that Kelly's London Post Office Directory for 1908 be purchased for 25s

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

RICHARD DAVIES,

Chairman.

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FINANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 25th February, 1908—Present : Councillors Bennett, Earengy, Merrett, Steel and Stroud (Councillor Steel in the chair).

1—General District Rate—The Report of the Borough Accountant, dated the 25th inst., on the collection of the second instalment of this Rate was read. Amount collected £19,513 1s. 9d. Leaving outstanding £3,398 4s. 11d.

2—Water Rate—The Report of the Borough Accountant, dated the 25th inst., on the collection of this Rate was read. Amount received £9,792 16s. 1d. Leaving outstanding £2,434 13s. 11d.

3—Loans—The Borough Accountant reported that he had received upon loan three sums of £500, £900 and £620 respectively to bear interest at 3 ¼ per cent. Resolved, That debentures for such loans be sealed and issued on account of the amount sanctioned for Naunton Council Schools.

4—Reciprocal Investment of Sinking and Loans Funds—The Borough Accountant reported that he was in negotiation with the Great Yarmouth Corporation for a loan of £10,000, if a similar amount were advanced to them, the loans to bear interest at 3 ½ per cent. Resolved, That subject to the security offered being approved by the Town Clerk, the sum of £10,000 be advanced to the Great Yarmouth Corporation, and that debentures be sealed and issued for a like amount to be advanced by them as follows :—Refuse Destructor Loan, £3,400 ; Electric Lighting Loans, £3,600, Waterworks Loans, £3,000.

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 was the General Statement :—

In hand on the 28th January last	£7,665 10 2
Received since that date (including Loans £2,020	<u>£22,758 10 6</u>
	£30,424 0 8
Paid since that date (including £3,000 Sinking Funds invested with St. Helen's, Corporation)	<u>£13,980 16 6</u>
	In hand £16,443 4 2
Being General Accounts	£ 6,264 17 3
Being Sinking Funds	<u>£10,178 6 11</u>
	£16,443 4 2

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 Monday, the 2nd March, 1908, at 3 p.m. Present :

THE MAYOR (GEORGE DIMMER, ESQUIRE) in the chair. THE DEPUTY MAYOR (ALDERMAN JOHN WAGHORNE).

Aldermen: JOHN HADDON GEORGE NORMAN WILLIAM NASH SKILLICORNE JAMES BATTEN WINTERBOTHAM

Councillors: WILLIAM ALFRED BAKER JOHN DAVID BENDALL FREDERICK JOSEPH BENNETT RICHARD DAVIES MOSES DAVIS WILLIAM GEORGE EARENGEY EDWINSON CHARLES GREEN EDWARD GRIDLEY MONTAGUE JOCELYN KING-HARMAN. ROBERT LEY WOOD CHARLES HENRY MARGRETT WILLIE JOHN MERRETT TOM HERBERT PACKER THOMAS REES JONES ROBERT STEEL JAMES STEWART HERBERT STROUD HENRY WAGHORNE.

1—Minutes of Previous Meeting—Resolved, That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Council on the 3rd 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—Vacancies on Committees—Resolved, That Councillor Rees-Jones be appointed a Member of the Electricity and Lighting, Art Gallery and Museum, Public Library, Finance, and Education Committees of the Council and of the Distress Committee for the Borough to fill vacancies caused by the resignation of Councillor Marshall.

3—Appointment of Overseers—Resolved. That William Alfred Baker, of 60, Marle Hill Parade, Cheltenham ; John David Bendall, of Brookville, Leckhampton Road, Cheltenham ; Charles Hall, of Hillsborough, Leckhampton Road, Cheltenham and Robert Steel, of 1, Oriel Terrace, Cheltenham be appointed Overseers of the Poor for the Parish of Cheltenham for the ensuing year.

4—Engineer Volunteers—Resolved, That having regard to the fact that the 1st Glos. Royal Engineer Volunteers are the Senior Corps in the County, whose Headquarters have always been at Cheltenham, and to the high state of efficiency to which they have, been brought under Colonel Rogers, Colonel Cardew, and other officers, this Council deeply regrets the decision of the County Association for Territorial Forces, which, if carried out, will involve the disbandment of the Regiment, and that a deputation, consisting of the Mayor, the Borough Member, and Colonel Cardew, be appointed to make representations to the War Office with a view to prevent such disbandment, even if the Regiment has to serve with another Grouped Division.

5—Public Health Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Public Health Committee, at their Meetings of the 10th and 17th February last, be approved and confirmed.

6—Farms Management Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Farms Management Committee, at their Meeting of the 14th February last, be approved and confirmed.

7—Street and Highway Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Street and Highway Committee, at their Meetings of the 11th and 24th February last, be approved and confirmed, subject to the following amendment to Minute No. 9 (Report of Plans Sub-Committee)—That Plan No. 629 (Houses in Old Bath Road) be approved.

8—Town Improvement Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Town Improvement Committee at their Meetings of the 10th and 17th February last, be approved and confirmed, subject to the following amendments viz.:—

That the following be substituted for the Resolution to Minute No. 6 (Gloucestershire Pageant) :—
That no Corporation Entertainments be given at the Montpellier Gardens for the week commencing the 6th July next, but that the Pageant Committee be granted the same for that period, on condition that the Pageant Committee provide an approved entertainment each evening except the Tuesday during that week, and also pay the cost of lighting and out-of-pocket expenses, and make good any damage done to any Corporation property.

That " £10 " be substituted for " £15 " in Minute No. 2 (Athletic Sports at Montpellier Gardens).

9—Electricity and Lighting Committee—It was moved by Councillor Ley Wood, seconded by Councillor Bennett, That the proceedings of the Electricity and Lighting Committee, at their Meetings of the 13th and 20th February last, be approved and confirmed.

To this the following amendment was moved by Councillor Margrett, seconded by Councillor Stroud:—

"That the consideration of Minute No. 9 (salary of Borough Electrical Engineer) be adjourned for twelve months."

Upon the amendment being put to the meeting the names of the members of the Council, voting for and against, were taken down by the Town Clerk as follows:—

For :—Councillors Baker, Bendall, Davies, Davis, King-Harman, Margrett, Packer, Rees Jones, Stewart, Stroud and Waghorne (11).

Against :—Aldermen Haddon, Norman, Skillicorne and Winterbotham, Councillors Bennett, Earengy, Green, Gridley, Ley Wood, Merrett and Steel (11).

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The voting being equal, the Mayor gave his casting vote against, the amendment, and declared the same not carried. The original proposition was thereupon put to the meeting, and it was Resolved, That the proceedings of Electricity and Lighting Committee at their meetings of the 13th and 20th February last be approved and confirmed. (Chairman--At this stage of the meeting, the Mayor vacated the chair, and it was Resolved, That Alderman Skillicorne be appointed Chairman in the absence of the Mayor).

10—Water Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Water Committee, at their Meeting of the 20th February last, be approved and confirmed.

11-General Purposes & Watch Committee-Resolved, That the proceedings of the General Purposes and Watch Committee, at their Meeting of the 18th February last, be approved and confirmed.

12—Art Gallery and Museum Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Art Gallery and Museum Committee, at their Meeting of the 12th February last, be approved and confirmed.

13—Mineral Waters, Baths and Recreation Grounds Committee--Resolved. That the proceedings of the Mineral Waters, Baths and Recreation Grounds Committee, at their Meeting of the 14th February last, be approved and confirmed.

14—Burial Board Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Burial Board Committee, at their Meeting of the 21st February last be approved and confirmed.

1:5-Finance Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Finance Committee, at their Meeting of the With 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.

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16—Notice of Motion—Councillor Green gave notice of his intention to move at the next Monthly Meeting of the Council :—That when it is recommended to increase the salary of any official of the Corporation one month's notice be given to the Council before the recommendation is submitted for approval.

17—Arle Road—Read, a Memorial signed by a number of owners and occupiers of property in Arle Road and neighbourhood with reference to the public lighting, footpaths and seats in the Arle Road. Resolved, That the Memorial be referred to the Street and Highway and Electricity and Lighting Committees 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 6th April, 1908.

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, the 9th March, 1908. Present:—Alderman Skillicorne, Councillors Davies, m. Davis, Earengy, King-Harman, Margrett and Stewart (Alderman Skillicorne 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, 1 case of Enteric Fever, 1 case of Erysipelas and 4 cases of Diphtheria, and that 7 cases of Scarlet Fever and 1 of Diphtheria had been sent into the Delancey Hospital.

2—Cleansing and Limewashing at Nos. 1, 2, 5, 10 and 19, Burton Street and 68 St. George's 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. 1, 2 and 3, Sandford Street, 6, Kilchberg Villas, and 15, Burton 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. 5, 7, 11 and 15 Burton Street and 39 Jersey Street.—The Medical Officer of Health reported that the above-mentioned premises were in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to the health of the inmates owing to defective roofs, walls, ceilings, floors, &c. Resolved, That the Council being satisfied that the said premises are in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to health, Notices under Section 94 of the Public Health Act, 1875, be served upon the owners requiring them to put the same into a healthy condition and for that purpose to carry out the works specified therein.

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5—House without a Proper Water Supply—No. 68, St. George's Place—It appearing on the Report of the Borough Surveyor that the above premises were without a proper supply of water, but that such supply could be furnished at a cost not exceeding the Water Rate authorised by the Cheltenham Corporation Water Acts. Resolved, That Notice be given under Section 62 of the Public Health Act, 1875, to the owner, requiring him to obtain such a supply, and do all such things as may be necessary for that purpose.

6—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 Crophorne Cottages, Collum End Road, 2.5, Bath Street, 7, Henrietta Street, & 1, Melville Terrace —Resolved, That the necessary Notices be given to the respective owners under Sec. 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 Diseased and Unsound Meat—The Medical Officer of Health reported the seizure and destruction as diseased and unsound on the 20th ult. of a sheep slaughtered at the Abattoir (weight of carcase, etc., 105 lbs.)

W. NASH SKILLICORNE,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 23rd March, 1908. — Present : Alderman Skillicorne, Councillors Davies, M. Davis, Earengy, King-Harman, Margrett, and Stewart (Alderman Skillicorne in the chair).

8—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, and that 3 cases of Scarlet Fever and 1 case of Diphtheria had been sent into the Delancey Hospital.

9—Cleansing and Limewashing at Nos. 13, Bennington Street, 9, Great Norwood Street, 4, St. Paul's Street South, 63, Queen Street, The Burton Street Brewery, 23, 26, 27 & 30 ½, Burton Street, The Dove & Rainbow inn, & 41 Burton Street.—The Medical Officer of Health having certified under Sec. 46 of the Public Health Act, 1875, that the above-named dwelling-houses were in such a filthy and unwholesome condition that the health of the inmates was affected or endangered thereby. Resolved, That Notice be given to the owners under the said Section requiring the houses to be cleansed and limewashed.

10—Nuisances from Drains, etc., at the Plough Hotel, Stables at rear of No. 2 Blenheim Parade, No. 8 Imperial Square, No. 4 Rodney Place.—The Inspector of Nuisances having made written application under Sec. 41 of the Public Health Act, 1875, stating that the drains, &c., on or belonging to the above-named houses were in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to health. Resolved, That authority be given to the Inspector of Nuisances to open the ground, examine the drains, and report to the Committee.

11—Insanitary Property—Nos. 7, St Paul's Street North, 13, Devonshire Street, 6, Fairfield Avenue, and 14, 19 and 41, 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, 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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12---Dairies, Cowsheds and Milkshops Order Road, an application from Mr. A. Gould to be registered as a purveyor of milk at No. 33, Upper Bath Road. Resolved, That the applicant be registered.

13-Houses without proper Ash Receptacles Tho Inspector of Nuisances reported that the following houses had no proper ashpits or ash receptacles viz:- Nos. 16 Bloomsbury Street, 7, St. Paul's Street South, 3, Suffolk Road, 26, Bennington Street, Westholme Cottage, Dunalley Parade, Rose Villas, Dunalley Street, 22, Gloucester Place, and 41 St George's Resolved, That the necessary Notices be given to the respective owners under of the Public Health Act, 1875, and Section '27 of the Cheltenham Improvement A 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-Hatherley Outfall Sewer, etc.—The Borough Surveyor reported that the Hatherley Outfall Sewer was nearly completed, The storm water overflow sewer from the Tank to the Brook was defective, and he recommended that instead of repairing the present sewer a new one should be constructed wholly upon the Corporation property at a cost of about Resolved, That the recommendation of the Borough Surveyor be approved and carried out.

15—Sewage Disposal Works—The Borough Surveyor reported that the experimental works at Hayden and underdrainage at Barn Farm were nearly complete. In view of the tanks about to be constructed, he recommended the purchase of 214 yards of tramway and 4 wagons from Messrs. Chick, 6, rden & Co., Contractors, of Highworth, Wilts, for The plant had been very little used. Resolved, That the recommendation be approved and adopted.

W. NASH SKILLICORNE, Chairman.

FARMS MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Friday, the 20th March, 1908.—Present: Councillors M. Davis, Green, Gridley, King-Harman and Margrett (Councillor M. Davis in the chair).

1—Farm Manager's Report—Read, the Monthly Report of the Farms Manager. Since the last monthly meeting 6 bullocks had been purchased for £67 10s., and 20 sheep for 12 pigs had been sold for £1:3 7s., 13 sheep for £32 17s. 5d., and 22 head of cattle for 63. (Total sales £437 13s. 11d.) 3 calves had been bred on the farms during the month, and the number of livestock on the 20th inst. was 12 horses, 123 head of cattle, 43 sheep and 15 pigs, all doing very well. barley and wheat at Barn Farm and oats at Hayden had 'been threshed and corn drilling had been commenced at Barn Farm. Rolling and harrowing of pasture land was in progress. 4 tons 7 cwts. 1 qr. of meadow hay had been delivered to the Central Depot. Miscellaneous receipts, 19s 6d. A second-hand seed drill had been purchased for £3, and 1 quarter of seed wheat for 34s He recommended the purchase of 2 one-horse seed harrows, about 50 posts for fencing, 2 horses and cattle and sheep. Resolved, That the recommendations be approved and adopted.

2—Annual Valuation and Stocktaking—Resolved, That the Committee visit the farms on the 1st prox. for the annual Stocktaking and Valuation.

3—Inspection of Farms—The Chairman reported that the Committee visited the Farms on the 26th ult. (Present: -- Councillors M. Davis, Gridley, Margrett and Steel), and found everything in satisfactory order and condition.

M. DAVIS, Chairman.

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STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, the 10th March, 1908—Present: Alderman Haddon, Councillors Baker, Benda Gridley, King-Harman and Packer (Councillor Bendall in the Chair).

1—Street Projections—The Street Inspector reported a number of projecting swing signs which had been erected without permission. All these had been removed upon his application, with the exception of signs at No. 198, High Street, St. George's Hall, and No. 41, Upper Bath Street. Two projecting lamps had also been placed without permission outside No. 84a High Street.

Read, a letter from Mr. J. Kirkham applying for permission for the signs outside No. 198, High Street to remain. Resolved, That the application be not acceded to, and that notice be given by the Town Clerk requiring the removal of all the projections above mentioned, and that in default proceedings be taken for the penalties incurred under the Byelaws.

2—Motor Car Traffic—The Borough Surveyor submitted for the approval of this Committee a list of the positions on the outskirts of the borough in which signs supplied by the Motor Union, asking motorists to drive slowly through the town, should be fixed by the Corporation. Resolved, That the proposed sign and the positions for the same be approved.

3—Hand-broken v[ersus] Machine-broken stone—Read, a letter from the Clerk to the Guardians asking to be supplied with a copy of the Borough Surveyor's report to this Committee relating to the relative advantages of machine-broken and hand-broken stone. Resolved, That the Guardians be informed that the Report referred to was made for the information of this Committee, and they cannot see their way to accede to the request.

4—Footpaths and Seats in Arle Road—Read, a Memorial signed by the Rev. Canon Griffiths and others stating that the footpath in Arle Road from Gloucester Road to Alstone Croft was very much out of repair, and the footpath on the other side of the road from Gloucester Road to the Railway Bridge also required repair. The public seats in the road were misused in the present positions, and should be placed in close proximity to lamps. Resolved, That the public seats be removed, that the Borough Surveyor be instructed to bring up a specification of the works required to be done by the abutting owners to the footpaths in Arle Road as far as the Railway Bridge, and that beyond the bridge the footpath be tar-painted by the Corporation.

5—Tree Opposite 1, Queen's Parade—Read, a letter from the Rev. Edward Crow asking for the removal of a large horse chestnut tree, which had been planted in front of No. 1 Queen's Parade. Resolved, That the request be referred to the Trees Sub-Committee for consideration and report.

JOHN D. BENDALL,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, the 30th March, 1908—Present : Aldermen Haddon and Skillicorne, Councillors Baker, Bendall, Gridley, and King-Harman (Councillor Bendall in the Chair).

6—Borough Surveyor's Monthly Report Re Highways—The Borough Surveyor reported that the work completed by the Highways Department from the 21st February, 1908, to the 26th March, 1908 (both inclusive) had been as follows:-

Roads Repaired—Courtenay Street (1,395 super yards), Malthouse Lane (670 super yards), Dunalley Parade (1,302 super yards), Montpellier Terrace (from opening to the Parade), (4,509 super yards).

Roads Patched—Portland Street, Evesham Road, Wellesley Road, Thirlestaine Road and Lansdown Crescent.

Electricity Trenches Repaired—Royal Crescent, Promenade and Winchcombe Street.

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Gas Trenches repaired—Berkeley Street, Mill Lane.

Water Trenches repaired—High Street. Sewer Trenches Repaired—Portland Street, Wellington Passage.

New Concrete Slab Paving—Cambray (41 super yards), Promenade (proceeding).

Footpath gravelled—Charlton Lane, Evesham Road. Asphalt renewed—Westall.

Gullies renewed—Naunton Lane (1), Hewlett Road (1). Crossings laid-2. Manhole covers renewed-2.

Grass verges relaid—Charlton Lane, St. George's Road.

Trees felled—Imperial Square (5), Bayshill Road (1), Montpellier Terrace (24).

Ashes Collection and Disposal—During 5 weeks ended 26th March, 1908, 1,333 loads collected,.. 873 consumed, and 460 tipped away. Weight consumed, 879 tons 2 cwts.

Slab Factory—During 5 weeks ended 19th March, 1908, 1,426 square yards of slabs made.

7—Report of Plans Sub-Committee—The Chairman reported the proceedings of the Plans Sub-Committee at their Meetings on the 10th and 27th inst. Resolved, That the same be approved and adopted.

8—Apportionment of Private Improvement Expenses—America Passage—The Borough Surveyor reported that the private improvement works in America Passage had been carried out by the Corporation at a cost of £40 5s. 9d. Resolved, That in apportioning the cost between the abutting owners regard be had to the degree of benefit derived from the works, that the apportionment as now settled upon this basis be approved, and that notices thereof and of demand of repayment be served upon the abutting owners.

9—Contract for Tar Painting Roads--On the recommendation of the Borough Surveyor, Resolved, That the offer of the Taroads Syndicate, Ltd., to tar-paint the roads in the Borough at 1d. per square yard be accepted, and that a contract be made for a period of 3 years.

10—Tree opposite 1, Queen's Parade—With reference to the letter from the Rev. E. Crow asking for the removal of a tree near No, 1 Queen's Parade, Councillor King-Harman reported that he had as requested by the Committee inspected the tree, and he recommended that the same be not removed, but that the leading branches be stopped 30 feet from the ground, and that others be thinned out. Resolved, That the recommendation be approved and carried out.

11—Slab Factory—The Borough Surveyor reported that the slab making plant required considerable overhauling. He submitted a tender from Messrs. Muskers, Ltd., the makers, amounting to £41 for the renewal of several parts of the plant, but many small repairs required could not be quoted for. He recommended that this work be carried out. He also recommended that the press head be sent to Messrs. Fielding & Platt to be refaced. Resolved, That the recommendations be approved and adopted.

The Borough Surveyor also reported that upon his suggestion the Borough Electrical Engineer proposed to fix and maintain an electric motor for the Slab Factory, the present steam engine being uneconomical, the Electricity Department to take all the steam from the new destructor and to supply the motor with current free.

12—Coal Contract—The Borough Surveyor reported that Messrs. Powell, Gwinnell & Co. found themselves unable to accept the contract for the supply of slack coal to Montpellier Baths at 9s per ton as tendered by them. Resolved, That the tender of Messrs. Pates & Co. at 11s 3d per ton, the next lowest, be accepted.

13—Tender for Stoneware Pipes—The Borough Surveyor reported that a sample truckload of Ensor stoneware pipes had been obtained from Messrs. Young & Son, of Loudon, and these had been tested and found satisfactory. Resolved, That the tender of Messrs. Young & Sen for the supply of stoneware pipes at the prices named therein be accepted, the contract to be for one year.

14—Tivoli Roads—Read, a letter from Mr. C. Mayall calling attention to the condition of the roads in Tivoli. Resolved, That the further consideration of the complaint be adjourned for the Committee to view.

15 ---Footpath on East Side of Hale's Road—Read, a Memorial signed by Mr. Walter Smith and other residents in Hale's Road asking that the footpath on the East side of Hale's Road from London Road to Battledown Approach should be paved and channelled. Resolved, That consideration of the memorial be adjourned until the next meeting.

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16—Lower High Street Improvement—Read, a letter from Messrs. Winterbotham, Gurney & Co., on behalf of the owners of No. 312, High Street, stating that the College could not at present entertain the proposal for setting back their premises, as the property was leased for 10 years from October, 1905, and it would be necessary in order to effect the improvement that the premises should be entirely demolished and rebuilt. The improvement might be considered on the expiration of the lease. Resolved, That the further consideration of the matter be adjourned.

17—Stoneville Street—The Town Clerk reported that a notice had been duly posted up and advertised declaring Stoneville Street (measuring from its junction with Gloucester Road, 295 ½ feet along the north-east side and 303 feet along the south-west side) to be a highway. No objection having been made to the declaration, Resolved, That the notice be recorded on the Minutes.

JOHN D. BENDALL,

Chairman.

PLANS SUB-COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Sub-Committee held on Tuesday, the 10th March, 1908. Present:— Councillors Baker, Bendall, King-Barman and Stewart (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.
630	D. L. Turner	Workshop and bay window, Cardiff House, Upper Bath Road.
631	Mrs. Potter Gilmore ..	Show Window, Marlborough House, Montpellier.
632	Cheltenham Gas Company	Verandah, The Shrubbery, Gloucester Road.
633	J. T. Ireland ..	Lounge over Entrance Halls, Nos. 2 and 3 Lansdown Place.
634	S. B. Dix ..	Additions to No. 27, Upper Bath Road.
635	D. Jones ..	Room over Scullery, Pinehurst, Gloucester Road.
636	J. F. Gay ..	Scullery at No. 26 Rutland Street.

Resolved, That all the Plans be approved.

JOHN D. BENDALL, Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Sub-Committee held on Friday, the 27th March, 1908, Present Councillors Baker, Bendall, King-Harman and Stewart (Councillor Bendall in the

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

No. of Plan	Name	..	Description
621	The Palace Theatre Co.	..	Conversion of Victoria Rooms into Theatre (Amended plan,).
637	Miss M. C. Wakefield	..	Additions to rear of " Camperdown," St. Stephen's Road.
638	Andrew Page	..	New Street, Nr. Maud's Elm.

Resolved, That Plans Nos. 621 be approved, subject to an undertaking being entered into by the Owners of the Crown and Lamb Hotels that the side exits from the Theatre shall be kept unobstructed, and that Plans Nos. 637 and 638 be disapproved.

JOHN D. BENDALL,

Chairman.

TOWN IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 23rd March, 1908—Present : Councillors Baker, Bennett, Packer, Steel and Stewart (Councillor Baker in the chair).

1—Gloucestershire Pageant—Read, a letter from the Hon. Sec. of the Housing Committee of the Gloucestershire Pageant asking the Council for the use of the field, part of the Pittville Gardens, on the East side of and adjoining the Evesham Road for the storage of motor cars, etc., during Pageant week. Resolved, That the application be not acceded to.

2—Footpath in Albert Road—Read, a letter from Mr. H. G. Lindesay and other residents in Albert Road asking that the footpath from the bridge to Elmscourt should be put in proper condition. Resolved, That the footpath be re-gravelled throughout.

3—Clarence Square Garden—Complaints were received from the Rev. T. S. Tonkinson and Colonel Noake of the breach of the Regulations made by the Council as to the playing of games in Clarence Square Gardens. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be requested to instruct the employees on the Pittville Estate to see that the regulations are observed, and that the attention of the police be also called to the matter.

WILLIAM A. BAKER,

Chairman.

ELECTRICITY AND LIGHTING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Thursday, 19th March, 1908. Present :—Councillors Bennett, Green, Gridley, Ley Wood, Merrett, Rees Jones and Steel (Councillor Ley Wood in the Chair).

1—Gas Examiner's Report—The Gas Examiner reported that on the 9th and 10th inst. his test of the gas for purity showed 38 grains of sulphur per 100 cubic feet. The test for illuminating power gave the following result :-17.7 candles.

2—Requisition for Materials Required—The Borough Electrical Engineer submitted a list of materials, etc., which would probably be required during the ensuing month, and the same was approved.

3—Borough Electrical Engineer's Monthly Report—Read, the Monthly Report of the Borough Electrical Engineer. On the 16th inst. there were 968 consumers, with the equivalent of 63,854 8 c.p. lamps connected to the private supply mains, the corresponding figures for last year being 906 and 60,540 respectively.

4—Attendance of Employees at Pageant—On the recommendation of the Borough Electrical Engineer, Resolved, That he be authorised to arrange the work and hours of work of the employees in his Department before and during the Pageant week so as to enable those who are willing to take part in the Pageant to do so.

5—Sub-Station Switch-gear—The Borough Electrical Engineer recommended that, with a view to a reduction in the number of units lost in transformation, a set of the Berry Series Switch-gear, including a 15 K.W. transformer, should be hired for one year from the British Electric Transformer Co. at a cost of £7 10s., this amount to merge in the purchase price of if the Corporation decided to purchase the apparatus at the end of the period mentioned. Resolved, That the recommendation be approved, the cost of the hire to be paid out of revenue if the apparatus is returned, but if purchased the price to be paid out of the Reserve for Renewals Fund.

6—Purchase of Feed Pump—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that it was necessary to obtain a new feed pump to avoid the risk of a breakdown, the present pump being in practically continuous use. He submitted the following tenders he had obtained :—

	Steam Driven Pump. Simple.	Electrically Driven. Compound.
J. & G. Weir ...	£92	
J. P. Hall & Co.	£84	£98
Pulsometer Engineering	£72	£122
Hayward-Tyler Co. ...		£149
McTaggart, Scott & Co.		£238 10s.
Chapman & Co.		£189
General Electric Co. ...		£115 12s.

On the recommendation of the Borough Electrical Engineer, Resolved, That the tender of Messrs. J. & G. Weir to supply a Steam Driven Simple Pump for £92 be accepted, and that this amount,

together with the cost of an exhaust steam feed water beater, foundations, coupling-up pipes and valves estimated at £75 be paid out of the Reserve for Renewals Fund.

7—Lighting of Arle Road—Read, a Memorial, signed by the Rev. Canon Griffiths and residents in Arle Road and neighbourhood, stating that the present lighting of the Arle Road was inadequate, and the positions of the existing lamps required readjustment. Resolved, That the Committee inspect the road at their next view meeting.

ROBE LEY WOOD,

Chairman.

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WATER COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, the 26th March, 1908. Present: Councillors Baker, M. Davis, Green, Margrett and Stroud (Councillor Green 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 18th March, 1908.	Average for corresponding period during last 3 years.
Hewletts Springs	244,80() gallons	253,920 gallons
Dowdeswell Springs	1,088,908 "	862,854 "
Leckhampton.	56,160 "	not gauged.
Total	1,384,868 "	1,116,774 "

CONTENTS OF RESERVOIRS.

March 18th, 1908.			March 18th, 1907.	
Depth	Contents		Depth	Contents
Hewletts	...	30,268,212 gallons	----	25,062,303 gallons
Leckhampton	11ft. 6in.	1,553,383 "	4ft. 2in.	562,820 "
Dowdeswell	31ft. 9in.	98,706,816 "	21ft. 0in.	48,673,892 "
Total Storage		130,528,411 "		74,299,015 "

2—Land in Keynsham Road—Read, a letter from Messrs. Engall, Cox & Co., asking whether the Corporation were willing to sell the piece of land in Keynsham Road, occupied by Messrs. Bass & Co. Resolved. That Messrs. Engall, Cox & Co. be informed that the Council do not propose to sell the land.

3—Dowdeswell—Resolved, That the next monthly meeting of this Committee be held at the Dowdeswell Reservoir Lodge.

4—Water Supply to Dairy Farms near Gloucester Road and to Cottages, Hester's Way—With reference to Minute No. 9 of the Public Health Committee of the 10th ult. on this subject, Resolved,

That the Borough Engineer be instructed to report fully upon the matter at the next meeting of this Committee.

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

E. C. GREEN, Chairman.

GENERAL PURPOSES AND WATCH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 24th March, 1908 —Present : Aldermen Haddon, Norman, and Winterbotham, Councillors Baker, Bendall, Davies and M. Davis (Alderman Norman in chair).

1—Diseases of Animals Acts—supt. Hopkins reported an outbreak of Swine Fever on the 9th inst. at The Treelands, Leckhampton Road. Of the 33 pigs on the promises, one had died, and the remainder had been slaughtered, 51 of these being destroyed at the Ash Destructor.

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2—Ambulance—Supt. Hopkins reported that the Ambulance kindly presented 2 years ago by Mrs. Manley had been a very great boon, having been used during the last 12 months in connection with 28 street accidents, and 14 cases of illness.

3—Importation of Hay and Straw into Ireland—Read, a circular letter from the Board of Agriculture and Fisheries, enclosing copies of an Order made by the Irish Department of Agriculture, prohibiting the landing in Ireland of hay and straw brought from Great Britain.

4—Report of Fire Brigade Captain—The Captain of the Fire Brigade reported that on the 21st ult. the Brigade was called to extinguish a fire at Sirsa House, London Road. The services of the Brigade were, however, not required, as only a chimney was on fire. Damage, nil. Brigade expenses, £3 8s. On the 22nd inst. the Brigade was called to a fire at No. 30, Winchcomb Street. Damage, £5. Extinction expenses, £2 17s. 6d.

5—Drivers' Licences—Read, applications from Mr. B. Steptoe, of 1, Fairview Terrace, Mr. William Craker, of 16, Beaufort Buildings, and Mr. Harry Webb, of 2, Suffolk Road, for licences to drive hackney carriages. Resolved, That the applications be granted.

6—Transfer of Hackney Carriage Licence No. 10—Read, letters from Mr. T. Taylor, of College Mews, and Mr. H. Webb, of 2 Suffolk Road, applying for the transfer from the former to the latter of Hackney Carriage Licence No. 10. Resolved, That the application be acceded to.

7—Market Tolls at Mops and Fairs—Resolved, That tenders be invited by advertisements for the sole right to take the Market tolls at the Mops and Fairs this year.

8—Fruit Market—Read, a letter from Mr. C. C. Castle, asking that the floor of the old shed at the market should be extended, and a door put at each end so that it could be used for the storage of empty baskets, and locked up. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to comply with Mr. Castle's request if this can be done at a cost not exceeding £10.

9--Watchmakers' and Jewellers' Closing Order—The Town Clerk reported that he had received a complaint of the infringement of the provisions of this Order by a firm in the town. Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed if necessary to take proceedings for the penalties incurred.

10—Small Holdings and Allotments Act, 1907—Read, a circular letter from the Board of Agriculture, calling attention to the alterations made by the above Act in the law relating to allotments, and the additional powers thereby conferred on the Council.

11—Vacancy on Education Committee—Read, a letter from Mr. John Sawyer stating that in consequence of other and more pressing duties he was reluctantly compelled to resign his membership of the Education Committee as from the 28th prox. Resolved, That Sir. John Nathaniel Hobbs, of Concord, Moorend Grove, be appointed a member of the Education Committee to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Mr. Sawyer.

12—Town Hall—On the recommendation of the Entertainments Sub-Committee, Resolved, That the free use of the Town Hall be granted to Mr. Horace Teague for an afternoon concert for his benefit on the 3rd inst.

GEO. NORMAN, Chairman.

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MINERAL WATERS, BATHS AND RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, the 20th March. 1908. Present:—Councillors Baker, Bendall, Davies, Earengy, Merrett, Stewart 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, had been as follows:—

Receipts	£475 16 7	Payments (including Medical Baths) .	£918 6 1
Rent of Shop ..	£ 48 0 0	Interest & Redemption	
Hire of Bath for		(proportion of) ...	<u>£485 17 7</u>
Gymnasium, etc. ...	<u>£10 0 11</u>		
	£533 17 6		£1404 3 8

Resolved, That the re-opening of these Baths on the 6th prox. be advertised in the local papers and by means of posters.

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	<u>£297 9 0</u>		
	£297 9 0		
Payments ...		£381 0 4	
Interest & Redemption (proportion of) ...		<u>£298 4 7</u>	
		£679 4 11	

Resolved, That similar notice be given by advertisement of the re-opening of these baths on the 1st prox. Read, a letter from the Rev. T. H. Cave-Moyle applying for permission for the 4th Cheltenham Company of the Boys' Brigade to use the Alstone or Montpellier Swimming Bath for one hour in the evening each week. Resolved, That permission be granted for the use of Alstone Swimming Bath for one hour each week on payment of 1d. per head, the minimum payment for each occasion to be 2s 6d, the particular day of the week upon which the Bath is to be used to be arranged with the Baths Superintendent.

3—Advertising Mineral Waters—Read, letters from Mr. E. J. Burrow, enclosing design for a small folding card in 3 colours to advertise the Concentrated Waters. Resolved, That 5,000 copies of the same be obtained at a cost of £6 10s. 0d., 2,500 to contain an illustration of the Central Spa, and 2,500 an illustration of the Pittville Pump Room.

Resolved, also, That, 3,000 additional copies of the pamphlet written by Dr. Garrett relating to the Mineral Waters be obtained, and that advertisements of the Montpellier Baths and of the Summer and Winter Concerts be inserted therein.

4—Grazing at Recreation Grounds—The Borough Surveyor reported that Messrs. Holliday & Page, Ltd., and Messrs. A. H. & D. Downham were willing to continue their tenancy of the grazing at Agg-Gardner and Naunton Park Recreation Grounds respectively for another year on the same terms as at present, and that an offer had been received from Mr. G. T. Willis, of Swindon Road, for the grazing at Whaddon Lane Recreation Ground for one year from the 25th inst. at a rent of £3. Resolved, That the tenancies of Messrs. Holliday & Page and Messrs. Downham be renewed for one year from the 25th inst., and that the offer of Mr. Willis be accepted, subject to the usual agreement being entered into in each case:

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5—Cricket, etc., at Recreation Grounds—The applications received for permission to play cricket, etc., at the Recreation Grounds this summer were considered. Resolved, That permission be granted to the St. James' Girls' School to use the Naunton Park Recreation Ground for organised games on Wednesdays from 3.15 to 4.15 p.m., and to the Emmanuel Church Men's Society Cricket Club to play on the same ground on Saturday that permission be granted to the Albion, Clarence United, Bennington United, Corporation Employees, Gas Green and St. Paul's Cricket Clubs to play at the Agg-Gardner Recreation Ground and to the Imperial, St. John's, All Saints' United, Police and All Saints' Old Boys to play at the Whaddon Lane Recreation Ground, subject in each case to the same conditions as last year, and to arrangements being mutually come to between the Clubs and with the Superintendent as to the dates on which the ground shall be used by each Club.

HERBERT STROUD, Chairman.

BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 9th March, 1908—Present: Alderman Haddon, Councillors Baker, Gridley, King-Harman, Merrett, Steel and Stewart (Alderman Haddon in the Chair).

1—Designs—Read, a letter from Mr. E. A. Emms with reference to the kerb, the design for which was disapproved on account of its width at the last meeting, offering to pay fees as for a flat stone if the kerb were allowed. Resolved, That the design be approved subject to payment of flat stone fees, and that the resolution to Minute No. 2 of this Committee at its meeting on the 21st ult. be varied accordingly.

JOHN HADDON, Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held, on Friday, the 27th March, 1908—Present : Alderman Haddon, Councillors Baker, Gridley, King-Harman, Merrett, and Steel (Alderman Haddon in the chair).

2—Superintendent's Report—The Superintendent of the Cemetery reported that the repairs at the Lodge and to the public shelter near the Chapel had been completed. During the gale on the 22nd inst. a large tree had been blown down in the Cemetery, and he recommended that he should be authorised to obtain offers for the same and accept the highest. Some Bristol clippings, a wire door mat, a sanitary dust bin and some flower seeds for spring and autumn plantings were required. Resolved, That the recommendations of the Superintendent be approved, and that the materials and articles mentioned be obtained.

3—Land adjoining cemetery—Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to prepare and submit a plan for the laying out of the land adjoining the Cemetery for use when required for burials.

4—Designs—Resolved, That the following designs be approved, viz. :—Headstones to graves of William Arthur Phipps, Rebecca, Potter, Ann Taylor and Matilda Maunder, John and Delia Caroline Amy Lawrence, and Mary Cook Greenslade. Memorial Crosses, to graves of Sir Rodney Stuart Riddell and Edith Emily Lewis. Kerb to grave of Mrs. Roberts. Iron railing to grave of Eric William Burrell.

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5—Photographers at Funerals—Complaints having been received by the Committee of annoyance caused to mourners by the taking of photographs of funeral ceremonies at the Cemetery. Resolved, That the Superintendent instructed that no such photographs are to be taken without the previous permission of the relatives of the deceased and of the Chairman of this Committee.

JOHN HADDON,

Chairman.

PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 17th March, 1908.—Present: Councillors Bennett, Davies, Green, King-Harman and Merrett, Messrs. A. Beckingsale, C. Hayward, A. Mann, F. Parsons and E. C. Rogers (Councillor Davies in the Chair).

1---Death of the Baron de Ferrieres—Resolved, unanimously. That this Committee record its deep sense of the loss sustained by the Committee in the death of the Baron de Ferrieres, who was for so many years one of its most active members, and exhibited by his frequent and valuable gifts to the

Library his continuous interest in its work, and that the Town Clerk be asked to convey- to the Baroness an expression of the Committee's great sympathy with her in her sad bereavement.

2— Death of Mr. R. E. Marshall—Resolved, unanimously, That the Town Clerk convey to the family of the late Mr. R. E. Marshall, who was for three years a member of this Committee and of the Sub-Committee, the condolence and sympathy of the Committee with them on his death.

3—Librarian's Report—Read, the Monthly Report of the Librarian. Presentations:--The Baron de Ferrieres, 5 vols. ; Trustees British Museum, 8 vols. ; Registrar University of Wales, 1 vol. Receipts, £6 5s. 2d.

The issues from the Reference Department numbered 1,848, an average daily decrease of 2, as compared with the corresponding month last year. The issues from the Lending Department during the month were 11,873, a daily average decrease of 1, as compared with last year.

RICHARD DAVIES, Chairman.

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FINANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 31st March, 1908—Present : Aldermen Skillicorne and Waghorne, Councillors Bennett, Earengy, Merrett, Rees Jones and Steel (Alderman Waghorne in the chair).

1—General District Rate—The Report of the Borough Accountant, dated the 31st inst., on the collection of the second instalment of this Rate, was read. Amount collected £21,149 17s. 8d. Leaving outstanding £1,761 9s. 0d.

2—Water Rate—The Report of the Borough Accountant, dated the 31st inst., on the collection of this Rate was read. Amount received £11,133 5s. 2d. Leaving outstanding £1,186 4s. 9d.

3—Accounts—The Financial Statement of the Receipts and Expenditure since the last meeting and the Bills and Accounts to be paid were examined, and the latter, 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 February last	£16,443 4 2
Received since that date (including Loan of £10,000 from Corporation of Great Yarmouth)	<u>£21,807 17 6</u>
	£38,251 1 8
Paid since that date (including £10,000 Sinking Funds invested with Corporation of Great Yarmouth)	<u>£37,173 17 5</u>
	In hand, £1,077 4 3
Being Sinking Funds	£1,994 8 9
Less General Accounts—Overdrawn	<u>£ 917 4 6</u>
	£1,077 4 3

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 6th April, 1908, at 3 p.m. Present :

THE MAYOR (GEORGE DIMMER, ESQUIRE) in the chair.

Aldermen: JOHN HADDON GEORGE NORMAN WILLIAM NASH SKILLICORNE JAMES BATTEN WINTERBOTHAM

Councillors: WILLIAM ALFRED BAKER JOHN DAVID BENDALL FREDERICK JOSEPH BENNETT RICHARD DAVIES WILLIAM GEORGE EARENGEY EDWINSON CHARLES GREEN EDWARD GRIDLEY HERBERT STROUD. MONTAGUE JOCELYN KING-HARMAN CHARLES HENRY MARGRETT WILLIE JOHN MERRETT TOM HERBERT PACKER THOMAS REES JONES ROBERT STEEL JAMES STEWART

1—Minutes of Previous Meeting—Resolved, That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Council on the 2nd 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.

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2—Employees' Outing Committee—Resolved, That the following Members of the Council do form the Employees' Outing Committee, viz. :—The Mayor, Aldermen Norman and Waghorne, and Councillors Baker and Bendall.

3—Death of the Baron de Ferrieres—On the motion of Alderman Winterbotham, seconded by Alderman Norman, it was unanimously Resolved, That Meeting desires to express its sense of the irreparable loss the town has sustained by the death of the Baron de Ferrieres. Chosen as one of the first Aldermen and second Mayor of the Borough at its incorporation, for years its representative in Parliament, and elected an Honorary Freeman in recognition of his public services and benefactions, the record of his nearly fifty years' residence in Cheltenham, has been one of unbroken devotion to the interests of the town. Of his adoption, of kindly sympathy with all members of the community, and of public and private benevolence. That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Baroness de Ferrieres, the sharer in her husband's many acts of generosity, with an expression of deep sympathy with her in her great bereavement.

4—Bequest by the late Mr. R. E. Marshall—Read, a letter from the Solicitors to the Executors of the late Mr. R. E. Marshall, stating that Mr. Marshall had bequeathed his library to the Corporation for the use and benefit of the Public Library conditionally on their providing and inserting at the commencement of each book a bookplate setting forth the source and circumstances of the bequest, such bookplate to be specially designed for the purpose at a cost of not less than £10. Resolved. That the bequest be accepted upon the condition named, and that the letter be referred to the Public Library Committee.

5—Public Health Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Public Health Committee, at their Meetings of the 9th and 23rd March last, be approved and confirmed.

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

7—Street and Highway Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Street and Highway Committee, at their Meetings of the 10th and 30th March last, be approved and confirmed, subject to the following amendment, viz. :—To Minute No. 7 (Report of Plans Sub-Committee)—That Plan No. 621 (Palace Theatre) be referred back to the Committee for further consideration.

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

9—Electricity and Lighting Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Electricity and Lighting Committee, at their Meeting of the 19th March last be approved and confirmed.

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

11—General Purposes & Watch Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the General Purposes and Watch Committee, at their Meeting of the 24th March last, be approved and confirmed, and that Mr. John Nathaniel Hobbs, of Concord, Moorend Grove, be appointed a Member of the Education Committee accordingly.

12—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 20th March last, be approved and confirmed.

13—Burial Board Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Burial Board Committee, at their Meetings of the 9th and 27th March last be approved and confirmed.

14—Finance Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Finance Committee, at their Meeting of the 31st 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.

15--Salaries of Officials-On the motion of Councillor Green, of which due notice had been given, it was Resolved, That when it is recommended to increase the salary of any official of the Corporation one month's notice be given to the Council before the recommendation is submitted for approval.

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

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By Councillor Merrett :— " It be an instruction from this Council to all its committees—that when appointing officials in future, the commencing salary be not more than three hundred pounds per annum."

Councillor Packer :---- That the Borough Engineer be instructed to supply the Council with definite information as to the extent and estimated cost of the work in connection with the now Sewerage Works, undertaken in accordance with Minute No. 25 of the Public Health Committee of September 23rd, 1907."

17—Memorials, Complaints, &c.--Resolved, That the following memorials and letters be referred to the undermentioned committees, viz. :—

Mrs. James and others re Hoarding at the corner of Gloucester and St. George's Roads.

To the Public Health Committee.

Andrew Page re Maud's Elm.

To the Street and Highway and Electricity and Lighting Committees.

Mayor.

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Borough of Cheltenham.

At a Meeting of the Town Council of the Borough, of Cheltenham, specially called for the purpose with notice of the object, and held in the Town Hall, in the said Borough, on Thursday, the 30th April, 1908, at 12.30 p.m. Present :—

THE MAYOR (GEORGE DIMMER, ESQUIRE) in the chair. THE DEPUTY MAYOR (ALDERMAN JOHN WAGHORNE).

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

Councillors: WILLIAM ALFRED BAKER JOHN DAVID BENDALL FREDERICK JOSEPH BENNETT RICHARD DAVIES MOSES DAVIS WILLIAM GEORGE EARENGEY EDWINSON CHARLES GREEN EDWARD GRIDLEY, COLONEL MONTAGUE JOCELYN KING-HARMAN ROBERT LEY WOOD CHARLES HENRY MARGRETT WILLIE JOHN MERRETT TOM HERBERT PACKER THOMAS REES-JONES ROBERT STEEL JAMES STEWART HERBERT STROUD.

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1—Honorary Freedom of the Borough—On the motion of Alderman Winterbotham, . seconded liv Alderman Norman, it was unanimously Resolved, That in pursuance of the provisions of the Honorary Freedom of Boroughs Act, 1885 that the Right Honourable Sir John Edward Dorington, Baronet, and Member of His Majesty's Privy Council, be admitted an Honorary Freedom of the Borough in recognition of his distinguished services during the last thirty years to the cause of Local Government, especially in connection with the administration of the County, of which this Borough forms part, as successively Chairman of Quarter Sessions and Chairman of the County Council.

Mayor.

Borough of Cheltenham.

MINUTES of the Committees of the Town Council to be submitted for approval at the Quarterly Meeting of the Council to be held on Monday, the 4th May, 1908.

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, the 13th April, 1908. Present:—Alderman Skillicorne, Councillors Davies, M. Davis, Earengy, King-Harman, Margrett and Stewart (Alderman Skillicorne in the Chair).

1—Zymotic Disease—The Medical Officer of Health reported that there had been notified since the last Meeting of the Committee, 1 case of Erysipelas and 5 cases of Diphtheria, and that 3 cases of Diphtheria had been sent into the Delancey Hospital.

2—Cleansing and Limewashing at Nos. 42, 43, 41, 43, 49 and 51 Burton Street and 18, Columbia Street. —The Medical Officer of Health having certified under Section 46 of the Public Health Act, 1875, that the above-named dwelling-houses were in such a filthy and unwholesome condition that the health of the inmates was affected or endangered thereby. Resolved, That Notice be given to the owners under the said Section requiring the houses to be cleansed and limewashed.

3—Nuisances from Drains etc., at Nos. 8, 9 & 10 Keynsham Terrace—The Inspector of Nuisances having made written application under Sec. 41 of the Public Health Act, 1875, stating that the drains, &c., on or belonging to the above-named houses were in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to health. Resolved, That authority be given to the Inspector of Nuisances to open the ground, examine the drains, and report to the Committee.

The Plough Hotel. — The Inspector of Nuisances reported that he had examined the drains on or belonging to the Plough Hotel premises, and found the same to be defective and to require amendment and alteration. He submitted a specification of the works required to be done, Resolved, That notice be given under Section 41 of the Public Health Act, 1875, to the owner of the premises requiring him to do the necessary works within 28 days from the service of such notice.

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4—Insanitary Property—Nos. 46 & Tivoli Street, 42, 44 & 45 Burton Street, 61 Union Street and 24. Queen's Retreat—The Medical Officer of Health reported that the above-mentioned premises were in a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to the health of the inmates owing to defective roofs, walls, ceilings, floors, &c. Resolved, That the Council being satisfied that the said premises are in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to health, Notices under Section 94 of the Public Health Act, 1875, be served upon the owners requiring them to put the same into a healthy condition and for that purpose to carry out the works specified therein.

5—Houses without proper Ash Receptacles—The Inspector of Nuisances reported that the following houses had no proper ashpits or ash receptacles, viz : Nos. 27, 29, 48, 50, 52, 55, 56, 57 & 60, Burton Street, 8 & 10, Sherborne Street, Augustine Villa, Western Road, and 1, Lower Park Street. -- Resolved, That the necessary Notices be given to the respective owners under Section 36 of the

Public Health Act, 1875, and Section 27 of the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1889, requiring them in each case to provide a moveable ash receptacle of such size, pattern, and construction as may be approved by the Inspector of Nuisances on behalf of the Corporation.

6—Houses Let in Lodgings—The Medical Officer of Health recommended that the landlords of the following houses let in lodgings, viz. : — Nos. 14 and 15, St. Paul's Street South and 8, 9 and 17, Grove Street 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.

7—Destruction of Unsound Food—The Medical Officer of Health reported the destruction since the last meeting of unsound food as follows :— On the 2nd inst. a bacon pig (weight, 196 lbs.) affected with tuberculosis. on the 3rd inst., codfish (weight, 160 lbs.), and on the 11th inst. a barrel of apples (175 lbs.).

8—Tivoli: Sewers—Read, a letter from the Local Government Board stating that they had had under consideration the Annual Report of the Medical Officer of Health, and with reference to the remarks therein as to the Tivoli Sewers and to previous correspondence on the subject, the Board wished to know whether they could now be furnished with a copy of the Report on the sewers in the Leckhampton and Tivoli districts of the Borough. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to bring up his Report upon the sewers in the Tivoli district at an early meeting.

9—Hoarding at No. 1, Victoria Parade, Gloucester Road—Read, a Memorial from Mrs. James and others on the subject of the Hoarding at No. 1, Victoria Parade, Gloucester Road. Resolved. That the same be referred to the Street and Highway Committee for consideration.

W. NASH SKILLICORNE, Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Wednesday, the 2nd April, 1908. Present : The Mayor, Alderman Skillicorne, Councillors King-Harman and Stewart (Alderman Skillicorne 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 Diphtheria and 1 case of Puerperal Fever.

11—Cleansing and Limewashing at Nos. 7, 10, 11, 14, 11, 12 and 13, Grove Street, 2, 4 and 5 York Cottages & 9 & 11 York Street—The Medical Officer of Health having certified under Sec. 46 of the Public Health Act, 1875, that the above-named dwelling-houses were in such a filthy and unwholesome condition that the health of the inmates was affected or endangered thereby. Resolved, That, Notice be given to the owners under the said Section requiring the houses to be cleansed and limewashed.

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12—Houses Let in Lodgings—The Medical Officer of Health recommended that the landlords of the following houses let in lodgings, viz. : — Yorklands, St. George's Road, and Nos. 12, 13 and 14, York Terrace 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.

13—Insanitary Property — York Cottage, York Street, Nos. 297, High Street, 39, Jersey Street and Craven Cottage, 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, 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.

14—Dairies, Cowsheds and Milkshops Order—Read, an application from Mr. Harry Nash, of the Victoria Coffee Tavern, Gloucester Road, to be registered as a purveyor of milk. Resolved, That the applicant be registered.

15—Overcrowding at No. 22, Columbia Street—The Medical Officer of Health reported that the above premises were so overcrowded as to be dangerous or injurious to the health of the inmates. Resolved, That the Committee being satisfied of the existence of a nuisance on the said premises, Notices under Sec. 94 of the Public Health Act, 1875, be served on the occupiers thereof requiring them to abate the same.

16—Houses without proper Ash Receptacles—The Inspector of Nuisances reported that the following houses had no proper ashpits or ash receptacles, viz :—Nos. 4, 6, 22, 23, 23 ½ and Cottage at rear of Burton Street, 7, Lansdown Place, Cumberland House, Grove Street, 21, 20 and 17 Grove Street, & 12 Stoneville 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—Destruction of Diseased Meat—The Medical Officer of Health reported that on the 18th inst. the carcasses of two pigs (weight 112 lbs.) were found to be diseased, and were destroyed as unfit for human food. On the 22nd inst. two forequarters of beef (weight 504 lbs.) affected with tuberculosis were destroyed.

18—Sewerage and Sewage Disposal—The Borough Surveyor reported that the new storm overflow sewer from Hatherley Outfall Sewer to the Brook had been completed, and also the underdrainage of 6 ¾ acres of land at Barn Farm. The sewage purification experimental works at Hayden were nearly completed. The tramway purchased had been laid, and would be of great service, as hauliers had refused to cart material on to the site even after the approach road had been constructed. Four horses had been necessary to draw a load of bricks over the ground, and 2s 6d per thousand had been paid extra for bricks on this account, so that the tramway would effect a considerable saving.

W. NASH SKILLICORNE,

Chairman.

FARMS MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Friday, the 24th April, 1908. Present ; Alderman Skillicorne, Councillors M. Davis, Green, Gridley, Margrett and Steel (Councillor M. Davis in the chairs).

1—Farm Manager's Report—Read, the Monthly Report of the Farms Manager. Since the last monthly meeting 7 head of cattle had been purchased for £89 7s. 6d. and the following sales had been made - 15 head of cattle (including 3 calves) for £224 15s. 9d., and 13 pigs for £8 16s. 1d. (Total sales £233 11s. 10d.) One calf had been bred on the farms during the month, and one bullock had died. The number of livestock on 24th inst. was 12 horses, 119 head of cattle, 43 sheep and 2 pigs, all doing fairly well. He had commenced breaking up the arable land at Barn Farm, and 2 acres had been planted with oats. At Hayden ploughing and rolling was in progress. 2 tons 13 cwts. 2 qrs. of wheat straw and 4 tons 3 cwts. of hay had been delivered to the Central Depot. A quantity of land drain pipes, posts and stakes for fencing, etc., had been purchased. Miscellaneous receipts, £3 9s. 2d, New wheels for the tedding machine, and 4 bushels each of oats and bar for seed were required. Resolved, That the Farm Manager be authorised to obtain the new wheels and seed oats and barley.

2—Shooting over Farms—Read, letters from Messrs. Ticehursts, McIlquham & Wyatt on behalf of Mr. Bingham and from Mr. G. McIlquham, stating their willingness to take the shooting at the Barn and Hayden Farms respectively for one year from the 1st May, 1908, on the same terms as in previous years. Resolved, That the offers be accepted.

3--Annual Stocktaking and Valuation—The Chairman reported that the Committee met at the Farms on the 1st inst. (Present : Councillors M. Davis, Green, Gridley, King-Harman and Margrett) for the Annual Stocktaking and Valuation. The following was the valuation agreed upon :—

12 horses... .					£345 0 0
124 head of cattle ...					£1739 10 0
43 sheep ... ..	..				£72 5 0
15 pigs					£14 6 0
Hay, straw, corn, mangolds, manure, etc.	...				£460 18 0
Acts of husbandry ...					£79 10 6
Implements					£373 0 0
Shedding, mangers, stables and racks ..					£160 0 0
			Total		£3,244 9 6

M. DAVIS. Chairman.

STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, the 14th April, 1908—Present : Aldermen Haddon and Skillicorne, Councillors Baker, Bendall and King-Harman (Councillor Kendall in the Chair).

1—Street Projections Read, a letter from Mr. C. Dickins applying for permission to place outside lamps at No. al High Street. Resolved, That the application be granted subject to the usual conditions.

Read, a letter from Mr. J. Fuge applying for permission for the 2 lamps fixed outside his premises, No. 84 High Street, to remain up. Resolved, That the application be acceded to upon the usual conditions.

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Read, an application from Mr. Proctor for permission to place a projecting sign over the entrance to the Unicorn Hotel, High Street. Resolved, That the application be not granted.

The Street Inspector reported that a sign board had been refixed outside the Hewlett Arms at a height of 6 ½ feet above the footpath, it having been previously at a much greater height. Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to require the sign be fixed at least 8 feet above the footpath.

2—Railway Siding to Destructor and Electric Works —Resolved, That the application to the Local Government Board for sanction to a loan for the construction of the railway siding to the Destructor and the Electric Works be increased by £350, or such less sum as may be sufficient to cover the proportion of the cost of the siding to be charged to this Committee.

3—Swindon Road—Read, a letter from Dr. Dighton complaining of the condition of Swindon Road from Henrietta Street to the Railway Bridge. Resolved, That Dr. Dighton be informed that his letter is receiving attention.

4—Hoarding at No. 1 Victoria Parade, Gloucester Road—Read, a Memorial signed by Mrs. James and other owners and occupiers of houses in or near Gloucester and St George's Roads calling attention to the hoarding recently erected for billposting purposes at No. 1 Victoria Parade, Gloucester Road, and asking that the Council should require the removal of the same. Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to give notice to the person responsible for such hoarding to show cause why the same should not be removed as having been erected in contravention of the provisions of the Public Health (Buildings in Streets) Act, 1888.

5—Advertisements Regulation Act, 1907—The draft Byelaws prepared by the Town Clerk under this Act were considered. Resolved, That the same be approved, and be submitted to the Home Office for approval. (A print of the Byelaws accompanies these minutes).

6—Builders' Hoardings—The Borough Surveyor submitted for approval regulations with respect to the erection of hoardings by builders in connection with new buildings or alterations to existing buildings. Resolved. That the same be approved and adopted.

JOHN D. BENDALL, Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, the 27th April, 1908.—Present : Aldermen Haddon and Skillicorne, Councillors Bendall, Gridley, and King-Harman (Councillor Bendall in the Chair).

7—Borough Surveyor's Monthly Report Re Highways—The Borough Surveyor reported that the work completed by the Highways Department from the 27th March, 1908, to the 23rd April, 1908 (both inclusive) had been as follows :—

Roads Repaired—Montpellier Terrace (from Montpellier Parade to Bath Road) (1,870 super yards) ; Oriol Road (part of) (420 super yards). Gloucester Road (proceeding).

Roads Patched—London Road. Electricity

Trenches Repaired—High Street, Imperial Square, Keynsham Road, Pittville Parade and North Street.

Gullies repaired-12. Gateway Crossing fixed-1. Crossings renewed-3.

Paving repaired—Promenade Terrace, St. Philip's Street.

New paving—Promenade. New kerbing, Channelling and Paving—Rotunda Terrace and Wellesley Road (proceeding).

Footpath gravelled—Albert Road and Montpellier Terrace (proceeding).

Trees felled—Montpellier Terrace (24). Trees pruned—Albert Road and Queen's Parade.

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Ashes Collection and Disposal—During 4 weeks ended 23rd April, 1908, 1,000 loads collected, 694 consumed, and 306 Upped away. Weight consumed, 700 tons 11 cwts.

Slab Factory- During 4 weeks ended 16th April, 1908, 517 $\frac{1}{3}$ square yards and 444 steps made.

8—Report of Plans Sub-Committee—The Chairman reported the proceedings of the Plans Sub-Committee at their 'Meetings on the 14th and 24th inst. Resolved, That the same be approved and adopted.

9—View Meeting—The following Members attended the View Meeting on Friday last :—Councillors Baker, Bendall, and King-Harman.

10 ---Naunton Parade—The Borough Surveyor submitted specification, plan and estimate of the works required to be done to the above street. 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 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.

11—Footpath on South Side of Millbrook Street, and Footpath in Gloucester Road from Arle Road to Six Chimneys Lane—The Borough Surveyor submitted specifications, plans and estimates of the works required to be done to the above streets. Resolved, That the same be approved, and that notices be given under Section 41 of The Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1852, to the Owners of the premises fronting, adjoining, or abutting upon the parts of the said streets, requiring to be drained,

levelled, repaired, 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.

12—Street Projections—Read, a letter from Messrs. W. H. Smith & Son applying for permission to place a projecting lamp outside their Promenade premises. Resolved, That the applicants be asked to submit a sketch of the lamp proposed

13—Territorial Forces and Corporation Employees—Resolved, That employees of the Corporation who may become members of the Territorial Forces be granted facilities to attend military camps, and be paid full wages during the period of the annual training subject to a deduction therefrom equal to the amount of the Capitation Camp Allowances.

14—Tarpainting—Read, a letter from Mr. W. R. Lawford, of Bryntirion, Gloucester Road, stating that he was willing to pay half the cost of tarpainting the roadway in Gloucester Road for 100 yards each side of his house. Resolved. That the offer be accepted, and that the road be painted at the proper time.

On the recommendation of the Borough Surveyor, Resolved, That the roadway in Lansdown Road, Lansdown Place and Queen's Road be tarpainted at a cost of about £129.

15--Telephone Poles in Gloucester Road—Read, a letter from the District Manager, National Telephone Company. applying for permission to erect 3 poles in the Gloucester Road on the foot path in front of Alstone Lawn. Resolved. That the further consideration of the application be adjourned for the Borough Surveyor to report as to the suggested position for the poles.

16—Footpaths in Arle Road—With reference to Minute No. 4 of this Committee of the 10th March last, the Committee having inspected the footpaths in the Arle Road as far as the Railway Bridge, Resolved, That for the present the abutting owners be not called upon to pave, etc., these footpaths, but that the Borough Surveyor be instructed to patch the same, and that the Resolution to the above Minute be varied accordingly.

17—Tivoli Roads—The Committee having inspected the public roads in the Tivoli district, Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to repair where necessary.

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18—Maud's Elm—Read, a letter from Mr. Andrew Page, stating that he desired to erect a shop at the corner near Maud's Elm, but did not intend to do so until the old stump had been removed. He suggested that this should be clone, and a lamp placed on the site of the tree, towards which he would contribute one guinea. The new lamp would render unnecessary 3 existing lamps in the vicinity. Resolved, That the remainder of the old tree and the railings be removed, and that the question of the lighting be referred to the Electricity and Lighting Committee.

19—Eldon Road—Read, a letter from Mr. D. Broom calling attention to the condition of Eldon Road, and asking that the same should be repaired. Resolved, That no action be taken by the Council for the present.

JOHN D. BENDALL, Chairman.

PLANS SUB-COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Sub-Committee held on Tuesday, the 14th April, 1908. Present :— Councillors Baker, Bendall, King-Barman and Stewart (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.
637	Mrs. C. M.	Wakefield Additions to Camperdown, St. Stephen's Road.
639	Messrs. Wood	Additions to Offices, Arle Farm Dairy.
640	Committee of Holy Trinity School	Additions to Trinity Schools, Jersey Street.
641	Mrs. Osborne	Bathroom at No. 7 Spa Buildings.
642	A. Hyatt	Additions to No. 21 Promenade.
621	Palace Theatre Co.	Conversion of Victoria Rooms into a Theatre.

Resolved, That Plans Nos. 637, 639, 640, 641 and 642 be approved. and that Plans Nos. 621 be disapproved.

JOHN D. BENDALL, Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Sub-Committee held on Friday, the 24th April, 1908. Present : Councillors Baker, Bendall, King-Harman and Stewart (Councillor Bendall in the Chair.)

2—New 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
621	The Palace Theatre Co.	Conversion of the Victoria Rooms into a Theatre.
643	R. J. Winterbotham	Additions to Stable, Glenmore Lodge, Wellington Square.

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644	Mrs. Dominy	Additions to No. 6 Raymond Terrace,
645	T. D. Boote	Additions to The Chestnuts, Rowanfield Road.
646	F. E. Jenkins	Eleven Houses, Fairfield Walk.
647	F. & W. Baldwin	Photographic Studio, No. 3, St. George's Parade.
648	F. J. Cade	Additions to Mossborough, Grafton Road.
649	Committee of Conservative Club	New Assembly Hall, rear of Conservative Club, Albion Street.
650	Messrs. Hunter, Ltd.	Alterations to 92, Winchcombe Street (amended plans).
651	T. H. Poynton	Alterations to Old -Post Office, North Street.

With reference to Plan No. 621, read a letter from Mr. R. E. Steel, Solicitor, stating that Mr. E. B. Shenton, the present owner of the Victoria Rooms and the Lamb Hotel, would be willing to enter into the agreement prepared by the Town Clerk and approved by this Sub-Committee with regard to

the side exits from the Victoria Rooms into the Lamb Hotel premises and the Crown Yard. Resolved, That Plans Nos. 621 be approved, subject to the agreement above mentioned being executed by Mr. Shenton, that Plans Nos. 650 be approved subject to the usual agreement of indemnity as to the ventilating pavement light being entered into, that Plans Nos. 643, 644, 645, 646, 647 and 648 be approved, and that Plans Nos. 649 and 651 be disapproved.

JOHN D. BENDALL,

Chairman.

TOWN IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Wednesday, the 22nd April, 1908—Present : The Mayor, Councillors Baker, Bennett, Steel and Stewart (Councillor Baker in the chair).

1—Report of Entertainments Sub-Committee—The Entertainments Sub-Committee reported that they had now practically completed their engagements for the summer concerts, which would begin on the 5th June (Whit Monday) instead of on the 1st June as at first proposed. There would be a matin6c performance each day during the season.

Musical Afternoons—The Sub-Committee submitted the following Statement of the Income and Expenditure in respect of the Musical Afternoons, 1907-8 :—

INCOME.

Subscriptions	£218 6 6
Books of Tickets	£10 15 6
Hire of Balcony ...	£7 7 0
Admissions at Doors	£293 4 0
Refreshment Rights ..	£7 10 0
Programme Rights...	£25 0 0
Gas used by Caterers	<u>£2 1 3</u>
	£564 4 3
Dr. Balance	<u>£123 4 1</u>
	£687 8 4

EXPENDITURE.

Orchestra	£534 10 0
Attendants (including 9s 5d	
Commission, on subs. collected)...	£27 9 5
Vocalists ..	£22 15 6
Advertising and Printing	£19 9 11
Fee for use of Copyright Music ..	£3 3 0
Piano Hire, etc.	£7 15 6
Electric Energy	£54 12 0
Insurance (proportion) ..	£1 10 0
Hire of Plants	£11 0 0
Decoration of Winter Garden	<u>£5 0 0</u>
	£687 8 4

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

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2—Gloucestershire Pageant—Read, a letter from Dr. Blakeney, Hon : Sec. of the Housing Committee of the Pageant asking for the use of the field at Pittville on the East side of the Evesham Road for the storage of bicycles during the performances. Resolved, That the request be not acceded to.

Read, a letter from the Hon. Sec. of the Water Committee of the Pageant, applying for the free use of 4 boats during Pageant week and previously for rehearsals ; also for permission to take other boats into the Marle Hill Annexe through the entrance at the end of Hanover Parade. Resolved, That the application be granted, subject to any damage to the boats or other property of the Corporation being made good by the Pageant Committee.

Read, a letter from Messrs. Baring Bros. applying on behalf of the Pageant Committee for permission to remove five trees to enable the Grand Stand to be placed to the best advantage. The Committee were willing to pay for the removal and replacing of the trees by others of equal size and value. Resolved, That the request be acceded to on the conditions mentioned in the application.

WILLIAM A. BAKER,

Chairman.

ELECTRICITY AND LIGHTING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Friday, 24th April, 1908. Present :—Alderman Norman, Councillors Bennett, Green, Gridley, Merrett, Rees Jones and Steel (Councillor Green in the Chair).

1—Gas Examiner's Report—The Gas Examiner reported that on the 22nd inst. he tested the gas for illuminating power with the following result :-15 candles. The test for purity made on the 22nd and 23rd inst. showed 40 grains of sulphur per 100 cubic feet.

2—Requisition for Materials Required--The Borough Electrical Engineer submitted a list of materials, etc., which would probably be required during the ensuing month, and the same was approved.

3—Borough Electrical Engineer's Monthly Report—Read, the Monthly Report of the Borough Electrical Engineer. On the 22nd inst. there were 976 consumers, with the equivalent of 64,071 8 c.p. lamps connected to the private supply mains, the corresponding figures for last year being 903 and 60,068 respectively.

4—Tenders for Carbons—On the recommendation of the Borough Electrical Engineer, Resolved, That he be instructed to obtain tenders for the supply of carbons from 5 or 6 of the best makers.

5—Coal Tests—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that he had ascertained that Mr. Embrey, the County Analyst, was willing to examine and report upon samples of coal submitted to him for water, ash, coke, volatile matter and calorific value for a fee of 10s 6d per sample if samples were sent regularly. On the recommendation of the Borough Electrical Engineer, Resolved, That the oiler be accepted for a series of tests, not less than six in number, during the next 12 months.

6--Applications for Supply—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported an application from Miss Nicks for a supply of energy to Meadowside, Hale's Road. The estimated cost of the service cable was £25, and the applicant was willing to guarantee a minimum payment of £5 per annum for three years. Resolved, That the cable be laid and supply given on the terms mentioned.

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7—Annual Conference of Incorporated Municipal Electrical Association—Read, a letter from the Incorporated Municipal Electrical Association asking the Council to appoint representatives to attend the Annual Convention of the Association to be held at Nottingham from the 30th June to the 3rd July next. Resolved, That the Chairman of this Committee and the Borough Electrical Engineer be appointed to attend the meeting.

8—Factory and Workshop Act, 1901 With reference to Minute No. 6 of this Committee of the 13th February last, read a letter from the Hon. Secretary of the Municipal Electrical Association enclosing a copy of a Report showing the large number of amendments had been mutually agreed upon between the Home Office and the Objectors generally, as the result of Conference and Committee work extending over eleven days. 85 Corporations had promised to contribute towards the expenses of objection, and he expressed the hope that the Council would also contribute in proportion to the gross annual revenue of its electricity undertaking. Resolved, That a contribution be made towards the expenses incurred accordingly, such contribution not to exceed 3 guineas, and that the resolution to Minute No. 6 of this Committee of the 13th February last be varied accordingly.

9—Railway Siding to Works—The Borough Electrical Engineer submitted an amended plan of the railway siding proposed to be constructed to the Electricity Works. The alteration had been suggested by the Midland Railway Company, and if carried out would result in a considerable saving as compared with the cost of the siding as at first proposed. Resolved. That the plan be approved.

E. C. GREEN, Chairman.

WATER COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, the 23rd April, 1908. Present : Councillors Baker, M. Davis, Green and Margrett (Councillor Baker 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 18th April, 1908.	Average for corresponding period during last 3 years.
Hewletts Springs	383,000 gallons	310,050 gallons
Dowdeswell Springs	1,057,000 "	766,250 "
Leckhampton	53,000 "	Approx. 53,000 "
Total	1,493,000 "	1,129,300 "

CONTENTS OF RESERVOIRS.

	April 18th, 1908.		April 18th, 1907.	
	Depth	Contents	Depth	Contents
Hewletts	...	30,188,068 galls	...	25,185,211 gallons
Leckhampton.	12ft. 0in.	1,020,924 "	2ft. 0in.	270,154 "
Dowdeswell	31ft. 8 in.	98,267,845 "	21ft. 7in.	51,055,439 "
Total Storage		130,077,437 "		76,510,804 "

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340 yards of 4-inch main had been laid for the supply of new houses in Sandy Lane, and a fire hydrant fixed at the request of the Charlton Kings Urban District Council. All the hydrants in Charlton Kings had been inspected, and were in proper working order.

2—Appeals-----The cases entered into 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 21st April, 1908—Present : The Mayor, Aldermen Haddon and Dorman, Councillors Baker and M. Davis (Alderman Norman in the Chair).

1—Diseases of Animals Acts—Supt. Hopkins reported an outbreak of Swine Fever at Arle Farm Dairy on the 1st inst. 3 pigs died, and the remaining 27 pigs were slaughtered, 17 of them being cremated at the Ash Destructor. The premises and also The Treelands, Leckhampton Road, were still under quarantine, but no further outbreak had occurred in the Borough.

Sheep Dipping Order—Read, a letter from the Board of Agriculture and Fisheries, enclosing for publication copy of a new Order made by the Board requiring the compulsory dipping of sheep, and superseding the provisions of the Sheep Dipping (England) Order of 1907. Resolved, That the Town Clerk be directed to give public notice of the provisions of the Order as required by the Board.

Resolved, also, That Mr. C. Marshall, the Market Superintendent, be appointed to receive and make Declarations under Article .14 (2) of the Order in respect of sheep exposed for sale in the Cheltenham Market, and that Supt. Hopkins, as Inspector of the, Local Authority, be appointed to receive all other notices, returns and declarations under the Order, and to grant Movement Licences.

2—Report of Fire Brigade Captain—The Captain of the Fire Brigade reported that on the 27th ult. the Brigade was called to extinguish a fire at Arle Dairy Farm. Damage, slight. Brigade expenses, £2 10s. 3d. Property not insured. On the 19th inst. the Brigade was called to extinguish a rick fire at the Leckhampton Quarries Co. Depot. Damage, £20. Extinction expenses, £13 5s. 6d.

3—Annual Inspection and Licensing of Hackney Carriages—Resolved, That the Annual Inspection of Hackney Carriages be held at the Central Depot on Friday, the 29th May next, at 9.30 a.m., and the Annual Licensing Meeting of the Council at the Depot, on Friday, the 5th June next at 10.30 a.m.

4--Market Tolls at Mops and Fairs-----In response to the advertisement inviting tenders for the market tolls at the Mops and Fairs this year, an offer of £55 for the same was received from Mr. Frank Nash, of No. 18, Albion Street. Resolved, That the offer be accepted, subject to the usual agreement being entered into.

5— Shop Hours' Act, 1904—Hairdressers' and Barbers' Shops Closing Order—Read, as Memorial signed by 43 hairdressers carrying on business in the Borough, requesting the Council to make an Order under the Shop Hours' Act, 1904, requiring all shops within the Borough in which the business of hairdresser or barber is carried on to be closed at a time not later than the hours on the several days of the week, as follows :—Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday, 8 p.m. ; Wednesdays, 2 p.m. ; Saturday, 11 p.m. Or, the alternative for those who declare their intention to adopt the same of closing on every week-day with the exception of Saturday at 8 p.m. and on Saturday at 2 p.m.

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On Christmas Eve and Good Friday Eve business to be carried on not later than 11 p.m. The Memorialists also asked that the Order should provide for entire closing of shops on Sunday, Good Friday and Christmas Day, and on Bank Holidays the hour for closing should be 12 noon.

Resolved, That the Memorialists be informed that the Council have no power to make provision in the Order in respect of Sunday, Good Friday, Christmas Day and Bank Holidays.

Resolved, also, That the Council being satisfied that a prima facie case has been made out for a closing order, the draft Order now submitted be forwarded to the Home Office for approval, and subject thereto that notice be given as required by the Regulations of the Home Office, any objections to be made within 4 weeks from the date of such notice, and that a register be prepared of the shops to be affected by the Order.

GEO. NORMAN, Chairman.

ART GALLERY AND MUSEUM COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, the 15th April, 1908. Present:--Alderman Winterbotham, Councillors Davies, Rees Jones and Stroud, and Dr. E. T. Wilson (Alderman Winterbotham in the Chair).

1—Curator's Report—The Curator reported that 1503 visits had been made to the Art Gallery and Museum from the 12th February to the 31st ult. The following presentations had been made to the Museum :—Miss S. Vialls, Cabinet of Fossils, Minerals, and Precious Stones collected by Dr. Blackman ; The Trustees of the British Museum, Three Frames containing Electrotypes of British Historical Medals; Mr. A. J. de Havilland Bushnell, Two Silver Roman Coins, Elagbolas, found in 1905 when making Railway at back of Cheltenham Workhouse ; Valens, found in making Cheltenham Tramway ; The Executors of the late Councillor R. Eede Marshall, Bronze Medal, British Association for the Advancement of Science, Cheltenham Meeting, 1850 ; Mulready Envelope ; Cheltenham Centenary Festival, 1838, Breakfast Tickets ; Two Gloucester Old Bank, Bank Notes, 1813.

Resolved, That the thanks of the Council be conveyed to the donors for their gifts.

2—Exhibitions—Resolved, That the Curator be authorised to visit London with a view to obtaining the loan of pictures for exhibition in the Art Gallery during the summer, and that a loan exhibition of Old Masters be held in September.

3—Museums Association—Resolved, That the Committee join the Museums Association at an annual subscription of 103.

4—Purchase of Sketches of Cheltenham--Resolved, That the oiler made by the Curator of a collection of pen and pencil sketches of Cheltenham at the early part of last century, by John Claude Naas, for £25 be accepted, and that the cordial thanks of the Committee be expressed to Mr. Jones for this and other disinterested actions by which from time to time the Museum has so largely benefitted.

JAS. B. WINTERBOTHAM, Chairman.

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MINERAL WATERS, BATHS AND RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, the 15th April, 1908. Present :—Councillors Baker, Davies, Earengy, Merrett, Stewart and Stroud (Councillor Stroud in the Chair).

1—Montpellier and Alstone Baths—An application was received from the Managers of Naunton Park Schools for permission for the scholars to use the Swimming Bath at Montpellier one afternoon each week on payment of a charge of 1d. or 2d. per head. Resolved, That the Committee regret they are unable to accede to the application, but that arrangements can be made for the use of Alstone Baths at a charge of 1d. per head.

Read, a letter from the Secretary of the Cheltenham Y.M.C.A., applying on behalf of their Swimming Club for the exclusive use of the Swimming Bath at Montpellier one evening each week, or for reduced terms for the use of the bath at any time by the members. Resolved. That the Committee regret they cannot grant the exclusive use of the Swimming Bath at Montpellier, nor can they quote special terms for its use by the applicants, but that the Association be informed that they and any other recognised Club can obtain through their Secretary not less than 20 season or half-season tickets for Alstone Swimming Bath on payment of 8s or 4s 6d per ticket instead of the usual charges of 10s 6d and 5s 3d respectively.

HERBERT STROUD, Chairman.

BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Friday, the 24th April, 1908—Present: Alderman Haddon, Councillors Baker, Gridley, King-Harman, Merrett, Steel and Stewart (Alderman Haddon in the Chair).

1—Superintendent's Report—The Superintendent of the Cemetery reported that the highest price offered for the fallen tree at the Cemetery was 10s 6d. The fences and hedges of the land recently occupied by Mr. E. Minett required considerable repairs. The lank alongside the brook near the Cemetery Lodge was giving way, and he had had some struts put in to keep the same up pending some permanent work. The asphalt path from the Lodge to the drive required renewal. Resolved, That the tree referred to be sawn up and used for firewood at the Cemetery, and that the

Committee inspect the Lind adjoining the Cemetery and the brook bank and footpath on Wednesday next.

2—Grass at Cemetery—Resolved, That tenders be invited by advertisement for the grass at the Cemetery and for the grazing of the land adjoining the Cemetery this year.

3—Designs—Resolved, That the following designs be approved, viz. :—Headstones to graves of Sarah Mullins, and Hannah Bradshaw. Memorial Crosses to graves of Alfred Ernest Evans, Colonel E. Gordon Lillingston, and Major St. George John Rathborne.

JOHN HADDON, Chairman.

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PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 14th April, 1908.—Present: The Mayor, Councillors Bennett, Davies, Green, King-Harman, Merrett, Rees Jones and Stewart, Messrs. A. Beckingsale and W. Cresswell, E. C. Rogers (Councillor Davies in the Chair).

1—Death of 'Mr. R. E. Marshall—Read, a letter from Mr. Charles Marshall expressing the thanks of the family of the late Mr. R. E. Marshall for the resolution of sympathy passed by this Committee.

2—Bequest by Mr. R. E. Marshall—Read, a letter from the Solicitors for the Executors of the Will of the late Mr. R. E. Marshall stating that the latter had bequeathed all his books to the Corporation for the use and benefit of the Public Library, conditionally on a specially-designed bookplate being inserted in each book recording the bequest. The Chairman reported that the Town Council at its last meeting had accepted the terms of the bequest, that the books had been received at the Library, and that the Sub-Committee would report at a future meeting as to the design for the bookplate. Resolved, That this Committee record its grateful appreciation of the public spirit and interest in the Library exhibited by the bequest.

3—Librarian's Report—Read, the Monthly Report of the Librarian. The issues from the Lending Department during the month were 9,781, an average daily increase of 31, as compared with the corresponding month of last year. The number of volumes consulted in the Reference Department numbered 1,531, a daily average decrease of 4 as compared with last year. Receipts, £5 7s. 9d.

4 —Sub - Committee's Report—The Sub-Committee reported that they met on the 9th inst. (Present: Councillors Bennett, Dr. Davies(Chairman), King-Harman and Merrett, Rev. A. Beynon Phillips and Mr. C. Hayward). They recommended that the offer of Miss K. Tingley to present monthly the " International Theosophical Chronicle " be accepted, and that the salary of the second assistant at the Library, Mr. A. C. Dunn, be increased from 16s to 20s per week. Resolved, That the recommendations of the Sub-Committee be approved and adopted.

RICHARD DAVIES,

Chairman.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 28th April, 1908—Present : The Mayor, Aldermen Skillicorne and Waghorne, Councillors Bennett, Earengy, Merrett, Rees Jones and Steel (Alderman Waghorne in the chair).

1—General District Rate—The final Report of the Borough Accountant, dated the 28th inst., on the collection of the General District Rate, was read. Amount collected £42,203 19s. 2d. Voids, irrecoverable, etc., £3,433 3s. 9d. Leaving outstanding £123 9s. 11d.

2—Rates Department—The Borough Collector reported that the total amount received in the Rates Department for the year ending the 31st March last was as follows:—

For Municipal Purposes (General District Rate, Water, Electric Light and Pittville Rent Charges)	£86,679 6 7
Poor Rate (including £24.500 Borough Rate) .. .	<u>£53,282 19 4</u>
	£139,962 4 11

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3—Estimates for Rates- Resolved, 'That the Committee meet of Tuesday, the 5th prox., at 7.30 p.m., to consider the estimates for rates.

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 :—

Paid since 31st March last (including Loans repaid, £800)	£9,654 17 4
In hand on the 31st March last	£1,077 4 3
Received since that date (including Loan on Debenture) £200	<u>£3,607 2 3</u>
	<u>£4,684 6 6</u>
	Overdrawn £4,970 10 10
Being General Accounts	£7,449 12 9
Less Sinking Funds—In hand	<u>£2,479 1 11</u>
	£4,970 10 10

JOHN WAGHORNE,

Chairman

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Borough of Cheltenham.

At a Quarterly Meeting of the Town Council of the Borough of Cheltenham, duly convened and held in the Town Hall, in the said Borough, on Monday, the 4th May, 1908, at 3 p.m. Present:

THE MAYOR (GEORGE DIMMER, ESQUIRE) in the chair.

THE DEPUTY MAYOR (ALDERMAN JOHN WAGHORNE).

Aldermen: JOHN HADDON WILLIAM NASH SKILLICORNE.

Councillors: WILLIAM ALFRED BAKER JOHN DAVID BENDALL FREDERICK JOSEPH BENNETT RICHARD DAVIES WILLIAM GEORGE EARENGEY EDWINSON CHARLES GREEN EDWARD GRIDLEY MONTAGUE JOCELYN KING-HARMAN, ROBERT LEY WOOD CHARLES HENRY MARGRETT WILLIE JOHN MERRETT TOM HERBERT PACKER THOMAS REES JONES ROBERT STEEL JAMES STEWART HERBERT STROUD.

1—Minutes of Previous Meeting—Resolved, That the Minutes of the Meetings of the Council on the 6th and 30th 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.

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2—Public Health Committee Resolved, That the proceedings of the Health Committee, Meetings of the 13th and 22nd last be approved and confirmed.

3—Farms Management Committee-----Resolved, That the proceedings Farms Management Committee, at their Meeting of the 24th April last, be approved Nos confirmed.

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

5—Town Improvement Committee —Resolved, That the proceedings of the Town Improvement Committee at their Meeting of the 22nd April last be approved and confirmed.

6—Electricity and Lighting Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Electricity and Lighting Committee, at their Meeting of the 24th April last be approved and confirmed.

7—Water Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Water Committee at their Meeting of the 23rd 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 21st April last, be approved and confirmed.

9—Art Gallery and Museum Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Art Gallery and Museum Committee, at their Meeting of the 15th April last, be approved and confirmed.

10—Mineral Waters, Baths and Recreation Grounds Committee--Resolved, That the proceedings of the Mineral Waters, Baths and Recreation Grounds Committee, at their Meeting of the 15th April last, be approved and confirmed.

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

12- Finance Committee Resolved, That the proceedings of the Finance Committee, at their Meeting of the 28th April 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.

13—Salaries of Officials—The motion on this subject of which notice had been given by Councillor Merrett was not moved by him.

14—Notice of Motion—Councillor Rees Jones gave notice of his intention to move at the next Monthly Meeting of the Council:—

" That it be an instruction to the Town Clerk to give his ruling whether it be legal for this Council to pass accounts for the Library Committee for Messrs. Norman & Sawyer."

15—Attendance of Fire Brigade outside Borough—Read, a Memorial signed by Mr. C. W. Lawrence, of Sandywell Park, and other residents in the vicinity of Cheltenham, asking that the Council should sanction the attendance of the Fire Brigade at fires within a radius of 8 miles from the borough boundaries. Resolved, That the Memorial be referred to the General Purposes and Watch Committee for consideration and report.

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 Tuesday, the 12th May, 1908, at 3 p.m. Present:—

THE MAYOR (GEORGE DIMMER, ESQUIRE) in the chair.

THE DEPUTY MAYOR (ALDERMAN JOHN WAGHORNE).

Aldermen: JOHN HADDON WILLIAM NASH SKILLICORNE

Councillors: JOHN DAVID BENDALL RICHARD DAVIES MOSES DAVIS WILLIAM GEORGE EARENGEY EDWINSON CHARLES GREEN EDWARD GRIDLEY, MONTAGUE JOCELYN KING-HARMAN ROBERT LEY WOOD CHARLES HENRY MARGRETT WILLIE JOHN MERRETT THOMAS REES JONES ROBERT STEEL HERBERT STROUD

1—Finance Committee Estimates for Rates—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Finance Committee, at their Meeting of the 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 Owners shall be assessed in respect of tenements 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 Wednesday, the 20th May, 1908, at 3 p.m. Present:

THE MAYOR (GEORGE DIMMER, ESQ.) in the chair.

THE DEPUTY MAYOR (ALDERMAN JOHN WAGHORNE.)

Aldermen: JOHN HADDON GEORGE NORMAN WILLIAM NASH SKILLICORNE JAMES BATTEN
WINTERBOTHAM

Councillors: WILLIAM ALFRED BAKER JOHN DAVID BENDALL FREDERICK JOSEPH BENNETT RICHARD DAVIES MOSES DAVIS WILLIAM GEORGE EARENGEY EDWARD GRIDLEY, ROBERT LEY WOOD CHARLES HENRY MARGRETT WILLIE JOHN MERRETT TOM HERBERT PACKER THOMAS REES JONES ROBERT STEEL JAMES STEWART

1---Borough Rate-Resolved. That it appearing to the Council that the Borough Fund of the said Borough is insufficient for the several purposes to which the same is applicable under the Municipal Corporations Act, 1882, or otherwise by law, and it having been by the said Council estimated as correctly as may be that the sum of £28,000 will in addition to the Borough

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Fund be sufficient for those purposes, including therein the expenses of carrying into execution the Public Libraries Act, for the period ending on the 31st 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 £28,000. 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 and they are hereby required to pay the said sum of money assessed upon the said Parish out of the Poor Rates made and collected within the said Parish. AND IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the said Overseers shall pay the said sum assessed upon the said Parish in manner following, that is to say, by eight instalments, viz., £3,000 forthwith, £4,000 on or before the 25th day of June next, £3,000 on or before the 25th day of July next, £4,000 on or before the 25th day of August next, £3,000 on or before the 25th day of October next, £4,000 on or before the 25th day of November next, £3,000 on or before the 25th day of December next, and £4,000 on or before the 25th day of January next, to the Treasurer of the said Borough at Lloyds Bank, Cheltenham. AND IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that if such Overseers shall neglect or refuse to pay the

said sum then the said Treasurer shall forthwith take or cause to be taken such further proceedings as the law directs.

2—General District Rate—Resolved, That a General District Rate under the Public Health Act, 1875, and the Cheltenham Improvement Acts, 1889, of three shillings and two pence in the pound on the property assessable thereto be now made, and ordered to commence and be payable at the times following. that is to say :—One moiety or half-part thereof on the 20th day of May instant, and the other moiety or half part thereof to commence and be payable on the first day of October next, and 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 Monday, the 1st June, 1908.

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, the 11th May, 1908. Present:—Councillors M. Davis, Earengy, King-Harman, and Margrett (Councillor King-Harman, in the Chair).

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

2—Cleansing and Limewashing at Cumberland House and Cottage at rear of No. 4, Grove Street, 15, Grove Street, Tullock's Cottage, Swindon Road, 23, Roman Road, 45, Bloomsbury Street, and 61, Union Street. —The Medical Officer of Health having certified under Section 46 of the Public Health Act, 1875, that the above-named dwelling-houses were in such a filthy and unwholesome condition that the health of the inmates was affected or endangered thereby. Resolved, That Notice be given to the owners under the said Section requiring the houses to be cleansed and limewashed.

3—Nuisances from Drains etc., at Nos. 8, Promenade Terrace, 42 and 44, Brunswick Street and 2 to 6, Gordon Terrace. The Inspector of Nuisances having made written application under Section 41 of the Public Health Act, 1875, stating that the drains, &c., on or belonging to the above-named houses were in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to health. Resolved, That authority be given to the Inspector of Nuisances to open the ground, examine the drains, and report to the Committee.

Nos. 1, 2 and 3 Sandford Street—The Inspector of Nuisances reported that he had examined the drains on or belonging to the above premises, and found the same to be defective and to require amendment and alteration. He submitted specifications of the works required to be done. Resolved, That notice be given under Section 41 of the Public Health Act, 1875, to the owners of the premises requiring them to do the necessary works within 28 days from the service of such notice.

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4—Insanitary Property—Nos. 10 to 13, Grove Street, Somerset Inn and 2, Morton Collages, Moorend Street and 23 and 25, Russell 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.

5—Houses without proper Ash Receptacles—The Inspector of Nuisances reported that the following houses had no proper ashpits or ash receptacles, viz:—Nos. 1 to 6, Cleeve View Terrace, 2 and 9, Higgs' Cottages, Alstone, 4, Upper Park Street, 7, Bloomsbury Street, 1 Gordon Terrace and 61, 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.

6—Sewer at back of Promenade Terrace—The Inspector of Nuisances reported that the drains of No. 8 Promenade Terrace were connected with an old sewer which was defective. All the other houses in Promenade Terrace and Cambridge Villas drained into a new sewer, and he recommended that the drains of No. 8 should also be connected thereto and the old defective sewer abolished. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have this done.

7—Smoke Nuisance—Read, a letter from Miss Bland, of Sydenham Road, complaining of the nuisance caused by black smoke from the chimney at the Brickworks of Messrs. Webb Bros. The Inspector of Nuisances reported that observations had been taken, and on the 4th, 6th and 8th instant the chimney in question had been found to emit dense black smoke in such quantity as to be a nuisance. Resolved, That the Council being satisfied of the existence of a nuisance from the emission of black smoke from the said chimney, notice under Section 94 of the Public Health Act, 1875, be served upon Messrs. Webb Bros. requiring them to abate the nuisance within a time to be specified therein, and to execute such works and do such things as may be necessary for that purpose.

8—Hatherley Outfall Sewer—The Town Clerk reported the lengthy negotiations which had taken place with Messrs. Ticehursts, McIlquham & Wyatt with reference to the claim of £277 15s. 11d. made on behalf of Mr. Pitman for damage done to about 5 acres of land part of Benhall Farm in his occupation in laying this new sewer, "and read a letter from Messrs. Ticehurst & Co. agreeing to accept £111 17s. in settlement of the claim, including the valuers and their own costs. Towards this sum of £111 17s. 0d., Messrs. Mark Williams & Co. would allow the sum of £21 17s. 0d. in respect of work from which they would be relieved under their contract. Resolved. That the sum of £111 17s. 0d. be paid to Mr. Pitman in settlement of his claim.

9—Charlton Kings Sewage—The Town Clerk submitted draft agreement with the Charlton Kings Urban District Council embodying the terms arranged at a conference with the Chairman and representatives of the District Council for renewing for a term of 10 years from the 1st April, 1908, the existing communication of the Charlton Sewers with the Borough sewers in consideration of an annual payment by the District Council of £100. The draft contained a provision that if the subsoil water was excluded from the Charlton Sewers so as to reduce the present dry-water flow, an

abatement should be made from the said sum of £25 for every 10,000 gallons reduction in the dry-weather flow, provided that the annual payment should not be less than £500. The draft also contained other provisions for the protection of the Corporation and the District Council. Resolved, That the terms contained in the draft be approved, and that the same be submitted to the District Council for approval.

M. J. KING-HARMAN, Chairman.

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At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 8th May, 1908. — Present : The Mayor, Alderman Skillicorne, Councillors Davies, M. Davis, Earengy, Margrett and Stewart (Alderman Skillicorne 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, and 1 of Diphtheria, and that 2 cases of Scarlet Fever and 1 case of Erysipelas had been sent into the Delancey Hospital.

11—Cleansing and Limewashing at Dunalley House, Dunalley Parade, Fir Tree Cottage, Shurdington Road, Bloomsbury Street, Durbin Cottage, Folly Lane, House back of 57 Rutland Street, and Nos. 6, 10 & 12 Columbia Street. —The Medical Officer of Health having certified under Section 46 of the Public Health Act, 1875, that the above-named dwelling-houses were in such a filthy arid 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 9 Lansdown Place, 8 and 24, Imperial Square, 95, 353 and 354, 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.

13—Insanitary Property-A, Durbin Cottages, Folly Lane, House at back of 57, Rutland Street, 1, St. George's Retreat, 13, Croft Street, and 6, 10 and 13, Columbia Street. — The Medical Officer of Health reported that the above-mentioned premises were in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to the health of the inmates owing to defective roofs, walls, ceilings, floors, &c. Resolved, That the Council being satisfied that the said premises are in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to health, Notices under Section 94 of the Public Health Act, 1875, be served upon the owners requiring them to put the same into a healthy condition and for that purpose to carry out the works specified therein.

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, St. George's Retreat, 8, Old Millbrook Street, 1, Linton Villas, Moorend Street, Berkeley Cottage, Moorend Street, 25 26, Moorend Street, 6 and 13, Columbia Street, 5, Windsor Street, & 3 Sandford Street. Resolved, That the necessary Notices be given to the respective owners under Sec. 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—Houses Let in Lodgings—The Medical Officer of Health recommended that the landlords of the following houses let in lodgings, viz: Nos. 26 and 28, Promenade and 6, 7 and 9, Promenade Terrace 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.

16—Notices not complied with—The Medical Officer of Health submitted a list of Notices requiring the abatement of nuisances arising from defective walls and pitching, and dirty 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.

17—Congresses on Public Health—Read, letters from the Secretary Royal Institute of Public Health and the Hon. Sec. National Association for the Prevention of Consumption and other forms of Tuberculosis, stating that Congresses would be held at Buxton from the 18th to 24th July next, and at Washington, U.S.A., from September 21st to October 12th respectively, and inviting the Council to send representatives.

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18—Defective Sewer, Imperial Square—The Borough Surveyor reported that he had inspected the old brick sewer which passed under the gardens at the rear of No. 15 to 31 Imperial Square to which the drains of these houses were connected. This sewer was in a defective condition, but there was a pod sewer in Trafalgar Street, and he recommended that the old brick sewer should be filled in, and the drains of the houses connected to the sewer in Trafalgar Street, at a cost of about £90. Resolved, That the recommendation be approved and adopted.

W. NASH SKILLICORNE, Chairman.

FARMS MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Friday, the 15th May, 1908.-Present: Alderman Skillicorne, Councillors M. Davis, Gridley, King-Harman, Margrett and Steel (Councillor M. Davis in the chair).

1—Farm Manager's Report—Read, the Monthly Report of the Farms Manager. Since the last monthly meeting 41 bullocks and 11 heifers had been purchased for £633 10s., and 2 head of cattle for £29, and the following sales had been made :-5 heifers and 1 fat sow, £89 5s. 2d. A colt had been bred on the farms. The number of livestock on the 15th inst. was 13 horses, 118 head of cattle, 43 sheep and 1 pig, all doing very well. Ploughing and preparing land for mangolds and swedes at Barn and Hayden Farms was in progress, and the wheat had been threshed at Barn Farm. 5 tons. 14 cwts. 2 qrs. of hay had been delivered at the depot. 4 bushels of barley and 4 bushels of oats had been sold for seed to Messrs. Ride & Co. Miscellaneous receipts, 17s 6d. He recommended that 2 new field gates and one new entrance gate be purchased for Barn Farm, that 1 new field gate be purchased for Hayden Farm, that the Cottage occupied by James Davies be repaired, and that a pair

of waterman's boots be provided. Resolved, That the Farms Manager be instructed to obtain estimates for the waterman's boots, that the Borough Surveyor be instructed to bring up a report as to the repairs to the Cottage, and that the other recommendations be approved and adopted.

M. DAVIS, Chairman.

STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, the 13th May, 1908—Present: Aldermen Haddon and Skillicorne, Councillors Bendall, Gridley and King-Harman (Councillor Bendall in the Chair).

1—Street Projections—Read, a letter from Hunters The Tea-Men, Ltd., applying for permission to place 2 lamps outside No. 92, Winchcombe Street. Resolved, That the application be granted subject to the usual conditions.

JOHN D. BENDALL, Chairman

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At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, the 25th May, 1908.—Present: The Mayor, Aldermen Haddon and Skillicorne, Councillors Baker, Bendall, Gridley, and King-Harman (Councillor Bendall in the Chair).

2—Borough Surveyor's Monthly Report Re Highways—The Borough Surveyor reported that the work completed by the Highways Department from the 24th April, 1908, to the 21st May, 1908 (both inclusive) had been as follows:— Roads Repaired—Promenade (inner road) (1,100 super yards), Gloucester Road (proceeding).

Roads Patched—St. Margaret's Road, Swindon Road, Russell Place, Pittville Street, and part of Old Bath Road.

Gas Trenches Repaired—Glenfall Street and Victoria Place.

Electricity Trenches Repaired—Berkeley Street, North Street, Wellington Road and Hale's Road.

Footpaths gravelled—Albert Road (3,397 super yards), Wellington Road (1,276 super yards), Montpellier Terrace (1,752 super yards).

Footpath Tar Painted—Montpellier Terrace (1,752 super yards).

New Slab Paving Laid—Wellesley Road (166 super yards), Rotunda Terrace (978 super yards).

Footpath Paving Relaid -Market Street (200 super yards), Andover Road and Promenade Terrace.

New kerb fixed—Wellesley Road (156 lineal yards), Rotunda Terrace (146 lineal yards).

New Channel fixed—Rotunda Terrace (146 lineal yards). New concrete steps fixed—Rotunda Terrace (215 lineal yards).

Edging fixed round trees—Rotunda Terrace (36 lineal yards).

Channel relaid—Promenade Terrace, St. James' Square, and Montpellier Street. Trees pruned— Gloucester Road and St. George's Road. Trees felled-L-1 in Leckhampton Road and 3 in Gloucester Road (dead). Hedge pruned—Hatherley Road. Crossings renewed-4. Crossings repaired-3. New Gullies-2. Manhole covers renewed-2.

Ashes Collection and Disposal—During 4 weeks ended 21st May, 1908, 1,063 loads collected, 771 consumed, and 292 tipped away. Weight consumed, 772 tons 8 cwts. 1 qr.

Slab Factory—During 4 weeks ended 11th May, 1908, 534 $\frac{2}{3}$ square yards of slabs and 250 kerbs made.

3—Report of Plans Sub-Committee—The Chairman reported the proceedings of the Plans Sub-Committee at their Meetings on the 13th and 22nd inst. Resolved, That the same be approved and adopted.

4—Hoarding at No. 1 Victoria Parade, Gloucester Road—With reference to the Resolution to Minute No. 4 of this Committee of the 14th April last, Mr. S. Shenton, jun., attended this meeting on behalf of the owner of the hoarding as to the erection of which complaint had been received. Resolved, That the further consideration of the matter be adjourned.

5—Telephone Poles in Gloucester Road—With reference to the application of the National Telephone Co. for permission to place 3 poles in the Gloucester Road on the footpath in front of Alstone Lawn, the Borough Surveyor reported that owing to the narrowness of the footpath it was undesirable that the poles should be erected as proposed. Resolved, That permission be not granted.

6—Slab Factory—The Borough Surveyor submitted the following account of the working of the Slab Factory for the half-year ended the 26th March, 1908 :—

SLAB FACTORY—REVENUE ACCOUNT.

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Surplus brought forward from September, 1907	£811 12 7
Sales for half-year ended 26th March, 1908	£908 0 11
Slabs in stock 26th March, 1908, at cost price	£1031 5 3
Kerbs in stock 26th March, 1908, at cost price	£270 4 0
Value of cement, granite and other materials in stock 26th March, 1908...	£ <u>69 8 5</u>
	£3,099 11 2

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Slabs in stock September, 1907, at cost price	£952 11 3
Kerbs in stock do. do.	£286 4 11
Value of cement, granite and other materials in stock, September, 1907... ..	£114 11 5
Wages and materials for half-year ended 26th.)larch, 1908	£705 1 6
Rates, Taxes and insurance for half-year ...	£ 12 13 6
Interest and sinking fund for half-year (estimated) ...	£3122 10 0
Surplus	<u>£3896 18 7</u>
	£3,090 11 2

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7—Slab Factory Plant—With reference to Minute No 11 of this Committee of the 30th March last the Borough Surveyor reported that he had now made arrangements with Messrs. Musket, the makers of the Slab Factory plant, to overhaul the latter, including provision of new parts and the repairing of the press head for the sum of £5 10s. 0d. The total cost, including the rough labour to be provided by the Corporation, would, however, be nearly £100. Resolved, That the arrangements made by the Borough Surveyor be approved and adopted.

8—Coalplate at No. 11, St. Paul's Street North—Read, a letter from Mr. J. T. Wilcox applying for permission to place a coalplate in the footpath in front of No. 11, St. Paul's Street North. Resolved, That the application, be granted, the coalplate to be a Hayward's pavement light, and the usual agreement of indemnity to be entered into.

9—Trees—Read, letters from Col. Griffith and Col. King-Harman suggesting the provision of guards for the young trees in the public streets. Resolved, That the letters be referred to the Trees Sub-Committee for consideration and report.

10—Street Projection—Read, a letter from Mr. W. B. Jackson applying for permission to place a projecting sign at No. 336, High Street. Resolved, That consideration of the application be adjourned for the Building Inspector to obtain further particulars desired by the Committee.

JOHN D. BENDALL, Chairman.

PLANS SUB-COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Sub-Committee held on Wednesday, the 13th May, 1908. Present : —
Councillors Bendall, King-Barman and Stewart (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.
652	Boots, Ltd. ...	Alterations and additions to Nos. 129 and 130 High Street and No. 13, North Street.
653	Rev. P. Waller	New Chancel and Choir Vestry at Holy Trinity Church.
654	J. T. Ireland	New Bay Windows at Gloucester House.
655	E. Wills	New Scullery and Coalhouse at 14, Clarence Square.
656	W. Burcher	Two detached houses, Hatherley Road.
657	A. Page	13 Cottages near " Maud's Elm," Swindon Road.
658	W. Long	New Scullery at " Lauriston," Marle Hill Road.
659	Oriental Cafe Co.	New Larder at Cosy Corner, Promenade.

Resolved, That Plans Nos. 654, 655, 656, 65S and 659 be approved, that Plans Nos. 653 be approved, subject to the provisions of the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1552, with regard to interments being complied with, and that Plans Nos. 652 and 657 be disapproved. The Building Inspector reported that a Summer House had been erected in the grounds adjoining St. Ronan's, Old Bath Road, without plans having been first sent. in. Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to give notice to the owners to show, cause why the building should not be pulled down, altered or removed.

JOHN D. BENDALL, Chairman.

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At a Meeting of this Sub-Committee held on Friday, the 22nd May, 1908. Present : Councillors Bendall, King-Harman and Stewart (Councillor Bendall in the Chair.)

2—New 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
621	Palace Theatre Co.	Amended plan for extra exit in Crown Passage, at Variety Theatre.
660	G. H. Roberts	Detached House, Church Road, St. Mark's.

Resolved, That the same be approved as shown.

JOHN D. BENDALL, Chairman

TOWN IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held at Pittville Gardens, on Monday, the 18th May, 1908— Present: The Mayor, Alderman Winterbotham, Councillors Bennett, Steel, Stewart and Stroud (The Mayor in the chair).

1—Pittville Gardens—The Committee inspected the Gardens with Sir William Thistleton Dyer. Sir William pointed out that some of the shrubberies planted many years ago were out of date. Shrubs planted to screen forest trees during their early growth were now being killed and spoilt by the grown trees, and should be removed. Flowering shrubs should be massed together, and not mixed with laurels, hollies, box trees, and bedded-out plants, nor should bedded-out plants be mixed with

small evergreens, firs, etc. There were many new varieties of flowering shrubs which could be planted at a small cost, and would greatly add to the beauty of the gardens. He also advised that some of the beds should be planted with herbaceous plants, which would be more effective, and cost less than bedding-out plants. Some of the small trees which obscured the view of the Pump Room should be removed and the position of some notice boards altered so as not to spoil the landscape view. Various other suggestions for improving the gardens at a small cost were made by Sir William. Resolved, That Sir William's offer to supervise the planting of shrubs and alteration of the shrubberies and the laying out of the flower beds be accepted, and that he be given full authority to carry out his suggestions, provided that the expenditure shall not exceed the sum of £25 during the present financial year, and that none of the large trees be cut down without the authority of this Committee.

A proposal to open the gardens free of charge on Sundays from 9 a.m. instead of from 1 p.m. was considered. The Borough Surveyor stated that this would entail an extra cost of £13 a year if no addition to the present staff was required. Resolved, That the gardens be opened to the public free of charge on Sundays from 9 a.m. beginning on the 7th June next, and that the Minute of this Committee passed on the 2nd April, 1891, be varied accordingly.

2—Promenade Long Garden—An offer was received from Messrs. Heath & Son to plant and maintain the beds surrounding the War Memorial free of charge provided they were permitted to place a board there advertising their name and address. Resolved, That the offer be accepted for the remainder of the season, the dimensions of the board not to exceed 3ft. by 2ft., and to be in accordance with the sketch submitted by the Borough Surveyor.

3—Clarence Square Garden—A complaint was received that one of the tennis courts in the Square was being used by a club, comprising members who did not live in the Square. Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to write to the tenant of the court pointing out that this was contrary to the terms of letting, and could not be allowed.

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4—Pittville Estate—Plans for alterations to 14 Clarence Square and to the stables, at Glenmore Lodge were submitted. Resolved, That the same be approved so far as this tee are concerned.

5—Winter Gardens—Complaints were received of the nuisance caused by children playing in these gardens. Resolved, That no children under 12 be admitted to the garden except, in charge of some adult person, and that notice to this effect be put up at the entrance.

6—Pittville Park—The Town Clerk reported that the Electricity Committee proposed to lay, subject to the approval of this Committee, a supply main, leading from the main running to the Pump Room, along the eastern drive to supply " Ellerslie." Resolved, That this be agreed to.

7—Winter Garden—Read, a letter from Mr. C. P. Crawford offering to take the Winter Garden on lease for a term of years for a skating rink at a rent of £800 per annum. Mr. Wilkins attended the Committee on behalf of Mr. Crawford. Resolved, That the Committee are unable to entertain the offer.

8—Advertising—The Town Clerk submitted proposals for advertising the town from the Midland Railway Co., " World's Work," and other publications, including an offer from " The Standard " Newspaper to give a 3 column illustrated article on Cheltenham and the Gloucestershire Pageant if advertisements could be obtained to the extent of £68 made up as follows for half-double column from the Pageant Committee, £17 for the same space from the Town Improvement Committee, and the balance of £34 from the tradesmen, hotels, etc., in the town. The value of the whole page was £145. Resolved, That none of the offers made be accepted.

GEO. DIMMER, Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, the 20th May, 1908. Present :—The Mayor, Alderman Winterbotham, Councillors Baker, Bennett, Packer, Steel, and Stewart (Councillor Baker in the Chair).

9—Winter Garden—The Borough Surveyor reported that he had received a telegram from Mr. Crawford increasing his offer for use of the Winter Garden as a Skating Rink to £800 per annum, including rates and taxes. Resolved, That this offer be not accepted.

10—Band--Resolved, That the Rifle Band be engaged to play in the Promenade Band Stand on Whit Monday morning from 11 to 1 at a charge of £3.

WILLIAM A. BAKER.

Chairman.

ELECTRICITY AND LIGHTING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Friday, the 14th May, 1908. Present:—Alderman Norman, Councillors Gridley, Ley Wood, Merrett, Rees Jones and Steel (Councillor Ley Wood in the Chair).

1—Gas Examiner's Report--The Gas Examiner reported that on the 12th and 13th inst. his test of the gas for purity showed 35 grains of sulphur per 100 cubic feet.

2—Requisition for Materials Required—The Borough Electrical Engineer submitted a list, of materials, etc., which would probably be required during the ensuing month, and the same was approved.

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3—Borough Electrical Engineer's Monthly Report—Read, the Monthly Report of the Borough Electrical Engineer. On the 11th inst. there were 980 consumers, with the equivalent of 64,462 8 c.p. lamps connected to the private supply mains, the corresponding figures for last year being 904 and 60,859 respectively.

4—Applications for Supply—An enquiry was received from Mr. F. J. Cade asking the terms for a supply of energy to Ellerslie, Albert Road, which was outside the Borough. The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that a cable could be laid at a cost of from the main to Pittville Pump Room along the Eastern drive entering Ellerslie at the back of the premises. Resolved, That a supply be given

subject to Mr. Cade paying the cost of the service cable, and to the consent of the Town Improvement Committee being obtained.

An application was also received from Mr. Seacome for a supply to Wellesley House, Wellington Square. This would require an extension of cable at an estimated cost of £11 15s. 0d., but the Borough Electrical Engineer recommended that a larger cable should be laid at an extra cost of £6 12s. 0d. to provide for future demands. Resolved, That this be approved, and a supply given subject to the applicant giving the usual guarantee for 3 years of £2 8s. 0d.

5—Supply of Meters—The Borough Electrical Engineer submitted tenders for supply of meters obtained from the British Thomson Houston Co., Ltd. (the present contractors), and also from the British Westinghouse Co., and Messrs. Marples, Leach & Co. All quoted the same price, namely, 37s 6d net. Resolved, That the tender of the British Thomson Houston Co., Ltd., be accepted for the year ending the 30th June, 1909.

6—Pageant Week—Read, a letter from Mr. C. E. Rainger making application for supply of electric energy free of charge for the illumination of the interior and exterior of the Winter Garden for the Fancy Dress Ball. Resolved, That a charge of 2d. per unit be made for current supplied to the Pageant Committee or any other applicants for illumination at the forthcoming Pageant, provided that the cost of any service cable, etc., required is paid by applicants. An application was also made from the Evening Entertainments Committee for the loan of a few arc lamps, incandescent lamps, cable and other electrical materials for the decoration and illumination of Montpellier Gardens. The Pageant Committee would undertake to return all materials in good condition and pay for any damage done. Resolved, That the application be granted.

7—Coal Contract—Resolved, That the present contract with Messrs. Critchlow & Sheppard for the supply of nutty slack coal for the Lydbrook Colliery at 12s 2d per ton be continued to the 30th September next.

8—Coal Tests—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that he had searched the records of the coal tests, but could not find any instance in which analytical tests similar to those to be made by Mr. Embrey had been carried out by Mr. Kilgour. The late engineer had made frequent evaporation tests such as were made by himself at the present time, but these tests were very different to the chemical tests which required not only a properly equipped chemical laboratory and apparatus, but a trained analytical chemist to perform the test.

9—Bricklayers' Work—With reference to a complaint that bricklayers' work was done by one of the employees of the Electricity Works who was not a bricklayer, the Borough Electrical Engineer reported that he had had an interview with Mr. Merrett and Mr. Betteridge at the works, and had explained that the only bricklayers' work done by this employee was the replacing from time to time of a few bricks in the boilers and flues when cleaning out the same, and he thought they were satisfied with the explanation.

10—Home for Sick Children—An application was received from Miss Tombleson, the Superintendant, for a reduction in the charge for current to this Institution. Resolved, That the application be not acceded to.

11—Tenders for Carbons—The 6 tenders received for the supply of carbons were opened. Resolved, That the same be referred to the Borough Electrical Engineer for consideration and report.

12—Assessment of Electricity Works—The Town Clerk reported that the Assessment Committee had not yet given their decision on the objection made to the assessment, but when this was given it would be necessary to give notice of appeal to Quarter Sessions if the relief asked for was not obtained. Resolved, That the Town Clerk be authorised to give notice of appeal if necessary, and to instruct Messrs. Medley, Mason & Medley to act as valuers for the Corporation.

13—Electric Light Standards—The Borough Electrical Engineer was instructed to make a report and estimate of the cost of repainting the arc lamp standards.

ROBT. LEY WOOD, Chairman.

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WATER COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, the 21st May, 1908. Present Councillors M. Davis, Green, 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 30 days, ended 18th May, 1908.	Average for the corresponding period during last 3 years.
Hewletts Springs	341,000 gallons	223,000 gallons
Dowdeswell Springs	1,408,000 "	803,000 "
Leckhampton	51,000 "	51,000 "
Total	1,800,000	1,077,000 "

CONTENTS OF RESERVOIRS

	May 18th, 1908.		May 18th, 1907.	
	Depth	Contents	Depth	Contents
Hewletts	...	26,700,000 galls	...	26,145,000 gallons
Leckhampton.	11ft. 0in.	1,485,000 "	9ft. 2in.	1,238,000 "
Dowdeswell	31ft. 11in.	99,584,000 "	23ft. 6in.	59,108,000 "
Total Storage		127,769,000 "		86,491,000 "

A length of 100 yards of 4-inch main had been laid in a new road off Naunton Lane to supply 13 new houses and a fire hydrant had also been provided.

2—Dowdeswell Reservoir—The Committee inspected the works carried out by the Borough Engineer to protect the -Upper Rosley stream and spring head, and approved of same. Resolved. That the Borough Engineer be instructed to arrange for the post and rail fence to be continued further along the stream to prevent cattle getting into the stream, and also to have the drainage from the Farm Buildings and Yard connected to the Corporation Sewer.

Sedimentation, Basin—Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to bring up an estimate for cleaning out the catchment basin at the Reservoir.

3—Hester's Way—The Borough Surveyor reported that to supply the Farms and Cottages at Hester's Way with water about 3,040 yards of 3-inch water main would have to be laid, and 300 yards of lead pipe, at an estimated cost of £709. The gross value of the property to be supplied was only £136 per annum. If this extension were made it would be desirable to couple up the two mains shown on the plan at a further expenditure of £200.

To supply the 4 farms which he understood the Medical Officer of Health considered most urgent would only require an extension of 1,800 yards of main at a cost of £360. The gross value of the 4 farms was £76. The cottages in Hester's Way could be served by a stand pipe as shown on the plan. Resolved, That Town Clerk be instructed to communicate with the owners of the 4 farms with a view to obtaining a contribution towards the cost of the main or the usual guarantee of 10 per cent. thereon.

4—Tewkesbury Water Main—Read, a letter from the Clerk to the Tewkesbury Rural Council calling attention to an obstruction to a stone drain under the Cheltenham main road at Knightsbridge caused by the 9-inch main having been laid across the same. The Town Clerk reported an interview with the Surveyor of the Rural District Council who had accepted a contribution of £3 towards the cost of altering the drain. Resolved, That this be agreed to.

5—Appeals—The cases entered into the Appeal Book were considered, and the rates set and adjusted.

H. WAGHORNE,

Chairman.

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GENERAL PURPOSES AND WATCH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 19th May, 1908—Present : The Mayor, Aldermen Norman, Skillicorne and Winterbotham, Councillors Bendall, Davies and Ley Wood (Alderman Norman in the Chair).

1—Diseases of Animals Acts—Supt. Hopkins reported an outbreak of Swine Fever at Holliday's Allotments, Old Bath Road, on the 4th inst. 1 pig died, and the remaining 9 pigs were slaughtered. These premises and also Arle Farm were still under quarantine, but no further outbreak had occurred in the Borough.

2—Swine Fever Order—Read, a letter from the Board of Agriculture enclosing for publication copies of the Swine Fever Order, 1908, superseding the provisions of the Swine Fever Order 1894 and 1901, also copies of the Swine Fever (Regulation of Movement) Order, 1908, superseding the Swine Fever (Infected Areas) Order, 1902, and the Swine Fever (Regulation of Movement) Order, 1903. Resolved, That the Town Clerk be directed to give public notice of the Orders as required by the Board. Resolved, also, That Regulations as to keeping of Registers by Owners of Boars and by Pig Dealers,

and as to the cleansing and disinfection of vehicles, etc., be made and published. (A print of the Regulations accompanies these Minutes).

3—Report of Fire Brigade Captain—The Captain of the Fire Brigade reported that on the 1st inst. the Brigade was called to extinguish an outbreak at No. 13, Lansdown Crescent, but found only a chimney on fire. Damage, nil. Brigade expenses, £3 4s. 3d. On the 2nd inst. the Brigade was called to extinguish a fire at No. 26, Imperial Square caused by a defective flue. Damage, £5. Extinction expenses, £2 14s. 0d.

4—Attendance of Brigade at Fires outside Borough —A Memorial from County Residents requesting that the radius for the attendance of the Brigade at fires beyond the Borough Boundaries should be increased to 8 miles from the Borough Boundaries. Resolved, That the previous decision of the Council limiting the radius to 4 miles from the Fire Station be adhered to, but that the Captain of the Fire Brigade be given a discretion to attend beyond this radius in cases of fires of a serious nature threatening the destruction of mansions or other valuable property, or loss of life.

5—Omnibus Licence—An application was received from the Rev. J. Hirste Haywood for licences for brakes to run on the 3rd June to take passengers to and from Swindon Hall in connection with a Sale of Work in aid of Dr. Barnardo's Homes. Resolved, That the application be not acceded to.

6—Pageant Week—Decoration of Public Buildings—Read, a letter from the Pageant Committee stating that a scheme had been approved by the Committee for the illumination of the front and towers and outline, etc., of the Winter Garden at a cost of £30, exclusive of current. Resolved, That the sum of £15 be contributed towards the cost of decoration of public buildings by the Pageant Committee. Rehearsals—An application was received from the Pageant Committee asking that the rehearsals for some of the dances might be held in one of the rooms at the Town Hall when the same is not required for any other purpose. This would involve no cost for light or labour. Resolved, That the permission asked for be granted.

7—Daylight Saving Bill—Read, a letter calling attention to the provisions of the Daylight Saving Bill, which had been introduced into the House of Commons and passed its second reading. The proposal was to obtain the use of 80 minutes more daylight each day for several months in the year by advancing the clock 20 minutes on each of the first four Sundays in April. In similar manner the clock would be set back 20 minutes on each of the first four Sundays in September. Resolved, That this Council approve of the principle of the Bill, and that the Town Clerk be instructed to write the Borough Member asking him to give it his support.

GEO. NORMAN, Chairman.

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MINERAL WATERS, BATHS AND RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE.

At a meeting of this Committee held on Friday, the 15th May, 1908. Present :—The Mayor, Councillors Bendall, Davies, Earengay, Merrett, Stewart 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, had been as follows:—

Receipts ...	£22 9 1
Hire of Bath for Gymnasium, etc.	<u>£ 1 3 0</u>
	£23 12 1
Payments	£70 10 7
Interest & Redemption (proportion of)	<u>£44 1 5</u>
	£114 12 0

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 ...	£24 6 5	Payments	£22 11 0
		Interest & Redemption	
		(proportion of)	<u>£27 17 2</u>
	£24 6 5		£50 8 2

Read, a letter from Mr. A. C. White applying on behalf of the Head Mistress of the Parish Church Schools for permission for a girls' class to attend at the Alstone Baths to receive swimming instruction as a school lesson. Resolved, That the application be granted, and permission be given for the class to attend on Wednesdays from 11 to 12 at the usual school rate of 1d. each child, the children providing their own bathing dresses. Resolved, also, That the baths be reserved for ladies between the hours of 11 and 2 on Wednesdays instead of 12 and 2 as at present, and that the Resolution to Minute No. 2 of the Committee's proceedings at their meeting on the 18th February, 1904, be varied accordingly.

3—Mineral Waters—Read, a letter from the " British Medical Journal," stating that they proposed to set aside a page of the Journal as an Index Guide to Baths and Climatic Health Resorts. A charge of 5s would be made per insertion for each line in this index. Resolved, That a line advertisement be inserted in the index under each of the headings, " Alkaline Sulphate Waters " and " Muriated Sulphate and other Sulphate Waters " at a cost of £26 per annum in lieu of the present advertisement which cost £20 16s., and that the Resolution to Minute No. 3 of this Committee's proceedings on the 20th December last be varied accordingly.

4—St. Mary's (Old) Cemetery—Read, an application from Dr. Blakeney 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.

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BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Friday, the 22nd May, 1908—Present : The Mayor, Alderman Haddon, Councillors Gridley, King-Harman, Merrett, Steel and Stewart (Alderman Haddon in the Chair).

1—Superintendent's Report—The Superintendent of the Cemetery made application for the usual supply of bedding-out plants for the Cemetery. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to supply plants to the value of £5.

2—Inspection—The Committee visited and inspected the Cemetery on the 29th ult., and found same in satisfactory order. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have a new gate fixed at the entrance to the field adjoining the Cemetery, and also to have the fence repaired where necessary. Resolved, also, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to inspect and report as to making good the bank of the stream which has given way near the Cemetery Lodge.

3—Land adjoining Cemetery--The Town Clerk reported that 4 tenders had been received for the tenancy of the land adjoining the Cemetery up to the 31st October next, and for the grass mown at the Cemetery this year. Resolved, That the tender of Mr. F. E. Wood, of Whaddon Farm, of £17 be accepted, that being the highest offer.

4—Designs---Resolved, That the following designs be approved, viz. :—Headstones to graves of William and Sarah Ann Peart and Susannah Miller, and John and Annie Maria Tombs. Memorial Crosses to graves of Frederick Edwards, Faithful Palmer and Clara Webb. Kerbing to grave of William Thomas and James Johns.

JOHN HADDON, Chairman.

PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Wednesday, the 13th May, 1908.—Present : Councillors Davies, Green, Merrett and Rees Jones Rev. A. Beynon Phillips, Messrs. IV. Cresswell, C. Hayward, and A. Mann (Councillor Davies in the Chair).

1—Librarian's Report—Read, the Monthly Report of the Librarian. Receipts, £4 3s. 3d. The issues from the Reference Department numbered 1,377, as compared with 1,306 during the corresponding month of last year, and from the Lending Department 8,469, as compared with 8,379.

2—Sub-Committee's Report—The Sub-Committee reported that they met on the 7th inst. (Present: Councillors Dr. Davies (Chairman), Bennett, Green, King-Harman and Merrett, Rev. A. Beynon Phillips and Mr. C. Hayward). They recommended:—

That a broken door spring at the Central Entrance be repaired.

That the Boiler be overhauled and cleaned.

That the Reference and Lending Libraries be closed on June 20th, the date of the Corporation Employees Annual Outing, the News-room to be kept open as usual.

That the Sub-Committee be empowered to meet a deputation from the Cheltenham Natural Science Society to consider the question of the transfer of their Library to the Public Library,

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

3—Newsroom—Read, a letter from Mr. G. Bradfield asking if the Committee could not open the Newsroom at the Library at 9 or 9.30 a.m. instead of 10 as at present, having regard to the fact that all the London papers are delivered in Cheltenham at 7 o'clock, and that many people would be glad of the opportunity of looking at these papers if the Newsroom was opened as suggested. Resolved, To refer the letter to the Sub-Committee, with power to carry out the suggestion if after consideration it is thought advisable to do so.

RICHARD DAVIES, Chairman.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 26th May, 1908—Present : The Mayor, Aldermen Skillicorne and Waghorne, Councillors Bennett, Earengy, Merrett, Rees Jones, Steel, and Stroud (Alderman Waghorne in, tire chair).

1—General District Rate—The Report of the Borough Accountant, dated the 26th inst., on the collection of the first instalment of this Rate, was read. Amount collected £265 7s. 6d. Leaving outstanding £23,282 7s. 0d.

2—Water Rate—The Report of the Borough Accountant, dated the 26th inst., on the collection of this Rate was read. Amount received £678 10s. 9d. Leaving outstanding £11,320 15s. 11d.

3—Water Charges—Read, a letter from the Local Government Board enclosing copy of a letter they had addressed to Major-General Babbage dismissing his appeal against the refusal of the District Auditor to make a surcharge upon the Corporation in consequence of the refusal of the latter to furnish him with a supply of water for domestic purposes by meter. The Board stated that they were unable to concur in the interpretation placed by Major-General Babbage upon certain sections of the Corporation Water Act of 1878.

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 :—

Overdrawn on the 23th April last	£ 4,970 10 10
Paid since that date	£ <u>7,416 18 0</u>
	£12,387 8 10
Received since that date	£ <u>3,553 2 5</u>
Overdrawn	£ 8,834 6 5
Being General Accounts	£11,313 8 4
Less Sinking Funds--In hand	£ <u>2,479 1 11</u>
	£ 8,834 6 5

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 1st June, 1908, at 3 p.m. Present :

THE MAYOR (GEORGE DIMMER, ESQUIRE) in the chair.

THE DEPUTY MAYOR (ALDERMAN JOHN WAGHORNE).

Aldermen: JOHN HADDON GEORGE NORMAN WILLIAM NASH SKILLICORNE JAMES BATTEN
WINTERBOTHAM

Councillors: WILLIAM ALFRED BAKER JOHN DAVID BENDALL FREDERICK JOSEPH BENNETT RICHARD DAVIES MOSES DAVIS WILLIAM GEORGE EARENGEY EDWINSON CHARLES GREEN EDWARD GRIDLEY, MONTAGUE JOCELYN KING-HARMAN ROBERT LEY WOOD CHARLES HENRY MARGRETT WILLIE JOHN MERRETT TOM HERBERT PACKER THOMAS REES JONES ROBERT STEEL JAMES STEWART HENRY WAGHORNE.

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1—Minutes of Previous Meetings--Resolved, That the Minutes of the Meetings of the Council on 4th, 12th and 20th 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 ---Date of next Monthly Meeting—Resolved, That the next Monthly Meeting of the Council lit` held on Friday, the 3rd July, 1908, instead of Monday, the 6th July.

3—Notification of Births' Act, 1907—Pursuant to notice duly given, it was proposed by the Mayor, and seconded by Councillor Stewart :—

(1). That this Council do adopt the Notification of Births Act, 1907.

(2). That notice of the resolution adopting the Notification of Births Act, 1907, be given by advertisement in the " Gloucestershire, Echo," the " Cheltenham Free Press," and the " Cheltenham Looker-On," and that a copy of the resolution be forwarded to the Local Government Board with an application for their consent to the adoption of the said Act.

(3). That this Council. approve of the engagement of a Lady Health Visitor to assist the Medical Officer of Health in the inspection of Children under the Education (Administrative Provisions) Act, 1907, and under the Notification of Births Act, 1907, the salary to be charged partly to the Education Committee, and partly to the Urban Sanitary Authority in proportions to be agreed upon.

To this an amendment was moved by Alderman Skillicorne, seconded by Councillor Steel :—

That the Resolutions be referred back to the Public Health Committee for re-consideration.

Upon the amendment being put to the meeting the names of the members of the Council, voting for and against, were taken down by the Town Clerk as follows :-

For :—Aldermen Haddon, Skillicorne and Waghorne ; Councillors Baker, Benda, Bennett, Davies, Davis, Earengay, Green, Gridley, Ring-Harman, Ley Wood, Margrett, Merrett, Packer, Rees Jones, Steel and Waghorne (19).

Against-The Mayor and Councillor Stewart (2).

The Mayor then put the amendment as a substantive motion, and declared the same carried.

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4—Public Health Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Public Health Committee, at their Meetings of the 11th and 18th May last, be approved and confirmed.

5—Farms Management Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Farms Management Committee, at their Meeting of the 15th May 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 13th and 25th May last, be approved and confirmed.

7—Town Improvement Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Town Improvement Committee at their Meetings of the 18th and 20th May last be approved and confirmed, subject to the following amendment, viz. :— That Minute No. 9 (Winter Garden) be referred back to the Committee for further consideration.

8—Electricity and Lighting Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Electricity and Lighting Committee, at their Meeting of the 14th May last be approved and confirmed, subject to the following amendment, viz. : That Minute No. 7 (Coal Contract) be referred back to the Committee with power to enter into a contract for the supply of coal.

9—Water Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Water Committee, at their Meeting of the 21st May last, be approved and confirmed

10—General Purposes & Watch Committee— Resolved, That the proceedings of the General Purposes and Watch Committee, at their Meeting of the 19th May last, be approved and confirmed.

11—Mineral Waters, Baths and Recreation Grounds Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Mineral Waters, Baths and Recreation Grounds Committee, at their Meeting of the 15th May last, be approved and confirmed.

12 -Burial Board Committee-Resolved, That the proceedings of the Burial Board Committee, at their Meeting of the 22nd May last be approved and continued.

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13—Finance Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Finance Committee, at their Meeting of the 26th May last, be approved and confirmed.

Resolved, also, That an Order on the Borough Treasurer 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 cheque signed by the Borough Accountant.

14-Public Library Accounts--The motion, of which Councillor Rees Jones had given notice on this subject, was ruled out of order.

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

" That in view of the decision of the Council that Pittville Gardens be opened to the public from 9 a.m. on Sundays from the 7th inst., the Agg-Gardner Recreation Ground and the gate leading into the Pittville Park Annexe be opened to the public on Sundays at the same hour."

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 Corporation Central Depot, St. James' Square, in the said Borough, on Friday, the 5th June, 1908, at 10.30 a.m. Present :—

ALDERMAN GEORGE NORMAN.

Councillors : WILLIAM ALFRED BAKER JOHN DAVID BENDALL FREDERICK JOSEPH BENNETT RICHARD DAVIES MOSES DAVIS EDWARD GRIDLEY, MONTAGUE JOCELYN KING-HARMAN WILLIE JOHN MERRETT THOMAS REES JONES ROBERT STEEL JAMES STEWART

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

2---Annual Licensing of Hackney Carriages and Drivers—The Council granted the renewal of 83 one-horse fly licences, 25 wheel chair licences, 19 pony carriage licences, 1 char-a-banc licence, and 147 drivers' licences. Two new drivers' licences were granted. The fees received for the licences amounted to £37 13s. 0d.

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3—Application for Licence for a Motor Bus—Read, an application from Messrs. H. E. Steel, Ltd., for a licence to ply for hire a motor omnibus between the Lansdown Station and High Street. Mr. Steel having attended in support of the application, and Mr. W.T. Smith having made application for a licence to ply for hire another car, Resolved, That the applications be referred to the General Purposes and Watch Committee for consideration.

Mayor.

Borough of Cheltenham.

MINUTES of the Committees of the Town Council to be submitted for approval at the Monthly Meeting of the Council to be held on Friday, the 3rd July, 1908.

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, the 10th June, 1908. Present :—Alderman Skillicorne, Councillors Davies, King-Harman, and Margrett (Alderman Skillicorne in the Chair).

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

2—Cleansing and Limewashing at No. 9, Lypiatt Street, 2, Harbourne Cottages, Moorend Street, Prospect House, St. Paul's Road, 13, Upper Park Street, and 12, and 35, Lower Park Street. — The Medical Officer of Health having certified under Section 46 of the Public Health Act, 1875, that the above-named dwelling-houses were in such a filthy and unwholesome condition that the health of the inmates was affected or endangered thereby. Resolved, That Notice be given to the owners under the said Section requiring the houses to be cleansed and limewashed.

3—Nuisances from Drains etc., at Nos. 44, 45, 46 and 47 ½ New Street and back of 44, 46, 47 New Street, the Devonshire Brewery and 290 High Street.—The Inspector of Nuisances having made written application under Sec. 41 of the Public Health Act, 1875, stating that the drains, &c., on or belonging to the above-named houses were in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to health. Resolved. That authority be given to the Inspector of Nuisances to open the ground, examine the drains, and report to the Committee.

4—Insanitary Property — Nos. 12 and 35, Lower Park Street, 30, Burton Street, The Shamrock Inn, Grove Street, and 28, Grove Street. — The Medical Officer of Health reported that the above-mentioned premises were in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to the health of the inmates owing to defective roofs, walls, ceilings, floors, etc. Resolved, That the Council being satisfied that the said premises are in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to health, Notices under Section 94 of the Public Health Act, 1875, be served upon the owners requiring them to put the same into a healthy condition, and for that purpose to carry out the works specified therein.

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5—Houses without proper Ash Receptacles—The that the following houses had no proper ashpits or ash receptacles, viz :—Ampney Cottage, Malvern Villa No. 1, Lyme Villas, Wilfred House, and Rockville, Shurdington Road, Nos. 1, 2 and 4, Norwood Parade, 8, Gloucester Place, Raymond Cottage, Upper Park Street, 2, Moorend Villas and 6, Brandon Terrace, — Resolved, That the necessary Notices be given to the respective owners under Section 86 of the Public Health Act, 1875, and Section 27 of the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1889, requiring them in each case to provide a moveable ash receptacle of such size, pattern and construction, as may be approved by the Inspector of Nuisances on behalf of the Corporation.

6—Houses Let in Lodgings—The Medical Officer of Health recommended that the landlords of the following houses let in lodgings, viz. : — Nos. 2 and 3, Royal Well Terrace, 11, Royal Parade, and 13, Spa Buildings 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.

7—Destruction of Unsound Food—The Medical Officer of Health reported the surrender and destruction on the 19th ult. of 14lbs. of smoked haddock fillets, and on the 4th instant of 39 tins of condensed milk as unsound and unfit for human food.

8—Corporation Ambulances—The Medical Officer of Health reported that certain repairs were necessary to the two Corporation ambulances, and submitted an estimate he had obtained from Mr. Alfred Miles for the execution of the same amounting to £13. Resolved, That the same be accepted.

9—Notification of Births Act, 1907—The resolutions on the subject of the adoption of the Notification of Births Act, 1907, referred back by the Council, were again considered. Resolved, That the further consideration of the question be adjourned for the present.

10—Claim for Damage caused by Extraordinary Traffic, Hayden Lane—The Town Clerk reported the correspondence he had had with the Clerk to the Cheltenham Rural District Council with respect to a claim for damage to Hayden Lane by alleged extraordinary traffic in connection with the new Sewage Works at Hayden. After consultation with the Chairman of this Committee and the Borough Surveyor, he had provisionally arranged the following terms, namely:—

The Corporation at their own cost to keep the lane in reasonable repair for a period of three years from the 1st May, 1908, and hand it over in good repair at the expiration of that period, the Rural District Council in the meantime paying to the Corporation towards such repair £20 per annum, being the average annual expense of maintenance prior to the recent traffic.

The Rural District Council, without prejudice to its rights against any other parties, not to make any claim against the Corporation in respect of extraordinary traffic occurring either before or during such period of 3 years.

Resolved, That these terms be approved and adopted.

W. NASH SKILLICORNE, Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, 22nd June, 1908.—Present : The Mayor, Alderman Skillicorne, Councillors M. Davis, Earengy, King-Harman Margrett and Alderman Skillicorne in the chair).

11—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 Enteric Fever, and 1 case of Erysipelas, and that 1 case of Scarlet Fever had been sent into the Delancey Hospital.

12—Cleansing and Limewashing at Nos. 2 Lamb Cottages, 2 and 3 Albert Cottages, and 17, 50 and 61 Upper Park Street —The Medical Officer of Health having certified under Section 46 of the Public Health Act, 1875, that the above-named dwelling-houses were in such a filthy and unwholesome condition that the health of the inmates was affected or endangered thereby. Resolved, That Notice be given to the owners under the said Section requiring, the houses to be cleansed and limewashed.

13 —Nuisances from Drains, etc., at Park View, The Croft, Oakdene, Albany Road and Nos. 2 and 3 Winchcombe Street. —The Inspector of Nuisances having made written application under Section 41 of the Public Health Act, 1875, stating that the drains, etc., on or belonging to the above-named houses were in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to health. Resolved, That authority be given to the Inspector of Nuisances to open the ground, examine the drains, and report to the Committee.

14—Insanitary Property—Nos. 1, 2, 4, and 8 Lamb Cottages, Commercial Street, and 2 and 3, Albert Cottages, St. Luke's. — The Medical Officer of Health reported that the above-mentioned premises were in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to the health of the inmates owing to defective roofs, walls, ceilings, floors, &c. Resolved, That the Council being satisfied that the said premises are in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to health, Notices under Section 91 of the Public Health Act, 1875, be served upon the owners requiring them to put the same into a healthy condition and for that purpose to carry out the works specified therein.

15—Houses without proper Ash Receptacles—The Inspector of Nuisances reported that the following houses had no proper ashpits or ash receptacles, viz : Nos. 12, 26, 29, 31, 35, 39 &, 50 Upper Park Street, 29, Montpellier Terrace, 1, Lamb Cottages, and 3, Albert 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.

16—Notices not complied with—The Medical Officer of Health submitted a list of Notices requiring the provision of ash receptacles, and the abatement of nuisances arising from defective drains, defective yard paving, etc., 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 19th June, 1908.—Present : Alderman Skillicorne, Councillors M. Davis, Gridley, King-Harman, Margrett and Steel (Councillor M. Davis in the chair).

1--Farm Manager's Report—Read, the Monthly Report of the Farms Manager. Since the last monthly meeting 93 head of cattle had been purchased for £1,064 4s., and the following sales had been made :-10 head of cattle for £155 16s. 11d., 23 sheep for £58 5s. 6d., and 1 sow for £5 9s. 11d. Total sales, £222 12s. 4d. 1 calf and 1 colt had been bred, and colts had died. The number of livestock on the Farms on the 19th inst. was 12 hires-. 252 head

of cattle, and 20 sheep, all doing very well. Haymaking had commenced ; 4 ½ cwts. of hay had been delivered to Central Depot. Miscellaneous receipts, 14s 3d. He recommended the purchase of a new drinking trough for cattle, a set of guy ropes, 2 new wagon ropes, 3 scythes and sticks, 2 pitch forks, water-proof legging slips for waterman, and 2 sows. Resolved, That the recommendations be approved, and the Farms Manager authorised

2—Repairs to Cottages at Farms—The Borough Surveyor reported as to the necessary to the cottages occupied by Messrs. Davies and Smith, the estimated cost of such repairs being Resolved, That the repairs be carried out.

M. DAVIS, Chairman.

STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, the 9th June, 1908—Present: Alderman Skillicorne, Councillors Baker, Bendall, Gridley and King-Harman (Councillor Bendall in the Chair).

1—Street Projections--Read, a letter from Messrs. Engall, Cox & Co. applying on behalf of the tenant of No. 338, High Street, for permission to place a small sign about 20ins. square outside those premises. Resolved, That the application be not acceded to.

Read, an application from Mr. James Wixey for permission to place a hairdressers' pole outside No. 2 Regent Place, Swindon Road. Resolved, That the application be granted subject to the usual conditions.

With reference to the application received last month from Mr. W. B. Jackson for permission to place a V shaped sign outside the first floor of No. 336, High Street, Mr. Jackson now submitted a sketch showing the dimensions of the sign proposed. Resolved, That the application be acceded to.

2—Corporation Employees' First Aid Class—The Borough Surveyor submitted an account amounting to £2 5s. 4d. for the fees and expenses payable to the Cheltenham Centre of the St. John's Ambulance Association in respect of the examination held for those attending the Corporation Employees First-Aid Class. Resolved, That the Council be recommended to pay the account.

3—Covers for Ash Carts—Read, a letter from Lieut.-General Morton complaining of the nuisance caused by refuse blowing about from the ash carts. The Borough Surveyor reported that the cost of providing suitable covers for the carts would be about £4 10s. 0d. each and for vans £5 10s. 0d. each. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be authorised to have 2 vans and 2 carts fitted with covers.

4—Gloucester Road Improvement—The Borough Surveyor submitted a plan showing it proposed improvement in Gloucester Road at the South corner of Arle Read. Mr. Waine, the owner of the land adjoining the footpath, was willing to give up 30 square yards of land required for the improvement, om the Corporation paying £15, and setting back the fence and advertisement hoarding to the new boundary line. Resolved. That the offer be accepted and the improvement carried out

5—No. 313 High Street—Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to report as to the condition of No 313, High Street, and the cost of the repairs necessary to the same.

6—Hayward's Road—Resolved, That Hayward's Road from Loudon Road to the footpath leading into Rosehill Street, and for the full width thereof within the Borough, be declared a highway, and that the Town Clerk be instructed to give the necessary notice of such declaration.

JOHN D. BENDALL,

Chairman.

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At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, the 26th June, 1908.—Present : Aldermen Haddon and Skillicorne, Councillors Baker and Bendall (Councillor Bendall in the Chair).

7—Borough Surveyor's Monthly Report Re Highways—The Borough Surveyor reported that the work completed by the Highways Department from the 22nd May, 1908, to the 25th June, 1908 (both inclusive) had been as follows :—

Roads repaired—Gloucester Road (17,333 super yards), Northfield Terrace (950 super yards), Clarence Street (675 super yards).

Roads tar painted (by Taroads Syndicate)—Lansdown Road (11,473 super yards), Lansdown Place (7,447 super yards), Gloucester Road (12,480 super yards).

Roads Patched—Larput Place, Eldorado Road, Eldorado Crescent, Shurdington Road and Berkeley Avenue,

Footpaths tar painted—Arle Road (2,672 super yards), Evesham Road (1,300 super yards), Albert Road (1,680 super yards), Wellington Road (2,520 super yards).

Footpath gravelled—Cleeve Path Drive. Footpaths repaired—High Street, Arle Road, Tewkesbury Road and Cleeve Path Drive. Gas Trenches Repaired—Hereford Place, Cleeveland Street, Eldorado Road, Great Western Terrace and St. Paul's Street N.

New kerb laid—Keynsham Road (390 lineal yards), Bath Road (124 lineal yards).

New Channel laid—Keynsham Road (390 lineal yards). New Paring Laid—Bath Road (330 super yards).

Gullies fixed—5. Trees pruned—Queen's Road, Christ Church Road, Lansdown Road, Lansdown Place, Overton Road, Parabola Road, Bayshill Road, Fauconberg Road, Montpellier Street, Montpellier Spa Road, Montpellier Drive, Montpellier Parade, Vittoria Walk, Montpellier Terrace, Imperial Square, Oriel Road, Rodney Road, College Road, Keynsham Road, High Street, Sydenham Villas Road, Sydenham Road North, Sydenham Road South, Promenade and Hale's Road.

Dead trees felled—Queen's Road 1, Bay-shill Road 2, St. George's Road 1, Old Bath Road 8, Ambrose Street 1, Alstone Avenue 1, Malvern Road 2, Clarence Square 1 and Gloucester Road 3.

Ashes Collection and Disposal—During 4 weeks ended 18th June, 1908, 963 loads collected, 783 consumed, and 180 tipped away. Weight consumed, 716 tons 12 cwts.

Slab Factory—During 5 weeks ended 18th June, 1908, 254 $\frac{1}{3}$ square yards of slabs made.

8—Report of Plans Sub-Committee—The Chairman reported the proceedings of the Plans Sub-Committee, at their Meetings on the 10th and 27th inst. Resolved, That the same be approved and adopted.

9-Report of Trees Sub-Committee—The Trees Sub-Committee reported that they met on the 9th inst Present : Alderman Skillicorne, Councillors Baker, Bendall and King-Harman. (Councillor Bendall in the chair).

Tree Guards—The letters received from Col. Griffith and Col. King-Harman suggesting the provision of some means of protection for the young trees planted from time to time in the streets were considered. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have one or two wooden tree guards made, and report as to the cost and the number required.

Planting and Care of Trees—Resolved, That the Sub-Committee recommend that a man be appointed as Working Foreman to superintend the planting, care and cultivation of trees in the public streets in the Borough, his wages to be 30s per week. Resolved, That the recommendations of the Sub-Committee be approved and adopted.

10—Street Projection—Read, a letter from Mr. J. Shapcott applying for permission to place a projecting sign outside No 4, Pittville street. Resolved, That the applicant be required to send in a sketch of the sign proposed.

11—Pavement Lights at No. 4, Pittville Street—Read, a letter from Mr. J. Shapcott applying for permission to substitute Hayward's pavement lights for the existing gratings in front of No. 4 Pittville Street, and for permission to place another such light in the pavement for coal. Resolved, That the application be granted subject to the usual agreement, of indemnity being entered into.

12—Purchase of Sweeping Machine—On the recommendation of the Borough Surveyor, Resolved, That a new sweeping machine be purchased at a cost of £22.

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13—Apportionment of Private Improvement Expenses—Ewlyn Road—The Borough Surveyor reported that the Private Improvement Works ordered to be carried out in Ewlyn Road had been completed at a cost of £192 15s 7d., which amount he had apportioned amongst the abutting owners in accordance with the frontage of their respective premises. Resolved, That the apportionment be approved, and that notices thereof and of demand of repayment, be served upon the abutting owner.

14—Pillar Letter Box, Corner of Leckhampton Road and Chariton Lane—Read, a letter from the Postmaster, applying for permission to remove the pillar letter box at the corner of Leckhampton Road and Charlton Lane to a position on private ground at the junction of Leckhampton and Church Roads. Resolved. That permission be granted.

JOHN D. BENDALL, Chairman.

PLANS SUB-COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Sub-Committee held on Tuesday, the 9th June, 1908. Present : — Councillors Baker, Bendall, King-Harman and Stewart (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.
652	Messrs. Boots, Ltd.	Alterations and additions to Nos. 129 and 130 High Street and 13 North Street.
657	Andrew Page	10 Cottages near Maud's Elm, Tewkesbury Road (amended plans).
661	H. Unwin	Additions to the Brooklands, Gloucester Road.
662	T. H. Poynton	Alterations to Old Post Office premises, North Street.
663	Col. Ramsey	Additions to No. 5 Montpelier Parade.
664	Col. Aylmer	Alterations to Entrance Lodge, Suffolk House.
665	Cotteswold Potteries Co. . . .	Additions to the Cotteswold Potteries, Charlton Lane.
666	R. E. & C. Marshall, Ltd.	Additions to Works, St. James' Parade.
667	J. Gardner	Additions to rear of No. 18, Promenade.
668	V. L. D. Broughton	Additions to Fernihurst, The Park.
669	Arthur Such	New Office, Albion Street.
670	J. Collinette	New Bathroom, Charlbury, Libertus Road.

Resolved, That Plans Nos. 657 and 662 be disapproved, that Plans Nos. 652, 661, 665, 666 and 670 be approved, that Plans Nos. 663, 661, 667 and 669 be approved subject to the drainage being carried out to the satisfaction of the Inspector of Nuisances, and that Plans No. 668 be approved subject to the existing stable floor being put into proper repair and condition.

JOHN BENDALL, Chairman.

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At a Meeting of this Sub-Committee held on Thursday, the 25th June, 1908. Present : Councillors Baker, Bendall, and Stewart (Councillor Bendall in the Chair.)

2—New 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
649	The Committee of the Conservative Club	New Assembly Hall, rear of Club, Albion Street.
657	Andrew Page	Ten Cottages, near Maud's Elm.
662	T. H. Poynton	New Exit at rear of Old Post Office, North Street.
671	J. W. Cheshire	Conversion of one lock-up shop into two shops, Suffolk Road.
672	Andrew Page	Two houses, Swindon Road.
673	E. L. Ward	Extension of Showroom, 138, High Street.
674	Mrs. Bloore	Additions to Rendcomb Lodge, Hewlett Street.

675	Mr. Lewis	New W.C., 39, All Saints' Road.
676	Mrs. Edwards	New Stable and Coachhouse, rear of No. 20, Grosvenor Street.
677	Messrs. Cypher & Sons	New Glass-houses & Office, Queen's Road.
678	The Committee of the Eye, Ear, & Throat Hospital.	Additions to the Eye, Ear & Throat Hospital
679	Mr. Martin	New Scullery and Larder, Raymond House, London Road.

Resolved, That Plans Nos. 619, 671, 672, 673, 674, 675, 676, 677, 678, 679 be approved, that Plans Nos. 657 be approved, subject to the owner entering into an undertaking to widen the outlet to road to 36 feet within 2 years of commencement of building, and that Plan Nos. 662 be disapproved.

JOHN D. BENDALL, Chairman

TOWN IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, the [?..]d June, 1908. Present:—Alderman Winterbotham, Councillors Baker, Bennett, Packer, Steel, and Stewart (Councillor Baker in the Chair).

1—Advertising in "Times of India"—Read, a letter from the London Office of the "Times of India," asking for a renewal of the advertisement of Cheltenham in the Mail and Illustrated Weekly Editions of that paper for one year at 2s, and 2s 6d per week per insertion respectively. Resolved, That the advertisement be renewed in both editions for another year.

2—Advertising Weather Reports—The Borough Meteorologist reported that he had received an offer of £5 from Mr. H. J. McCormick towards the cost of telegraphing to the Meteorological Office each day the record of sunshine here for publication in the London daily papers. Resolved, That the offer be accepted with the thanks of the Council, and that the question of the continuance of such telegrams after the sum is spent be adjourned for further consideration.

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3—Presentation to Pittville Park The Borough Surveyor reported that Mr. W. Covill, of the Pittville Nurseries, had presented 6 dozen flowering shrubs to Pittville Park. Resolved, he thanks of the Committee be conveyed to Mr. Covill.

4—Disorderly Conduct at Pittville—Read, a Report from the Police to the disorderly conduct of some boys, all under 10 years of age, at Pittville Park on the 10th inst. Resolved, be put up near the entrances to the Park calling attention to the provision in Byelaw No. 1 prohibiting the entrance of children under 12 years into the Gardens unless in the charge of an adult.

The Borough Surveyor reported that three youths, aged 18, 19 and 20 respectively, had committed wilful damage to shrubs at Pitville on the 10th instant., notwithstanding warnings for similar conduct on their part in the past. Resolved, That proceedings be taken against the persons referred to for breach of the byelaws.

WILLIAM A. BAKER.

Chairman.

ELECTRICITY AND LIGHTING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Thursday, the [?.]th June, 1908. Present :—Councillors Bennett, Green, Gridley, Merrett, Rees Jones and Steel (Councillor Merrett in the Chair).

1—Gas Examiner's Report—The Gas Examiner reported that on the 9th and 10th inst. his test for purity showed 41 grains of sulphur per 100 cubic feet. The test for illuminating power on the 10th inst. gave the following result:— 13.9 candles. Resolved, That the attention of the Gas Company be called to the low illuminating power of the gas and the high percentage of sulphur.

2-Requisition for Materials Required—The Borough Electrical Engineer submitted a list of materials, etc., which would probably be required during the ensuing month, and the same was approved.

3--Borough Electrical Engineer's Monthly Report---Read, the Monthly Report of the Borough Electrical Engineer. On the 9th inst. there were 983 consumers, with the equivalent of 64,677 8 c.p. lamps connected to the private supply mains, the corresponding figures for last year being 905 and 60,890 respectively.

4--Coal Contract--With reference to the Resolution of this Committee at its last meeting, referred back by the Council, read a letter from Messrs. Chritchlow & Sheppard stating that they were willing to supply nutty slack coal from Lydbrook Colliery at 12s per ton for the three months ending the 30th September next, this being a reduction of 2d. per ton on the amount of the present contract. Resolved, That the offer be accepted, and a contract with Messrs. Chritchlow & Sheppard entered into accordingly.

5—Tenders for Carbons-On: the recommendation of the Borough Electrical Engineer, Resolved, That the tender of the Sloan Electrical co. for the supply of carbons for one year from the 1st prox. at £1 10s. 6d. per thousand be accepted.

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6—Applications for Supply—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that he had received an application for a supply of energy to Hollington House, Hale's Road. The cost of the necessary extension of main would be about £20, and the applicant was willing to guarantee a return of 20 per cent. per annum for 3 years on this amount. Resolved, That the extension be made and supply given on these terms. The Borough Electrical Engineer also reported that he had received an application from Mr. Marsland for supply to the Brooklands, Gloucester Road. The cost of the necessary extension was £9 and Mr. Marsland or Mr. Unwin, the Owner, would guarantee a minimum payment for energy of £9 during the first 3 years. Resolved, That the extension be made and supply given on these terms.

An enquiry had also been received from Mr. Unwin as to the terms upon which supply could be given to White Lodge at present unlet, but which he proposed to have wired if terms could be arranged for supply when the house was -- occupied. The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that the cost of the cable from the Brooklands to White Lodge would be £65, and that Mr. Unwin, by himself or his tenant, was willing to guarantee a return of £48 5s. 0d. during the first three years after the main is laid. Resolved, That Mr. Unwin be informed that a main will be laid and supply given upon the terms of his offer as soon as White Lodge is let and the guarantee given.

W. J. MERRETT, Chairman.

WATER COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Thursday, the 25th June, 1908—Present : Councillors Baker, M. Davis, Green and Margrett (Councillor Baker 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 18th June, 1908.	Average for corresponding period during last 3 years.
Hewletts Springs	290,000 gallons	240,000 gallons
Dowdeswell Springs	689,000 "	476,000 "
Leckhampton	43,000 "	33,000 "
Total	1,022,000 "	749,000 "

CONTENTS OF RESERVOIRS.

	June 18th, 1908.		June 18th, 1907.	
	Depth	Contents	Depth	Contents
Hewletts	...	21,801,000 galls	...	26,204,000 gallons
Leckhampton	12ft. 0in.	1,620,000 "	9ft. 3in.	1,248,000 "
Dowdeswell	29ft. 6in.	87,099,000 "	24ft. 11in.	64,956,000 "
Total Storage	..	110,520,000 "		92,408,000 "

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2—Water Supply for Temporary Water Trough near Pageant Ground--Read, a letter from the Rev.. E. Walker, Hon. Sec. of the R.S.P.C.A. local branch, asking whether, if the Society arranged for a trough for the watering of horses near the Pageant Ground, a stand pipe and supply of water would be given by the Corporation. Resolved, That, a supply of water and the use of a stand pipe be granted as requested, the position of the trough to be approved by the Borough Surveyor.

3—Water Supply to Collum End Farm--The Town Clerk submitted draft Agreement, prepared by Messrs. Ticehurst & Co., defining the water rights in respect of this property. Under the Agreement water was to be supplied to the farm house and homestead for reasonable purposes, the owner providing all taps, troughs, cisterns and other appliances. The Corporation to pay half the cost of laying a new pipe to supply a trough in the field adjoining the homestead, and to bear half the cost of maintaining this pipe and the existing pipe supplying the homestead and two field troughs, the owner to provide and maintain the troughs, branch pipes and other appliances, and keep same in good repair. The Agreement contained provisions for preventing waste and misuse of water. Resolved, That the Agreement as altered by the Town Clerk be approved, and that the Common Seal be authorised to be affixed thereto.

4—Appeals—The cases entered into 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 23rd June, 1908. Present. The Mayor, Aldermen Haddon, Norman, Skillicorne, Waghorne and Winterbotham, Councillors Baker, M. Davis and Stroud (Alderman Norman in the Chair).

1—Diseases of Animals Acts—Supt. Hopkins reported that, with the exception of premises in Old Bath Road still under quarantine for Swine Fever, the Borough was free from contagious disease amongst animals.

Read, a letter from the Board of Agriculture and Fisheries stating that the Board considered it necessary for the satisfactory working of the new Swine Fever (Regulation of Movement) Order of 1903 to supersede existing regulations made by Local Authorities by regulations made by the Board, the latter reproducing as far as possible the special features of the superseded local regulations. The Board had therefore issued such an Order revoking as from the 1st inst. all regulations in force. The Town Clerk reported that public notice of the provisions of the Order had been given as required by the Board.

2—Report of Fire Brigade Captain—The Captain of the Fire Brigade reported that on the 3rd inst. the Brigade was called to No. 17, Marle Hill Parade owing to an alarm of fire caused by a defective cooking stove. Damage, nil. Brigade expenses, £2 6s. 3d. Premises, but not contents, insured.

3--Entrance Doors to Fire Engine House—Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have the entrance doors to the Fire Engine House repainted.

4—Hackney Carriage Drivers' Licences—Applications were received from W. Pinchin, of 26, Sandford Street, Thomas Walter Hunt, of 13, Bath Terrace, and Thomas Gwilliam, of 148, High Street, for licences to drive hackney carriages. Resolved, That the applications be granted.

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5—Transfer of Hackney Carriage Licence No. 44—Read, letters from Mrs. Long, of Lansdown Terrace Stables, and Mr. Charles Webb, of Hewlett Road, applying for the transfer of Licence No. 44 from the former to the latter, Mr. Webb having purchased the carriage. Resolved, That the application be not granted.

6—Applications for Motor 'Bus Licences—Read, applications from Messrs. H. E. Steel, Ltd., for a licence for a motor bus to ply from the Lansdown Station, along Queen's Road, Lansdown Place, Montpellier. Walk and the Promenade, the vehicle to carry 10 passengers (2 outside), and the fares suggested being 1d. from the Railway Station to the Gordon Lamp, and a 1d. thence to the High Street.

Read, an application from Mr. W. T. Smith, of Suffolk Mews, for a licence for a motor car to ply for hire, the car to hold 4 passengers.

Read, a Memorial signed by 962 ratepayers of Cheltenham, expressing the hope that no more licences would be granted, and from 61 ratepayers carrying on business in the Montpellier and Promenade district supporting the application made by Messrs. Steel.

Read, a letter from Cavendish House Co., Ltd., strongly protesting against motor 'buses plying for hire in the Promenade in view of the narrowness of the roadway, and the amount of traffic thereon.

Read, a letter from Messrs. Winterbotham, Gurney & Co., asking the Committee to grant an interview to the Manager of the Light Railway Company with regard to the application for licences for motor omnibuses to compete with the Company upon routes denied to them. Resolved, That the applications for licences be not granted.

7--Game Licences—Applications for the renewal, for one year from the 1st prox., of licences to deal in game were received from Messrs. Olive & Olive, W. Wilks, W. Hall & Sons, Ltd., H. F. Barnett, Lipton, Ltd., J. Maxwell, C. Barnett & Son and T. B. Woodard. Resolved, That the applications be granted.

8--Traffic Regulations for Pageant—Supt. Hopkins submitted for approval regulations with respect to vehicular traffic to and from the Pageant ground. He also submitted a list of positions for temporary stands for hackney carriages during Pageant week. Messrs. C. Cooke, T. W. Eager, H. A. Sumner and H. Winters attended this meeting on behalf the hackney carriage proprietors, and expressed approval of the regulations, etc., suggested by Supt. Hopkins. Resolved, That the regulations and positions for stands be approved, and that public notice thereof be given.

9--Road from Albert Road to Prestbury Lane—Read, a letter from Mr. H. G. Lindesay, of Marston, suggesting that the road variously called Cleeve Path Drive, Constitution Hill, Albert Road and Malvern Hill Road should be named Albert Road. Resolved, That the further consideration of the suggestion be adjourned.

10--Leckhampton Post Office—Read, a letter from the Postmaster, stating that it was intended on the 1st prox. to move the Leckhampton Post Office from Church Road to the shop in Leckhampton Rod opposite the Malvern Inn, and enquiring whether the Town Council had any objection to the closing of the office on Wednesday's at p.m. Resolved, That the Postmaster be informed that the Town Council see no objection to the proposed early closing.

GEO. NORMAN, Chairman.

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ART GALLERY AND MUSEUM COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday the 10th June, 1908. Present:—The Mayor, Alderman Waghorne and Councillor Davies (Councillor Davies in the Chair).

1—Curator's Report —The Curator reported that there had been 1731 visits made to the Art Gallery and Museum since the 20th April last.

The three rows of Battens ordered had been fixed round the large gallery.

He had visited Hull, Leeds, Derby and Birmingham, and selected some 200 pictures from exhibitions held in those towns for exhibition in Cheltenham, and proposed to publish a catalogue of the pictures, and to obtain advertisements in order to defray part cost of carriage and other expenses connected with the Exhibition.

Messrs. Chamberlain & Co. had kindly lent 2 cases of Indian moths, and Mr. J. B. Mott had presented a small collection of British land shells.

Alderman Skillicorne had presented a photograph of Captain Skillicorne taken from an old oil portrait in his possession.

Mr. J. McCarthy had lent a coloured drawing, by Robert Dighton, of Isaac Witts, butcher, 410, High Street, 1848

Resolved, That the thanks of the Committee be tendered to the donors and lenders for their kindness, that the Museum and Art Gallery be closed on the 20th inst., the date of the Corporation Employees' Outing, and that during Pageant week the hours of admission to the Gallery, etc., be from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 6 to 8 p.m.

RICHARD DAVIES,

Chairman.

MINERAL WATERS, BATHS AND RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held at the Montpellier Baths on Friday, the 5th June, 1908.

Present- Councillors Baker, Bendall, Merrett, Stewart and Stroud (Councillor Stroud in the chair).

1—Alstone Baths—Read, a letter from the Postmaster asking whether special terms could be granted to the Telegraph Boys to use the Alstone Swimming Bath. Resolved, That Mr. Huddart be informed that the boys can be admitted at a charge of 1d. each, subject to a minimum payment of 2s 6d on each occasion, as in the case of boys' brigades and schools, the day and hour to be arranged with the Superintendent.

Lighting—Resolved, That two additional cluster gas lamps be fixed at Alstone at a cost, including fixing, of 50s each.

2'—Montpellier Baths—The tenders, 11 in number, received for the painting of the exterior of the Montpellier Baths were considered. Resolved, That the tender of Mr. J. Mansell to carry out the work for £29 15s. 0d. be accepted, his tender being the lowest.

HERBERT STROUD,

Chairman.

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At a Meeting Of this Committee held on Friday, the 19th June, 1908. Present:—Alderman, Norman, Councillors Baker, Bendall, Davies, Earengy, Merrett and Stewart (Councillor Baker 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	£134 4 1	Payments	£154 11 6
Hire of Bath for Gymnasium, etc.	<u>£ 1 3 0</u>	Interest & Redemption (proportion of) ...	£ <u>55 2 10</u>
	£135 7 1		£242 14 4

Chimney Stack—The Borough Surveyor reported that the chimney stack at Montpellier Baths was in a bad state of repair. The cost of carrying out the necessary repairs would be about £30, and provision should be made for this in next year's estimate.

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	£81 11 7
Payments	£33 7 8
Interest & Redemption (proportion of) .	<u>£55 14 4</u>
	£94 2 0

5—Mineral Waters and Medical Baths—The Borough Surveyor reported that the stock of tariff cards and time-tables for the Montpellier Baths was exhausted. The tariff for the medical baths, which should be included, required some revision.

A suggestion for the advertising of the mineral waters during Pageant week was considered. Resolved, That the same be referred to the Mineral Waters Sub-Committee for consideration with power to engage a small band of 4 or 5 performers to play at the Central Spa from 7.30 a.m. to 9.30 a.m. during Pageant week, at a cost of not exceeding £9, and also to engage an additional attendant for the Spa for pageant week at a cost not exceeding £1, also to revise the tariff of charges for the medical baths, and obtain a fresh supply of tariff and time-table cards for the Baths.

6—Presentations to Hamilton Park—The Superintendent of Naunton Park reported the gift of flowers to the Park by Mrs. St. Clair-Ford, Mrs. Cox, Miss Hamilton (Park Place), Mrs. Margrett, Councillors Bendall, Margrett and Stroud, Major Showell, Messrs. T. E. Rickerby, E. M. Clissold, G. Mayo, Woman & Amos, and Cypher & Sons. Resolved, That the thanks of the Committee be conveyed to the donors, and that the three nurserymen included in the list be permitted to have small tablets containing their names placed in the park, such tablets to be approved by the Borough Surveyor.

7—Football at Agg-Gardner Recreation Ground—Read, letters from the St. Paul's United Association (1st and 2nd teams) and the St. Paul's Rugby Football Clubs applying for permission to play football at the Agg-Gardner Recreation Ground next season. Resolved, That the applications be acceded to on the same terms and conditions as last season.

8--Gloucestershire Pageant—Read, a letter from Messrs. Baring Bros. asking that if the noise from the Agg-Gardner Recreation Ground was found to interfere with the Pageant the portion of the Recreation Ground nearest the railings at the Grand Stand end should be railed off. Resolved, That

the request be referred to the Visitors for the Ground (Councillors Baker and Earengy), with power to comply with the sense if found necessary.

WILLIAM A. BAKER, Chairman

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BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Friday, the 19th June, 1908. Present: Alderman Haddon, Councillors Baker, Gridley, King-Harman. Merrett, Steel and Stewart (Alderman Haddon in the Chair).

1—Repairs to Fences, etc.—The Borough Surveyor reported that the bank along the brook course had been made good, the outside walls of outbuildings, etc., at the Cemetery repaired, new gates put in, and fences repaired as instructed. The window boxes were past repair, and he proposed replacing them in the autumn by new boxes at a cost of about £3. Resolved, That this be approved

2—Designs—Resolved, That the following designs be approved, viz.:—Headstones to graves of William Mann, George Rea, Joseph Gladwin Ellen Ballantine, and George and Jane Elizabeth Pryer. Kerbing to graves of Jessie Selina Chetwood-Aikens, Belch Boyle, and Cecil Henry Neale. Memorial Crosses to grave of James Folingsby Walker.

JOHN HADDON, Chairman.

PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 16th June, 1908.—Present: Councillors Bennett, Davies, Green, King-Harman, and Merrett, Rev. A. Beynon Phillips, Messrs. A. Beckingsale, W. Cresswell, F. Parsons and E. C. Racers (Councillor Davies in the Chair).

1—Librarian's Report—Read, the Monthly Report of the Librarian. Receipts, £5 12s. 2d. The issues from the Reference Department numbered 1,809, an increase of 25 per day, as compared with the corresponding month of last year, and from the Lending Department 9,519, a decrease of 9 per day. Presentations :—Simpkin, Marshall & Co., 1 vol. ; Emigration Office, 1 vol. ; W. B. Coopey, 1 pamphlet.

2—Sub-Committee's Report—The Sub-Committee reported that they met on the 11th inst. (Present: Councillors Dr. Davies (Chairman), Bennett, Green, King-Harman and Merrett and Mr. C. Hayward). The Sub-Committee interviewed five candidates for the vacant post of junior assistant, and recommend that P. Fry be engaged at 6s per week. They also recommended that trial r-. be invited for binding and lettering, that Bryan's Dictionary of Painters (5 vols.) be purchased for £4 4s., that £20 be expended upon the purchase of new books, that the offer of the Cheltenham Branch of the Independent. Labour Party to present " The Socialist Review " for one year be accepted, and that the Newsroom be opened on after the 15th inst. at 9.30 a.m. instead of 10 a.m. Resolved, That the recommendations of the Sub-Committee be approved and adopted.

3—Contract for Binding and Lettering—Read, a letter from Sir. John Sawyer stating that his firm had for many years obtained in competition with other firms the contract for binding and lettering of books. They had done so relying on a legal opinion that as the Library Committee were an

independent Committee of the Council, having had the powers of the Council delegated to them, the fact of Alderman Norman being a member of the Council did not prevent them from undertaking the work. They had tendered for the work in the first instance by the express invitation of the Committee, but exception had now been taken to them doing the work, they did not wish any more orders placed with them. Resolved. That the Committee reluctantly and with great regret comply with Messrs. Norman, Sawyer & Co's request to be released from undertaking any further orders, as the work has always been executed by them to the advantage of the Committee and to their entire satisfaction.

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4—Library of Natural Science Society—The Chairman, reported that on the 13th inst., Dr. E. T. Wilson and Sir. L. Richardson, representing -the Cheltenham Natural Science Society, net the Library Sub-Committee respecting the proposed transfer of the Natural Science Society Library (upwards of 2,000 volumes) to the Public, Library, and the following conditions were suggested for the approval of this Committee:-

1. That the books be deposited at the Public Library as a loan.
2. That the members of the Society shall have ready and immediate access to the books, and a contribution of £3 3s. he made annually by the Society for maintenance.
3. That the books shall be available for reference by the general public.
4. That members only shall be allowed to take away any books from the Library, and on the same terms as books in the Medical Library.

Resolved, That the conditions be approved, and the books accepted on these terms.

5—Annual Report—The Librarian submitted the Report of the work done at the Library during the year 1907. Resolved, That the same be approved.-

RICHARD DAVIES, Chairman.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Friday, the 26th June, 1908—Present : Alderman Waghorne, Councillors Bennett, Earengy, Merrett, Rees Jones and Steel (Alderman Waghorne in the chair).

1—General District Rate—The Report of the Borough Accountant, dated the 26th inst., on the collection of the first instalment of this Rate, was read. Amount collected £1,011 5s. 7d. Leaving outstanding £18,636 8s. 11d.

2—Water Rate—The Report of the Borough Accountant, dated the 26th inst., on the collection of this Rate was read. Amount received £3,482 1s. 6d. Leaving outstanding £8,578 10s. 5d.

3—Rating of Great Western Railway—Read, a letter from the Rating Department of the G.W.R. stating that the Company had given notice of objection to the poor rate in the Parish of Cheltenham, and asking whether the Town Council would in respect of the General District Rate give effect to any

alteration in the Company's assessment that might result from such appeal. Resolved, That the Company be informed that effect will be given to the result of the appeal.

4 —Workmen's Insurance—The Borough Accountant reported that the Fine Art and General Insurance Company were willing to renew the insurance effected with the Company last year against claims for compensation by the Corporation employees at a premium of 6s per cent. upon the amount of the wages, as compared with the premium of 6s 6d under the current policy. Resolved, That the insurance be renewed on these terms.

5--Loans—The Borough Accountant reported that he had received upon loan £1,500 and £200 to bear interest at 3 $\frac{3}{4}$ per cent., the loans to be for twelve months certain and afterwards to be subject to 6 months' notice on either side. Resolved, That debentures for the sums mentioned be sealed and issued on account of Electric Lighting Loans accordingly.'

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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 treasurer.

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

Overdrawn on the 26th May last	£ 8,834 6 5
Paid since that date	£ <u>8,653 7 5</u>
	£17,487 13 10
Received since that date (including Loan Debenture £1,500)	£ <u>14,315 5 2</u>
Overdrawn	£ 3,172 8 8
Being General Accounts	£6,862 8 0
Less Sinking Funds—In hand.	£ <u>9,689 19 4</u>
	£3,172 8 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 Friday, the 3rd July, 1908, at 3 p.m. Present :

THE MAYOR (GEORGE DIMMER, ESQUIRE) in the chair.

THE DEPUTY MAYOR (ALDERMAN JOHN WAGHORNE).

Aldermen: JOHN HADDON GEORGE NORMAN WILLIAM NASH SKILLICORNE JAMES BATTEN
WINTERBOTHAM

Councillors: WILLIAM ALFRED BAKER JOHN DAVID BENDALL FREDERICK JOSEPH BENNETT RICHARD DAVIES MOSES DAVIS WILLIAM GEORGE EARENGEY EDWIN SON CHARLES GREEN EDWARD GRIDLEY, ROBERT LEY WOOD CHARLES HENRY MARGRETT WILLIE JOHN MERRETT TOM HERBERT PACKER THOMAS REES JONES ROBERT STEEL JAMES STEWART HERBERT STROUD.

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1—Minutes of Previous Meetings—Resolved, That the Minutes of the Meetings of the Council on the 1st and 5th 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 10th and 22nd June last, be approved and confirmed.

3—Farms Management Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Farms Management Committee, at their Meeting of the 19th 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 9th and 26th June last, be approved and confirmed.

5—Town Improvement Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Town Improvement Committee at their Meeting of the 22nd June last be approved and confirmed.

6—Electricity and Lighting Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Electricity and Lighting Committee, at their Meeting of the 11th June last be approved and confirmed.

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

8—General Purposes & Watch Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the General Purposes and Watch Committee, at their Meeting of the 23rd June last, be approved and confirmed, and that Licences to deal in Game be granted accordingly.

9—Art Gallery and Museum Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Art Gallery and Museum Committee, at their Meeting of the 10th June last, be approved and confirmed.

10—Mineral Waters, Baths and Recreation Grounds Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Mineral Waters, Baths and Recreation Grounds Committee, at their Meetings of the 5th and 19th June 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 19th June last be approved and confirmed.

12—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.

13—Opening of Agg-Gardner Recreation Ground on Sundays—The motion of which Councillor Packer had given notice on this subject was not moved by him.

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 31st July, 1908.

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, the 13th July, 1908. Present :—Aldermen Norman and Skillicorne, Councillors M. Davis, Davies, Earengy and Margrett (Alderman Skillicorne in the chair).

1—Zymotic Disease—The Medical Officer of Health reported that there had been notified since the last Meeting of the Committee, 5 cases of Scarlet Fever, 1 case of Erysipelas and 2 cases of Diphtheria, and that 4 cases of Scarlet Fever and 1 case of Diphtheria had been sent into the Delancey Hospital.

2—Cleansing and Limewashing at Nos. 5 Northfield Terrace, 7 & 35 Lower Park Street, 10, Hungerford Street, and 232 High Street.—The Medical Officer of Health having certified under Section 46 of the Public Health Act, 1875, that the above-named dwelling-houses were in such a filthy and unwholesome condition that the health of the inmates was affected or endangered thereby. Resolved, That Notice be given to the owners under the said Section requiring the houses to be cleansed and limewashed.

3—Nuisances from Drains etc., at Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4 & 5 Lamb Cottages, and 7 Upper Park Street.— The Inspector of Nuisances having made written application under Sec. 41 of the Public Health Act, 1875, stating that the drains, &c., on or belonging to the above-named houses were in such a state as to be a nuisance and injurious to health. Resolved, That authority be given to the Inspector of Nuisances to open the ground and examine the drains, and report to the Committee.

4—Insanitary Property—Nos. 225 and 322 ½ High Street, 2, Bayshill Terrace, Kemble Brewery, Fairview Street, 9 Gloucester Place and 7 & 35, Lower Park 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 and injurious to health, Notices under Section 94 of the Public Health Act, 1875, be served as 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 Nos. 1 Burton Terrace and 13 Northfield Terrace-The Medical Officer of Health reported that the above premises were so overcrowded as to be dangerous or injurious to the health of the inmates. Resolved, That the Committee being satisfied of the existence of a nuisance on the said premises, Notices under Sec. 94 of the Public Health Act, 1875, be served on the 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. 6 and 8 Royal Well Terrace, 12 Devonshire Street, 322, and 3221, High Street, 9, Clarence Square, and 5, 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.

7-Seizure and Destruction of Unsound Meat-The Medical Officer of Health reported that on the 11th instant the carcasses, &c. of 2 bacon pigs (weight 448 lbs.) were found to be badly affected with tuberculosis and destroyed upon the order of a magistrate.

8.-Public Health Acts Amendment Act, 1907-The Committee considered the sections of the Public Health Acts Amendment Act, 1907, relating to sanitary matters. Resolved, That this Committee are of opinion that Sections 34, 36, 37, 38, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50 and 51 (relating to drainage, water closet accommodation, urinals and trade refuse), Sections 52, 53, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 64, 65 and 67 (relating to infectious disease) and Part V. Sections 69 to 75 inclusive (relating to Common Lodging Houses) should be adopted by the Council, the powers conferred by Section 33 of the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1889, to be retained as additional to the powers contained in Section 43 of the Act of 1907.

W. NASH SKILLICORNE,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 20th July, 1908. - Present : Alderman Skillicorne, Councillors Davies, M. Davis, Earengy, King-Harman and Margrett (Alderman Skillicorne in the chair).

9-Zymotic Disease-The Medical Officer of Health reported that there had been notified since the last meeting of the Committee 1 case of Erysipelas, and 1 of Diphtheria.

10-Cleansing and Limewashing at Nos. 1 Eaton Cottages, Bath Road, 8 Albion Parade, 21 Bath Terrace, Tullock Cottage, Swindon Road.-The Medical Officer of Health having certified under Sec. 46 of the Public Health Act, 1875, that the above-named dwelling-houses were in such a filthy and unwholesome condition that the health of the inmates was affected or endangered thereby. Resolved, That 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. 5, 6, 7, 8 and 9 Mossleigh Terrace, Cumberland House, Grove Street, 17 Imperial Square, & Hawthorn Cottage, Hatherley Road-The Inspector of Nuisances having made written application under Sec 41 of the Public Health Act, 1875, stating that the drains, &c., on

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

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12-Insanitary Property — Nos. 4, Albion Parade, 13, Croft Street, 24 and 25, Rutland Street, and 13, Lower Park 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 promises 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.

13—Overcrowding—No. 1, Eaton Cottages, Bath Road, and No. 1, Limerick Cottages, Waterloo Street—The Medical Officer of Health reported that these 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, Notice 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.: Black Horse, Rosehill Street, Nos. 10, 11, 12, 13, 14 and 17 Rosehill Street, 4 and 9 Station Street and 12 & 19 Albion Parade, Market 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.

15—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, defective paving, etc., which had been served, but not complied with. Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to take the necessary proceedings to compel compliance.

16—Hatherley Outfall Sewer—Read, a letter from Mr. J. G. Villar enclosing claims for compensation by Messrs. C. & A. G. Daft. Resolved, That the same be referred to the Town Clerk and Borough Surveyor for consideration and report.

17—Sewage Disposal Works—The Borough Surveyor reported that the eight Experimental Tanks were in working order, and appeared to be working satisfactorily, but it was most important that analyses should be taken with a view to ascertaining which material gave the best results. Read a letter from Mr. G. Embrey, County Analyst, stating his willingness to undertake the required analyses for a fee of £75. Also a letter from Dr. Bostock Hill, Public Analyst for Warwickshire and the Cities of Hereford, Coventry, etc., stating that he was prepared to make the analyses and give advice as required for a fee of £52 10s. This would cover 100 samples any additional samples required to be paid for at the rate of 10s 6d per sample. He would also pay such visits as required for the purpose of advising on work on the spot at a fee of £3 3s. per visit and railway fare. These would, of course, be extremely few. Resolved, That the offer of Dr. Bostock Hill be accepted.

W. NASH SKILLICORNE, Chairman.

FARMS MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Friday, the 17th July, 1908.—Present : Alderman Skillicorne, Councillors M. Davis, Green, King-Harman, Margrett and Steel (Councillor M. Davis in the chair).

1—Farm Manager's Report—Read, the Monthly Report of the Farms Manager. Since the last monthly meeting a sow had been purchased for £3, and a calf had been bred on the farms. The following sales had been made :-16 bullocks for £296 8s. 6d., and 8 sheep for £12 16s. 8d. Total sales, £309 5s. 2d. The number of livestock on the Farms on the 17th inst. was 12 horses, 237 head of cattle, 32 sheep, and 1 pig, all doing well. Haymaking had been completed on the 6th inst. Miscellaneous receipts, 7s 6d. He recommended the purchase of 50 posts and 50 middle stakes for fencing, it wheelbarrow for Barn Farm, 3 posts for sheds, 1 pair of waterman's boots (£1 15s. 0d.), and a pair of shears for thatching. Resolved, That the recommendations be approved, and the Farms Manager authorised accordingly.

2—Fruit at Farms—Resolved, That tenders be invited by advertisement for the fruit at the Farms.

3—Inspection of Farms—Resolved. That the Committee visit the Farms on the 5th prox.

M. DAVIS,

Chairman.

STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, the 14th July, 1908.—Present : Alderman Haddon, Councillors Baker and Bendall (Councillor Bendall in the Chair).

Borough Surveyor's Assistant—The Borough Surveyor reported that Mr. J. S. Sawdon, one of his assistants, had been appointed Chief Assistant to the Borough Surveyor of Margate. viz the recommendation of the Borough Surveyor, Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be authorised to engage an assistant at a salary of £100 per annum, rising to £120 by annual increments of £10, subject to the Borough Surveyor reporting favourably of his work.

2—Public Health Acts Amendment Act, 1907—The Committee considered the Sections of the Public Health Acts Amendment Act, 1907, relating to matters within the purview of this Committee. Resolved, That this Committee are of opinion that the Council should possess the powers conferred by Sections 16, 17, 10, 21, 24, 27, 28, 29, 30, 32, 33 and 91.

JOHN D. BENDALL, Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, the 24th July, 1908—Present: Aldermen Haddon and Skillicorne, Councillors Baker, Bendall, and King-Harman, (Councillor Bendall in the Chair).

3—Borough Surveyor's Monthly Report Re Highways—The Borough Surveyor reported that the work completed by the Highways Department from the 26th June, 1908, to the 23rd July, 1908 (both inclusive) had been as follows :—

Roads Repaired—Old Bath Road (8,610 super yards), Winchcombe Street (1,400 super yards), Keynsham Road (proceeding).

Roads Patched—St. James' Square. Road tar painted—Leckhampton Road (14,370 super yards).

Footpaths tar painted—Charlton Lane (1,060 super yards). Footpath Asphalted—Arle Road.

Footpath gravelled—Cleeve Path Drive (proceeding). Gas Trenches Repaired—Leckhampton Road and Roman Road.

Paving relaid—Rose & Crown Passage and Cleeve Path Drive. Street crossing renewed-1.

Kerb refixed—Malvern Road. New galley fixed-1.

Automobile Notices fixed—Leckhampton Road 1, Prestbury Road 1, Evesham Road 1, London Road, Lansdown Road 1, Lansdown Place 1. Celt Cleaned out—Barrett's

Trees pruned—Hewlett Road, Albion Street, Battledown Approach, Bath Parade.

Tree felled-1 in Leamington Place. Ivy pruned—Marchmount.

Trees reported dead last month with cause of death if known-1 in Alstone Avenue, bark cut off. 1 tree in Ambrose Street planted each year, but does not grow.

2 in Malvern Road, killed by escape of gas underground. 3 in Gloucester Road (20 years old) killed by escape of gas underground. 8 in Old Bath Road, dead.

Ashes Collection and Disposal—During 4 weeks ended 16th July, 1908, 933 loads collected. 897 consumed, and 38 tipped away. Weight consumed, 746 tons 8 cwts 3qrs.

4—View Meeting—The following Members attended the View Meeting on Wednesday last :— Aldermen Haddon and Skillicorne, Councillors Baker, Bendall, and King-Harman,

5—Report of Plans Sub-Committee--The Chairman reported the proceedings of the Plans Sub-Committee, at their Meetings on the 14th and 22nd inst. Resolved. That the same be approved and adopted.

6—Accidents to Workmen—Resolved, That payment of half wages be made by the Corporation to employees in the Highways Department for the whole or part of the first week of incapacity from accident. in the Corporation service where such payment is not made by the Insurance Company owing to the whole period of disability not exceeding 11 days.

7—Wharfage at Malvern Road Railway Station—The Town Clerk submitted for approval agreement with the G.W.R. Co. for the use of 60 square yards of ground at the -Malvern Road Station Depot of the Company for the deposit of stone, the rent to be £3 per annum paid quarterly in advance, the agreement to be determinable by 3 months' notice on either side, or by the Company if the land is

required by them for railway purposes by 28 days' notice. Resolved, That the agreement be approved, and entered into.

8-313, High Street—The Borough Surveyor reported as to the condition of No. 313, High Street, recently vacated by Messrs. Sadler & Son. Resolved, That the matter be left to the Town Clerk and the Borough Surveyor to make claim for dilapidations having regard to the terms of the tenancy agreement.

9—Show Case in front of No. 3, St. George's Parade—Read, an application from Messrs. E. & F. Baldwin for permission to place a small photographic show case in the fore court in front of No. 3, St. George's Parade. The owners of the adjoining houses on either side had written stating that they had no objection to the proposed erection. Resolved, That the permission be granted subject to the applicants entering into an agreement to remove the same upon three months' notice from the Corporation.

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10—St. Gregory's Church--The Borough Surveyor reported that he had received an application for permission to cover in for some months the footpath in St. James' Square and Manchester Street adjoining St. Gregory's Church in connection with the repairs to the building. Resolved, That permission be granted subject to the Borough Surveyor's approval of the proposed structure and hoarding, and for such period as he considers reasonable.

11—Pillar Letter Box in Whaddon Lane—Read, a letter from the Postmaster applying for permission to place a pillar letter box in Whaddon Lane, opposite Holmhurst. Resolved, That the Council have no objection to the proposal.

12—Trees—Read, a letter from Col. Cooch asking that the trees in front of his house, No. 1, Cambridge Villas, Promenade, and on both sides of the road, be lopped and pruned. Resolved, That the request be referred to the Borough Surveyor to deal with.

With reference to a complaint received from Mr. J. T. Tweedie as to the trees in front of Beaconsfield, Hewlett Road, the Committee having inspected the same, Resolved, That the small lime tree be removed, and that every other tree on either side of Hewlett Road from Pittville Circus Road to Hale's Road be removed.

Read, an application for the removal of a tree opposite Beechmount, Pittville Circus Road. Resolved, That the tree be pruned, and the branches thinned.

13—Crossing in All Saints' Road--Read, a letter from Col. Thoyts asking for a crossing to be laid in All Saints' Road from Cuba Cottage to Dromore. Resolved, That the Committee do not consider a crossing necessary in the position mentioned.

JOHN D. BENDALL, Chairman

PLANS SUB-COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Sub-Committee held on Tuesday, the 14th July, 1908. Present :—Councillors Baker and Bendall, (Councillor Bendall in the Chair).

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

No. of Plan.	Name	Description.
691	Governors of General Hospital	New corridor at Hospital

Resolved. That the Plans be approved.

JOHN D. BENDALL,

Chairman.

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At a Meeting of this Sub-Committee held on Wednesday, the 22nd July, 1908. Present : Councillors Baker, Bendall, and King-Harman (Councillor Bendall in the eh-air.)

2—New 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
680	R. R. Skemp	Detached House, Charlton Lane.
683	H. J. Gallop	Two new W.C.'s, Rose & Crown Passage.
684	T. W. Smith	Ten Semi-detached houses, Asquith Road.
685	Gloucester Co-operative Society ...	Alterations to No. 89, High Street.

Resolved, That Plans Nos. 680, 684 and 685 be approved, and that Plan Nos. 683 be approved, subject to the external walls being made 9 inches in thickness as required by the Byelaws.

JOHN D. BENDALL, Chairman

TOWN IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, the 20th July, 1908. Present :—Councillors Baker, Bennett, Packer, and Steel (Councillor Baker in the Chair).

1—Winter Garden—The Town Clerk read the correspondence he had had with the American Roller Rink Company. They had intimated that they were not willing to renew the offer of £800 per annum for the Winter Garden, or to make another offer on such favourable terms, but they were willing to make another proposition upon different lines with reference to the building, and had suggested an interview to consider the matter. The Town Clerk had written them asking them to set out the terms they suggested so that these could be considered before the interview was arranged and he was awaiting their reply. Resolved, That the consideration of the matter be adjourned.

2—Montpellier Gardens—The Borough Surveyor reported that great inconvenience was caused to subscribers and visitors to Montpellier Gardens owing to about 30 of the seats being used as a barrier in connection with the concerts, and he recommended that proper barriers should be provided. These would cost about £20, and he suggested that half should be provided out of this

year's and the remainder out of next year's estimate. Resolved, That the suggestion be adopted, and the Borough Surveyor authorised accordingly.

3—Pittville Spa Letter Box.—Read, a letter from the Postmaster asking for permission to remove a pillar letter box from its present position near the Pittville Pump Room, opposite Beaufort Villas, to the Evesham Road corner of the same road. Resolved, That permission be given.

4—Illustrated Guide—Read, a letter from Sir. G. W. May, of the Health Resorts Association, stating that he intended to publish an Illustrated Guide to Cheltenham, and asked that the same might be " issued with the sanction of the Corporation." 1000 copies would be presented to the Corporation free of charge. Resolved, That this be agreed to.

5—Advertising—Read, a letter from Messrs. Wills, Limited, the official advertising agents for the Great Western Railway Company, asking to be allowed to place before the Committee a combined system of advertising by the Company and the Corporation, including posters, pamphlets and press advertisements and notices. Resolved, That a representative of Messrs 'Wills be invited to attend the next Meeting of this Committee.

WILLIAM A. BAKER, Chairman.

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ELECTRICITY AND LIGHTING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Thursday, the 16th July, 1908. Present:—Councillors Bennett, Green, Ley Wood, Merrett, Rees Jones and Steel (Councillor Ley Wood in the Chair).

1—Gas Examiner's Report—The Gas Examiner reported that on the 7th and 8th inst. his test for purity showed 36 grains of sulphur per 100 cubic feet, The test for illuminating power on the 8th inst. gave the following result:-15.8 candles.

Read a letter from the Clerk to the Gas Company with reference to the report by the Gas Examiner that the illuminating power on the 10th ultimo was 13.9 candles, stating that the Company's test on the same day showed an illuminating power of 15.4 candles.

2—Requisition for Materials Required—The Borough Electrical Engineer submitted a list of materials, etc., which would probably be required during the ensuing month, and the same was approved.

3—Borough Electrical Engineer's Monthly Report—Read, the Monthly Report of the Borough Electrical Engineer. On the 15th inst. there were 988 consumers, with the equivalent of 64,891 8 c.p. lamps connected to the private supply mains, the corresponding figures for last year being 912 and 61,469 respectively.

4—Coal Contract—Resolved, That tenders be invited by advertisement for the supply of coal for the Works for 9 months from the 30th September next, the tenders to be alternative as to deliver) as at present, or over the proposed railway siding.

5—Nottingham Convention of the Municipal Electrical Association. The Borough Electrical Engineer reported as to the proceedings at the Nottingham Convention of the Municipal Electrical Association held last month and attended by the Chairman and himself.

ROBT. LEY WOOD,

Chairman.

WATER COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Thursday, the 23rd July, 1908—Present : Councillors Baker, Green Margrett and Stroud (Councillor Baker in the Chair).

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

DAILY YIELD OF SPRINGS.

	For 31 days, ended 19th July, 1908.	Average for corresponding period during last 3 years.
Hewletts Springs	184,000 gallons	151,000 gallons
Dowdeswell Springs	327,000 "	343,000 "
Leckhampton	27,000 "	26,000 "
Total	538,000 "	520,000 "

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CONTENTS OF RESERVOIRS.

	July 19th, 1908.		July 19th, 1907.	
	Depth	Contents	Depth	Contents
Hewletts	...	15,363,000 galls	...	25,616,000 gallons
Leckhampton	7ft. 6in.	1,012,000 "	9ft. 3in.	742,000 "
Dowdeswell	24ft. 8in	63,109,000 "	22ft. 9in.	53,063,000 "
Total Storage		79,484,000 "		79,421,000 "

2—Appeals--The cases entered into 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 21st July, 1908. Present: Aldermen Haddon and Waghorne Councillors Baker, Bendall and M. Davis (Councillor Baker in the Chair).

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

Anthrax in Sheep—Read, a letter from the Board of Agriculture and Fisheries, suggesting the issue by the local authority of a leaflet inviting the co-operation of sheep farmers in the Borough in the endeavour to check the spread of anthrax by bringing to their notice all cases of sudden or

suspicious deaths amongst sheep, so that the local authority might determine by veterinary examination whether or not the animals had died of the disease. Resolved, That a leaflet be issued as suggested.

Sheep Dipping—Read, a letter from the Board of Agriculture and Fisheries, enclosing copies of an Order issued by the Board to meet certain difficulties in connection with the movement of sheep from Ireland to markets, etc., during the dipping periods.

Read, a letter from the Board of Agriculture for Ireland asking the local authority to grant a general consent under Article 2 of the Order with reference to lambs intended for immediate slaughter sent to a market fair ground or sale yard in the Borough, and exempted from dipping by an officer of the Irish Board. The Town Clerk reported that the County Executive Committee had acceded to a similar request as regards markets in the county. Resolved, That the consent asked for be granted.

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

3 --Hackney Carriage Driver's Licence—Read, an application from Mr. Frank Norris, jun., of 2, Linley Cottages, The Reddings, for a licence to drive a hackney carriage. Resolved, That a licence be granted.

4 —Game Licence—Read, a letter from Mrs. L. A. Morris, of Columbia House, Winchcombe Street, applying for the renewal of her licence to deal in Game. Resolved, That the application be acceded to.

5—Naming of Road from Albert Road to Prestbury Lane—With reference to the letter read at the last meeting from Mr. Lindesay, of Marston, Resolved, That the continuation of Albert Road from near Lake View to Prestbury Lane be named Albert Road, and that the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have name plates put up accordingly.

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6-Shop Hours' Act, 1904--Hairdressers' and Barbers' Shops Order-The Town Clerk reported that notice of intention to make this Order had been duly advertised in the newspapers and posted in the streets as required by the Order of the Home Office. Read, letters from Mr. J. Fennell, of 107, Tewkesbury Road, and Mr. G. Fennell, of 218, High Street, objecting to the Order unless Sunday closing be included. Also from Mr. W. T. Watkins, objecting to the Order, as the majority of his customers use his establishment after the hours stipulated, and comprised men who did not themselves leave their work before the stipulated time. Read, a letter from Messrs. Brydges, Mellersh & Mellersh, on behalf of Mr. B. Vick, Mr. Stibbs, Mr. Rowland and Mr. Devereux, stating that the proposed Order would seriously interfere with their business, and suggesting that 9 p.m. should be substituted for 8 p.m. in the Order. The objections having been considered by the Committee, Resolved, That the Order be proceeded with, and that the Town Clerk be instructed to have the signatures to the Memorial in favour of the Order verified, and give notice as to inspection of register, etc., as required by the Order of the Home Office.

7-Municipal Offices-The Mayor informed the Committee that he had purchased Nos 4, 5, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13 and 14 Bayshill Terrace for the sum of £1,920, with a view to giving the Council the option of

taking over any of the houses at cost price if they were considered suitable for Municipal Offices. If they only wished to purchase Nos. 8-14 inclusive the apportioned purchase money would be £1,480 being £220 for No. 8 and £210 for each of the other houses. He had to complete the purchase on the 24th July, so that in addition to the purchase money his out of pocket, costs of conveyance and interest on the purchase money would also have to be paid. The houses were subject to a ground rent of £3 3s. 0d. per house. The Council were quite free to accept or decline this offer as they thought fit, as he was quite satisfied to retain the purchase for himself. The Borough Surveyor reported that he had inspected the property and after careful consideration he was satisfied that the site of Nos. 8 to 14 both inclusive was sufficient to provide ample accommodation for all departments, including the Education and Electricity Departments if required. He estimated the cost of a Scheme for altering the property to provide accommodation for all the departments (other than the Electricity and Education Departments) but including the provision of a Council Chamber, and the heating lighting and furnishing of the buildings, and purchase money, at not exceeding £10,000. The Committee having inspected the houses Nos. 8 to 14, Resolved, That a cordial vote of thanks be given to the Mayor for the action he had taken and that the Council be recommended to enter into a provisional Contract for the purchase of Nos. 8 to 14 on the terms stated, subject to the sanction of the Local Government Board to the necessary loan being obtained, and that this Committee be instructed to have detailed plans and estimates prepared for the alteration of the property.

8-Public Health Acts Amendment Act, 1907-The Committee considered the provisions of this Act, together with the recommendations of the Public Health and Street and Highway Committees, that an Order should be obtained as to specified sections of the Act. Resolved, That this Committee recommend that application be made to the Local Government Board or the Home Office as the case may be for Orders declaring the following sections of the Act to be in force in the Borough, viz.: Sections 16, 17, 19, 21, 22, 24, 27, 28, 29, 30, 32, 33, 34, 36, 37, 38, 43, 44, 45, 46, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 86 and 91, and that if this resolution is approved the Town Clerk be instructed to give the necessary notices preliminary to formal application for such Orders. (A print of these sections accompanies these Minutes).

9-Naming of New Streets-The Borough Surveyor reported that Mr. T. W. Smith proposed to name two new streets off Naunton Lane-Asquith Road and Churchill Road. Resolved, That Mr. Smith be informed that the Council have no objection to his proposal.

10-Provision of First Aid Appliances in Streets-Read, a letter from Mr. W. J. T. Mullins, suggesting the provision by the Corporation of a few boxes with splints, bandages and other first-aid requisities in the streets in various parts of the town, one being particularly needed at the High Street end of the Promenade. Resolved, That the Committee cannot see their way to recommend the Council to adopt the suggestion.

WILLIAM A. BAKER,

Chairman.

ART GALLERY AND MUSEUM COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, the 15th July, 1908. Present:—Alderman Waghorne, Councillor Davies and Dr. E. T. Wilson (Councillor Davies in the Chair).

1—Curator's Report—The Curator reported that there had been 1307 visits to the Art Gallery and Museum since the 10th ult.

209 Pictures had been received for the Special Exhibition now being held in the Gallery. The admission money received for the four days on which a charge had been made was 18s. 6d., and 216 Catalogues had been sold.

On the recommendation of the Curator, Resolved, That he be authorised to dispose of the ventilating fan over the Municipal Art Gallery, which is no longer required for use in connection with the Gallery.

RICHARD DAVIES, Chairman.

MINERAL WATERS, BATHS AND RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Friday, the 17th July, 1908—Present : Alderman Norman, Councillors Baker, Davies and Merrett (Councillor Baker 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, had been as follows:—

Receipts	£225 10 2	Payments	£226 4 8
Hire of Bath for Gymnasium, etc.	<u>£1 3 0</u>	Interest & Redemption (proportion of) ...	<u>£132 4 3</u>
	£226 13 2		£338 8 11

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	£161 1 5	Payments	£65 4 6
		Interest & Redemption (proportion of)	<u>£83 11 6</u>
	£161 1 5	(	£148 16 0

3—Football at Recreation Grounds—Read, an application from the Hon. Sec. of the All Saints' Old Boys' Association Football Club for permission to use the Whaddon Lane Recreation Ground during the next season, and from the Hon. Sec. of the 1st. Glos. R.E. (Vols.) Rugby Football Club for permission to play at the Agg-Gardner Recreation Ground. Resolved, That the applications be acceded to subject to the same conditions as last year.

4—Gift to Whaddon Lane Recreation Ground—The Superintendent reported that Miss Moore had presented a number of tennis and croquet requisites for use at the Whaddon Lane Ground. Resolved, That the thanks of the Committee be conveyed to Miss Moore.

5—Central Spa—The Borough Surveyor reported that the number of glasses of mineral waters sold at the Central Spa during April, May and June this year numbered 4,013, as compared with 2,948 for the corresponding three months of last year, and that the number of glasses taken at the Central Spa during Pageant Week was 708.

WILLIAM A. BAKER,

Chairman.

BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Wednesday, the 22nd July, 1908—Present: Alderman Haddon, Councillors Baker, King-Harman, and Steel (Alderman Haddon in the Chair).

1—Trees at Cemetery—Read, letters from Mrs. Lillingston and Mrs. Ramsey asking for the removal of a sycamore tree at the Cemetery owing to the damage caused to the memorials erected over the graves of their husbands. Resolved, That the Committee visit the Cemetery on Monday next to inspect the tree referred to, and also other trees to which attention has been called by the Superintendent.

2—Designs—Resolved, That the following designs be approved, viz.:—Headstones to graves of Henri Emile Adolph Bowles and Aida Marie Robinson. Memorial Crosses to grave of Julia Adams, Amy Joyner and Mary Emily Curtis. Kerbs to graves of Eliza Wills, William John Gray, William Henry and Isabella Lydia Barker, and William Thomas and Hannah Hunt. Memorial to grave of William, Ann and Mary Ann Clarke.

JOHN HADDON,

Chairman.

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PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 14th July, 1908.—Present: Councillors Davies and Merrett, Messrs. A. Beckingsale, W. Cresswell, A. Mann and F. Parsons (Councillor Davies in the Chair).

1—Librarian's Report—Read, the Monthly Report of the Librarian. Receipts, £4 3s. 2d. Presentations :—The Rev. Canon Gardner, 21 vols. ; Mr. Albert Beckingsale, 23 Local Topographical Plates. The issues in the Reference Department since the last meeting numbered 1,260, an increase of 12 per day as compared with the corresponding month of last year, and from the Lending Department 5,966, a decrease of 59 per day.

2—Sub-Committee's Report—The Sub-Committee reported that they met on the 9th inst. (Present : Councillors Dr. Davies Chairman), Green, and Merrett and Mr. C. Hayward).

They recommended that the tender of Messrs. Norman, Sawyer & Co. for bookbinding, the only one sent in in response to the advertisement, be accepted for one year from the 31st instant, and that the Magazine Room be closed at 8 p.m. instead of 9 p.m. until the 30th September.

3- Resignation of the Rev. A. Beynon Phillips—Read, a letter from the Rev. A. Beynon Phillips resigning his un of the Committee on account of his departure from Cheltenham. Resolved, That the Committee regret the loss of Mr. Beynon Phillips, who has always shown a keen interest in all matters connected with the Library, and they wish him every success in his new sphere of labour.

4 --Vacancies on Committee—Read, a letter from Mr. A. Butler stating that at a meeting of the Cheltenham Branch of Independent Labour Party it was resolved to request the Library Committee to permit the branch to nominate one of its members to fill the vacancy on the Committee caused by the lamented death of the Baron de Ferrieres. Resolved, That this Committee do not propose to recommend the Council to fill up any of the vacancies on the Committee, but that Mr. Butler be informed that the suggestion contained in his letter will receive due consideration by the Council upon the re-appointment of Committees in November next.

RICHARD DAVIES, Chairman.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Friday, the 24th July, 1908—Present: Aldermen Skillicorne and Waghorne, Councillors Bennett, Earengy, Merrett, Rees Jones and Steel (Alderman Waghorne in the chair).

1-General District Rate—The Report of the Borough Accountant, dated the 24th inst., on the collection of the first instalment of the Rate, was read. Amount collected £10,224 4s. 5d. Leaving outstanding £13,323 10s. 1d.

2-Water Rate—Tim Report of the Borough Accountant, dated the 24th inst., on the collection of this Rate was read. Amount received £5,657 11s. 2d. Leaving outstanding £7,006 3s. 4d.

3-Expenditure of Committees—Resolved, That a copy of the Estimates for the Rates for the current year, together with the monthly accounts kept by the Borough Surveyor showing the expenditure incurred, be laid before each committee of Ow Council at its monthly meetings.

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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 26th June last	£3,172 8 8
Received since that date	<u>£19,427 4 0</u>
	£22,599 12 8
Paid since that date (including Debenture repaid 700)	<u>£16,765 8 9</u>
Overdrawn	£ 5,834 3 11

Being General Accounts	£11,995 2 8
Less Sinking Funds—In hand	<u>£ 6,160 18 9</u>
	£ 5,831 3 11

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 31st July, 1908, at 3 p.m. Present :

THE MAYOR. (GEORGE DIMMER, ESQUIRE) in the chair.

THE DEPUTY MAYOR (ALDERMAN JOHN WAGHORNE).

Aldermen: WILLIAM NASH SKILLICORNE JOHN HADDON GEORGE NORMAN

Councillors: WILLIAM ALFRED BAKER JOHN DAVID BENDALL FREDERICK JOSEPH BENNETT RICHARD DAVIES MOSES DAVIS WILLIAM GEORGE EARENGEY EDWINSON CHARLES GREEN EDWARD GRIDLEY, MONTAGUE JOCELYN KING-HARMAN ROBERT LEY WOOD CHARLES HENRY MARGRETT WILLIE JOHN MERRETT TOM HERBERT PACKER THOMAS REES JONES ROBERT STEEL HERBERT STROUD.

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1—Minutes of Previous Meeting—Resolved, That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Council on the 3rd July last having been printed and a - copy sent to each Member of the Council, be taken as read, and that the same be adopted and confirmed.

2—Gloucestershire Pageant—Read, a letter from Messrs. Baring Bros. conveying the thanks of the Pageant Committee to the Corporation for placing the Marle Hill Annexe, the Town Hall, Winter Garden and Montpellier Gardens at the disposal of the Committee for the purposes of the Pageant.

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

4—Presentation by the Right Hon. Sir John Dorington, Bart.—The Mayor informed the Council that Sir John Dorington had presented to the Corporation a large silver gilt bowl. Resolved, unanimously, That the best thanks of the Council be tendered to the donor for his handsome gift, which they have much pleasure in accepting.

5—Farms Management Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Farms Management Committee, at their Meeting of the 17th July last, be approved and confirmed.

6—Street and Highway Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of, the Street and Highway Committee, at their Meetings of the 14th and 24th July last, be approved and confirmed.

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

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

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

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10—General Purposes & Watch Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the General Purposes and Watch Committee, at their Meeting of the 21st July last, be approved and confirmed, and that a Game Licence be granted to Mrs. L. A. Morris, of Columbia House, Winchcombe Street, accordingly, but subject to the following amendment: —That Minute No. 7 (Municipal Offices) be referred back to the Committee for further consideration.

11—Art Gallery and Museum Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Art Gallery and Museum Committee, at their Meeting of the 15th July last, be approved and confirmed.

12—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 17th July last, be approved and confirmed.

13—Burial Board Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Burial Board Committee, at their Meeting of the 22nd July last be approved and confirmed.

14—Finance Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Finance Committee, at their Meeting of the 24th 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.

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 Friday, the 28th August, 1908, at 3 p.m. Present :

THE MAYOR (GEORGE DIMMER, Esq.) in the chair.

Aldermen: WILLIAM NASH SKILLICORNE GEORGE NORMAN JOHN HADDON

Councillors : WILLIAM ALFRED BAKER JOHN DAVID BENDALL FREDERICK JOSEPH BENNETT RICHARD DAVIES MOSES DAVIS WILLIAM GEORGE EARENGEY JAMES STEWART EDWINSON CHARLES GREEN EDWARD GRIDLEY ROBERT LEY WOOD CHARLES HENRY MARGRETT THOMAS REES JONES ROBERT STEEL

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1—Appointment of Local Pension Committee—Resolved, That in pursuance of Sec. 8 of the Old Age Pensions Act, 1908, and Article 21 of the Regulations made thereunder, the Local Pension Committee for the Borough consist of all the members of the Council, and that their term of office as members of such Committee expire on the 9th November, 1909, and that eight be a quorum of the Committee.

Resolved, also, That the first Meeting of the Committee be held forthwith at the conclusion of this meeting of the Council.

Mayor.

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MINUTES of the Committees of the Town Council to be submitted for approval at the Monthly Meeting of the Council to be held on Monday, the 7th September, 1908.

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, the 10th August, 1908. Present:—Alderman Councillors M. Davis, and Davies (Alderman Skillicorne in the Chair).

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

2—Cleansing and Limewashing at No. 20, Glenfall Street, 1, Limerick Cottages, Waterloo Street, 7, Dagmar Terrace, 36, Sherborne Street, and 5, Swindon 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. 6, Malvern View Villas & 286 (c) 286 (d) & 286 (e) High Street. The Inspector of Nuisances having made written application under Sec. 41 of the Public Health Act, 1875, stating that the drains, &c., on or belonging to the above-named houses were in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to health. Resolved That authority be given to the inspector of Nuisances to open the ground, examine the drains, and report to the Committee.

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4—Insanitary Property—Nos. 5, Swindon Place, 36, Sherborne Street, 7, Dagmar Terrace, Rosewood Cottage St. Mark's, and 27, 28 & 29 New Street.—The Medical Officer of Health reported that the above mentioned premises were in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to the health of the inmates owing to defective roofs, walls, ceilings, floors, 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.

5—Overcrowding at No. 21, Fairfield Place—The Medical Officer of Health reported that the above premises were so overcrowded as to be dangerous or injurious to the health of the inmates. Resolved, That the Committee being satisfied of the existence of a nuisance on the said premises, Notices under Sec. 94 of the Public Health Act, 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. 24 and 22 Rosehill Street, Highbury Cottage, Highbury Lane, 8, Little Bayshill Terrace, and 72, Queen 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. A. Morris, of 266, High Street, to be registered as a purveyor of milk. The premises being in satisfactory sanitary order, Resolved, That the applicant be registered.

8—Destruction of Unsound Fish—The Medical Officer of Health reported the surrender by the Midland Railway Co. of 1,030 lbs. of fish, which was unsound and unfit for human food, and had been refused by the consignees.

9—Byelaws as to Pig keeping—The Inspector of Nuisances reported a case of continued breach of the byelaws as to pig keeping. Resolved, That proceedings be taken for the penalties incurred if the Byelaws are not forthwith complied with.

10—Lavatory Accommodation at Montpellier Gardens—Read, a Report by the Inspector of Nuisances as to the necessity for additional lavatory accommodation at the Montpellier Gardens. Resolved, That the Report be referred to the Town Improvement Committee with a recommendation from this Committee that steps should be at once taken to provide the accommodation required.

11—Charlton Kings Sewage—With reference to Minute No. 9 of this Committee of the 11th May last, the Town Clerk submitted the draft agreement permitting the communication of the sewers of the Charlton Kings Urban District Council with those of the Borough as altered by the Clerk to the Urban District Council. Resolved, That the same as now settled be approved, and that the Corporate Seal be affixed to the agreement.

W. NASH SKILLICORNE,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 24th August, 1908.—Present : The Mayor, Alderman Skillicorne, Councillors Davies, Earengy, Margrett and Stewart(Alderman Skillicorne in the chair).

12—Zymotic Disease—The Medical Officer of Health reported that 1 case of Scarlet Fever had been notified and sent into the Delancey Hospital since the last Meeting of the Committee.

13—Cleansing and Limewashing at Nos. 54, St. George's Place, 4, Crowther's Cottages, 21, Fairfield Place & 13, Lower Park Street.—The Medical Officer of Health having certified under Sec. 46 of the Public Health Act, 1875, that the above-named dwelling-houses were in such a filthy and unwholesome condition that the health of the inmates was affected or endangered thereby. Resolved, That Notice be given to the owners under the" said Section requiring the houses to be cleansed and limewashed.

14—Nuisances from Drains, etc., at Nos. 1 to 6, Malvern View Villas, Gloucester Road, and 56 and 57, Rutland Street. — The Inspector of Nuisances having made written application under Section 41 of the Public Health Act, 1875, stating that the drains, &c., on or belonging to the above-named houses were in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to health. Resolved, That authority be given to the Inspector of Nuisances to open the ground, examine the drains, and report to the Committee.

15—Insanitary Property Nos. 40, Malvern Street, 29 and 51, Burton Street, Kemble Brewery, Fairview Street, 7, Lansdown Place, 2, Little Bayshill Terrace, 3, Witcombe Place, Southend House Stable yard, St. Margaret's Terrace Stables — The Medical Officer of Health reported that the above-mentioned premises were in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to the health of the inmates owing to defective roofs, walls, ceilings, floors, &c. Resolved, That the Council being satisfied that the said premises are in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to health, Notices under Section 94 of the Public Health Act, 1875, be served upon the owners requiring them to put the same into a healthy condition and for that purpose to carry out the works specified therein.

16—Dairies, Cowsheds and Milkshops Order—Read, an application from Mr. W. J. Frost, of 216a, High Street to be registered as a purveyor of milk. On the recommendation of the Medical Officer of Health, Resolved, That the applicant be registered.

17—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 2 The Poplars, Shurdington Road, 11, Sherborne Street, 1, Gordon Terrace, 72, Queen Street, 13, Lower Park Street, and 5, 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.

18—Notices not complied with—The Medical Officer of Health submitted a list of Notices requiring the provision of ash receptacles, cleansing and limewashing, and the abatement of nuisances arising from defective roofs, yard 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.

19—Sanitary Institute Congress—Read, a Report by Mr. Hudson, Chief Inspector of Nuisances, upon the proceedings at the Congress of the Sanitary Institute held at Cardiff last month.

20—Destruction of Diseased Meat—The Medical Officer of Health reported that on the 20th inst. the carcase with offal of a bullock (weight 672 lbs.) slaughtered at the Abattoir, found to be affected with generalised tuberculosis, was surrendered by the owner and destroyed.

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21—Van for Infected Clothing--The Medical Officer of Health reported that the van for the conveyance of infected clothing needed repair and renovation. Resolved, That he be authorised to obtain estimates for the work for consideration at the next meeting.

22—Sewer under No. 1, Sandford Street—The Borough Surveyor reported that a public sewer passing under No. 1 Sandford Street was in a defective condition. He recommended that the use of the same should be discontinued, and that a new pipe sewer should be laid, connecting the existing sewer in Sandford Street to the sewer in Bath Road, at a cost, including the necessary manholes, of about £40. Resolved, That the recommendation of the Borough Surveyor be approved and adopted.

W. NASH SKILLICORNE,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, the 31st August, 1908—Present : Alderman Skillicorne, Councillors M. Davis, Earengy and Margrett (Alderman Skillicorne in the chair).

23—Sewerage and Sewage Disposal Works--Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to prepare detailed plans and specifications for the reconstruction of the Arle Outfall Sewer, and for the construction of three filter beds at Hayden, and the necessary Sedimentation Tanks, and that tenders be invited by advertisement for carrying out these works.

14—Borough Surveyor's Report re Sewers in Tivoli and South Eastern Districts—The Borough Surveyor presented his Report upon the condition of the sewers in the Tivoli and South Eastern Districts. (A print of the Report accompanies the Minutes). Resolved, That the further consideration of the same be adjourned.

W. NASH SKILLICORNE,

Chairman.

FARMS MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Friday, the 21st August, 1908.—Present : Alderman Skillicorne, Councillors Margrett and Steel (Alderman Skillicorne in the chair).

1--Farm Manager's Report—Read, the Monthly Report of the Farms Manager. Since the last monthly meeting 4 calves had been purchased for £5 5s., and 10 sheep for £19 10s. (Total, £24 15s.) The following sales had been made :-12 sheep for £19 4s. 0d. and 38 head of cattle (including 5 calves) for £614 7s. 2d. (Total sales, £633 11 s. 1d.) One calf had been bred on the Farms, and the number of livestock on the list inst. was 12 horses, 203 head of cattle, 10 sheep, and 1 pig, all doing very well.

All the corn (with the exception of barley at the Darn Farm) had been cut. 9 tons 1 qr. of hay had been delivered at the Central Depot. 16 bushels of wheat had been sold for 4s per bushel. He recommended that a bull be purchased. Resolved, That the recommendation be approved.

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2—Fruit at Farms—The tenders, 3 in number, received for the fruit at the Farms were considered. Resolved, That offer by Mr. J. C. Griffett, of Hoo Farm, Southwick, of £7 10s. 0d. for the fruit at the Barn Farm, and that by Mr. H. E. Harrison, of Piff's Elm, of £12 for the fruit at Hayden and Hayden Knoll Farms be accepted.

3—Inspection of Farms—The Chairman and the Committee visited the Farm-; on the 12th inst. (Present Councillors M. Davis, Green, Gridley and himself), inspected the livestock and the farm buildings, and instructed the Borough Surveyor to report, as to certain repairs, etc., necessary to the latter.

4—Barn Farm House--The Borough Surveyor reported that he estimated the cost of repairing and painting the outside woodwork, spouting, etc., and repointing the brickwork where necessary, at the Barn Farm house at 11 10s. Two of the bedrooms required painting and papering at a cost of about £11 10s. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have the work carried out.

5—Hayden Knoll Farm House- The Borough Surveyor reported that the cost of the underpinning, etc., necessary at the Haydon Knoll Farmhouse, and the substitution of a slated roof for the present defective skylight over the large room would be about £13. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to carry out the work mentioned.

W. NASH SKILLICORNE,

Chairman.

STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, the 11th August, 1908.—Present : Aldermen Haddon and Skillicorne, Councillors Bendall and Gridley (Councillor Bendall in the Chair).

1—Great Western Terrace and St. Anne's Road—The Town Clerk reported that notices declaring Great Western Terrace and St. Anne's Road to be highways had been duly posted and advertised, and that no objection had been received to either of such declarations. Resolved, That the notices be recorded on the Minutes.

2—Trees—Resolved, That the applications received for the position of Foreman to superintend the planting, etc. of trees in the public streets be referred to the Trees Sub-Committee for consideration.

3—Main and Contribution Roads—The Town Clerk submitted draft agreement with the County Council with respect to the Main and Contribution Roads within the Borough. The agreement provided for the payment quarterly by the County Council of the sum of £3,666 13s. 4d. per annum for three years from the 31st March last in respect of the Main Roads, and of £1,325 per annum for the contribution roads, the agreement as regards the latter payment only being as in former years

subject to 6 months' notice by the County Council terminating on the 31st March in any year. Resolved, That the agreement be approved, and the Corporate Seal affixed thereto.

4—Alstone Avenue—Read, a Memorial signed by Mr. A. Salter and other Owners of property in Alstone Avenue, asking the Council to declare the street a highway. Read, a letter from the Great Western Railway Company making a similar request. Resolved, That Alstone Avenue be declared a public highway, and that the Town Clerk be instructed to give the necessary notice of such declaration.

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5—Road at the back of Alstone Avenue and Grange Crescent—Read, a letter from the Great Western Railway Co. asking that the back road at the rear of Alstone Avenue and Grange Crescent be declared a highway. Resolved, That the Committee cannot recommend the Council to comply with the request.

6—Street Projection—Read, a letter from Messrs. Debenham asking that a projecting sign erected by them without the permission of the Council at No. 369, High Street be allowed to remain until May next, when their tenancy of the premises will expire. Resolved, That the request be not acceded to, and that the sign must be removed forthwith.

JOHN D. BENDALL, Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, the 31st August, 1908 — Present: Alderman Skillicorne, 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 completed by the Highways Department from the 24th July, 1908, to the 27th August, 1908 (both inclusive) had been as follows:—

Roads Repaired—Montpellier Street (4,033 super yards), Moorend Grove (848 super yards), Baker Street (777 super yards), Grosvenor Street (1,326 super yards), Queen's Parade (640 super yards).

Tar Macadam—St. George's Place (588 super yards), Barrett's Mill Lane (150 super yards), Clarence Street (740 super yards), Bath Road (670 super yards), Prestbury Road (1,620 super yards), Keynsham Road (3,610 super yards).

Roads Patched—Lypiatt Terrace, Winchcombe Street, Cambray, Promenade, Bath Road and Western Road.

Electricity Trenches Repaired-1 in All Saints' Road, Baker Street and Upper Bath Street.

Roads tar painted—Old Bath Road (16,022 super yards), Gloucester Road (5,200 super yards), Evesham Road (7,170 super yards), Portland Street (3,540 super yards), Winchcombe Street (900 super yards), Vernon Place (160 super yards). Total length of roads tar painted this season, 6 miles. Footpaths tar painted this season, 4 ½ miles.

Footpaths tar painted—Cleeve Path Drive (1,475 super yards), Leckhampton Road (286 super yards).

New Kerb and Channel—London Road (proceeding), Malvern Road, 34 yards kerb. Channel relaid—St. George's Place, Sandford Street, Swindon Road and Lansdown Terrace. Paving relaid—Winchcombe Street, Malvern Road, Rodney Road and Wellington Passage.

Asphalt footpath renewed—Rear of Lansdown Terrace (proceeding), and Commercial Street Passage. Surface water drain laid—Arle Road, 222 yards of 9-inch pipes.

New paving laid—Malvern Road for G.W.R. (75 super yards). Crossings relaid-4. Crossings renewed-1.

Gullies fixed-19. Trees felled-3 in Leckhampton Road, damaged by cart.

Trees pruned—Cemetery Road, Pittville Circus Road, All Saints' Road, Pittville Circus, Prestbury Road, Clarence Road, Evesham Road, Morison Avenue, Fullwood Park, Argyle Place, Greville Terrace, Moorend Park Road, Albany Road, Dag mar Road and Leckhampton Road.

Ashes Collection and Disposal—During 5 weeks ended the 20th August, 1,156 loads collected, 1,069 consumed and 87 tipped away. Weight consumed, 837 tons 13 cwts 2 qrs.

Slab Factory—During 4 weeks ended 27th August, 1908, 5,520 lineal feet of kerb and 20 7/9 square yards of slabs made.

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8—Report of Plans Sub-Committee-The Chairman reported the proceedings of the Plans Sub-Committee at their Meetings on the 11th and 28th inst. Resolved, That the same be approved and adopted.

9—Street Projection—Read, a letter from Mr. J. W. Cheshire applying for permission to remove his advertising clock from the Bell Hotel, to No. 2, High Street. Resolved, That the further consideration of the application be adjourned to the next meeting.

10—Windsor Street-----Read, a letter from Mr. E. Cooke calling attention to the condition of Windsor Street, and asking that the same should be made good. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to carry out the necessary repairs.

11—Refuse Destructor—The Borough Surveyor reported that the new Refuse Destructor was working satisfactorily. Resolved, That the Committee visit the Destructor at an early date.

JOHN D. BENDALL,

Chairman.

PLANS SUB-COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Sub-Committee held on Tuesday, the 11th August, 1908. Present :—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.
686	F. Haslam	Additions to rear of No. 11, Royal Parade.
687	Fisher	New W.C. at rear of No. 22, Grosvenor Street.
688	W. Thomas	Additions to Ormond House, Montpellier.
689	J. P. Wilcox	Additions to No. 11, St. Paul's Street N., and new store shed at rear.
690	Managers of St. Mark's Schools ...	Alterations and additions to St. Mark's Schools, Alstone Lane.
691	F. E. Jenkins	Laundries at rear of Nos. 7 and 8, Fairfield Walk.
692	H. Harris	Store at rear of No. 7, North Street.

Resolved, That Plans Nos. 686, 688, 690 and 691 be approved, that Plans Nos. 687 be approved, subject to the drainage being carried out to the satisfaction of the Inspector of Nuisances, that Plans Nos. 692 be approved, subject to the site being covered with cement concrete, and that Plans Nos. 689 be disapproved.

JOHN D. BENDALL,

Chairman

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At a Meeting of this Sub-Committee held on Friday, the 28th August, 1908. Present : Councillors Baker, Bendall and Stewart (Councillor Bendall in the Chair.)

2—New Buildings—The Borough Surveyor laid before the Sub-Committee the following notices and plans of intended

No. of Plan	Name	Description
689	J. T. Wilcox	Additions to No. 11, St. Paul's Street North and Shed in garden.
693	Miss Eldridge	New Window to No. 26, Great Norwood Street.
694	A. E. Francis	New Shop Front at No. 105, Upper Bath Road.
695	C. Phillips	New Bathroom at No. 1, Portland Place, Portland Street.
696	The Hatherley Steam Laundry Co. ..	Additions to Steam Laundry, Hatherley Road.
697	F. W. Strange ..	Two semi-detached houses, and additions to Waresley Lodge, Old Bath Road.
698	W. Gibbins	New Cowshed, Lower Hewletts Farm.
699	T. W. Smith	Laundries at rear of 2 houses, Asquith Road.

Resolved, That Plans Nos. 693, 694, 696, 697, 698 and 699 be approved, that Plans Nos. 689 be approved subject to the drainage being carried out to the satisfaction of the Inspector of Nuisances, and that Plans Nos. 695 be approved subject to the exterior wall being 9 inches in thickness.

JOHN D. BENDALL,

Chairman

TOWN IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, the 24th August 1908. Present:—The Mayor, Councillors Bennett, Packer, Steel and Stewart (Councillor Steel in the Chair).

1—Trees on Pittville Estate Roads—The Borough Surveyor having reported that many of the trees on the Pittville Roads required attention, Resolved, That Sir William Thistleton-Dyer be asked to give his advice as to what should be done to the trees.

2—Winter Garden—The letter read at the last meeting of the Council from the American Roller Rink Co. stating that they were willing to manage a rink at the Winter Garden upon a percentage basis, the cost of equipment estimated at £1,500 to be defrayed by the Corporation, was considered. Resolved, That the Committee cannot recommend the Council to entertain the proposal.

3—Advertising—Resolved, That the advertisement of Cheltenham in the " Times of Ceylon " be renewed for one year (52 insertions) at a cost of 2s 6d per insertion.

Read, a letter from the publishers of the " Manchester Courier," stating that they were inserting on the last Saturday of each month a descriptive illustrated account of a Health or Pleasure Resort, and would be willing to insert one upon Cheltenham if the Corporation favoured the idea, and would insert an advertisement. Resolved, That a 3-inch double column advertisement of the Town be inserted at a charge of £3 in the issue containing an illustrated article on Cheltenham.

ROBERT STEEL,

Chairman.

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ELECTRICITY AND LIGHTING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Thursday, the 20th August, 1908. Present:- Councillors Ley Wood, Rees Jones and Steel (Councillor Ley Wood in the chair).

1—Gas Examiner's Report—The Gas Examiner reported that on the 18th inst. his test for illuminating power gave the following result :-15.6 candles, and that the test for purity made on the 18th and 19th inst showed 34 grains of sulphur per 100 cubic feet,

2—Requisition for Materials Required—The Borough Electrical Engineer submitted a list of materials, etc., which would probably be required during the ensuing month, and the same was approved.

3—Borough Electrical Engineer's Monthly Report—Read, the Monthly Report of the Borough Electrical Engineer. On the 6th inst. there were 990 consumers, with the equivalent of 61,987 8 c.p. lamp: connected to the private supply mains, the corresponding figures for last year being 917 and 62,053 respectively.

4--Coal Contract—The tenders received from 16 firms for the supply of coal for the Electricity Works for nine months from the 1st October next were opened. Resolved, That the same be referred to the Borough Electrical Engineer for consideration and report.

5—Applications for Supply—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that he had received an application for supply from Mr. F. R. Franklin, of Nos. 1 and 2, London Road, Charlton Kings. The cost of the necessary extension of main and service would be £19, and the applicant was willing to guarantee an annual payment for 3 years of £3 16s. 0d. Resolved, That supply be given on the terms mentioned.

An application had also been received from Cavendish House Co., Ltd., for electric supply to Stamford House. The total cost of the service would be £22 11s. 10d. (including £2 8s. 9d., payable by the applicant). Resolved, That supply be given upon a guarantee of £4 per annum for three years, being 20 per cent. per annum upon the net cost of the service.

6—Refuse Destructor and Electricity Works—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that after careful consideration of the best method of working the new Refuse Destructor, having particular regard to steam generation for the Electricity Works, the Borough Surveyor, and he had decided to recommend the employment of two additional men to assist in firing, this Committee to contribute £100 per annum towards their wages. He considered this additional cost would be amply justified by the increased saving in coal. Resolved, That the recommendation be approved and adopted.

ROBT. LEY WOOD,

Chairman.

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At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, the 27th August, 1908. Present :—Alderman Norman, Councillors Bennett, Green, Gridley, Ley Wood, Rees Jones, and Steel (Councillor Ley Wood in the Chair).

7—Contract for Coal—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that the tenders opened at the last meeting included 16 offers of Forest of Dean coals, and 33 of Midland Colliery Coals. He recommended that the selection be made from the former, the following being the best offers :—

		Delivered by Road. Per Ton.	Delivered by Rail over Siding. Per Ton.
Critchlow & Sheppard	Lydbrook Colliery	10s 11d	10s 5d
A. H. Nott & Son	Howbeach do.	11s	10s 5d
Webb Bros., Ltd.	Norchard	11s 5d ½	10s 8 ½d
Do.	Princess Royal	11s 9d	11s

He submitted the results of the calorific and steaming tests made by him of Lydbrook and Howbeach coal, and recommended the acceptance of the tender of Messrs. Nott & Son for the supply of coal from the Howbeach Colliery at 11s and 10s 5d per ton for delivery by road or rail respectively for 9 months from the 1st October next. Resolved, That the recommendation be approved and adopted, subject to Messrs. Nott entering into a contract and bond to be prepared by the Town Clerk.

8—Additions to Plant—Air Pumps for Belliss Condenser—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that the air and circulating pumps, part of the Belliss Condenser plant, installed in 1895, were

overloaded, and he recommended that new motor-driven air pumps should be obtained. A new circulating pump could be dispensed with by utilising one of the centrifugal pumps belonging to the Forting condenser. He estimated that the proposed alterations would affect an economy of £105 a year. He submitted the following tenders he had obtained for new and second-hand air pumps of the two-throw and three-throw type :

Two-throw Pumps.	Condition	Diameter	Stroke	Speed	Price
inches				R p.m.	
W. Doxford & Sons	Second-hand	16	12	—	£195
Do.	do.	14	12	135	£200
Belliss & Morcom	New	12	8	130	£257
Do. ..	do.	12	6	165	£215
Three-throw Pumps					
Edward A. P. Synd ..	Second-hand	8	8	150	£135
Thomas Johnson	do.	11	9	—	£160
Mirtels Watson	New	10	6	150	£205
Willans & Robinson	do.	11	7	174	£247
Bellies & Morcom	do.	10	8	130	£315
Do. ..	do.	10	6	165	£250
The best oilers taking into account the size and capacity were as follows					
Best two-throw	Second-hand	...	£195		
Do.	New	...	£215		
Best three-throw	Second-hand	...	£160		
Do.	New	...	£247		

He recommended the acceptance of the offer of Messrs. Winans & Robinson to supply a new 3-throw pump for £247. In addition there would be the motor and switchgear, which, together with pipework, foundations, connections and erection, would cost about £65. Resolved, That the recommendation be approved, and that the offer of Messrs. Willans & Robinson be accepted subject to the terms of a contract to be prepared by the Town Clerk and that the cost be charged to the Reserve for Renewals Fund.

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Motor Generator—

The Engineer reported that the 2 Exciters were not of sufficient capacity for the present demand upon them. There were two exciters with a capacity of 60 K.W. each. The Exciters did not themselves generate any of the energy supplied by the Works but were required to excite the main generating plant they also supplied energy for driving most of the auxiliary plant, at the Works. At the present time the demand on the Exciters was frequently more than 60 K.W. and the 2 Exciters had sometimes to be run in parallel leaving no standby plant and in case of one of the Exciters being laid by for overhauling there might be a serious breakdown. He therefore recommended that a 50 K.W. Motor Generator be installed. This would serve as a standby plant for the Exciters, and for driving

the auxiliary machinery. He estimated that the provision of a motor generator would effect a saving in working costs of £85 per annum. The cost of installing a motor generator would be £350. Resolved, That the recommendation be approved and that the Borough Electrical Engineer be authorised to obtain a motor generator at a cost of not exceeding £350 and that the same be charged to the Reserve for Renewals Fund.

Air Compressor—The Borough Electrical Engineer recommended that a motor-driven air compressor for cleaning the machinery at the works should be purchased, as the present system of hand cleaning was necessarily ineffectual, and breakdowns often occurred from collections of dust and oil in the machinery, the only practicable method of cleaning parts of the machinery being by means of an air blast. He had obtained a quotation for the supply of a suitable machine from Messrs. Reavell & Co., of Ipswich, for £39. Resolved, That the recommendation be approved, and Messrs. Reavell's offer be accepted, the cost to be paid out of Revenue.

ROBT. LEY WOOD, Chairman.

WATER COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Thursday, the 27th August, 1908—Present: Alderman Norman, Councillors Baker, Green and Margrett (Councillor Baker in the Chair).

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

DAILY YIELD OF SPRINGS.

	For 31 days, ended 19th Aug., 1908.	Average for corresponding period during last 3 years.
Hewletts Springs	144,000 gallons	168,000 gallons
Dowdeswell Springs	248,000 "	460,000 "
Leckhampton	17,000 "	25,000 "
Total	409,000	653,000 "

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	August 19th, 1908.		August 19th, 1907.	
	Depth	Contents	Depth	Contents
Hewletts	...	8,262,000 galls	...	27,400,000 gallons
Leckhampton	2ft. 0in.	270,000 "	11ft. 0in.	1,485,000 "
Dowdeswell	19ft. 0in.	40,872,000 "	25ft. 7in.	68,343,000 "
Total Storage		49,404,000 "		97,228,000 "

5,771,433 gallons had been pumped from Sandford since the last meeting, and pumping ceased there on the 21st inst.

Pumping commenced at Tewkesbury on the 11th inst.

224 yards of 3-inch main had been laid in Lake Road, Prestbury, for the supply of new houses there.

2—Water Supply to Moorend Park Road District—The Borough Engineer recommended that in order to improve the water supply in this district a 3-inch main should be substituted for the present 2-inch main in Moorend Park Road at a cost of about £45. Resolved, That the recommendation be approved and adopted.

3—Coal Store, etc., at Tewkesbury Works—The Borough Engineer reported that the following tenders had been received for the erection of the Coal Store, etc., at the Tewkesbury Works:—

Messrs. Collins & Godfrey £498 0 4

Mr. W. Cresswell £583 8 4

Resolved, That the tender of Messrs. Collins & Godfrey be accepted subject to their entering into a contract to be prepared by the Town Clerk.

4—Appeals—The cases entered into 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 25th August, 1908. Present: The Mayor, Aldermen Haddon, Norman and Skillicorne, Councillors Baker, Bendall and Davies (Alderman Norman in the Chair).

1---Report of Fire Brigade Captain—The Captain of the Fire Brigade reported that on the 11th inst. the Brigade was called to a fire in the rickyard at Hill Farm, Woolstone. Damage £150. Cause of fire, spontaneous combustion. Brigade expenses, £19 3s. 0d. The rick was not insured. On the 17th inst. the Brigade was called to a rick fire at Starvehall, Prestbury, said to have been caused by children. Damage £40. Brigade expenses, £14 5s. 6d. The rick was insured.

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Read, a letter from Messrs. Holliday & Page, Ltd., complaining of the charges for attendance at the fire at Starvehall on the 17th inst. as excessive, and asking that the amount should be reduced. Resolved, That the letter be referred to the Town Clerk.

2- Diseases of Animals Acts—Supt, Hopkins reported that the Borough was entirely free from contagious disease amongst animals.

8—Wheel Chair Licence—Read, an application from Mr. J. H. Dennis, of No. 38, Hanover Street, for a licence to ply for hire a wheel chair. Resolved, That the application lit granted, subject to the vehicle being inspected and passed by the Chairman of this Committee,

4—Drivers' Licences—Read, applications for licences to drive hackney carriages from Frederick Jones, of No. 17, North-field Terrace ; James Thomas, of No. 29, Brunswick Street ; Joseph Smith, of

the Nags Head Inn, High Street ; and J. Fowles, of No, 10, Great Norwood Street. Resolved, That the applications be granted.

5--Application for Licence for Electric Omnibus—Read, an application from the London Electrobus Co., Ltd., for a licence for an electric omnibus,

Read, a memorial signed by a number of owners and occupiers of property in Lansdown Road asking that electro buses should not be allowed to ply upon the Lansdown Road. Resolved, That the application be not granted.

6—Distress Committee—The Town Clerk reported that the Unemployed Workmen Act, 1905, had been continued until the 31st December, 1909. The term of office of the five members of the Distress Committee for the Borough elected as being persons experienced in the relief of distress having expired, Resolved, That Mrs. Henry Jordan, the Rev. J. Lochhead, Messrs. J. W. Betteridge, E. Bourne and W. R. Carles be appointed members of the Distress Committee, their term of office to expire on the 31st December, 1909.

7=Shop Hours Act, 1904—Hairdressers' and Barbers' Shops Order, 1908—The Town Clerk reported that the signatures to the Memorial had been verified, the register, etc., deposited for inspection, and the requisite notice of such deposit given. Resolved, That an Order in the terms of the draft Order already approved by the Council be now made, the Council being satisfied that it is expedient to make the Order, and that the occupiers of at least two-thirds in number of the shops to be affected by the Order approve of the same. Resolved, also, That the Order be submitted for the approval of the Secretary of State, and that notice thereof be given as required by the Home Office Regulations.

8—Early Closing at Arle Post Office—Read, a letter from the Postmaster, asking if the Council had any objection to the Arle Sub-Post Office being closed at noon on Wednesdays. Resolved, That the Council have no objection to this.

GEO. NORMAN,

Chairman.

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MINERAL WATERS, BATHS AND RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Friday, the 21st August, 1908—Present : Councillors Baker, Earengy, Stewart 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, had been as follows:—

Receipts	£317 7 10	Payments	£312 5 1
Hire of Bath for			
Gymnasium, etc.	£1 3 0	Interest & Redemption	
Rent of Shop	<u>£12 0 0</u>	(proportion of)	<u>£176 5 8</u>
	£330 10 10		£488 10 9

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	£229 9 10	Payments	£123 7 7
		Interest & Redemption	
		(proportion of) ...	£ <u>111 8 8</u>
	£229 9 10		£234 16 3

Read. an application from the Superintendent of Alstone Baths for the free use of the Swimming Bath for the evening of the 24th prox. on the occasion of an entertainment arranged for his benefit by the Cheltenham Swimming Club. Resolved, That the application be granted.

3—Caretaker of Grove Street Recreation Ground—The Borough Surveyor reported the death of John Farmer, the caretaker of the Grove Street Ground. He did not think it would be necessary to fill the vacancy, as he could arrange for the supervision of the ground by the than in charge of the St. George's Square Lavatory.

4—Gift to Agg-Gardner Recreation Ground—The Superintendent reported that Alderman Skillicorne had presented a croquet set for use at the Agg-Gardner Recreation Ground. Resolved, That the thanks of the Committee be conveyed to the donor.

5—Football at Recreation Grounds—Read, applications from the All Saints' United and Cheltenham Wednesday Football Clubs for permission to play at the Whaddon Lane Recreation Ground next season. Also from the Naunton Park Rugby and the Saracens' Association Football Club for permission to play at Naunton Park, and from the Cheltenham Y.M.C.A, and the Cheltenham Bohemians' Clubs to play at the Agg-Gardner Recreation Ground. Resolved, That the applications of the Wednesday United, Naunton Park, Saracens, and Bohemians' Football Clubs be acceded to subject to the usual conditions, and that the Committee regret that they cannot accede to the other applications received.

6--Hockey at Whaddon Lane Recreation Ground—Read, an application from the All Saints' C.E.T.S. Girls' Hockey Club for permission to play at Whaddon Lane Recreation. Ground. Resolved, That the Committee regret they cannot grant the application.

7—Whaddon Lane Recreation Ground—The Borough Surveyor reported that Miss Wilton, the owner of Westbourne House, had consented to allow four corbels to be inserted in the boundary wall of her property to carry the roof of the shelter at the Whaddon Lane Recreation Ground subject to the Corporation entering into an agreement to remove the corbels within 14 days after notice requiring removal. Resolved, That the undertaking be given.

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8-Garden Ground adjoining Whaddon Lune Recreation Ground-----Resolved, That a chain of ground adjoining the Whaddon Lane Recreation Ground be rented by the Corporation as yearly tenants from Mr. A. B. Wall at £1 per annum for use by the Superintendent for flower-raising purposes for the Recreation Ground and partly for his own purposes, and that the present kitchen garden in the Ground be discontinued.

HERBERT STROUD, Chairman.

BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 27th July, 1908—Present : Alderman Haddon, Councillors Baker, Gridley, King-Harman and Steel (Alderman Haddon in the Chair).

1—inspection of Cemetery—The Committee visited and inspected the Cemetery, and gave necessary instructions to the Superintendent as to matters of detail in connection with the management of the Cemetery.

2—Trees at Cemetery--With reference to the letters read at the last meeting from Mrs. Lillingston and Mrs. Ramsey asking for the removal of a sycamore tree at the Cemetery. Resolved, That the Committee regret they cannot accede to the request.

JOHN HADDON, Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, the 28th August, 1908. Present: — Alderman Haddon, Councillors Baker, Gridley, Steel and Stewart (Alderman Haddon in the Chair).

3—Designs— Resolved, That the following designs be approved, viz.:--Headstones to graves of William and Eliza Burden, Annie Elizabeth Dennis, Edmund and Laura Selina Fletcher, Richard and Eliza Palmer, Thomas Mayos and Elizabeth Nicolle. Memorial Crosses to grave, of Charlotte Helen Wilton, Jane Farrow, George and Baden Powell Sharp Harrison. Kerbing to grave of R. O. Leach.

JOHN HADDON,

Chairman.

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PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Wednesday, the 18th August, 1908.—Present : Councillors Davies and Bennett, Messrs. A. Beckingsale, A. Mann and E. C. Rogers (Councillor Davies in the Chair).

1—Librarian's Report—Read, the Monthly Report of the Librarian. Receipts, £4 19s. 4d. Presentations Grant Richards, 1 vol. ; Methuen & Co., 1 vol. ; Trustees of British Museum, 5 vols. ; Dr. Cripps Lawrence, 3 vols. for Medical Library. The issues in the Reference Department since the last meeting numbered 1,353, an increase of 14 per day, as compared with the corresponding month of last year, and from the Lending Department 8,136, a decrease of 38 per day.

2—Sub-Committee's Report—The Sub-Committee reported that they met on the 12th inst. (Present: Councillors Dr. Davies (Chairman), Bennett, and Merrett and Mr. C. Hayward). They recommended :—(1) That 5 tables, 2 stands and a quantity of shelves be purchased from the Crescent Library Council for £15, (2) that the Librarian be authorised to attend the Library Association Annual Conference at Brighton from the 24th to the 28th inst., and (3) that the 149 books selected by the Librarian be purchased for £21. Resolved, That the recommendations be approved and adopted.

RICHARD DAVIES, Chairman.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held out Tuesday, the 1st September, 1908 — Present: Alderman Skillicorne, Councillors Earengy, Merrett, Pees Jones and Steel (Councillor Steel in the chair).

1—General District Rate—The Report of the Borough Accountant, dated the 1st inst., on the collection of the first instalment of this Rate, was read. Amount collected £19,199 3s. 7d. Leaving outstanding £4,348 10s. 11d.

2—Water Rate—The Report of the Borough Accountant, dated the 1st inst., on the collection of this Rate was read. Amount received £9,699 12s. 5d. Leaving outstanding £3,001 7s. 0d.

3—Loans—The Borough Accountant reported that since the last meeting he had received the sum of £500 on loan at 31 per for cent., and sums amounting to £18,805 on loan to bear interest at 3 ¼ per cent., the loans to be for terms of 3, 5, or 7 years respectively, and afterwards subject to 6 months' notice on either side. He proposed to allocate the amount as follows :-£11,000 to Education Loans, £1,205 to Electric Lighting Loans, £2,100 to Sewage Disposal Loans, £1,500 to Hatherley Outfall Sewer Loan and £500 to Rodney Terrace Sewer Loan. Resolved, That debentures be sealed and issued accordingly.

4—Audit—The Town Clerk reported that the District Auditor had appointed the 30th instant at 10 a.m. at the Municipal Offices for the audit of the Corporation Accounts.

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5—Workmen's Compensation—The Borough Accountant reported that the Fine Art and General Insurance Company, were willing for an increase of 7 ½ per cent. in the premium to pay half wages from the date of accident to any Corporation employee in cases where legal liability attached to the Corporation in respect of such accident. At present, unless the incapacity lasts longer than a week, no wages are paid, and unless the incapacity lasts longer than a fortnight no payment is made in respect of the first week. Resolved, That the extra premium quoted be paid to cover the first week's incapacity, except in the case of those employed under the Education Committee.

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 :—

Received since the 24th July last (including Loans £13,305)		£35,825 12 7
Overdrawn on the 24th July last	£5831 3 11	
Paid since that date	<u>£7731 6 3</u>	
		<u>£13,565 10 2</u>
	In Hand	£22,260 2 5
Being General Accounts	£16,099 3 8	
Sinking Funds	<u>£ 6,160 18 0</u>	
	£22,260 2 5	

ROBERT 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 7th September, 1908, at 3 p.m. Present :

THE MAYOR (GEORGE DIMMER, ESQUIRE) in the chair.

Aldermen: JOHN HADDON GEORGE NORMAN WILLIAM NASH SKILLICORNE

Councillors: WILLIAM ALFRED BAKER JOHN DAVID BENDALL MOSES DAVIS EDWINSON CHARLES GREEN EDWARD GRIDLEY ROBERT STEEL. MONTAGUE JOCELYN KING-HARMAN ROBERT LET WOOD CHARLES HENRY MARGRETT WILLIE JOHN MERRETT THOMAS REES JONES

1—Minutes of Previous Meetings—Resolved, That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Council on the 31st July and 28th 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 Meetings of the 10th, 24th and 31st August last, be approved and confirmed.

3--Farms Management Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Farms Management Committee, at their Meeting of the 21st August last, be approved and confirmed.

4-Street and Highway Committee Resolved, That the proceedings of the Street Highway Committee, at their Meetings of the 11th and 31st August be approved and confirmed.

5—Town improvement Committee Resolved, That the proceedings of the Town improvement Committee at their Meeting of the 24th August last be approved and confirmed.

6—Electricity and Lighting Committee--Resolved, That the proceedings of the Electricity and Lighting Committee, at their Meetings of the 20th and 27th August last be approved and confirmed, subject to the following amendment:—That Minute No. 6 (Refuse Destructor and Electricity Works) be referred back for further consideration.

7—Water Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Water Committee, at their Meeting of the 27th August last, be approved and confirmed.

8--General Purposes & Watch Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the General Purposes and Watch Committee, at their Meeting of the 25th August last, be approved and confirmed, and that Mrs. Henry Jordan, Rev. J. L. Messrs. J. W. Betteridge, E. Bourne and W. R. Caries be appointed members of the Distress Committee accordingly.

9-Mineral Waters, Baths and Recreation Grounds Committee-Resolved, That the proceedings of the Mineral Waters, Baths and Recreation Grounds Committee, at their Meeting of the 21st August last, be approved and confirmed.

10-Burial Board Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Burial Board Committee, at their Meetings of the 27th July and 28th August 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 1st September 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, including a payment of £350 to Messrs. Heenan & Froude on account of New Refuse Destructor.

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 the 5th October, 1908.

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, the 14th September, 1908. Present:—Aldermen Norman cow: Skillicorne, Councillors King-Harman, Margrett and Stewart (Alderman Skillicorne in the Chair).

1—Zymotic Disease—The Medical Officer of Health reported that there had been notified since the last meeting of the Committee 16 cases of Scarlet Fever, 1 case of Erysipelas, and 1 case of Diphtheria, and that 14 cases of Scarlet Fever and 1 case of Diphtheria had been sent into the Delancey Hospital. 13 of the cases of Scarlet Fever were due to a mills supply which had been discontinued upon discovery.

2—Cleansing and Limewashing at Railway Cottage, Tewkesbury Road No. 5 Sherborne Street, 11 Elmstone Street. 7, and 16, Lower Park Street, and 5, Fairfield Avenue. 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 houses to be cleansed and limewashed.

3—Nuisances from Drains etc., at Railway Collage, Tewkesbury Rood, Nos. 6 Upper Park Street, Railway View, St. Mark's, 21, Clarence Square, & 5, Hewlett Place. — The Inspector of Nuisances having made written application under Section 41 of the Public Health Act, 1875, stating that the drains &c., on or belonging to the above-named houses were in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to health. Resolved That authority be given to the Inspector of Nuisances to open the ground, examine the drains, and report to the Committee.

4—Insanitary Property—Nos. 7, Upper Park Street, 11, Elmstone Street, 16, York Street, 52, Duke Street and 13, 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, 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.

5—Destruction of Diseased Meat—The Medical Officer of Health reported that on the 1st inst. a cow slaughtered at the Abattoir, was found to be badly affected with generalised tuberculosis, and the carcase and offal (weight 840 lbs.) surrendered by the owner and destroyed.

6—Houses without proper Ash Receptacles—The Inspector of Nuisances reported that the following houses had no proper ashpits or ash receptacles, viz :—Nos. 63 Marle Hill Road, 10 St. George's Place, 11, St. George's Parade, 33 Upper Norwood Street, 16 York Street, 32 Portland Square, & 5, Fairfield Avenue.—Resolved, That the necessary Notices be given to the respective owners under Section 36 of the Public Health Act, 1875, and Section 27 of the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1889, requiring them in each case to provide a moveable ash receptacle of such size, pattern, and construction as may be approved by the Inspector of Nuisances on behalf of the Corporation.

7—Van for Infected Clothing—The Medical Officer of Health submitted detailed estimates he had obtained for the necessary repairs to the van for infected clothing from Messrs. W. Mills & Sons, A. Miles, and A. B. Dorsey & Son. Resolved, That the tender of Messrs. W. Mills & Son at £9 be accepted, that being the lowest.

8—Milk Supply—The Medical Officer of Health called the attention of the Committee to the fact that a large proportion of the milk used in the borough came from surrounding districts where little or no attention was paid by the local sanitary authorities to the condition of the cowsheds and milk production generally. Compared with the work carried out and being carried out in the Borough in this matter, hardly any action had been taken in the rural districts around, and he suggested the advisability of a communication being sent to the Cheltenham, Gloucester, Northleach, Winchcombe and Tewkesbury Rural District Councils, and the Charlton Kings Urban District Council calling their attention to the necessity for the enforcement of the Dairies, etc., Regulations and the provisions of the Public Health Act, in order to ensure that milk shall be produced under proper conditions.

Resolved, that the suggestion of the Medical Officer of Health be approved and carried out.

Read, a letter from the Clerk of the London County Council calling attention to Part IV. of the London County Council (General Powers) Act, 1907, which empowered the Council to take outside the County of London samples of milk produced or sold or intended for sale within the County of London in order to ascertain whether the milk is tuberculous.

9—Dairies, Cowsheds and Milkshops Order—Applications to be registered as purveyors of milk were received from Mr. A. L. Short, of 285, High Street, Mrs. S. A. Lear, of 16, Portland Street, and Mr. J. Shapcott, of 4, Pittville Street. Resolved, That the applicants be registered.

Breach of Regulations—The Medical Officer of Health reported that an inspection had recently been made of all the milkshops and dairies in the Borough, 60 in number. The regulations were generally complied with except as to the covering of the vessels in which the milk was kept for sale, He submitted a list of cases in which the regulations requiring the vessels to be covered, or the milk otherwise sufficiently protected from contamination, had not been observed. Resolved. That the Town Clerk be instructed to inform the persons named in the list that proceedings will be taken against them if the regulation referred to is not properly complied with in future.

W. NASH SKILLICORNE,

Chairman.

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At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the, 21st September, 1906.--Present : The Mayor, Alderman Skillicorne, Councillors King-Harman, Margrett and Stewart (Alderman Skillicorne in the chair)-

10—Zymotic Disease The Medical Officer of Health reported that there had been notified since the last Meeting of the Committee 1 case of Scarlet Fever, 1 of Enteric Fever, and 1 of Erysipelas, and that 1 case of Scarlet had been sent into the Delancey Hospital.

11—Cleansing and Limewashing at Nos. 9, 10 and 17 Albion Parade, Westall Cottage, Hatherley Road, 7, Warwick Place, 1, Phoenix Passage, and 1, Springfield Place.—The Medical Officer of Health having certified under Section 46 of the Public Health Act, 1875, that the above-named houses were 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. 1 to 6, Gordon Terrace and 17, New Street. — The Inspector of Nuisances having made written application under Section 41 of the Public Health Act, 1974, 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.

13—Insanitary Property—Nos. 5, 9, 11 and 17 Albion Parade, 7, Warwick Place, and 1 and 2, Phoenix Passage, High Street. — The Medical Officer of Health reported that the above-mentioned premises were in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to the health of the inmates owing to defective roofs, walls, ceilings, floors, etc. Resolved, That the Council being satisfied that the said premises are in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to health, Notices under Section 94 of the Public Health Act, 1875, be served upon the owners requiring them to put the same into a healthy condition and for that purpose to carry out the works specified therein.

14--Dairies, Cowsheds and Milkshops Order—Read, applications from Miss K. R. Smith, of No. 16, Albion Street, and Mr. H. W. Greenslade, of No. 13, Francis Street, to be registered as purveyors of milk. The Medical Officer of Health having reported that the premises were satisfactory, Resolved, That the applicants be registered.

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, 10, and 17 Albion, Parade. 10 Springfield Cottages, & 16 Brecon Terrace. Resolved, That the necessary Notices be given to the respective owners under Sec. 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 ash receptacles, cleansing and limewashing, and the abatement of nuisances arising from defective &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—Charity Organisation Society—The Medical Officer of Health reported that the Secretary of the Cheltenham Charity Organization Society had approached him with a view to ladies connected with the Society rendering voluntary aid in certain work commonly done by lady inspectors, and he proposed to avail himself of the assistance Resolved, That the Committee approve the proposal, and that the matter be left in the hands of the Medical Officer of Health.

W. NASH SKILLICORNE,

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FARMS MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Friday, the 18th September, 1908.—Present : Councillors Green, Gridley, King-Harman and Margrett (Councillor Gridley in the chair).

1—Farm Manager's Report—Read, the Monthly Report of the Farms Manager. Since the last monthly meeting 10 sheep had been purchased for £19 10s. and 10 pigs had been bred on the Farms. 29 head of cattle had been sold for £506 19s. 5d. The number of livestock on the Farms on the 18th inst. was 11 horses and 1 colt, 174 head of cattle, 20 sheep, and 11 pigs, all doing fairly well. Ploughing, fencing and ditching had been done on the Farms, and the brook at Boddington and Elmstone Hardwick had been cleaned out. 9 tons 7 cwts. of hay had been delivered at the Central Depot, and 16 bushels of wheat sold for £3 4s. Two oak gate posts had been purchased for a field gate at the Barn Farm.

He recommended that the fence at the bridge over Brook ground, Hayden Knoll, be repaired, that a pair of pincers, brace and bits, 2 axes and a barrel of oil for engine be purchased. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to carry out the necessary repairs to the bridge fence, and that the other recommendations be approved and adopted.

2—Cart Horse, " Captain."—Resolved, That the Street & Highway Committee be allowed the use of the Cart Horse, " Captain," at 5s per week.

E. GRIDLEY,

Chairman.

STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, the 15th September, 1908—Present : Alderman Haddon, Councillors Baker, Bendall, Gridley and King-Harman (Councillor Bendall in the Chair).

1--Street Projection—Read, a letter from Sir. John Cheshire applying for permission to place his advertising clock and case at present outside the Bell Hotel, High Street, against the wall of No. 2, High Street. The case would take the place of an advertising board now there. Resolved, That the application be acceded to.

2—Trees in front of Cambridge Villas, Promenade—Read, a Memorial signed by Colonel Coach, Major Nunn and Mrs. E. Herbert asking that the trees overhanging the front gardens of their houses in Cambridge Villas, Promenade, be topped and pruned. Resolved, That the Memorial be referred to the Trees Sub-Committee for consideration.

JOHN D. BENDALL,

Chairman.

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At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, the 28th September, 1908.—Present : Aldermen Haddon and Skillicorne, Councillors Bendall, Gridley and King-Harman (Councillor Bendall in the Chair).

3—Borough Surveyor's Monthly Report Be Highways—The Borough Surveyor reported that the work completed by the Highways Department from the 28th August, 1908, to the 24th Sept., 1908 (both inclusive) had been as follows:--

Roads Repaired—Swindon Road ((5,600 super yards), Windsor Street (2,020 super yards), Cleaveland Street (1,150 super yards), Stanhope Street (Tar Mac.) (1,075 super yards), London Road, Old Bath Road and College Road (proceeding).

Roads Patched—St. George's Place, Back of Lypiatt Terrace, Shurdington Road, and rear of Pittville Villas.

Electricity Trenches Repaired—High Street, Regent Street, and Queen's Road.

Sewer Trenches repaired—Albany Road, Dagmar Road, Alexandra Street, Leighton Road and Swindon Street.

Private Improvement Works—Millbrook Street (123 super yards of footpath paving), Naunton Parade, 6 gullies fixed.

Asphalt Footpaths renewed—Hale's Road and rear of Lansdown Terrace.

Asphalt Margins renewed—London Road.

Footpath paving repaired—High Street, Grove Street, Duke Street, Northfield Passage, St. George's Road, Bayshill Road, Prestbury Road and Suffolk Lawn.

New footpath paving—Hales Road and The Park (proceeding).

New kerb and channel fixed—Hale's Road (450 lineal yards), London Road (proceeding).

New gateway Crossing-1. Gateway Crossing renewed-1. Street crossings renewed-4. Street crossings relaid-2.

Channel relaid—Stanhope Street. Gullies renewed-25. Gulley grates and frames renewed-4.

Trees blown down and removed—Montpellier Street, 1 Wych Elm ; Glencairn Park Road, 1 Lime ; Eldorado Road, 1 Lime ; Christ Church Road, 1 Lime ; College Road, 1 Lime ; Leckhampton Road, 1 Elm ; London Road 1 acacia.

Ashes Collection and Disposal—During 5 weeks ended the 24th Sept., 1,111 loads collected, 1,092 consumed and 19 tipped away. Weight consumed, 997 tons 0 cwts 2 qrs.

Slab Factory—During 3 weeks ended the 17th September, 1908, 5,388 lineal feet of kerb made.

4—View Meeting—The following Members attended the View Meeting on Friday last :—Aldermen Haddon and Skillicorne, Councillors Bendall, Gridley and King-Harman.

5—Report of Plans Sub-Committee—The Chairman reported the proceedings of the Plans Sub-Committee at their Meetings on the 15th and 25th inst, Resolved. That the same be approved and adopted.

6—Street Projections—Read, an application by Mr. T. Poole, of No. 199, High Street for permission to place a projecting electric lamp outside his premises, and from Messrs. W. H. Smith & Son for permission to place a lamp outside No. 19, Promenade Villas. Resolved, That the applications be acceded to, subject to compliance with the usual conditions.

7—Assistant in Borough Surveyor's Department—The Borough Surveyor reported that he had appointed Mr. Arthur Smith, of Fareham, to be an Assistant in his Department in succession to Mr. J. S. Sawdon, resigned, upon the terms already approved by the Council. Mr. Smith would commence his duties on the 26th. prox.

8—Trees Foreman—The Borough Surveyor reported that he had appointed Mr. W. C. Stevens, of Homerville, Oakland Avenue, to the position of Trees Foreman, his wages to be 30s per week, and the appointment to be subject to one month's notice on either side.

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9—Arched Buildings Passage, High Street—Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to bring up a plan and specification and estimate of the works required to be carried out to this footpath by the abutting owners.

10—Horse—Resolved, That the cart horse, " Gilbert," be sent to the Kennels.

11—Refuse Destructor—The Committee inspected the old destructor, and were of opinion that the works were beyond repair. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have the site of the old cells and the iron building cleared.

JOHN D. BENDALL,

Chairman.

PLANS SUB-COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Sub-Committee held on Tuesday, the 15th September, 1908. Present :—
Councillor Baker, Bendall, King-Harman and Stewart (Councillor Bendall 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.
700	J. Playle	Storeroom, etc., rear of No. 408, High Street.

Resolved, That the Plan be approved.

JOHN D. BENDALL,

Chairman

At a Meeting of this Sub-Committee held on Friday, the 25th September, 1908. Present :
Councillors Bendall and King-Harman (Councillor Bendall in the Chair.)

2—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
701	T. W. Smith	Detached house, Asquith Road.

Resolved, That the same be approved.

JOHN D. BENDALL,

Chairman

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TOWN IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, the 11th September, 1908. Present :—Councillors Baker, Packer, and Stewart (Councillor Baker in the Chair).

1—Montpellier Gardens—An application was received from Mr. A. W. Newton for the free use of the Montpellier Gardens in the afternoon and evening of the 23rd instant for concerts to be held for his benefit as Manager of the Summer Concerts, the Concerts to be held in the Winter Garden if wet.

Resolved, That the application be granted, subject to the payment by Mr. Newton of all out-of-pocket expenses.

2—Trees on Pittville Estate—Read, a letter from Sir W. T. Thiselton-Dyer, stating that he would take an early opportunity of looking at the trees in the Pittville Estate Roads.

WILLIAM A. BAKER,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, the 21st Sept., 1908. Present :—Councillors Baker, Packer, Steel and Stewart (Councillor Baker in the Chair).

3—Report of Entertainments Sub-Committee re Musical Afternoons—The Entertainments Sub-Committee recommended:—

(1) That the Musical Afternoons for 1908-9 commence on the 12th prox. and end on the 26th March, 1909, the concerts to be from 3.15 to 5.15 p.m. on each week-day (except Saturday), and to be held in the Town Hall (if engaged, in the Winter Garden).

(2) That Mr. Horace Teague be engaged to provide a band of 19 performers (including himself as conductor), augmented each Friday to 21, at a charge of £26 per week, this arrangement to be terminable by the Corporation by one month's notice upon which the charge shall be reduced to £22 per week for a band of 17 performers, the Corporation to pay in either case in addition one-third of the cost (not exceeding 30s) of the insurance against claims by the band for compensation for accident.

(3) That the terms of subscription and admission be as follows:---

Family ticket	(unlimited)	..	..	£2 2 0
“	(to admit 4)	..	..	£1 11 6
Single Season Ticket		..	..	£0 10 6
“	(for children under 16)	..	..	£0 5 0
Single admission		..	..	£0 0 6
„	(Fridays)	..	..	£0 1 0
Book of 12 tickets	(for other than Fridays)			£0 6 0

(4) That the offer of Messrs. Norman Bros., Ltd., to pay £25 for the sole right to publish and sell the programmes at-the Concerts be accepted.

(5) That the offer of the Oriental Cafe Co. of £12, plus the cost of gas used by them for heating purposes, for the sole right to supply refreshments at the Concerts, be accepted.

(6) That £3 3s. 0d. be paid to the Society of French Authors and Composers in respect of the use of French copyright. music.

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

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4—Lavatory Accommodation, &c., at Montpellier Gardens Lodge—The Report of the Inspector of Nuisances upon the necessity for additional lavatory and other accommodation at the Montpellier Gardens Lodge referred to this Committee by the Public Health Committee was considered.

Resolved, That this Committee is of opinion that additional lavatory accommodation is necessary at or near the Lodge for the convenience of those using the gardens and of the public generally, and that the Borough Surveyor be instructed to prepare and submit a plan for the provision of such accommodation for consideration by the Public Health and this Committee.

WILLIAM A. BAKER, Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, the 28th September, 1908. Present—The Mayor, Alderman Winterbotham, Councillors Steel, Stewart and Stroud (Councillor Stroud in the chair).

5—Gloucestershire Pageant - -The Borough Surveyor laid before the Committee a Statement of Account for materials and labour provided by the Corporation in connection with the Pageant, at the Town Hall, Winter Garden, Montpellier and Pittville Gardens, including an estimate of the cost of work still to be done in reinstating and making good damage done at the latter. The total amount of the account was £181 5s. 9d., but he pointed out that the paths at Pittville had been put in a better condition than before the Pageant, and other improvements had been effected, and some abatement might be made on this account. Resolved, That the sum of £150 be accepted in settlement of the account.

6—Winter Garden—Read, letters from Mr. W. G. Becker, of the Agricultural Hall, Norwich, and Messrs. Baring Bros. containing proposals for the hire or use of the Winter Garden for Roller Skating. Resolved, That the further consideration of the matter be adjourned.

7—Wellesley Road—The Borough Surveyor reported that Mr. J. B. Winterbotham was willing to give up a small piece of land to round off the north-east corner of Wellesley Road, near Glenmore Lodge, Wellington Square, if the Corporation would set back the fence to the improved line. He submitted a plan of the proposed improvement. Resolved, That Mr. Winterbotham's offer be accepted with thanks, and the Borough Surveyor be instructed to carry out the work.

HERBERT STROUD,

Chairman.

ELECTRICITY AND LIGHTING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Thursday, the 17th September, 1908. Present :— Councillors Gridley, Ley Wood, Merrett, Rees Jones and Steel (Councillor Ley Wood in the Chair).

1--Gas Examiner's Report—The Gas Examiner reported that the test of the gas on the 4th and 5th inst. showed 34 grains of sulphur per 100 cubic feet.

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2—Public Gas Lighting—Resolved, That the attention of the Gas Company be called to the fact that broken and defective mantles are not promptly replaced on the public lamps and that mantles smaller than those originally installed on the public lamps in the Promenade and approved by the Committee appear to be now in use.

3—Public Lighting in Cemetery Road and Arle Road- Read, letters from Messrs. Webb Bros., Ltd., and Mr. Albert, Dix calling attention to the need for an improvement in the lighting of Cemetery Road and Arle Road respectively. Resolved, That consideration of the letters be adjourned for the Committee to view.

4—Requisition for Materials Required—The Borough Electrical Engineer submitted a list of materials, etc., which would probably be required during the ensuing month, and the same was approved.

5—Claim under Workmen's Compensation Act Town Clerk reported that a lamp trimmer named William Pates met with an accident in the Corporation employ on the 20th March last, necessitating the removal of a finger. Since the 15th June (with a short interval) he had continued his employment under the Corporation at full wages. Mr. R. B. Steel, his Solicitor, asked that a declaration should be filed in the County Court agreeing that in the event of Pates hereafter being totally or partially incapacitated or his earning capacity being lessened as the result of the accident he or his dependents should be entitled to compensation by the Corporation, any question as to whether there is any such incapacity or inability due to the said accident, and the amount of such compensation to be determined failing agreement by arbitration. The Fine Art and General Insurance Company raised no objection to the filing of the declaration. Resolved, That the same be agreed to, and the Corporate Seal affixed thereto.

6—Borough Electrical Engineer's Monthly Report—Read, the Monthly Report of the Borough Electrical Engineer. On the 14th inst. there were 994 consumers, with the equivalent of 65,075 8 c.p. lamps connected to the private supply mains, the corresponding figures for last year being 926 and 62,252 respectively.

7—Applications for Supply—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that he had received an application for terms for supply to Llanberis, Langton Grove Road. The cost of the necessary extension of main would be £31 10s. 0d. Resolved, That the extension be made and supply given upon a guarantee of £6 6s. 0d. per annum for three years.

An application had also been received from Mr. W. Jones, of 1 Eldon Villas, Eldon Road. The cost of laying a main from Hollington House, Hale's Road, to Hewlett Road would be about £130. He was making a canvass of the occupiers of houses in that portion of Hale's Road, with a view to obtaining enough consumers to justify the making of the extension, Resolved, That the main be laid upon guarantees being received amounting to £28 per annum for three years.

Resolved, also, That the Borough Electrical Engineer be authorised to extend mains from time to time where necessary upon obtaining the usual guarantee of 20 per cent. for three years upon the cost of such extension, provided that no extension be carried out without the previous sanction of this Committee if the cost of such extension exceeds

8—Articled Pupil for Borough Electrical Engineer —With reference to Minute No. 6 of this Committee of the 13th September, 1906, the Borough Electrical Engineer reported that Mr. A. Brooks, the pupil articled for three years had been released from his articles at his own request as from the 30th June last. Half the premiums received for such pupil had been paid to the Borough Accountant.

Resolved, That the Borough Electrical Engineer be authorised to take one pupil, on the understanding that half the premiums received are paid to the Corporation.

ROBT. LEY WOOD,

Chairman.

WATER COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Thursday, the 24th September, 1908—Present : The Mayor, Alderman Norman, Councillors Baker, Green and Margrett (Councillor Green in the Chair).

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

DAILY YIELD OF SPRINGS.

	For 31 days, ended 19th Sept., 1908.	Average for corresponding period during last 3 years.
Hewletts Springs	118,000 gallons	135,000 gallons
Dowdeswell Springs	251,000 "	385,000 "
Leckhampton	10,000 "	17,000 "
Total	409,000 "	537,000 "

CONTENTS OF RESERVOIRS.

	September 19th, 1908.		September 19th, 1907.	
	Depth	Contents	Depth	Contents
Hewletts	...	9,333,000 galls	...	25,233,000 gallons
Leckhampton	2ft. 0in.	675,000 "	11ft. 0in.	810,000 "
Dowdeswell	19ft. 0in.	38,732,000 "	25ft. 7in.	46,357,000 "
Total Storage		48,745,000 "		72,405,000 "

Pumping had continued night and day at Tewkesbury.

2—Sedimentation Basin at Dowdeswell—The Borough Engineer recommended that the sedimentation basin at Dowdeswell Reservoir should be cleaned out. If this recommendation was approved, the necessary bye-pass for the passage of the water might be put in at once, and arrangements should be made with owners and occupiers of adjacent land for permission to deposit the material removed from the basin. Resolved, That the recommendation be approved, that the Borough Engineer be instructed to put in the bye-pass and arrange terms (subject to the approval of this Committee) with the owners and occupier of Rosley Farm for depositing the material, and that he be authorised to obtain tenders for cleaning out of the basin.

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

E. C. GREEN.

Chairman.

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GENERAL PURPOSES AND WATCH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, the 22nd September, 1908. Present : Aldermen Haddon, Norman, Skillicorne and Winterbotham, Councillors Baker, Bendall and Davies (Alderman Norman in the Chair).

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

2 —Report of Fire Brigade Captain—The Captain of the Fire Brigade reported that the Brigade had been called to several outbreaks of fire since the last monthly meeting of the Committee, vii.:—On the 29th ult. to a dwelling house at the rear of No. 25 Jersey Street. Cause of fire unknown. Damage, £5. Brigade expenses, £2 2s. 6d. Building, but not contents, insured.

On the 8th inst. to No. 1, Fauconberg Villas. Cause, defective gas service. Damage, £50. Brigade expenses, £2 19s. 6d. Building and contents insured.

On the 15th inst. to the Imperial Nursing Home, Montpellier Parade. Cause unknown. Damage £10. Expenses, £3 6s. 6d. Building and contents insured.

On the 16th inst. to a Motor Garage, Warwick House. Cause, accident with a candle. Damage, £10. Expenses, £3 1s. 0d. Building and car insured.

On the 22nd inst. to No. 31, Suffolk Parade. Cause, overflow of boiling pitch. Damage, £40. Expenses, 17s. 6d. Building and contents insured.

He also reported that on the 6th and 9th inst. he had received calls to attend rick fires at Kemerton and Aston-on-Carrant respectively, but in accordance with instructions the Brigade had not attended, having regard to the nature of the fires and the distance from Cheltenham.

3—Motor Car Acts—Read, a circular letter from the Local Government Board stating that in view of the numerous representations made both in Parliament and elsewhere respecting the danger and annoyance not infrequently caused by the driving of motor cars, the Board thought it desirable to direct attention to the provisions of the existing law upon the subject. The Board were of opinion that a steady and systematic enforcement of the provisions of Section 1 of the Act of 1903 would prevent to a very large extent the flagrant abuse of the highway by inconsiderate and reckless drivers, and would render further restrictions as to speed limit unnecessary. The road authorities should also endeavour as suitable opportunity offered to obtain the removal of dangerous corners, and contemplated street improvements or road widenings should be undertaken as soon as possible. As regards the dust nuisance, local authorities should do all in their power to mitigate this serious cause for complaint. Resolved, That the attention of the Chief Constable be called to the remarks of the Board with reference to the enforcement of the provisions of Section 1 of the Act of 1903, with a view to the more stringent enforcement of the law within the Borough.

4—Game Licence—Read, a letter from Mr. E. Powell, of 2, Winchcombe Street, applying for a licence to deal in game, a licence having been held by a former occupier until July last. Resolved, That a licence be granted.

5—Petroleum Licences—On the report of the Inspector that the premises were satisfactory, Resolved, That licences for the storage of petroleum be granted as follows :—

Name	Place of Storage ..	No. of Gallons.
Major Showell	" Cotswold "	250
H. E. Steel, Ltd.	105, High Street	400
A. Stretton	Million Works, Bath Road	250
H. G. Norton & Co.	416, High Street	200
A. R. Dorsey Carriage Works,	nr. St. James's Square	120
J. Fisher & Sons, Ltd.	34, Winchcombe Street	100
Do.	2, Exchange Buildings, Bath Road	50

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E. S. Holloway	3, St. Mark's Emporium	100
T. W. Harvey & Sons, Ltd.	180 and 181 High Street	100
J. Gapper	Cleveland Street	80
A. G. Sanders	22, Clarence Street	80
Jacobs, Smith & Co.	104, High Street	50
D. Davies	149, High Street	50
Albert Lusty	7, 8 and 9 Larput Place (rear of)	50
M. Bellamy	251, High Street	40

6—Ravensgate Hill Common—Read, a letter from Mr. W. L. Mellersh, Steward of the Manor of Ashley, enclosing copy of a map of the Common of about 70 acres on Ravensgate Hill between Charlton Kings and Dowdeswell, over which persons owning land formerly customary freehold of the Manor of Ashley, but now enfranchised, had rights, some of such enfranchised land being in the Borough of Cheltenham. Resolved, That Mr. Mellersh be thanked for his letter and map.

7—Contributions to Local Hospitals and other Public Institutions—Resolved, That in pursuance of the provisions of the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1889, and the Cheltenham Order, 1905, the following subscriptions be made to the institutions previously to 1906 excused payment of the General District Rate, the amounts of the subscriptions being the same as last year :—

General Hospital and Branch Dispensary	£23 0 0
Female Refuge	£ 3 5 0
Female Orphan Asylum	£ 4 0 0
Blind Asylum...	£ 4 0 0
Nazareth House	£14 10 0
Coburg Society, Bath Street	£ 3 15 0
Victoria Home for Nurses ...	£ 6 10 0
Provident Dispensary	£ 4 0 0
Eye, Ear and Throat Hospital	£ 5 5 0
Boys' Orphan Asylum	£ 2 10 0
Home for Sick Children ...	£ <u>8 0 0</u>
	£78 15 0

8—Water Supply to General Hospital—Read, a letter from the President of the Cheltenham General Hospital asking the Corporation to make an annual donation equivalent to the charge for the water hitherto supplied free of cost to the hospital. Since 1898 and up to the end of last year the Hospital had only been charged for water used above 1,752,000 gallons per annum (being a free allowance of 40 gallons per day per inmate, not exceeding 120 in number), the value of the free allowance being £87 12s. 0d. per annum. In consideration of this arrangement, Hospital tickets equivalent to an annual subscription of £31 10s. 0d. are supplied for the benefit of the Corporation employees and their families. Following upon the report of the Expenditure Inquiry Committee, the Council in November last upon the recommendation of the Water Committee decided that all water supplied to the Hospital should be Paid for upon the usual terms as from December last.

Resolved, That as from the 1st January last a subscription of £87 12s. 0d. per annum be paid to the General Hospital under the power conferred by the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1889, and the Cheltenham Order, 1905.

GEO. NORMAN,

Chairman.

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ART GALLERY AND MUSEUM COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, the 16th Sept., 1908. Present:— Aldermen Haddon, Wagborne and Winterbotham, Councillor Rees Jones (Alderman Winterbotham in the Chair).

1—Curator's Report—The Curator reported that there had been 3,742 visits to the Art Gallery and Museum since the last meeting. The special exhibition of pictures was closed on the 31st ult., and the pictures had been sent to the agents in London and Birmingham for delivery to the several artists.

The attendance during the exhibitions was 4,096. Catalogues sold, 981 for £4 2s. 3d. Only 47 persons paid for admission (£1 3s. 6d.) Four pictures were sold for £88 13s. 0d. the commission received amounting to £8 17s. 0d.

The following pictures had been lent to the Gallery :—Mr. J. H. Cochrane, 24 oil paintings ; Dr. Carter, 2 oil paintings ; Col. Woodhouse, 2 oil paintings and 1 water colour. Mr. Havilland Bushnell had presented a china cup used by the late Queen Victoria when on a visit to Cheltenham.

Resolved, That the thanks of the Council be conveyed to the gentlemen mentioned for their kindness, and that the Curator be authorised to arrange for a loan exhibition of old masters during the winter.

JAS. B. WINTERBOTHAM,

Chairman

MINERAL WATERS, BATHS AND RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Friday, the 18th September, 1908—Present : Councillors Baker, Merrett, Stewart 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, had been as follows:—

Receipts	£372 13 0	Payments ...	£337 12 7
Hire of Bath for Gymnasium, etc.	£ 2 4 10	Interest & Redemption	
Rent of Shop	£ <u>12 0 0</u>	(proportion of) ...	£ <u>220 7 1</u>
	£386 17 10		£557 19 8

Swimming Bath—The Borough Surveyor reported that the cost of the provision of heating apparatus for the Swimming Bath to enable the room to be used for meetings, gymnastics, etc., during the winter months when the bath is covered in would be about £32. Resolved, That the room be advertised as to let, and that the Committee be authorised if they think fit to have heating apparatus provided at the cost mentioned.

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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	£273 4 11	Payments ...	£146 19 4
		Interest & Redemption	
		(proportion of) ...	£ <u>139 5 10</u>
	£273 4 11		£286 5 2

3—Football at Whaddon Lane Recreation Ground—Read, an application from the All Saints' United Football Club for permission to play at the Whaddon Lane Recreation Ground. Resolved, That the application be acceded to subject to the usual conditions.

4—School Children at Recreation Grounds—Read, a letter from the Secretary of the Education Committee, applying for permission for the boys attending St. Luke's Schools to play one afternoon each week at the Naunton Park Recreation Ground. Resolved, That the Committee regret they cannot accede to the application.

Read, a letter from Mr. C. E. F. Nash, applying for a renewal of the permission granted last year for the boys and girls attending All Saints' School to play organised games at the Whaddon Lane Recreation Ground, the girls to play hockey and the boys football during the winter months. Resolved, That the application must be made through the Education Committee.

5—Trees at Agg-Gardner Ground—Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be authorised to expend £4 in the purchase of trees for the Agg-Gardner Recreation Ground, the sum mentioned having been received for the trees recently removed from the ground.

HERBERT STROUD, Chairman.

BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Friday, the 25th Sept., 1908—Present Alderman Haddon, Councillors Gridley, King-Harmon, Merrett and Steel (Alderman Haddon in the Chair).

1—Land adjoining Cemetery—The Superintendent reported that Mr. F. E. Wood, of Whaddon Farm, was willing to continue as tenant of the land adjoining the Cemetery for one year from the 31st October next at a rent of £17. Resolved, That the offer be accepted.

2 —Designs— Resolved, That the following designs be approved, viz. :—Headstones to graves of William, Mary and Mary Ann Ward and Susanna Pates. Memorial Crosses to graves of Charlotte Elizabeth Wingfield and Jane Garside. Kerb to grave of Ephraim Hoskins.

JOHN HADDON,

Chairman.

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PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, the 15th Sept., 1908.—Present: Councillors King-Barman, Merrett Rees Jones and Stewart, Messrs. A. Beckinsale, F. Parsons and E. C. Rogers (Councillor Merrett in the Chair).

1—Librarian's Report—Read, the Monthly Report of the Librarian. Receipts, £4 11s. 8d. The number of volumes consulted in the Reference Department during the month was 1,295, an increase of 14 per day, as compared with the corresponding month last year. The issues from the Lending Department numbered 7,072, a decrease of 1 per day.

2--Sub-Committee's Report rho Sub-Committee reported that they met on the 14th inst. (Present : Councillors King-Harman and Merrett and Mr. C. Hayward (Chairman). They recommended :—(1) That an album of local views, portraits, etc., sent on approval be purchased for £3 3s. 0d., and (2) that an additional junior assistant be appointed at a salary of 6s per week. Resolved, That the recommendations be approved and confirmed, and that in view of the illness of two of his assistants, the Librarian be authorised to engage temporary assistance for a fortnight or so at a cost of £1 1s. 0d. per week.

3—Lighting of Library—Resolved, That tenders be invited by advertisement for fitting up the Library with Osram lamps in substitution for the existing lamps and for the supply and installation of the necessary transformer, and that the Sub-Committee I empowered to accept the lowest satisfactory tender, and direct the work to be proceeded with.

W. J. MERRETT,

Chairman.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 29th September, 1908 — Present: Alderman Waghorne, Councillors Bennett, Earengy, Merrett, Rees Jones and Steel (Alderman, Waghorne in the chair).

1—General District Rate—The Report of the Borough Accountant, dated the 29th inst., on the collection of the first instalment of this Rate, was read. Amount collected £21,359 11s. 0d. Leaving outstanding £2,188 3s. 6d.

1--Water Rate—The Report of the Borough Accountant, dated the 29th inst., on the collection of this Rate was read. Amount received £11,374 8s. 4d. loving outstanding £1,336 15s. 3d.

3—Loans—The Borough Accountant reported that since the last meeting he had received sums amounting to £19,000 on loan to bear interest at 3 5/8 per cent., the terms of such loans being for 3, 5, or 7 years, and afterwards subject to six months' notice on either side. He proposed to allocate the amount as follows:—Montpellier Gardens Loan, £11,000 ; Water, £100 ; and the balance is respect of Electric Lighting Loans.

This above allocation included sums to be paid off to Lloyds Bank, now bearing interest at 4 per cent.

Resolved, That repayment he made to Lloyd Bank and debentures scaled and issued accordingly.

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4—Audit of Corporation Stock Accounts—The Borough Accountant reported that on the 4th and 5th inst. he had audited the 3 per cent Stock Accounts at the National Provincial Bank, London, and found the same in order, and that he had made the necessary half-yearly return to the Inland Revenue authorities as to stamp duty.

5—Reciprocal Investment of Sinking and Loans Fund—The Borough Accountant reported that the Great Yarmouth Corporation were willing to lend £8,000 if a similar amount were advanced to them, the loans to bear interest at 3 ½ per cent., the period of the loan and length of notice for repayment to be the same in each case. Resolved, That subject to the security offered being approved by the Town Clerk, the sum of £8,000 be advanced to the Great Yarmouth Corporation, and debentures be sealed and issued for a like amount to be advanced by the Great Yarmouth Corporation on account of duly authorised loans.

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 1st September last		£22,260 2 5
Received since that date (including Loans on Debenture, £19,000)		<u>£27,826 15 0</u>
		£50,086 17 5
Paid since that date		<u>£12,317 15 1</u>
	In Hand	£37,769 2 4
Being General Accounts	£31,051 13 10	
Sinking Funds	£ <u>6,717 8 6</u>	
	£37,769 2 4	

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 5th October, 1908, at 3 p.m. Present :

THE MAYOR (GEORGE DIMMER, ESQUIRE) in the chair.

THE DEPUTY MAYOR (ALDERMAN JOHN WAGHORNE).

Aldermen: JOHN HADDON GEORGE NORMAN WILLIAM NASH SKILLICORNE JAMES BATTEN WINTERBOTHAM

Councillors: JOHN DAVID BENDALL FREDERICK JOSEPH BENNETT RICHARD DAVIES EDWINSON CHARLES GREEN EDWARD GRIDLEY MONTAGUE JOCELYN KING-HARMAN ROBERT LEY WOOD, CHARLES HENRY MARGRETT WILLIE JOHN MERRETT TOM HERBERT PACKER THOMAS REES JONES ROBERT STEEL JAMES STEWART HERBERT STROUD.

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1—Minutes of Previous Meeting ---Resolved, That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Council on the 7th 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.

2—Public Health Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Public Health Committee, at their Meetings of the 14th and 21st September last, be approved and confirmed, subject to the following amendment, viz. : That Minute, No. 17 be approved in the following form :—

" Infant Life Protection, &c.—The Medical Officer of Health reported that Miss Oakeshott had approached him with a view to ladies rendering voluntary aid in certain work commonly done by lady inspectors, and he proposed to avail himself of the assistance offered. Resolved, That the Committee approve the proposal, and that the matter be left in the hands of the Medical Officer of Health."

3—Farms Management Committee Resolved, That the proceedings of the Farms Management Committee, at their Meeting of the 18th September 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 15th and 28th September last, be approved and confirmed.

5—Town Improvement Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Town Improvement Committee at their Meetings of the 14th, 21st and 28th September last be approved and confirmed.

6—Electricity and Lighting Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Electricity and Lighting Committee, at their Meetings of the 17th September last be approved and confirmed, subject to the following amendment :—To Minute No. 8 (Articled Pupil for Borough Electrical Engineer)—That the Borough Electrical Engineer be authorised to take one pupil, and that the Electricity and Lighting Committee be notified when appointed, and the terms stated, and that in future the premiums be paid to the Borough Accountant, and he shall pay half the premium to the Borough Electrical Engineer.

7—Water Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Water Committee, at their Meeting of the 21th September last, be approved and confirmed.

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8--Finance Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Finance Committee, at their Meeting of the 29th September 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.

9—General Purposes & Watch Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the General Purposes and Watch Committee, at their Meeting of the 22nd September last, be approved and confirmed, and that a Licence to deal in Game be granted to Mr. E. Powell, of No. 1, Winchcomb Street.

10—Art Gallery and Museum Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Art Gallery and Museum Committee, at their Meeting of the 16th September last, be approved and confirmed.

11—Mineral Waters, Baths and Recreation Grounds Committee--Resolved, That the proceedings of the Mineral Waters, Baths and Recreation Grounds Committee, at their Meeting of the 18th September last, be approved and confirmed, subject to the following amendment, viz. :—That Minute No. 4 (School Children at Recreation Grounds) be referred back to the Committee for further consideration.

12—Burial Board Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Burial Board Committee, at their Meeting of the 23th September last be approved and confirmed.

Mayor.

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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 Monday, the 9th, November, 1908.

HEALTH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, the 12th, October. 1908. Present:—Aldermen Norman and Skillicorne, Councillors M. Davis, Davies, Earengy, King-Harman and Stewart (Alderman Skillicorne 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, and 5 cases of Diphtheria, and that 2 cases of Scarlet Fever and 4 cases of Diphtheria had been sent into the Delancey Hospital.

2—Cleansing and Limewashing Nos. 1, 4 and 5, Garden View, 1 and 2: Benhall Cottages, 6 and 8 and Cottage, St. Mark's Place, Granley Road, and No. 12, Hungerford Street.--The Medical Officer of Health having certified under Section 45 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 37, Duke Street & Wolseley House Stables, Wolseley Terrace—The Inspector of Nuisances having made written application under Section 41 of the Public Health Act, 1875, stating that the drains, &c., on or belonging to the above-named houses were in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to health. Resolved That authority be given to Chief Inspector of Nuisances to open the ground, examine the drains, and report to the Committee.

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4—Insanitary Property—Nos. 7, Brecon Terrace, 7, Stretton Terrace, 11 and 12, St. Mark's Place. 12, 13, 14 and 15, Hungerford Street.—The Medical Officer of Health reported that the above-mentioned premises were in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to the health of the inmates owing to defective roofs, walls, ceilings, floors, 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.

5—Overcrowding at No. 7 & 10, Limekiln Row, Swindon Road—The Medical Officer of Health reported that the above premises were so overcrowded as to be dangerous or injurious to the health of the inmates. Resolved, That the Committee being satisfied of the existence of a nuisance on the said premises, Notices under Sec. 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, Montpellier Street, 4, 5, 6, 29, 30, 41, and 42 Hungerford Street, Hungerford Cottage, Hungerford Street, and 3, Carnal Cottages, Rose & Crown Passage.—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. G. F. Salter, of 2, Tivoli Street, to be registered as a purveyor of milk. Resolved, That the application be acceded to, subject to a portion of the shop being set apart for the sale of milk.

8—Destruction of Diseased Meat—The Medical Officer of Health reported that on the 22nd and 25th September the carcasses and offal of three sheep were surrendered and destroyed by the owner (weight 69 lbs.) On the 30th September the carcass with offal of a pork pig was found to be affected with tuberculosis, and was surrendered and destroyed (weight, 74 lbs.)

9—Milk Supply—With reference to Minute No. 8 of this Committee's proceedings at its meeting on the 14th September last, read letters from the Charlton Kings Urban District Council and the Gloucester, Cheltenham, Northleach and Winchcombe Rural District Councils stating that they were taking steps to improve the condition of the cowsheds and milk supply in their districts. Resolved, That the question of taking further action with regard to milk sent into the borough from outside be adjourned for the present in the hope that effective steps will be taken by the District Councils to improve the conditions of supply.

W. NASH SKILLICORNE,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 19th October, 1908.—Present : Aldermen Norman and Skillicorne, Councillors M. Davis, Earengy, King-Harman, Margrett and Stewart (Alderman Skillicorne 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 Enteric Fever, 1 of Erysipelas, and that 1 Case of Diphtheria, and 1 of Diphtheria had been sent into the Delancey Hospital.

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11—Houses without proper Ash Receptacles—The Inspector of Nuisances reported that the following houses had no proper ashpits or ash receptacles, viz : Nos. 32, Portland Square, 7, Stretton Terrace, Rosehill Street, 46, Rosehill Street, & 1 St. Mark's Cottages, Witney Cottage, 1 Garden View, & 1, 2 & 3 St. Mark's Place, Granley Road. Resolved, That the necessary Notices be given to the respective owners under Sec. 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.

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

13—Cleansing and Limewashing at Nos. 12, 15 and 17, St. Mark's Cottages, 4, 5, 5a and 8, Granley Cottages, Granley Road, and 61, Upper Park Street. — The Medical Officer of Health having certified under Section 46 of the Public Health Act, 1875, that the above-named dwelling-houses were in such a filthy and unwholesome condition that the health of the inmates was affected or endangered thereby. Resolved, That Notice be given to the owners under the said Section requiring the houses to be cleansed and limewashed.

14—Nuisances from Drains, etc., at Nos. 3, Christ Church Terrace, 39, Duke Street and 2 Cottages at rear of latter. 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.

13—Insanitary Property—Nos. 2, 10, 13, 14, 15, 17, and 18, St. Mark's Place, and 20, Upper Park 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, ex. 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—Destruction of Diseased Meat—The Medical Officer of Health reported that on the 10th inst. the carcase and offal (weight, 44lbs.) of a sheep slaughtered at the abattoir were found to be badly affected with disease and unfit for human food, and were destroyed.

17—Overcrowding—No. 44, Union Street, Fairview, and 5, Pear Tree Cottages, Sherborne Street.— The Medical Officer of Health reported that these 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, Notice under Section 94 of the Public Health Act, 1875, be served on the occupiers thereof requiring them to abate the same.

18—Hatherley Outfall Sewer—The Borough Surveyor reported that the use of the old Hatherley Outfall Sewer and the Hatherley Tank had been discontinued, and the sewage was now conveyed through the new Outfall Sewer. The old manholes had to be filled up, and this would be done by the Corporation staff. The saving on the estimated cost of the sewer would be about £400.

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19—Outfall Sewer to Barn Farm—On the recommendation of the Farms Management Committee, Resolved, That the outfall sewer to the Barn Farm be cleared of obstruction by the Farms Employees.

20—Arle Outfall Sewer—Resolved, That the inner ring of the Arle Outfall Sewer be constructed of brindled bricks, and the outer case of the upper half of the sewer of local red bricks.

W. NASH SKILLICORNE,

Chairman.

FARMS MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Friday, the 16th October, 1908.—Present : Councillors M. Davis, Green, Gridley, King-Harman and Steel (Councillor M. Davis in the chair).

1—Farm Manager's Report—Read, the Monthly Report of the Farms Manager. Since the last monthly meeting 53 lambs had been purchased for £78 3s. 6d. and 2 calves for £315s. 0d. (Total purchases, £81 18s. 6d.) 24 head of cattle had been sold for £359 0s. 6d. 1 cart horse had been sent to the Depot upon hire. 3 calves had been bred on the Farms. The number of livestock on the Farms on the 16th inst. was 10 horses and 1 colt, 154 head of cattle, 30 sheep, 53 lambs, and 11 pigs, all doing very well. 4 tons 3 cwt. of hay had been delivered at the Central Depot £7 7s. 3d. had been delivered for wool, and £2 11s. 0d. for manure. He reported that the outfall sewers to the Barn Farm needed clearing, and that 3 new dung forks were required. Resolved, That this Committee recommend to the Public Health Committee that the work of clearing the outfall sewers to the Barn Farm be carried out by the Farms employees, and that the Farms Manager be authorised to purchase the forks required.

M. DAVIS, Chairman.

STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, time 13th October, 1908—Present : Alderman Skillicorne, Councillors Baker, Bendall, Gridley and King-Harman (Councillor Bendall in the Chair).

1--Report of Trees Sub-Committee—The Trees Sub-Committee reported that they met on the 6th instant (Present, Aldermen Haddon and Skillicorne, Councillors Bendall and King-Harman). After inspection of the trees in respect of which complaints had been received they recommended as follows:

Promenade—That all the trees in the Promenade from the corner of St. George's Road, to Queen's Circus be trimmed.

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Imperial Square—That the following trees be removed, a dead elm opposite No. 32, a lime tree opposite Nos. 22, 24, and 30, respectively, that a chestnut tree opposite No. 20 be trimmed, and a new silver birch trees be planted on the West side of the Square where required.

Queen's and Lansdown Roads.--That the trees in these roads be trimmed and that owners and occupiers be required to trim trees in private gardens which overhang the highway.

Tivoli Road—That two chestnuts and two thorns (private property) at "Lang Syne" be pruned.

The Park—That a tree opposite " Dunholme " be removed, that the trees near " The Elms " be pruned, and that owners be called upon to cut back the overhanging trees.

Thirlestaine Road—That the oak tree in the roadway be removed.

Carlton Street—That three trees in the roadway near " Belvedere" be removed.

Rosehill Street—That the owner of a poplar tree near the lamp at the top of Rosehill Street be asked to remove the tree and that if not removed, the tree be pruned.

St. Anne's Road—That 10 trees in this road be removed and that the owners and occupiers be required to prune trees in their gardens overhanging the highway. Resolved, That the recommendations of the Sub-Committee be approved and adopted.

2—Trees opposite entrance to Cemetery—Resolved. That the Trees Sub-Committee inspect these trees at their next Meeting.

3—Street Projections—The Inspector reported that a projecting sign had been erected at No. 11 Winchcomb Street and 2 signs at No. 396 High Street without the previous permission of the Council. Resolved, That notice be given requiring the removal of the sign at No. 11 Winchcomb Street and that the Committee inspect the projections at 396, High Street at their next View Meeting.

4—No. 7 New Street—Read a letter from Mr. C. W. MacVitie suggesting that No. 7 New Street recently re-built infringed the regulation as to the limitation of the height of new buildings imposed by the width of the street and the byelaws as to air space. The Town Clerk read a letter he had written in reply pointing out that the building did not infringe the regulation and byelaws referred to. Resolved, That the reply be approved.

JOHN D. BENDALL,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, the 26th October, 1908.—Present : Aldermen Haddon and Skillicorne, Councillors Gridley and King-Harman (Councillor Gridley in the Chair).

5—Borough Surveyor's Monthly Report Re Highways—The Borough Surveyor reported that the work completed by the Highways Department from the 25th Sept., 1908, to the 22nd October, 1908 (both inclusive) had been as follows :—

Roads Repaired—Old Bath Road ((8,230 super yards), College Road (4,004 super yards), Knapp Road (1,007 super yards).

Tar Macadam—London Road (1,170 super yards), St. Luke's Road (661 super yards), St. Luke's Place (550 super yards).

Roads Patched—Suffolk Road, Suffolk Parade, Hatherley Street, Gloucester Road, Andover Road, Tivoli Street, St. Luke's Road, Tivoli Road, Princes Road, Lypiatt Street, Suffolk Square, and rear of Hatherley Place.

Gas Trenches repaired—Clarence Street. Water Trench repaired—Wellington Street (Passage off).

New slab paving—The Park (242 super yards).

Electric Trenches Repaired—High Street, St. George's Parade, London Road, Fairview Road, North Street, High Street, and Portland Street.

Footpath paving relaid—Lansdown Parade, Lansdown Place, London Road, Sydenham Villas Road, Queen's Road, Swindon Road and St. George's Road.

Asphalt Footpaths repaired—Male's Road, Lansdown Parade, Millbrook Street and Tewkesbury Road.

Footpath Margins gravelled—London Road (630 super yards), The Park (290 tower yards), Lansdown Parade (56 super yards). Channelling repaired—Worcester Street, Orrisdale Terrace, Trinity School Lane and Suffolk Parade.

Footpath gravelled—Shurdington Road (1,361 super yards).

New kerb fixed—London Road (506 lineal yards), Bath Road (proceeding). New Channel laid—Bath Road (proceed, Crossings renewed—4. Crossings repaired—4.

New gateway crossings—2. New gullies fixed—6. New edging fixed—The Park (280 super yards).

Trees felled—Hewlett Road, 4 limes, 1 wych elm. Trees pruned—Hewlett Road.

Ashes Collection and Disposal—During 4 weeks ended the 22nd October, 1908, 942 loads collected, 923 consumed and 19 tipped away. Weight consumed, 854 tons 14 cwts 1 qr.

Slab Factory—During 4 weeks ended the 15th October, 1908, 5,418 lineal feet of kerb, and 355 square yards of slabs made.

6—View Meeting—The following Members attended the View Meeting on Friday last :—Councillors Bendall, Gridley and King-Harman.

7—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 adopted.

8—Private Improvement Works, Millbrook Street—The Borough Surveyor reported that the private improvement works ordered in Millbrook Street had been carried out by the Corporation at a cost, including supervision, of £27 17s. 6d., which sum was due from the one abutting owner. Resolved, That the apportionment be approved, and rhea notice thereof and of demand of repayment be served.

9—Slab Factory—The Borough Surveyor submitted the following Revenue Account of the working of the Slab Factory during the half-year ended 24th September, 1908 :—

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Surplus brought forward from March, 1908	£896 18 7
Sales for half-year ended 24th Sept., 1908	£1,051 16s. 8d.
Less slabs and kerbs used for Promenade & Rotunda	
Terrace Improvements for which no charge is made, £541 15 8	£510 1 0
Slabs in stock 24th September, 1908, at cost price	£735 3 3

Kerbs in stock 24th September, 1908, at cost price ...	£338 4 0
Value of cement, granite and other materials in stock 24th Sept., 1908	£ <u>42 2 3</u>
	£2,522 9 1

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Slabs in stock 26th March, 1908, at cost price	£1031 5 3
Kerbs in stock 26th March, 1908	£ 270 4 0
Value of cement, granite & other materials in stock 26th March, 1908	£ 69 8 5
Wages and materials for half-year ended 24th September. 1908 ...	£542 3 9
Overhauling slab-making plant (husker's Account) ...	£ 90 10 0
Rates, Taxes and Insurance for half-year	£ 12 13 6
Interest and Sinking Fund for half-year (estimated) ...	£122 10 0
Surplus (after supplying slabs, etc., to the value of £541 15s. 8d. for Promenade and Rotunda Terrace free of charge)	£ <u>383 14 2</u>
	£2,522 9 1

During the half-year the Slab Factory was not working for 8 weeks and 4 days while the plant was being overhauled.

10—Tip for Road Scrapings, Shelburne Road—The Borough Surveyor reported that permission had been obtained to use a piece of ground in Shelburne Road belonging to Dean Close Memorial School as a tip for road scrapings, the Corporation agreeing to remove and relay the turf. Resolved, That arrangement be approved.

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11—Footpath in Sandford Road—Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to gravel the footpath on the North side of Sandford Road from College Road to Old Bath Road, the same to be tar painted in the Spring and to bring up a specification of the works required to be done by the abutting owners to the footpath from Bath Road to College Road.

12—Additional Shedding at Central Depot—The Borough Surveyor submitted a plan of the additional carts, etc., required at the Central Depot. The estimated cost of the same was £250, provision for this having been made in the estimate. Resolved, That the plan be approved, and the work carried out.

13—Road Leading to Cookery School, Tivoli—Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to bring up a plan and specification of the works required to be done to put this road in repair.

E. GRIDLEY, Chairman.

PLANS SUB-COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Sub-Committee held on Tuesday, the 13th October, 1908. Present :—
Councillors Baker, Bendall, King-Harman and Stewart (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.
702	Miss Ballinger	New Washhouse, Moorend Road, Leckhampton.
703	Trustees of Wesley Chapel	Addition to Wesley Chapel, St. George's Street.
704	Committee of Dean Close School.	Memorial New Chapel, Dean Close School.
705	Miss Davies	New Wing to Summer Hill, Leckhampton Road.
706	T. W. Smith	Alterations and additions to No. 240, High Street.

Resolved, That Plans Nos. 702, 703, 704 and 705 be approved, and that Plans Nos. 706 be disapproved.

JOHN D. BENDALL,

Chairman

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At a Meeting of this Sub-Committee held on Friday, the 23rd October, 1908. Present Councillors Bendall King-Harman and Stewart (Councillor Bendall in the Chair.)

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

No. of Plan	Name	Description
706	T. W. Smith	Conversion of No. 240 High Street into 2 dwelling houses.
707	W. Rodway	New Bath Room and W.C. to 13 Portland Street.
708	Mrs. Taylor	New 'Workshop, &c., at Alpha Villa, Gloucester Place.

Resolved, That Plan No. 706 be approved, subject to all disused drains on the site being taken up, that Plan No. 707 be approved subject to the sanitary arrangements being carried out to the satisfaction of inspector of Nuisances and that Plan No. 708 be approved as shown.

JOHN D. BENDALL,

Chairman

TOWN IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, the 6th October, 1908. Present:—The Mayor, Alderman Winterbotham, Councillors Bennett, Packer, Steel, Stewart and Stroud (Councillor Packer in the Chair).

1—Guide to Cheltenham—Read, a letter from Mr. E. J. Burrow, stating that he was willing to produce an illustrated guide to Cheltenham, as one of the series of " Borough " pocket guides if the Committee would give their sanction and approval to the proposal, in which case he would present to the Council 2,000 copies (1,000 in stamped wrappers ready for posting), and himself send out another 500 copies to the principal clubs, golf clubs, and hotels in the Kingdom. The letterpress

would be submitted for approval. Resolved, That the offer be accepted, and permission be given to Mr. Burrow to state that the guide is " issued with the sanction of the Corporation."

2—Winter Garden—The proposals received from Mr. W. G. Becker and Messrs. Baring Bros. for the use of the Winter Garden for Roller Skating were again considered. Resolved, That the further consideration be adjourned.

T. H. PACKER,

Chairman.

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At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, the 19th October, 1908, Present:- J B Winterbotham, Councillors Baker, Bennett, Steel and Stewart (Councillor Baker in the Chair).

3—Report of Entertainments Sub-Committee—The Entertainments Sub-Committee presented the following account of the Income and Expenditure in connection with the summer concerts this year:-

EXPENDITURE

Value of working stock, etc., on hand at commencement of season	£45 14 1	
Artistes, Bands, etc.... ..	£647 11 11	
Attendants	£98 19 6	
Advertising and Billposting ...	£123 11 2	
Printing and Stationery	£71 6 7	
Electric Energy	£15 11 0	
Piano Hire, etc,	£ 7 0 9	
Manager's share of subscriptions...	£48 11 11	
Additions to working stock, etc....	£21 13 10	
Miscellaneous	<u>£ 8 19 0</u>	
		<u>£1038 5 8</u>
		£1083 19 9
Credit Balance ..		<u>£ 161 9 8</u>
		£1245 9 5

INCOME.

Takings at gates, chairs etc.	£996 6 10
Proportion of subscriptions	£147 3 9
Programme rights	<u>£50 0 0</u>
	£1193 10 7
Value of working stock, etc., on hand at close of season (Borough Surveyor's Valuation)	<u>£51 18 10</u>
	£1245 9 5

Read, a letter from Mr. Alfred Newton thanking the Council for granting him the free use of the Montpellier Gardens for his benefit concerts, which, however, owing to the unfavourable weather were not a financial success. The amount received by him as his share of the receipts and

subscriptions for the past year was less than last season, although he had gone to more expense in securing stronger companies, and under the circumstances he asked the Committee to make him an additional grant. On the recommendation of the Sub-Committee, Resolved, That the sum of £15 15s. 0d. be paid to Mr. Newton in view of the facts contained in his letter.

4—Presentation to Pittville Gardens—The Borough Surveyor reported that Mrs. Holmes, of Trevor Dene, had presented three shrubs to Pittville Gardens. Resolved, That the thanks of the Committee be conveyed to Mrs. Holmes.

5—Pittville Lake—The Borough Surveyor reported that he had seen Mr. Maby, of Marle Hill House, who was willing to allow the material to be removed from Pittville Lake to be deposited on his field near the Evesham Road, the Corporation to fence of and rent the land so used, the rent to be at the rate of £4 per acre per annum, the tenancy to terminate when the land had been levelled by the Corporation and the grass grown on same. The area required would be about 3 acres. The cost of the work would not exceed £400. The quantity of material requiring removal was, however, difficult to ascertain beforehand. If it was intended to clear out the lake in the near future, the water should be drained off as soon as possible. Resolved, That Mr. Maby's offer be accepted, and that the Borough Surveyor be instructed to at once have the Lake drained.

6—Winter Garden—The Committee considered the offers and proposals which had been received for the hire or use of the Winter Garden for Roller Skating.

Mr. W. G. Becker of the Agricultural Hall Roller Skating Rink, Norwich, had offered to lease the centre and South transept of the Winter Garden, from November 15th to June 14, at a rent at the rate of £30 per month, clear of rates and taxes, lighting to be paid for by him, at 3d. per unit. The tenancy to interfere with dates already booked nor with the Corporation Afternoon Concerts when held in the Winter Garden. As an alternative, Mr. Becker was willing to take the portion of the Winter Garden mentioned, and manage the same as a skating rink, dividing the net profits with the Corporation.

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Read, a letter from Mr. A. W. Newton, stating that he was prepared (1) to provide skates, band, instructor, and management, receiving 65 per cent, of the gross receipts, the Corporation to receive 35 per cent. and provide the necessary part of the Winter Garden, lighting, advertising, and attendants; or (2) To provide skates, and all expenses, &c. (except lighting), receiving 75 per cent. of gross receipts, the Corporation to provide the building and light and take 25 per cent., or (3) To act as Manager for the Corporation and receive 10 per cent. of the gross receipts for so doing. Alternative offers made by Messrs. Baring Bros. were also considered, but their offers were subsequently withdrawn.

The Borough Surveyor reported that the local Badminton Clubs had informed him that the use of the Winter Garden as suggested would necessitate the dissolution of the Clubs. The amount received last year for the use of the Winter Garden by the Badminton Clubs amounted to £68, £10 more than in the previous year. The offers having been carefully considered. Resolved, That the Committee do not recommend the Council to accept any of them.

WILLIAM A. BAKER, Chairman.

ELECTRICITY AND LIGHTING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Thursday, the 15th October, 1908. Present:—Alderman Norman, Councillors Bennett, Green, Gridley, Merrett, Rees Jones and Steel (Councillor Green in the Chair).

1—Gas Examiner's Report—The Gas Examiner reported that on the 13th and 14th inst. his test for purity showed 31 grains of sulphur per 100 cubic feet. The test for illuminating power, made on the 10th instant, gave the following result: 15.8 candles.

2—Requisition for Materials Required—The Borough Electrical Engineer submitted a list of materials, etc., which would probably be required during the ensuing month and the same was approved.

3—Borough Electrical Engineer's Monthly Report—Read, the Monthly Report of the Borough Electrical Engineer. On the 12th instant, there were 988 consumers with the equivalent of 65,141 8 c.v. lamps connected to the private supply mains, the corresponding figures for last year being 931 and 62,724, respectively.

4—Applications for Supply—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that he had received an application for supply to Eilerslie, the occupier offering to pay £14, half the cost of the necessary extension of main, and to guarantee £7 per annum for 3 years. The extension had been made on these terms.

5—Railway Siding to Electricity Works, etc.—Read, a letter from the Local Government Board, enclosing sanctions to loans of £360 and £300 for the construction of a railway siding to the Electricity Works, Refuse Destructor and Slab Factory, the period for repayment being 10 years. Resolved, That the construction of the siding by the Midland Railway be proceeded with as soon as the agreement with the Company, the terms of which have already been approved by the Council, has been completed.

6 —view Meeting re Public Lighting—The Committee met on the 20th instant (Present : Councillors Gridley, Green, Merrett Rees Jones and Steel) and after inspection of the localities as to the public lighting of which complaint had been re, they recommended as follows :

Maud's Elm, Swindon Road- Remove the lamp on West corner of Malvern Street ; refix another existing lamp in Swindon Road, 11 yards east of its present position (nearly facing Malvern Street).

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Arle Road—One new lamp to be fixed in this road near entrance to road leading to Sewage Tank.

Ewlyn Road—No additional lamp considered necessary.

Hayward's Lane-- No extra lamp considered necessary at present ; hedge should be cut back on the West side between the new houses and Battledown Approach.

Cemetery Road—One new lamp to be fixed opposite houses recently erected in this road.

Resolved, That the recommendations be approved and adopted.

E. C. GREEN. Chairman

WATER COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Thursday, the 22nd October, 1908—Present : Councillors Baker, M. Davis, Green and Margrett (Councillor Green in the Chair).

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

DAILY YIELD OF SPRINGS.

	For 31 days, ended 20th Oct., 1908.	Average for corresponding period during last 3 years.
Hewletts Spring	93,000 gallons	121,000 gallons
Dowdeswell Springs	181,000 "	368,000 "
Leckhampton	8,000 "	46,000 "
Total	282000 "	535,000 "

CONTENTS OF RESERVOIRS.

	October 20th, 1908.		October 20th, 1907.	
	Depth	Contents	Depth	Contents
Hewletts	...	5,492,000 galls	....	17,740,000 gallons
Leckhampton	3ft. 6in.	472,000 „	2ft. 0in.	270,000 "
Dowdeswell	19ft. 0in.	40,872,000 „	21ft. 3in.	49,693,000 "
Total Storage		46,836,000 "		67,703,000 "

Pumping had proceeded continuously night and day at Tewkesbury. A length of 213 yards of 3-inch main had been substituted for 2-inch main in Moorend Park Road, and 100 yards of 2-inch main had been laid in Hayward's Road for the supply of Messrs. Webb's works.

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

E. C. GREEN, Chairman.

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GENERAL PURPOSES AND WATCH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, the 20th October, 1908. Present: Aldermen Haddon, Norman, Waghorne and Winterbotham, Councillors Baker, M. Davis and Stroud (Alderman Norman in the Chair).

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

Swine Fever—The Town Clerk submitted draft Regulations similar to those already made by the Executive Committee for the County as to the keeping of Registers by Owners of Boars and by Pigdealers, and as to the cleansing and disinfection of vehicles, etc. Resolved, That regulations be made accordingly to come into force on the 20th prox., and due notice given of the provisions of the same.

2—Motor Car Acts--Read, a letter from the Chief Constable acknowledging receipt of the resolution of this Committee at its last meeting, and stating that the Police had been directed to take every possible means to see that the provisions of the Motor Car Act of 1903, especially those of Section 1 are carried out.

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

4—Petroleum Licence—Read, an application from Mr. Alfred Yeates, of Doverdale House, London Road, for a licence to store 20 gallons of petroleum on premises in Beaufort Lane (Nr. Beaufort Arms), London Road. The Inspector having reported that the proposed place of storage was satisfactory. Resolved, That a licence be granted to expire on the 5th October, 1909.

GEO. NORMAN,

Chairman.

MINERAL WATERS, BATHS AND RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Friday, the 16th October, 1908—Present: Alderman Norman, Councillors Bendall, Davies, Earengy, Merrett, Stewart 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, had been as follows :—

Receipts	£409 0 1	Payments ...	£405 6 11
Hire of Bath for		Interest & Redemption	
Gymnasium, etc.	£2 4 10	(proportion of)	<u>£204 8 5</u>
Rent of Shop	<u>£12 0 0</u>		
	£423 4 11		£609 15 4

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2--Alstone Baths- The Borough Accountant reported that the receipts at these Baths since the 31st M[?] last, had been as follows :—

Receipts	<u>£302 12 7</u>
	£302 12 7

Payments	£170 17 2
Interest Redemption (proportion of) ...	<u>£167 3 1</u>
	£338 0 3

3—School Children at Recreation Grounds—Read, a letter from the Secretary of the Education Committee renewing the application from the Managers of the All Saints' Boys' and Girls' and St. Luke's Boys' Schools for permission to play organised games, including hockey and football, at the Whaddon Lane and Naunton Park Recreation Grounds, respectively. Resolved, That the applications

be acceded to, subject to compliance with the usual conditions, the Committee reserving the right to reconsider the of hockey playing in the event of damage being caused to the ground.

HERBERT STROUD,

Chairman.

BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Friday, the 23rd October, 1908—Present : Alderman Haddon, Councillors Gridley, King-Harman, Merrett, Steel and Stewart (Alderman Haddon in the Chair).

1—Designs---Resolved, That the following designs be approved, viz. :—Kerbing to graves of Maria and Benjamin Ratcliff, Alice Robins, Sarah Sims and Sarah Whittard. Headstones to graves of George Powell and Robert and Hannah Matthews. Memorials to grave of Martha Gwilliam, Gertrude Elizabeth Coddington and Frederick Shakespere Shenton.

2--Land Adjoining Cemetery—The Town Clerk submitted draft Agreement, with Mr. F. E. Wood for the tenancy of the land adjoining the Cemetery for one year from the 31st inst., at a rent of £17, the Corporation to pay all rates and taxes, and the grass cut in the Cemetery to belong to and be removed by the tenant during the period mentioned. Resolved, That the agreement be approved.

JOHN HADDON,

Chairman.

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PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 13th October, 1908.—Present : Councillors Bennett, Davies, King-Barman, Merrett, Rees Jones and Stewart, Messrs. A. Beckingsale, W. Cresswell, C. Hayward, E. C. Rogers and F. Parsons (Councillor Davies in the Chair).

1—Librarian's Report—Read, the Monthly Report of the Librarian. Receipts, £4 12s. 3d. Presentations :—The Principal, Merchant Venturers' Technical College, Bristol, 1 vol. ; L. Richardson, 4 pamphlets ; Lieut.-Colonel Ashburner, 1 vol. ; W. H. Cochrane, 3 vols. ; Board of Trade, 2 vols ; General Editor London University Guide, 1 vol. The number of volumes consulted in the Reference Department during the month was 943, a decrease of 9 per day as compared with the corresponding month of last year. The issues from the Lending Library numbered 7,485, an increase of 9 per day.

2—Sub-Committee's Report—The Sub-Committee reported that they met on the 24th ult. (Present : Councillors Davies (Chairman), Green, King-Harman and Merrett), and also on the 8th inst. (Present : Councillors Davies (Chairman), King-Harman, and Merrett and Mr. C. Hayward). They recommended :—(1) That F. J. Tharme be appointed junior assistant, his wages to be 6s per week, (2) That the wages of E. Yeend be increased from 6s to 8s per week, (3) That the tender of Messrs. Marshall, Ltd. (the lowest) for providing and fixing a transformer and 150 Osram lamps for £31 15s. 0d. be accepted, (4) That a selection from the lists of worn-out books submitted by the Librarian be

replaced at a cost of about £20, and that the Librarian be authorised to go to London to purchase the books selected, (5) That the price of the Lending Library catalogue be reduced from 1s to 6d., (6) That all magazines, newspapers and periodicals not wanted for binding be offered for sale when removed from the tables.

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

RICHARD DAVIES,

Chairman.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 27th October, 1908 — Present: Aldermen Skillicorne and Waghorne, Councillors Earengy, Merrett, Rees Jones and Steel (Alderman Waghorne in the chair).

1--General District Rate—The final Report of the Borough Accountant, dated the 27th inst., on the collection of the first instalment of this Rate, was read. Amount collected £21,346 10s. 5d. Voids, legally excused, etc., £1,773 6s. 3d. Arrears carried forward, £446 16s. 11d. The Borough Accountant reported that the amount collected on account of the second instalment of the Rate up to the 27th instant amounted to £1,911 13s. 6d. Leaving outstanding (including the above arrears), £21,934 15s. 11d.

2—Water Rate—The Report of the Borough Accountant, dated the 27th inst., on the collection of this Rate for the half year ending 29th September last was read. Amount received, £11,407 17s. 8d. Leaving outstanding, £2,394 18s. 6d.

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3--Parliamentary Registration-The Town Clerk laid before the Committee an account of the expenses of carrying into effect the provisions of the Acts for the Registration of Voters for the year 1908-9, amounting to £77 2s. 11d. Resolved, That the wild limo he certified to be payable, and be apportioned between the parishes of Cheltenham and Charlton Kings, as follows:--Cheltenham, £66 1s. 3d. ; Charlton Kings, £11 1s. 8d.

4—Loans—The Borough Accountant, reported that since the last meeting he had received sums amounting to £5,640 on loan so bear interest at $3\frac{5}{8}$ per cent., the terms of such loans being for 3, 5, or 7 years, and afterwards subject to 6 months' notice on either side. He recommended that £8,130, the amount remaining due to Lloyds Bank upon debenture and bearing interest at 4 per cent., should be repaid.

Resolved, That repayment be paid to Lloyds Bank, and debentures sealed and issued for the £5,640 on account of sanctioned loans accordingly Resolved. Also, That 3 months' notice be given to the Norwich Corporation, to repay them £10,000, unless they are reduce the rate of interest from $3\frac{7}{8}$ to $3\frac{5}{8}$ per cent. at the end of three months.

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 was the General Statement

In hand on the 29th September last		£37,769 2 4
Received since that date (including Debenture Loans, £4,750)		<u>£16,384 7 7</u>
		£54,153 9 11
Paid since that date (including Loans repaid, £14,805)		<u>£37,470 13 11</u>
	In Hand	£16,682 16 0
Being General Accounts	£8,116 19 11	
Sinking Funds	<u>£8,565 16 1</u>	
	£16,682 16 0	

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 Monday, the 9th November, 1908, at 12 noon. Present :

THE MAYOR (GEORGE DIMMER, ESQUIRE) in the chair.

THE DEPUTY MAYOR (ALDERMAN JOHN WAGHORNE).

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

Councillors: RICHARD DAVIES CHARLES HENRY MARGRETT MOSES DAVIS WILLIE JOHN MERRETT WILLIAM GEORGE EARENGEY HENRY GEORGE NORTON EDWINSON CHARLES GREEN Tom HERBERT PACKER EDWARD GRIDLEY THOMAS REES JONES CHARLES HAYWARD ROBERT STEEL MONTAGUE JOCELYN KING-HARMAN HERBERT STROUD.

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1—Election of Councillors-The Town Clerk reported the Election on the 2nd inst. of the following gentlemen as Councillors, viz. :—

Richard Davies for the North Ward.

William Alfred Baker for the Central Ward.

Charles Hayward for the East Ward.

Charles Henry Margrett for the South Ward.

Henry George Norton for the Middle Ward.

Moses Davis for the West Ward.

And laid before The Council their Declarations of Acceptance of Office.

2—Election of Mayor— Resolved, unanimously, That, James Tynte Agg-Gardner, Esq., be and he is hereby elected Mayor of the Borough for the ensuing year. The newly elected made the Declaration of Acceptance of Office, and took the. Oath of Allegiance and Judicial Oath. The Mayor thereupon took the chair.

3—Deputy Mayor—The Mayor signified in writing that he appointed Alderman John Waghorne to be his Deputy.

4—Vote of Thanks to Retiring Mayor—Resolved, unanimously, That the hearty thanks of the Council be given to the Ex-Mayor, George Dimmer, Esq., for the impartial and able manner in which he has filled the office of Mayor, and for the generous hospitality with which he and Mrs. Dimmer have discharged its social duties during an exceptionally exacting year.

5-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 Waghorne North Ward.

Skillicorne Central Ward.

Winterbotham East Ward.

Norman South Ward.

Rogers Middle Ward.

Haddon West Ward.

6-Minutes of Previous Meeting Resolved, That the Minutes of the Meeting of Council on the 5th October last having been printed and a copy sent to each member off the Council, be taken as read, and that the same be adopted and confirmed.

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7—Resignation of Mr. Robert Ley Wood—Read, a letter from Mr. Robert Ley Wood resigning the office of Councillor for the Middle Ward, and enclosing the fine of £10, payable upon such resignation. Resolved, That the office of Councillor for the Middle Ward of the Borough be declared vacant, consequent upon such resignation.

8—Appointment and Duties of Committees—Public Health Committee—Resolved, That the following members of the Council do form the Public Health Committee for the ensuing year : Aldermen Norman and Skillicorne, Councillors Davies, M. Davis, Hayward, King-Harman, Margrett, and Rees Jones, and that their powers and duties be as follows :—To regulate and manage all matters relating to the public health or concerning the duties of the Medical Officer of Health and Inspector of Nuisances, and to carry into effect the powers of the Council under the following Acts and Orders :—The Cheltenham Improvement Acts and Provisional Orders (Sanitary Provisions), Factory and Workshop Acts, Infectious Diseases (Notification) Act, 1899, Infectious Diseases

(Prevention) Act, 1890, The Housing of the Working Classes Acts, 1890 to 1903, The Dairies, Cowsheds and Milkshops Orders.

To have delegated to it the Powers of the Council under the following sections of the Public Health Act, 1875, namely :-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 :—Alderman Councillors M. Davis, Green, Gridley, King-Harmon, Margrett, Packer and

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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, etc.

Street and Highway Committee—Resolved, That the following members of the Council do form the Street and Highway Committee for the ensuing year :—Aldermen Haddon and Skillicorne, Councillors Baker, Bendall, Gridley, King-Harman, Norton 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.

To have the management of the Central Depot and the horses, materials and carts, etc., there, any matters in connection with the Borough Surveyor's Department, and of any properties acquired by the Corporation in respect of street improvements. To deal with matters in connection with Street Projections. To enforce the provisions of the following Acts as far as regards new streets and buildings :—The Public Health (Buildings in Streets) Act, 1888, The Cheltenham Improvement Acts, 1852 and 1889, and the Cheltenham Order of 1896 (with the exception of drainage and other sanitary matters).

Town Improvement Committee—Resolved, That the following members of the Council do form the Town Improvement Committee for the ensuing year :—Aldermen Rogers and Winterbotham, Councillors Baker, Green, Hayward, Packer, Steel 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 an:- 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.

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Electricity and Lighting Committee—Resolved, That the following members of the Council do form the Electricity and Lighting Committee for the ensuing year:—Alderman Norman, Councillors Green, Gridley, Hayward, Merrett, Norton, Rees Jones 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, Earengy, Green, Margrett, Stroud and Waghorne, and that their powers and duties be as follows :—To regulate and manage all matters relating to the Water Undertaking of the Corporation, and to manage all properties acquired by the Corporation in connection with their Water Undertaking. To carry into effect the provisions of the Cheltenham Corporation Water Acts, 1878 and 1881, and the Provisional Orders amending the same.

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 rho licensing of Hackney Carriages, Drivers and Conductors, and Markets and Fairs. To be an Executive Committee of the Council under the Diseases of Animals Acts, with all the powers and authority conferred upon the Council (except the power to make a rate), and to carry into effect the Orders of the Board of Agriculture with relation thereto. To regulate and manage the allotments owned and rented by the Corporation under the Allotments Acts. To consider and report to the Council upon the re-numbering of houses in, and the naming and renaming of, streets in the Borough. And to regulate and manage all matters in connection with the Fire Brigade and Fire Extinguishing Appliances.

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Mineral Waters, Baths and Recreation Grounds Committee—Resolved, That the following members of the Cowed do form the Mineral Waters, Baths and Recreation Grounds Committee for the ensuing year :—Alderman Norman Councillors Baker, Bendall, Davies, Hayward, Merrett, Packer and Stroud, and that their powers and duties be as follows :—To regulate and manage the Alstone and

Montpellier Baths, and any matters in connection with the supply of Mineral Waters, the property of the Corporation, and the Recreation Grounds and the Public Walks and Pleasure Grounds (except those specifically referred to other Committees), and the buildings thereon.

Burial Board Committee—Resolved, That the following members of the Council do form the Burial Board Committee for the ensuing year :—Aldermen Haddon and Rogers, Councillors Baker, Gridley, King-Harman, Merrett 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 :—Aldermen Skillicorne and Waghorne, Councillors Earengy, Hayward, Merrett, Rees Jones, Steel and Stroud, and that their powers and duties be as follows :— To regulate and manage all matters of Finance, including the checking, as far as possible, of the expenditure of the different Committees of the Council, the appointment and dismissal of the Officers and Staff in the Borough Accountant's and Rates Departments, the preparation of Estimates for Rates, collection of Rates, and raising of loans. To consider and report upon all matters arising upon the report of the District Auditor.

Public Library Committee—Resolved, That the following members of the Council do form the Public Library Committee for the ensuing year :—Alderman Rogers, Councillors Davies, Earengy, Green, Hayward, King-Harman, Margrett and Merrett ; together with Revs. J. Lloyd Davies and Percy Nash ; Messrs. A. Beckingsale, F. J. Bennett, W. Cresswell, G. Dimmer, 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.

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Art Gallery and Museum Committee—Resolved, That the following members of the Council do form the Art Gallery and Museum Committee for the ensuing year : —Aldermen Haddon, Norman, Rogers, Waghorne and Winterbotham, Councillor Davies, Green, Stroud, with Mr. G. Dimmer and Dr. E. T. Wilson (Consulting Members), and that their powers and duties be as follows :—To regulate and the Art Gallery and Museum, and all matters relating thereto.

9—Vacancies on Education Committee Resolved, That the following Members of the Council be appointed Members of the Education Committee for the ensuing year:—Aldermen Norman, Rogers and Skillicorne, Councillors Baker, M. Davis, Earengy, Gridley, Hayward, King-Harman, Margrett, Norton, Packer, Rees Jones and Steel.

10—Vacancies on Distress Committee — Resolved, That Councillors Baker, M. Davis, Norton, Margrett and Hayward be appointed members of the Distress Committee for the Borough.

11—Vacancies on Local Pension Committee—Resolved, That the Mayor, Councillors Baker, Davies, M. Davis, Hayward, Margrett and Norton be appointed members of the Local Pension Committee for the Borough for the ensuing year.

12-Approval of Committee Proceedings-Public Health Committee-Resolved, That the proceedings of the Public Health Committee, at their Meetings of the 12th and 19th October last, be approved and confirmed.

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

14-Street and Highway Committee-Resolved, That the proceedings Street and Highway Committee, at their Meetings of the 13th and 26th October last, be approved and confirmed.

15—Town Improvement Committee--It was proposed and seconded, " That the proceedings of the Town Improvement Committee at their Meetings of the 5th and 19th October last be approved and confirmed."

The motion upon being put to the meeting was lost.

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16—Electricity and Lighting Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Electricity and Lighting Committee, at their Meeting of the 15th October last be approved and confirmed.

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

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

19—Mineral Waters, Baths and Recreation Grounds Committee--Resolved, That the proceedings of the Mineral Waters, Baths and Recreation Grounds Committee, at their Meeting of the 16th October last, be approved and confirmed.

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

21—Finance Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Finance Committee, at their Meeting of the 27th 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.

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 7th December, 1908.

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, the 12th November, 1908. Present :—The Mayor, Aldermen Norman and Skillicorne, Councillors Davies. M. Davis, King-Harman, Margrett and Rees Jones (The Mayor in the Chair).

1—Chairman— Resolved, That Alderman Skillicorne be appointed Chairman of this Committee for the ensuing year.

J. T. AGG-GARDNER,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, the 16th November, 1908—Present: Aldermen Norman and Skillicorne, Councillors M. Davis, Hayward, King-Harman, Margrett and Rees Jones (Alderman Skillicorne in the chair).

2—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, 3 of Erysipelas, and 5 of Diphtheria, and that 7 cases of Scarlet Fever and 4 of Diphtheria had been sent into the Delancey Hospital.

3—Houses without proper Ash Receptacles—The Inspector of Nuisances reported that the following houses had no proper ashpits or ash receptacles, viz :—Nos. 28, 23, 25, 29, 39, 4,5, 57, 60, 63, and 65 Union Street, Fairview, 1, Maryville Cottages, St.- George's Road, and 4, Fairfield Avenue. — Resolved, That the necessary Notices be given to the respective owners under Section 36 of the Public Health Act, 1875, and Section 27 of the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1889, requiring them in each case to provide a moveable ash receptacle of such size, pattern, and construction as may be approved by the Inspector of Nuisances on behalf of the Corporation.

Resolved, also That a covered circular galvanised iron ash receptacle (not less than 22 gauge) be the pattern and construction of the receptacle approved by the Council under Section 27 of the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1889.

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4--Dairies, Cowsheds and Milkshops Order--Road, an application from Mr. Robert Howls, of 25, Bath Road, to be registered as a dairyman. Resolved, That the application be acceded to.

5- Cleansing and Limewashing at Nos. 12, 14, 22, 30 mid 38 Union Street. Fairview, 17, Albion Parade, 4, York Street, 50, Rutland Street, 1 & 3 Portman Terrace, and 15 and 16 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 given to the owners under the said Section requiring the houses to be cleansed and limewashed.

6—Nuisances from Drains etc., at 20, Upper Park Street and 10 and 12, Union Street, Fairview—The Inspector of Nuisances having made written application under Section 11 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.

7—Insanitary Property Nos. 1, to 10, Limekiln Row, and 8, 12, 35, 38 and 41, Union Street, Fairview. — The Medical Officer of Health reported that the above-mentioned premises were in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to the health of the inmates owing to defective roofs, walls, ceilings, floors, &c. Resolved, That the Council being satisfied that the said premises are in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to health, Notices under Section 91 of the Public Health Act, 1875, be served upon the owners requiring them to put the same into a healthy condition and for that purpose to carry out the works specified therein.

8—Destruction of Diseased Meat—The Medical Officer of Health reported that on the 29th ult. a bacon pig (weight 336 lbs.) badly affected with tuberculosis was surrendered and destroyed.

9—Insufficient Water Closet Accommodation—The Inspector of Nuisances reported that Nos. 2 to 10 Limekiln Row were without proper and sufficient water closet accommodation. Resolved, That notice be given to the owner under Section 36 of the Public Health Act, 1875, requiring the provision of a sufficient water closet for each of the houses mentioned.

10—Representatives on Plans Sub-Committee—Resolved, That Councillors Hayward and King-Harman be appointed members of the Plans Sub-Committee as representing this Committee.

11—Chelt Culvert—The Borough Surveyor reported that the culvert over the Chelt between the Promenade and Rodney Road was for the greater part of its length in an unsatisfactory condition. In several places, the walls had been completely undermined by the water, and in others the arch bricks had fallen. Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to call the attention of the owners of the property affected to the condition of the culvert.

12—Lavatory Accommodation at Montpellier Gardens—The Borough Surveyor submitted a plan for the provision of conveniences for ladies at the Montpellier Gardens Lodge, some available for use by visitors to the Gardens, and some by the general public. Resolved, That the Committee while of opinion that such accommodation for the general public is necessary do not consider that the gardens are a suitable site for such accommodation.

13—Automatic Recording Rain Gauge—Read, a letter from Mr. Saxby, Borough Meteorologist, recommending the purchase of an automatic recording rain gauge at its cost of £10. The Borough Surveyor reported that the information obtainable by means of such a gauge would be exceedingly useful in arriving at the various sizes of sewers to be laid from time to time. Resolved, That a gauge be purchased.

14—Delancey Hospital—Correspondence with the Secretary of the Delancey Hospital Trust was considered with reference to the breach of the Agreement with the corporation, dated 16th October, 1896, made under the provisions of Section 23 of the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1889, by which the Management Committee of the Hospital was to consist of 7 members, 3 of whom were to be representatives appointed by the Corporation, notwithstanding

which the Trustees had increased the number of the Committee to 11. This number had now been reduced to 10 by the resignation of Colonel Griffith. The Chairman reported an interview he had had with the Chairman of the Delancey Hospital Trust (Mr. Vassar-Smith). The latter admitted that the terms of the Agreement had not been adhered to, and that if the Corporation insisted the number must be reduced to 7, but as this would involve the retirement from the Management Committee of several Trustees who had taken an active interest in the Hospital, he asked that the number might be reduced to 7 as vacancies occurred. Resolved, That the Council be recommended to agree to this proposal as a temporary arrangement, on the understanding that the number will be reduced to 7 as vacancies occur, and without prejudice to the right of the Corporation to insist on immediate compliance with the Agreement if at any time hereafter they may consider this course is necessary. Alderman Norman resigned his position upon the Committee of Management of the Hospital as a representative of the Corporation, of which Committee he would, however, still continue a member as a Trustee of the Hospital. Resolved, That Councillor King-Harman be appointed a representative of the Corporation upon the Committee to fill the vacancy caused by Alderman Norman's resignation.

W. NASH SKILLICORNE, Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 23rd November, 1908.—Present Aldermen Norman and Skillicorne, Councillors M. Davis, Hayward, King-Harman, Margrett and Rees Jones (Alderman Skillicorne in the chair).

15—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, 2 of Enteric Fever, and 3 of Diphtheria, and that 4 cases of Scarlet Fever and 3 of Diphtheria had been sent into the Delancey Hospital.

16—Overcrowding at No. 3, Ambrose Place. — The Medical Officer of Health reported that the above-premises were so overcrowded as to be dangerous or injurious to the health of the inmates. Resolved, That the Committee being satisfied of the existence of a nuisance on the said premises, Notices under Sec. 94 of the Public Health Act, 1875, be served on the 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. 132, Tewkesbury Road, 6 and 8 Fairview Street, 1, 2 and 3 Portman Terrace, Upper Bath Street, 15, Upper Bath Street, 6, Brunswick Buildings, Nibley House, North Place, 1 and 2, The Poplars, Shurdington Road, 33, Hatherley Street, and 2, Berkeley 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.

18—Cleansing and Limewashing at Nos. 2, 3, 4 and 8, Upper Bath Street, 36, Duke Street, 41, Burton Street, and 1, Durbin Cottages — The Medical Officer of Health having certified under Section 46 of the Public Health Act, 1875, that the above-named dwelling-houses were in such a filthy and unwholesome condition that the health of the inmates was affected or endangered thereby,

Resolved, That Notice be given to the owners under the said Section requiring the houses to be cleansed and limewashed.

19—Nuisances from Drains, etc., at Nos. 62, Upper Park Street, 7, Warwick Place, and Regentville, 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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20—Insanitary Property—Nos. 1, Durbin Cottages, and 1, Glen Cottages, Fully Lane, 2, Barnes' Yard, Grove Street, 11, Grove Street, 20, Upper Park Street, and Cumberland Villa, Grove 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.

21—Dairies, Cowsheds and Milkshops Order—Read, an application from Mr. J. Fawdry, of 3, Maryville Cottages, St. George's Road, to be registered as a Purveyor of Milk. Resolved, That the applicant be registered.

22—Arle Outfall Sewer—The Borough Surveyor submitted the following tenders received in response to the advertisement for the construction of the new Hatherley Outfall Sewer :—

	£	s	d
A. G. Osenton, Parkstone ...	25,157	0	0
W. C. Shaddock, Plymouth ...	20,185	19	6
R. H. B. Neal, Ltd., Plymouth	17,072	9	1
Edwards & Co., London	16,153	8	3
T. W. Pedrette, Enfield	15,770	6	9
T. B. Cooper & Co, Bristol ..	15,128	3	7
Collins & Godfrey, Tewkesbury ...	14,875	16	2
G. Rutter, Barry	14,229	0	0
C. Ford, Willesden	13,93:3	0	0
E, Ireland, Trowbridge	13,704	0	0
A. H. Price & Co., Nottingham	13,396	16	10
Whyte & Co., Ltd., Penarth ...	13,242	6	7
J. Riley, Cheltenham	12,983	19	9
J. W. Cunliffe, Birmingham	12,966	2	11
J. Merritt, Birkenhead	12,963	16	4
J. H. Macdonald, London	12,845	0	0
T. Watson, Southall	12,838	0	0
T. Vale & Sons, Ltd., Stourport	12,459	16	3

	£	s	d
J. Moran & Son, Ltd., London	12,214	0	0
H. Smith, Newport...	12,077	7	2
Mark Williams & Co., Cheltenham ..	11,656	2	10
J. Byard & Sons, Gloucester ...	11,566	0	0
G. A. Hawkins, Cheltenham ..	11,330	0	0

The amount of the loan sanctioned for the work was £10,310, but since the estimate was made some two years ago it had been found that for part of the distance running sand might be expected, and this accounted for the excess. Resolved, That the tender of Messrs. Mark Williams & Co. be accepted, subject to their entering into a contract with sureties, to be settled by the Town Clerk.

Resolved, That the Local Government Board be informed of the increased cost of laying the sewer, and that application be made for their sanction to the loan being increased to £12,239 being the amount of the contract, plus 5 per cent. for contingencies.

23—Hatherley Outfall Sewer—Resolved, That the Chairman, Councillors Margrett and M. Davis be appointed a Sub-Committee to consider and report upon the claims outstanding for compensation in respect of the construction of the Hatherley Outfall Sewer.

W. NASH SKILLICORNE, Chairman.

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At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, the 25th November, 1908. Present: Alderman Skillicorne, Councillors M. Davis, Hayward, King-Harman and Margrett (Alderman Skillicorne in the Chair).

24—Sewerage and Sewage Disposal - -The Borough Surveyor reported that now the Hatherley Tank had been abandoned the sludge formerly disposed of on the site of the tank had to be dealt with at the Haydon Farm. It was at present being treated as a temporary arrangement by running it into lagoons, but it was necessary that permanent means should be adopted. He recommended that it should be pumped through an iron main to the arable field known as the Great Stockings, where it could be dug into the land without nuisance. He therefore recommended that a 6in. iron main should be laid from the tank to the Great Stockings, a distance of about 700 yards, and to provide two pumps to be driven by two oil engines. He estimated the cost of the iron main sludge tank pumps and engines, including engine house, at £300, which would be covered by the loan already sanctioned by the Local Government Board. The working cost of pumping would be very small, and the pumps would be sufficient to deal with the increased amount of sludge which would have to be disposed of when the Arle Sewer had been completed. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to prepare a specification of the proposed works, and that tenders be invited by advertisement.

The Borough Surveyor also reported that now that the Hatherley Outfall had been completed the storm water to be dealt with at the Farms was three times the volume discharged by the old sewer. He therefore recommended that the culvert for dealing with the storm water, which was included in the scheme sanctioned by the Local Government Board, should be laid at once. This would provide

not only for the storm water from the Hatherley Outfall Sewer, but also for that from the Arle Outfall Sewer when completed. The cost of this work was covered by the loan sanctioned. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to prepare specification for the storm water culvert, and that tenders be invited by advertisement for the work.

The Borough Surveyor reported that on the 21st ult., Mr. W. Paterson, of Dumfries, N.B., visited Cheltenham with Mr. Robert Middleton, Engineer, of Leeds, and explained his system of sewage disposal to the Town Clerk and himself. The system provided for the filtration of the effluent through galvanised iron filters containing a layer of animal charcoal and asbestos fibre. He did not consider that the system could be advantageously adopted for the treatment of the large volume of sewage required to be dealt with, and did not consider the proposal was worth further investigation.

W. NASH SKILLICORNE,

Chairman

FARMS MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Thursday, the 12th November, 1908.—Present : The Mayor, Alderman Skillicorne, Councillors M. Davis, Green, Gridley, King-Harman, Margrett and Steel (The Mayor in the chair).

1—Chairman—Resolved, That Councillor M. Davis. be appointed Chairman of this Committee for the ensuing year.

J. T. AGG-GARDNER,

Chairman.

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At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, the 20th November, 1908, Present: Councillors M. Davis, Green, Gridley, King-Harman mi.' (Councillor M. Davis in the Chair).

2—Farm Managers Report—Read, the Monthly Report of the Farms Manager. Since the last monthly meeting 26 head of cattle had been purchased for £305 2s. 6d., and 10 calves had been bred on the Farms. 29 head of cattle been sold for £358 7s. 6d., and 10 sheep £22 6s. 1d. Total sales, £380 13s. 7d.) The number of livestock on the Farms on the 20th inst. was 11 horses, 162 head of cattle, 63 sheep and 11 pigs, all doing well 5 tons 16 cwts. 1 qr. of hay had been delivered the Central Depot, and a load of manure for use in the Promenade Gardens. £4 11s. 0d. had been received for 7 dozen hurdles. Miscellaneous receipts, 10s He required some material for the repair of the road to the Barn Farm, and also a dung cart. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to supply some road material, and that the Farms Manager obtain estimates for the supply of a dung cart.

M. DAVIS,

Chairman.

STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, the 12th November, 1908—Present : The Aldermen Haddon and Skillicorne, Councillors Baker, Gridley, King-Harman and Norton (The Mayor in the chair).

1—Chairman—Resolved, That Councillor Bendall be appointed Chairman of this Committee for the ensuing year:

J. T. AGG-GARDNER,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, the 17th November, 1908. Present : The Mayor, Aldermen Haddon and Skillicorne, Councillors Baker, Gridley, King-Harman and Norton (Councillor Baker in the chair)

2—Street Projections—Read, applications from Messrs. Boots. Ltd., Mr. C. J. Hole, and Mr. T. Poole for fix projecting lamps in North Street, No. 293, High Street, and No. 199, High Street respectively. Resolved. That the applications be granted subject to compliance with the usual conditions.

Read, a letter from Mr. W. Goering, of No. 11, Winchcomb Street, applying for permission to fix a projecting sign outside his premises. Resolved, That permission be not granted.

3—Appointment of Trees Sub-Committee—Resolved, That Aldermen Haddon and Skillicorne, Bendall and King-Harman be appointed the Trees Sub-Committee for the ensuing year.

4—Appointment of Stores Sub-Committee—Resolved. That Alderman Haddon, Councillors Baker. Bendall and Gridley be appointed the Stores Sub-Committee for the ensuing year.

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5—Appointment of Representatives on Plans Sub-Committee—Resolved, That Councillors Baker and Bendall be appointed the representatives of this Committee upon the Plans Sub-Committee for the ensuing year.

6—Church Road, Leckhampton—Read, a letter from the Rev. Canon Proctor suggesting that the Church Road, Leckhampton, should be widened from 23 feet to 36 feet, from the corner of Leckhampton Road to " Egremont " He was willing to give up the land belong inn to him required for such widening, and to set back his own fence, but he stipulated that the Corporation should at once kerb and channel the footpath from the corner of Leckhampton Road to Pineville,- a distance of about 90 yards. Terms would have to be arranged with Mrs. Fordham, the owner of part of the land, The Borough Surveyor reported that the estimated cost of the kerbing and channelling and making up the footpath was £60, and of making up the widened portion of the carriage way £30. Resolved, That the Committee cannot recommend the Council to accept this offer, as they consider the expenditure unnecessary at the present time.

7—Borough Surveyor's Trap—Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be authorised to purchase a second-hand rubber-tyred Ralli car for his use for £15

8—Nursery for Trees—On the recommendation of the Borough Surveyor, Resolved, That the offer of Mr. A. B. Wall to let to the Corporation as yearly tenants two chains of land in Whaddon Lane for use as a nursery ground for trees for street planting at a rent of 20s per chain be accepted.

9—Whaddon Lane—Read, a Memorial from Mr. J. W. T. Jackson and other owners of property in Whaddon Lane, asking that the road should be properly repaired. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to bring up a plan and specification of the works required to be done by the abutting owners.

10—Refuse Destructor—With reference to the Resolution of this Committee approved by the Council directing the Borough Surveyor to have the site of the old cells and the iron building at the Destructor cleared. Resolved, That the Distress Committee be informed that the Council are willing that the work mentioned be carried out by the unemployed, under the supervision of the Borough Surveyor, the Council paying rd of the cost of the work as certified by him

11—Railway Siding to Destructor and Electricity Works—Resolved, That the Distress Committee be informed that the Council are willing that the preparation of the track for the new siding to the Destructor and Electricity Works should be carried out by the unemployed, under the supervision of the Borough Surveyor, the Council paying $\frac{1}{3}$ rd of the cost of the work as certified by him.

JOHN D. BENDALL,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, the 30th November, 1908.—Present : Aldermen Haddon and Skillicorne, Councillors Baker, Bendall, Gridley, King-Harman and Norton (Councillor Bendall in the Chair).

12—Borough Surveyor's Monthly Report re Highways—The Borough Surveyor reported that the work completed by the Highways Department from the 23rd October, 1908, to the 26th Nov., 1908 (both inclusive) had been as follows:—

Roads Repaired—Andover Road (1,000 super yards), Russell Street (1,900 super yards), Pilley Lane (1,822 super yards), Bath Road (tar macadam) (600 super yards), Grove Street (800 super yards), Shelburne Road (700 super yards), Rose and Crown Passage (600 super yards).

Roads Patched----St. Margrett's Road, Marle Hill Road, Back of Clarendon Villas, Marle Hill Parade, Hanover Street, St. Paul's Lane, Larput flare, Beth Road, Roman Road, Back of Pittville Crescent, Croft Street, Cemetery Road, Fairfield Street, Upper Park Street, Rosehill Street, Glencairn Park Road, St. George's Street, Gloucester Road, St. James' Square and High Street.

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Electricity Trenches Repaired—Ormond Place, North Place, High Street, Portland Street, Rodney Road, Brunswick Street, St. Paul's Road, Cambray and Bennington Street.

Water Trenches repaired—Moorend Park Road, Clarence Parade, St. George's Road.

Gas Trenches repaired—High Street. Sewer Trenches repaired—Portland Street and Granville Street.

Channel repaired—Albert Street and Roman Road. Kerbs chamfered for Wheel Chairs—Lansdown Place, Lansdown Crescent and Promenade.

Paving relaid—St. George's Road, Bath Road, Duke Street, Hungerford Street, Montpellier Terrace, and Granville Street.

New kerb fixed—Oriel Place (243 lineal yards). New Channel laid—Oriel Place (243 lineal yards).

Crossings relaid-3. Crossings renewed-3. Crossings repaired-4. Gullies renewed-10. New Galley Grates, etc., fixed-4. Manhole covers refixed—8.

Trees pruned—Hewlett Road, Promenade, Queen's Retreat and Imperial Square.

Trees felled—St. Ann's Road, 10 : Imperial Square, 3 ; Carlton Street, 3.

Trees planted—Old Bath Road, 7 limes ; Leckhampton Road, 7 limes ; Christ Church Road, 1 lime ; Old Bath Road, 6 Norway maples ; Tewkesbury Road, 4 sycamores ; Eldorado Crescent and Road, 2 sycamores ; Imperial Square, 1 silver birch ; Glencairn Park Road, 1 silver birch ; Tewkesbury Road, 4 silver birches ; Glencairn Park Road, 1 plane ; Eldorado Road, 2 planes ; Eldorado Crescent, 1 plane Tewkesbury Road, 4 planes.

Ashes Collection and Disposal- --During 5 weeks ended the 26th November, 1908, 1,204 loads collected, 1,123 consumed and 81 tipped away. Weight consumed, 1,157 tons 6 cwts.

Slab Factory—During 5 weeks ended the 19th November, 1908, 1,582 $\frac{3}{4}$ square yards of slabs made.

13—View Meeting—The following Members attended the View Meeting on Friday last :—Aldermen Haddon and Skillicorne, Councillors Baker, Benda", Gridley, King Harman, Norton and Packer.

14—Report of Plans Sub-Committee—The Chairman reported the proceedings of the Plans Sub-Committee at their Meetings on the 20th and 27th inst. Resolved, That the same be approved and adopted.

15—Street Projections--Read, applications from Miss B. Matthews, Messrs. H. E. Steel, Ltd. (for the Co-operative Society), and Mr. Thomas Mills for permission to place projecting lamps outside No. 11, Colonnade, No. 89, High Street, and No. 222, High Street respectively. Resolved, That the applications be acceded to subject to compliance with the usual conditions.

Read, a letter from Mr. A. Hodson applying for permission to place a barber's pole outside No. 7 Brunswick Street. Resolved, That permission be granted subject to compliance with the usual conditions.

16—Area Gratings—Resolved, That the Street Inspector be instructed to report as to any area gratings in the streets in the Borough requiring attention by the owners with a view to the safety of the public.

17—Fairfield Parade, and Footpaths, Burton Street to Lower Park Street and rear of White Swan, Lower Park Street—Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to bring up plans and specifications of the works required to be done to this road and these footpaths by the abutting owners.

18—Alstone Lane—Read, a letter from Mr. J. K. Troughton on behalf of various owners of property in Alstone Avenue, asking that a footpath should be formed and channelled on the North side of Alstone Lane over the land given up for such purpose by the abutting owners at the time the houses were erected. Resolved, That the matter be considered at the commencement of the next financial year.

19—Reddings Road—Read, a letter from the Clerk to the County Council stating that the County Highways Committee had agreed to recommend the County Council to contribute £125 towards the widening and improvement of Reddings Road, and putting it into proper repair, on condition that the Corporation carried out the work and took the road over upon completion. This Committee having inspected the road, Resolved, That the further consideration of the matter be adjourned to the next meeting.

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20—Pavement Lights at No. 10, Pittville Street—Read, a letter from Mr. T. Malvern for Messrs. Holliday & Page, Ltd., applying for permission to place a Hayward's light in the footpath in front of No. 10, Pittville Street, and a coal plate in the carriage way there. Resolved, That permission be granted to place a Hayward's light as proposed, and for a Hayward's Light coal plate in the footpath, the exact position of the latter to be subject to the approval of the Borough Surveyor, and the usual agreement of indemnity to be entered into as regards both lights.

21—Footpath in Road to Cookery School, Tivoli—The Borough Surveyor submitted a specification, plan and estimate of the works required to be done to the above street. 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 Borough 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.

JOHN D. BENDALL,

Chairman.

PLANS SUB-COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Sub-Committee held on Friday, the 20th November, 1908. Present :—
Councillors Baker, Hayward and King-Harman (Councillor Baker in the Chair).

1—Chairman—Resolved, That Councillor Bendall be appointed Chairman of this Sub-Committee for the ensuing year.

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

No. of Plan.	Name	Description.
709	R. W. Maiben	New Portico, 8 Raymond Terrace.
710	J. C. Wilcox	Additions to 47 Tewkesbury Road.
711	St. Paul's Training College Committee	New Chapel, St. Paul's Training College.
712	J. Brown	Van Shed, Cleaveland Street.
713	J. D. Bendall	Six semi-detached houses, Leckhampton Road.
714	Mrs. Phillips	Reconstruction of Nos. 193 and 194 High Street.
715	T. W. Smith	Stable, Asquith Road.
716	Mrs. Turk	Addition to Almora, Gloucester Road.
717	Miss A. E. Brown	New W.C., 46 St. George's Street.

Resolved, That Plans Nos. 709, 710, 711, 713, 713, 715 and 716 be approved, and that Plans Nos. 717 be approved subject to the drainage being carried out to the satisfaction of the Inspector of Nuisances and that Plans No. 711 be disapproved. Resolved also, That a recommendation be made to the Public Health Committee to extend the sewer in Leckhampton Road, to take the drainage of houses now proposed to be erected there.

WILLIAM A. BAKER,

Chairman

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At a Meeting of this Sub-Committee held on Friday, [blank, 1908] Present : Councillors Baker, Bendall, Hayward and King-Harman (Councillor Bendall in the chair.)

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

No. of Plan	Name	Description
714	Mrs. Phillips	Reconstruction of 193 and 194 High Street.
718	T. Wintle	New Scullery, Glengyle, London Road.
719	A. Matthews	Four houses and extension of Station Street.
720	T. D. Boulton	Detached house, Charlton Lane.
721	Governors of the General Hospital	Additions to General Hospital.

Resolved, That Plan No. 714 be approved, that Plans No. 718 and 721 be approved subject to the drainage. etc., being carried out to the satisfaction of the Inspector of Nuisances, and that Plans No. 719 and 720 be disapproved.

JOHN D. BENDALL,

Chairman

TOWN IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, the 12th November, 1908. Present :—The Mayor, Alderman Rogers, Councillors Baker, Green, Steel, and Stroud (The Mayor in the Chair).

1—Chairman—Resolved, That Councillor Baker be appointed Chairman of this Committee for the ensuing year.

J.. T. AGG-GARDNER,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, the 23rd November, 1908. Present :—Councillors Baker, Green, Hayward, Packer ((Jul Steel (Councillor Baker in the Chair).

2—Appointment of Entertainments Sub-Committee—Resolved, That Alderman Rogers, Councillors Baker, Green, Hayward and Packer be appointed the Entertainments Sub-Committee for the ensuing year.

3—Sunday Concerts—Read, a Memorial from the Cheltenham Ethical Society, urging the desirability of Concerts being held on Sunday evenings after the hoists of public worship. Resolved, That the Entertainment Sub-Committee be instructed to consider the suggestion and report thereon.

4—Musical Afternoons—Resolved, That the question of the Special Friday Concerts and the reduction in the number of the Musical orchestra be referred to the Entertainments Sub-Committee for consideration and report.

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5—Guide to Cheltenham—Read, a letter from Mr E. J. Burrow, stating that he was willing to produce an illustrated guide to Cheltenham, as one of the series of " Borough " pocket guides if the Committee would give their sanction and approval to the proposal, in which case he would present to the Council 2,000 copies (1,000 in stamped wrappers ready for posting), and himself send out another 500 copies to the principal clubs, golf clubs, and hotels in the Kingdom. The letterpress would be submitted for approval. Resolved, That the offer be accepted, and permission be given to Mr Burrow to state that the guide is "issued with the sanction of the Corporation."

6—Pittville Lake—The Borough Surveyor reported that he had seen Mr Maby, of Marle Hill House, who was willing to allow the material to be removed from Pittville Lake to be deposited on his field near the Evesham Road, the Corporation to fence off and rent the land so used, the rent to be at the rate of £4 per acre per annum, the tenancy to terminate when the land had been levelled by the Corporation, and the grass grown on same. The area required would be about 3 acres. The cost of the work would probably not exceed £400. The quantity of material requiring removal was, however, difficult to ascertain beforehand. If it was intended to clear out the lake in the near future, the water should be drained off as soon as possible, Resolved, That Mr. Maby's offer be accepted, and that the Borough Surveyor be instructed to at once have the Lake drained.

7—Roller Skating at Pittville Pump Rooms--Read, an application from Mrs. Dunlop for the use of Pittville Pump Room during the winter months for roller skating upon the following terms :—The

charge to be £10 10s. 0d. including lighting and heating and admission to the Gardens from 2.30 to 6.30 pm. two days a week for three months, additional days to be paid for proportionately, Mrs. Dunlop to bear the cost of the necessary repairs to the floor, and to have the right to terminate the letting at ;my time on paying the proportion of the rent then due, the Corporation to have similar power to terminate should the floor show signs of damage. Resolved, That the application be acceded to,

8—Advertising—Mr. W. E. Keymer, Managing Director of Messrs. Wills, Ltd., Advertising Agents for the G.W.R. Co., attended this meeting and submitted proposals for advertising the town by means of illustrated posters, and advertisements in Time Tables and Guides issued by the Company, The G.W.R. Company were willing to issue an illustrated poster (40in. by 50 in.) of Cheltenham, subject to a payment by the Corporation of £20 10s. per annum for 5 years, the Queen's Hotel having agreed to take one part of the poster for the same period at 10s. per annum. The design and letterpress would be subject to the approval of the Corporation. The Company undertake to print not less than 5,000 copies for exhibiting on their private boards in their own stations and Receiving Offices also on their interchangeable boards on the stations of other Railway Companies, 3,500 copies to be shown in the five years, the remaining 1,500 to be used for the purpose of renewals. Resolved, That the offer of the Company as to the poster be accepted, and that the further consideration of the other proposals be adjourned,

WILLIAM A. BAKER,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, the 27th, November, 1908—Present: The Mayor, Alderman Rogers, Councillors Baker, Green, Hayward, Packer and Steel (Councillor Baker in the chair)

9—Report of Entertainments Sub-Committee—The Entertainments' Sub-Committee recommended as follows : Musical Afternoons—That notice be given to Mr. Teague to reduce the Orchestra to the same number as last year at the end of one month, with an intimation that the notice may be withdrawn if the Committee consider that the returns during the month justify the continuance of the larger Orchestra.

Sunday Concerts—That the Committee express their willingness to consider proposals from any responsible body to arrange and carry on Sunday Concerts in the Winter Garden, commencing at 8.30 p.m.

Resolved, That notice be given to Mr. Teague to reduce the Orchestra to the same number as last year on the expiration of one month from such notice, and that the recommendation of the Sub-Committee as to Sunday Conceits be approved and adopted.

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10—Advertising—Read, a letter from the courier " stating their a line advertisement as to the free guide issued by the Corporation under a weekly report from Cheltenham to appear under " Health and Sunshine," the charge for such advertisement to be 2s 6d for each insertion. Resolved that offer be accepted for one year from the first appearance of the advertisement.

11—Bowling Green at Winter Garden—Read, a letter from the Hon. Sec. of the Cheltenham Bowling Club applying for the use of the Green at the Winter Garden next season on the same terms and conditions as last year, viz ; a rent of £10 (to include the use of a room for storage of the woods) the Club to keep the green in good order until the commencement of the following season, as well is during the season, and not to permit the erection thereon of any tent or other structure, the Council to have the right to use or grant the use of the green any time upon giving reasonable notice to the Club. Resolved, That, the application be acceded to, subject to the Club paying in addition at the usual rate for water used upon the green..

12—Music Stands—Resolved, That the offer of Mr. C. E. Rainger to sell to the Corporation 24 music stands at present in use by the Municipal Orchestra at the Town Hall for 5s each be accepted.

WILLIAM A. BAKER,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Wednesday, the 2nd December, 1908. Present :— Aldermen Rogers and Winterbotham, Councillors Baker, Green, Hayward, Steel and Stroud (Councillor Baker in the Chair).

13—Band in Promenade—Resolved, That the Rifle Volunteer Band be engaged to play in the Promenade from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on the 26th inst. (Boxing Day) for £3.

14—Use of Winter Garden for Sunday Concerts--Read. a letter from the Hon. Sec. of the Corporation Employees' Social Club asking the Corporation to grant the free use of the Winter Garden for about an hour on Sunday evenings for the holding of Sacred Concerts. No charge would be made for admission, but a collection would be made, which, after payment of expenses, would be handed over to local charities. Resolved, That the application be acceded to for four Sundays, commencing the 13th inst., the Concerts to commence at 5.30 p.m., the Club to pay the cost of lighting and out-of-pocket expenses in connection with the use of the Winter Garden.

15—Pittville Lake—Read, a letter from the Local Secretary of the Amalgamated Society of Gas Workers, Brickmakers and General Labourers protesting against the Council allowing the Distress Committee to undertake the cleaning of Pittville Lake unless that Committee decides to pay 5d. per hour, and allow the men to work such hours as will enable them to earn not less than 17s per week.

Read, a letter from the Chairman of the Distress Committee urging the Council to allow the Distress Committee to undertake the work to provide work for the unemployed.

Resolved, That the Council be recommended to agree to the Distress Committee undertaking the cleaning out of the Pittville Lake, the Council providing the plant and the cost of fencing and snaking good the ground (estimated by the Borough Engineer at £216), and also contributing one-third of the cost of the labour paid by the Distress Committee, including the necessary foremen and team labour, not exceeding the sum of £200, the work to be carried out under the supervision of the Borough Engineer.

16—Winter Garden—Roller Skating—Read, letters from Messrs. Baring Bros., asking lowest terms for letting the Winter Gardens for roller Skating in the evenings for three months from 24th

December, with option of taking it for the season of 1909-10 on the same terms, and making an offer to take it on sharing terms of 55 per cent. to them, and 45 per cent. to the Council, the latter to provide the building, lighting, cleaning, advertising and attendants, Messrs. Baring Bros. providing everything else necessary.

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An offer was also made by Mr. C. G. Smith, of 60 Bradford Street, Walsall, to pay £50 and cost of lighting of the use of the centre of the building for roller skating in the evenings (6 p.m. to 10 p.m.) on each week-day from the 25th December to the 27th March next, and also for the use of the same in the mornings and afternoons when not required for other purposes, the Corporation to be at liberty to let the building at any time during the period, three days' notice to be given of any such letting, and a proportionate abatement to be made from the rent for each evening Mr. Smith is deprived of the use of the building by reason of such letting. Resolved, That the Committee cannot recommend the Council to accept either of the offers.

Resolved, Also, that the Council be recommended to empower the Committee to let the building for Roller Skating for the season if they receive an offer which meets with the Committee's approval.

'WILLIAM A. BAKER,

Chairman.

ELECTRICITY AND LIGHTING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, the 12th November, 1908—Present: The Mayor, Alderman Norman, Councillors Green, Gridley, Merrett, Norton, Rees Jones and Steel (The Mayor in the chair).

1—Chairman—Resolved, That Councillor Gridley be appointed Chairman of this Committee for the ensuing year.

J. T. AGG-GARDNER,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Thursday, the 19th November, 1908. Present :—Alderman Norman, Councillors Green, Gridley, Hayward, Merrett, Rees Jones and Steel (Councillor Gridley in the Chair).

2—Gas Examiner's Report—The Gas Examiner reported that on the 10th and 11th inst. his test for purity showed 31 grains of sulphur per 100 cubic feet, The test for illuminating power, made on the 10th instant, gave 14.9 candles.

3—Requisition for Materials Required—The Borough Electrical Engineer submitted a list of materials, etc., which would probably be required during the ensuing month and the same was approved.

4—Borough Electrical Engineer's Monthly Report—Read, the Monthly Report of the Borough Electrical Engineer. On the 16th instant, there were 1014 consumers with the equivalent of 64,746 8

c.p. lamps connected to the private supply mains, the corresponding figures for last year being 938 and 62,743, respectively.

5—Lighting of Asquith and Churchill Roads—Read a letter from Mr. T. W. Smith, asking that some lamps should be placed in Asquith and Churchill Roads. Resolved, That the Committee inspect the streets mentioned at their next View Meeting.

6—Assessment of Electricity Works—The Town Clerk reported that as the result of the appeal by the Corporation, the Union Assessment Committee had reduced the rateable value of the Electricity Undertaking in the Parish of Cheltenham from £4850 to £3200.

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7—Application for Supply—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported an application from Mr. Benjamin Combo for electric supply to the Malthouse, Malthouse Lane. The cost of the necessary main extension was £25 and the applicant agreed to pay in addition to the usual charges for energy and meter rent the sum of £5 per annum for 5 years, and that if he discontinued taking a supply of energy before the end of 5 years, then he would pay forthwith the balance remaining unpaid of the £25. Resolved, That the extension be made and supply given on the terms mentioned.

K GRIDLEY, Chairman.

WATER COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Thursday, the 12th November, 1908—Present : The Mayor, Alderman Norman, Councillors Baker, M. Davis, Earengy, Green, Margrett and Stroud (The Mayor in the Chair).

1—Chairman—Resolved, That Councillor Margrett be appointed Chairman of this Committee for the ensuing year.

J. T. AGG-GARDNER,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Thursday, the 26th November, 1908—Present : The Mayor, Councillors Baker, M. Davis, Earengy, Green and Margrett (Councillor Margrett in the chair).

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

DAILY YIELD OF SPRINGS.

	For 31 days, ended 20th Nov., 1908.	Average for corresponding period during last 3 years.
Hewletts Springs	89,000 gallons	201,000 gallons
Dowdeswell Springs	258,000 "	684,000 "
Leckhampton	5,000 "	19,000 "
Total	352,000 "	904,000 "

CONTENTS OF RESERVOIRS.

November 20th, 1908.			November 20th, 1907.	
	Depth	Contents	Depth	Contents
Hewletts ...	...	6,065,000 galls	...	28,408,000 gallons
Leckhampton ..	3ft. 0in.	405,000 "	12ft. 0in.	1,620,000 "
Dowdeswell ..	18ft. 7in.	39,343,000 "	30ft. 6in.	92,183,000 "
Total Storage		45,813,000 "		122,211,000 "

Pumping had proceeded continuously night and day at Tewkesbury. 366 yards of 3-inch main had been laid at the Reddings, upon the usual guarantee of 10 per cent.. upon the outlay being given.

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

CHAS. H. MARGRETT,

Chairman.

GENERAL PURPOSES AND WATCH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, the 24th, November, 1908. Present : The Mayor, Aldermen Haddon, Norman, Rogers and Winterbotham, Councillors Baker, M. Davis, Gridley and Margrett (Alderman Norman in the Chair).

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

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

Read, a circular letter from the Board of Agriculture and Fisheries stating that an Investigation Laboratory had been equipped to enable the Board's Veterinary officers to carry out investigations in connection with diseases of animals, and containing instructions as to the forwarding of specimens for examination. Resolved, That a copy of the circular be sent to the Corporation Veterinary Inspector.

3—Report of Fire Brigade Captain—The Captain of the Fire Brigade reported that on the 20th inst. the Brigade was called to an outbreak of fire at a workshop in Suffolk Street. Damage, £50. Extinction expenses, £3 13s. 6d. Cause of fire unknown. Buildings, but not contents insured.

4—Appointment of Fire Brigade Sub-Committee—Resolved, That Aldermen Norman and Rogers, Councillors Baker and M. Davis be appointed the Fire Brigade Sub-Committee for the ensuing year.

5—List of Fire Hydrants The Borough Surveyor submitted tenders he had obtained for printing the list of hydrants in the Borough, which list had been revised and brought up to date. Resolved, That the tenders he referred to the Fire Brigade Sub-Committee for consideration with power to accept a tender.

6—Nameplates and Names of Streets—The Borough Surveyor submitted a list of 150 streets for which nameplates were required, and a list of 31 streets which had not been named. Resolved. That a copy of the last-mentioned list be sent to each member of the Committee, with a view to suggestions for suitable names being considered at the next meeting.

7—Pawnbrokers' Certificate—Read, an application from Mr. H. Higgins, of Nos. 314 and 315 High Street, for a renewal of his certificate under the Pawnbrokers' Act, 1872. Resolved, That the same be renewed for one year from the 9th inst.

8—Vacancies on Distress Committee—Read, a letter from Councillor Gridley resigning his membership of the Distress Committee for the Borough. Resolved, That the two vacancies for members of the Council on the Distress Committee be filled by the appointment of the Councillors elected to-day for the North and Middle Wards.

9—Committee Fixtures for 1909—Resolved, That the Meetings of the Committees of the Council for 1909 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		
Tuesday	Public Library	4.15 p.m.
Thursday	Electricity and Lighting	3.0 p.m.
Friday	Farms Management	12.0 noon
	Mineral Waters, Baths and Recreation Grounds	3.30 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 a.m.
	Plans Sub-Committee (at Depot)	2.30 p.m.
	Street and Highway (View)	3.0 p.m.
	(meet at Central Depot)	
3rd Week		
Monday	Street and Highway (Second Meeting)	10.0 a.m.
Tuesday	Finance	3.30 p.m.
WEEK FOLLOWING 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.
Wednesday	Art Gallery and Museum	12.30 p.m.

10--Home for Sick Children—Read, a letter from the Hon. Sec. of the Home for Sick Children asking that some allowance should be made to them by way of donation or otherwise, as an equivalent for the free supply of water given to the institution previously to the 1st January last. Resolved, That the Committee regret they cannot see their way to accede to the request.

11—Sunday Postal Deliveries—With reference to the Memorial from the Cheltenham Ethical Society suggesting, amongst other things, that the Postal Authorities should be approached with a view to the abolition of the Sunday delivery of letters in Cheltenham, read a letter from Dr. Earengy stating that he had been interviewed on behalf of the postmen, and while he regretted that circumstances rendered it necessary to withdraw the suggestion made by the Society, he feared there would be great difficulties in carrying out the same. Resolved, That no action be taken in the matter.

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12-Town Hall and Winter Garden-A deputation, introduced by Councillor Hayward, from the Robins Annual Xmas Treat Committee, attended in support of an application for the free use of the Town Hall and Winter Garden. Mr. R. Ratcliffe explained that it was proposed to provide tea for the children in the Winter Garden and to use the Town Hall for entertainment. Resolved, That the Committee regret that they cannot see their way to grant the use of the Town Hall, but that the use of the Winter Garden and the Supper Room of the Town Hall be granted free of charge on a date to be arranged.

13-Public Health Acts Amendment Act, 1907-The Town Clerk reported that notice had been duly given by advertisement of the intended application of the Council for Orders declaring certain sections of the Public Health Acts Amendment Act, 1907, to be in force in the Borough. Resolved, That application be made to the Secretary of State for an Order declaring Sections 86 and 91 of the said Act, and to the Local Government Board for an Order declaring Sections 16, 17, 19, 21, 22, 24, 27, 28, 29, 30, 32, 33, 34, 36, 37, 38, 43, 44, 45, 46, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74 and 75 of the said Act, to be in force in the Borough.

14-Local Pension Committee-Resolved, That a charge of 2s 6d a meeting be made for the use of the Municipal Offices by the Sub-Committee of the Local Pension Committee to cover cost of heating, cleaning and lighting.

15-Cheltenham District Light Railway-Road, a letter from Messrs Winterbotham, Gurney & Co., on behalf of the Light Railway Co., asking the Council to agree to a revision of fares. Resolved, That the matter be referred to a Sub-committee consisting of Alderman Norman, Councillors Baker, M. Davis, Gridley and Margrett, to consider and report thereon.

GEO. NORMAN,

Chairman.

ART GALLERY AND MUSEUM COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, the 12th November. 1908-Present : Tice Mayor, Aldermen Haddon, Norman, Rogers, and Waghorne, Councillors Davies, Green and Stroud (The Mayor in the chair).

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

J. T. AGG-GARDNER, Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Wednesday, the 18th November, 1908-Present: Aldermen Haddon, Rogers, Waghorne, and Winterbotham, Councillors Davies and Green (Aldermen Winterbotham in the chair).

2--Curator's Report-The Curator reported that there had been 1,527 visits to the Art Gallery and Museum since the 16th September last. He visited the South Kensington Museum on October 14th, and selected objects for the four cases in exchange for the present loan, together with 12 oil paintings. The pictures in the Gallery had been re-hung, and the local views and portraits in the Museum re-arranged and added to

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In response to an appeal for the loan of pictures the following had been received :—Rev. Canon Gardner, Oil Painting by A. MacCallum ; Mr. William Gardner, Oil Painting of Charles I after Van Dyke ; Mr. H. Kennedy-Skipton, three Oil Paintings ; Lady Dick-Cunyngham, two Oil Paintings ; The Curator, two Oil Paintings.

The following presentations had been made:- Miss Helps, Antiquities from Birdlip; Mr. Deacon, One Pound Note issued by the Cheltenham and Gloucestershire Bank, 1820.

Resolved, That the thanks of the Committee be conveyed to the lenders and donors.

3—Sunday Opening of Art Gallery and Museum—Read a Memorial by the Cheltenham Ethical Society suggesting the Opening of the Art Gallery and Museum on Sundays, from 2 to 9.30 p.m. Resolved, That the Curator be instructed to report as to the cost of adopting the suggestion, and to obtain from other towns possessing Art Galleries and Museums, information as to the advantage taken by the public of the Sunday opening of such institutions.

JAS. B. WINTERBOTHAM,

Chairman.

MINERAL WATERS, BATHS AND RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Thursday, the 12th November, 1908--Present : The Mayor, Alderman Norman,

Councillors Baker, Davies, Merrett, and Stroud (The Mayor in the Chair).

1—Chairman—Resolved, That Councillor Stroud be appointed Chairman of this Committee for the ensuing year. (Councillor Stroud thereupon presided as Chairman).

2—Montpellier Baths—Swimming Bath. The Borough Surveyor submitted the applications he had received for the hire of the Swimming Bath Room at Montpellier when the bath is covered in and the room properly heated, and Committee settled the terms of letting. In view of the applications

received, Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to install the heating apparatus at a cost of about £32.

J. T. AGG-GARDNER, HERBERT STROUD,

Chairman.

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At a Meeting of this Committee, held on, Friday, the 20th November, 1908. Present :—Councillors Baker, Davies, Hayward, Merrett 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:—

Receipts	£428 0 7
Hire of Bath, etc.	£ 2 15 7
Rent of Shop	<u>£24 0 0</u>
	£454 16 2

Payments	£480 4 0
Interest & Redemption (proportion of)	<u>£ 308 9 10</u>
	£783 13 10

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	£306 1 5
Payments ...	£132 8 0
Interest & Redemption (proportion of)	<u>£195 0 3</u>
	£377 8 3

The Borough Surveyor reported that on the 22nd September last a boy while in the Bath was seized with illness, and but for the prompt and efficient aid rendered by Mr. and Mrs. Pilkington (Superintendents) would probably have lost his life. Read, a letter from the Rev. E. L. Jennings expressing his thanks to the Superintendents for their kindness and help. Resolved, That the Committee record their appreciation of the action of the Superintendents.

5—Visitors for Baths and Recreation Grounds—Resolved, That members of the Committee be appointed Visitors for the Baths and Recreation Grounds for the ensuing year as follows;

Montpellier Baths—Councillors Davies and Stroud. Alstone Baths—Alderman Norman and Councillor Packer. Agg-Gardner Recreation Ground—Councillors Baker and Davies. Naunton Park—Alderman Norman and Councillor Bendall. Whaddon Lane Recreation Ground—Councillors Hayward and Merrett. Grove Street Ground—Councillor Packer.

6—Appointment of Mineral Waters Sub-Committee—Resolved, That Councillors Baker, Davies, Merrett and Stroud be appointed the Mineral Waters Sub-Committee for the ensuing year.

7—Cricket at Whaddon Lane Recreation Ground—Read, a letter from the Hon. Sec. of the Imperial Cricket Club, applying for permission to use Whaddon Lane Ground on Saturdays during next season. Resolved, That consideration of the application be adjourned for the present.

8—List of Hotels, Lodging and Boarding Houses—With reference to a suggestion by the Visitors' Accommodation Association that a list of the local hotels, boarding and lodging houses should be sent out to applicants for copies of the free guide to Cheltenham, the Chief Inspector of Nuisances submitted a report showing that the hotels, etc., named therein were in a sanitary condition. Resolved, That the copies of the list when printed by the Association be supplied as suggested.

HERBERT STROUD,

Chairman

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BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Thursday, the 12th November, 1908—Present : The Mayor, Aldermen Haddon and Rogers, Councillors Baker, Gridley, King-Harman, Merrett, and Steel (The Mayor in the Chair).

1—Chairman—Resolved, That Alderman Haddon be appointed Chairman of this Committee for the ensuing year.

J. T. AGG--GARDNER, Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, the 27th November, 1908—Present : Aldermen Haddon and Rogers, Councillors Baker, Gridley, King-Harman, Merrett and Steel. (Alderman Haddon in, the Chair.

2—Designs—Resolved, That the following designs be approved, viz. :—Headstones to graves of Isabella Tarr and Annie Dwyer. Memorial Crosses to graves of Thomas Gosling, Edith Constable Robertson, Henry and Reginald Wilkins, Edmund Arthur Sturrock, Martha Briscoe, and Robert Edward Crickett.

JOHN HADDON,

Chairman.

PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Thursday, the 12th November, 1908.—Present : The Mayor, Alderman Rogers, Councillors Davies, Earengy, Green, King-Barman and Margrett, Messrs. A. Beckingsale, and F. Parsons (The Mayor in the Chair).

1.—Resolved, That Alderman Rogers be appointed Chairman of this Committee for the ensuing year.

J. T. AGG-GARDNER,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, the 17th November, 1908.—Present: The Mayor, Alderman Rogers, Councillors Davies, Earengy, Green, Hayward, King-Harman, Margrett and Merrett, Revs. J. Lloyd-Davies and P. A. Nash, Messrs. A. Beckingsale, W. Cresswell, G. Dimmer, F. Parsons and E. C. Rogers (Alderman Rogers in the Chair).

2—Librarian's Report—Read, the Monthly Report of the Librarian. Receipts, £7 18s. 6d. Presentations :—Mrs. L. M. McCraith 1 volume, J. H. Schooling 1 volume, Major E. F. Becher 2 volumes. The issues from the Reference Department since the last monthly meeting numbered 1316 a decrease of 16 per day as compared with the corresponding month of last year, the issues from the Lending Department numbered 10,112, an increase of 6 per day as compared with last year.

3—Appointment of Sub-Committee—Resolved, That the following members be appointed the Sub-Committee for the ensuing year, viz. : — The Chairman, Councillors Davies, Green, Hayward, King-Harman and Merrett, Rev. J. Lloyd-Davies, Messrs. F. J. Bennett and G. Dimmer.

4—Sunday Opening of Library—Read, a Memorial from the Cheltenham Ethical Society suggesting that the Public Library (with the exception of the Lending Department) should be open to the public on Sundays, say from 2 to 9.30 p.m.

Read, a letter from Mr. A. Butler stating that the Cheltenham Branch of the Independent Labour Party approved of the suggestion made in the above Memorial.

Resolved, That the Librarian be instructed to report as to the cost of carrying out the suggestion and to obtain information from towns where Libraries are opened on Sundays as to the advantage taken by the public of the facilities so offered.

5—Membership of Committee—Read, a letter from Mr. A. Butler, Secretary of the Cheltenham Branch of the Independent Labour Party asking for permission to nominate a representative as a member of this Committee. Resolved, That the Labour Party be invited to suggest a representative for consideration by the Council.

6—Library Staff--The Librarian reported the illness of two members of his Staff and the necessity for additional assistance both temporary and permanent. Resolved, That the Librarian be authorised to obtain necessary temporary assistance and that the Sub-Committee be instructed to consider and report as to the appointment of an additional assistant.

RICHARD ROGERS, Chairman.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Thursday, the 12th November, 1908—Present: The Mayor, Aldermen Skillicorne and Waghorne, Councillors Earengy, Merrett, Rees Jones, Steel and Stroud (The Mayor in the chair).

1—Chairman-Resolved That Alderman Waghorne be appointed Chairman of this Committee for the ensuing year.

J. T. AGG-GARDNER, Chairman.

At a meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, the 1st December, 1908. Present:—Aldermen Skillicorne and Waghorne, Councillors Earengy, Hayward, Merrett, Rees Jones, Steel and Stroud (Alderman Waghorne in the Chair).

2—General District Rate—The Report of the Borough Accountant dated the 1st inst., on the collection of the second instalment of this Rate, was read. Amount collected £5,711 13s 4d. Leaving outstanding, £18,134 16s. 1d.

3—Water Rate—The final Report of the Borough Accountant on the collection of the water rates for the half year ended 29th September last was read. Amount received £11,405 4s. 7d. Voids, allowances, etc., £208 17s. 6d. Arrears carried forward. £1,966 13s. 1d.

The Borough Accountant reported that the amount received for the current half-year was £3,521 14s. 9d. Leaving outstanding (including arrears from last half year), £8,724 7s. 6d.

4—Report of District Auditor—Read, the report of the District Auditor upon his examination completed on the 9th ulto. of the accounts of the Borough for the year ending the 31st March, 1908. Resolved, That the report as regards the Electricity Accounts be referred to the Electricity and Lighting Committee and as regards Stores Accounts to the various Committees affected for their consideration, and that in the meantime consideration of the same by this Committee be adjourned.

5—Loans—Read, a letter from the Norwich Corporation stating that they were not prepared to assent to a reduction of the rate of interest on the loan of £10,000 advanced by them to 3g- per cent., and would accept repayment at the end of three months from the notice.

The Borough Accountant reported that since the last monthly meeting he had received the following sums upon loan :—£10,676 at 3 $\frac{5}{8}$ per cent. per annum, and £1,000 at 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. per annum, the term of such loans being either 3 or 7 years, and afterwards subject to 6 months' notice on either side.

Resolved, That debentures be sealed and issued accordingly in respect of the following loans : As to £10,676 on account of Electric Lighting Loans, and as to £1,000 on account of the loan for Sewage Disposal Outfall Works.

6—Education Loans—Read, a letter from the Secretary of the Education Committee, stating that there was a balance of £286 18s. 6d. in hand in respect of the Gloucester Road Schools Loan, but that the expenditure upon the Naunton Schools exceeded the amount of the sanction by £248 12s. 2d. This over expenditure was partly accounted for by the installation of Electric light instead of Gas at an extra cost of £135 and the provision of blackboards at a cost of £113. The Education Committee had passed a resolution asking the Council to make the necessary application to the Local Government Board for their sanction to a loan for the excess expenditure upon the Naunton Park Schools. Resolved, That application be made to the Board accordingly.

7—Unemployed—Resolved. That this Committee will raise no objection to payment by the Corporation of one-third of the cost of work for the Corporation, as certified by the Borough Surveyor, and carried out by the Distress Committee, the amount to be paid by the Corporation not

to exceed £100, this sum to be in addition to any expenditure which the Council may decide to incur in cleaning out Pitville Lake.

8—Fire Insurance—Read, a letter from the Municipal Mutual Insurance, Ltd., forwarding a quotation for the insurance of the Corporation properties against fire. Resolved. That Councillors Hayward, Merrett, Steel and Stroud be appointed an Insurance Sub-Committee, and that the letter be referred to them for consideration and report.

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.

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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 27th October last		£16,682 16 0
Received since that date (including Loans, £19,676)		<u>£34,038 6 4</u>
		£50,721 2 4
Paid since that date (including £8,000 Sinking Funds invested with the Corporation of Great Yarmouth, and £12,700 Loans transferred to the Education Committee) ...		<u>£27,598 2 5</u>
	In Hand	£23,122 19 11
Being General Accounts	£21,923 10 11	
Sinking Funds	<u>£ 1,199 9 0</u>	
	£23,122 19 11	

JOHN WAGHORNE,

Chairman.

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