

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 December, 1908, at 3 p.m. Present:

THE MAYOR (JAMES TYNTE AGG-GARDNER, 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 RICHARD DAVIES MOSES DAVIS WILLIAM GEORGE EARENGEY EDWINSON CHARLES GREEN EDWARD GRIDLEY PERCY HADDOCK CHARLES HAYWARD, MONTAGUE JOCELYN KING-HARMAN ALFRED MANN CHARLES HENRY MARGRETT WILLIE JOHN MERRETT HENRY GEORGE NORTON 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 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—Town Hall and Winter Garden—An application was received from the Rector for the free use of the Town Hall for an evening concert towards the end of January in aid of the funds of the Distress Committee. Resolved, That the application be referred to the General Purposes and Watch Committee for consideration.

Read, a letter from Adjutant Huish, of the Salvation Army, applying for the free use of the Winter Garden on the 16th instant for a Cinematograph Entertainment, the proceeds to be devoted to the Soup Kitchen Fund. He also desired to have the use of the Soup Kitchen from the 14th instant. Resolved, That the letter as regards the Winter Garden be referred to the Town Improvement Committee with power to the Committee to grant the application and as to the soup kitchen to the General Purposes and Watch Committee for consideration.

3—Election of Councillors for North and Middle Wards—The Town Clerk reported the Election on the 24th November, 1908, of Mr. Percy Haddock, of 6, Oriel Terrace, Solicitor, and Mr. Alfred Mann, of 51, Tivoli Street, Coal Merchant, as Councillors to fill casual vacancies for the North and Middle Wards respectively, and laid before the Council their declarations of acceptance of office.

4—Vacancies on Committees—Resolved, That Councillor Haddock be appointed a Member of the Water Committee for the ensuing year.

Councillor Packer having resigned his membership of the Street and Highway Committee, Resolved, That Councillor Haddock be appointed a member of the Committee to fill the vacancy so caused.

Resolved, That Councillor Mann be appointed a Member of the Burial Board Committee for the ensuing year.

Resolved, That Councillors Haddock and Mann be appointed Members of the Distress Committee for the Borough.

Resolved, That Councillors Haddock and Mann be appointed Members of the Local Pension Committee for the Borough for the year ending the 9th November, 1909.

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5—Public Health Committee Alderman Skillicorne proposed and Councillor M. Davis seconded, That the proceedings of the Public Health Committee, at their Meetings of the 16th, 23rd and 25th November last, be approved and confirmed.

To this an amendment was moved by Councillor Bendall, seconded by Councillor Baker :—That the name of "Mr. G. A. Hawkins" be substituted for " Messrs. Mark Williams & Co." in the Resolution to Minute No. 22 (Arle Outfall Sewer).

On the amendment being put to the meeting, the names of the members voting for or against were recorded as follows:—

For :—Councillors Baker, Bendall, Gridley, Hayward, Mann, Norton and Steel (7).

Against: —Aldermen Haddon, Norman, Rogers, Skillicorne, Waghorne and Winterbotham ; Councillors Davies, M. Davis, Earengy, Green, Haddock, King-Harman, Margrett, Merrett, Packer, Rees Jones, and Stroud (17).

The Mayor thereupon declared the Amendment lost, and the original motion upon being put to the meeting was carried.

6—Farms Management Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Farms Management Committee, at their Meeting of the 20th November 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 17th and 30th November last, be approved and confirmed, subject to the following amendment, viz. :--That Minute No. 8 (Nursery for Trees) be referred back to the Committee for further consideration.

8—Town Improvement Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Town Improvement Committee at their Meetings of the 23rd and 27th November last and 2nd December instant be approved and confirmed, subject to the following amendment, viz. :—That Minute No. 9 (Report of Entertainments Sub-Committee) as to Musical Afternoons be referred back to the Committee for further consideration.

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

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10—Water Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Water Committee, at their Meeting of the 26th November 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 November last, be approved and confirmed, and that application be made to the Secretary of State and to the Local Government Board for Orders under the Public Health Acts Amendment Act, 1907, accordingly.

12—Art Gallery and Museum Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Art Gallery and Museum Committee, at their Meeting of the 18th November 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 Meetings of the 12th and 20th November last, be approved and confirmed.

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

15—Finance Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Finance Committee, at their Meeting of the 1st December 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.

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 4th January, 1909.

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, the 14th December, 1908. Present:—Aldermen Norman and Skillicorne, Councillors Davies M. Davis, Hayward, King-Harman, Margrett and Rees Jones (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, 2 of Enteric Fever, 2 of Erysipelas, and 9 of Diphtheria, and that 6 cases of Scarlet Fever and 3 of diphtheria had been sent into the Delancey Hospital.

2—Overcrowding at No. 5, St. Margaret's Cottages.—The Medical Officer of Health reported that the above-premises were so overcrowded as to be dangerous or injurious to the health of the inmates. Resolved, That the Committee being satisfied of the existence of a nuisance on the said premises, Notices under Sec. 94 of the Public Health Act, 1875, be served on the occupiers thereof requiring them to abate. the same.

3—Houses without proper Ash Receptacles—The Inspector of Nuisances reported that the following houses had no proper ashpits or ash receptacles, viz :—Nos. 29, Sherborne Street, 16, North Street,

Nos. 11, 19, 30, 34, 42, 44, and 35 Keynsham Street, 62 Upper Park Street, and 2, Bayshill Terrace. Resolved, That the necessary Notices be given to the respective owners under Section 36 of the Public Health Act, 1875, and Section 27 of the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1889, requiring them in each case to provide a moveable ash receptacle of such size, pattern, and construction as may be approved by the Inspector of Nuisances on behalf of the Corporation.

4—Cleansing and Limewashing at Nos. 13, King Street Gardens, 4, St. Paul's Street South & 41, Burton Street. The Medical Officer of Health having certified under Sec. 40 of the Public Health Act, 1875, that the above-named dwelling-houses Were in such a filthy and unwholesome condition that the health of the inmates was affected or endangered thereby. Resolved, That Notice be given to the owners under the said Section requiring the houses to be cleansed and limewashed.

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5—Nuisances from Drains etc., at 4, Knowsley Parade, 16, 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.

6—Insanitary Property — Nos. 1, to 9 King Street Gardens, 6, Benhall Cottages, Granley Road, 62, Upper Park Street, 13 Grove Street and 51 Burton Street—The Medical Officer of Health reported that the above-mentioned premises were in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to the health of the inmates owing to defective roofs, walls, ceilings, floors, &c. Resolved, That the Council being satisfied that the said premises are in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to health, Notices under Section 94 of the Public Health Act, 1875, be served upon the owners requiring them to put the same into a healthy condition and for that purpose to carry out the works specified therein.

7—Dairies, Cowsheds and Milkshops Order--Read, an application from Mrs. Kate Young, of 68, Stanhope Street to be registered as a Purveyor of Milk. On the recommendation of the Medical Officer of Health, Resolved, That the applicant be informed that the premises are not suitable for use for the sale of milk.

8—Destruction of Diseased Meat—The Medical Officer of Health reported that a heifer killed at the Abattoir on the 9th inst. was found to be so badly affected with tuberculosis as to render the whole carcass unfit for human food, and it was surrendered and destroyed (weight destroyed, 718 lbs.)

9—Appointment of School Medical Officer—Alderman Norman, as Chairman of the School Management Sub-Committee of the Education Committee, reported that the Sub-Committee had, subject to the approval of the Education Committee, decided to appoint Dr. Garrett School Medical Officer in compliance with the views expressed by the Board of Education.

W. NASH SKILLICORNE,

Chairman

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, the 21st December, 1908. Present:—The Mayor, Alderman Skillicorne, Councillors M. Davis, Hayward, King-Harman, Margrett and Rees Jones (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, and 1 case of Diphtheria, and that 2 cases of Scarlet Fever had been sent into the Delancey Hospital.

11—Houses without proper Ash Receptacles—The Inspector of Nuisances reported that the following houses had no proper ashpits or ash receptacles, viz : Nos. 42, Hungerford Street, 13, Lower Park Street, 6 and 25, Columbia Street, 20, Roman Road, and 27, Union Street, Fairview. 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.

12—Cleansing and Limewashing at Nos. 10 and 19, Glenfall Street, and 15, 16 and 31 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 or endangered thereby. Resolved, That Notice be given to the owners under the said Section requiring the houses to be cleansed and limewashed.

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13—Nuisances from Drains, etc., at Nos. 5 and 18 Glenfall Sheet, and 1 & 2, Collum Cottages, Leckhampton 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.

14—Insanitary Property—Nos. 8, 9 and 12, Devonshire Street, 42, Hungerford Sheet, and 12 and 31 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 or injurious to health Notices under Section 94 of the Public Health Act, 1875, be served upon the owners requiring them to put the same into a healthy condition, and for that purpose to carry out the works specified therein.

15—Overcrowding—No. 1 Llewellyn Cottages. 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 91 of the Public Health Act, 1875, be served on the occupiers thereof requiring them to abate the same.

16—Dairies, Cowsheds and Milkshops Order—Read, applications from Mrs. F. Smith, of 285, High Street, Mr. L. Giles, of 76 Tewkesbury Road, and Mrs. Miller, of No. 144 Tewkesbury Road, to be registered as Purveyors of Milk. Resolved, That the applicants be registered.

17--Alleged Extraordinary Traffic—The Town Clerk reported result of the negotiations with the County Council and Messrs. Powell, Gwinnell & Co. with reference to the claim made by the County Council for £134 6s. 11d. for damage alleged to have been done to the county roads by hauling stone between Cooper's Hill and Hayden in December and January last. The County Council had now agreed to accept 00 [?] in settlement, and Messrs. Powell, Gwinnell & Co. had agreed to pay £40 towards this. As part of the terms of settlement the following terms had also been arranged with regard to future traffic :—(1) The Corporation to pay to the County Council 1d. per ton per mile on the materials required for the construction of the filter beds and tanks at Hayden (including the broken stone, etc., for filtering material) hauled over the county main roads outside the borough for executing the contract for these works. (2) The broken stone or other filtering material not to be hauled between the middle of November and the middle of March. (3) This restriction not to apply to the bricks and other material required for construction of the tanks, etc., but the hauling of such materials to be temporarily suspended at the request of the County Surveyor if he considers this necessary owing to bad weather, The Borough Engineer recommended the acceptance of the proposals as to future traffic, as he considered the terms arranged would be satisfactory to the Corporation. Resolved, That the foregoing terms be accepted, and that as payment of £30 be made to the County Council in settlement of their claim, subject to the balance of £40 being contributed by Messrs. Powell, Gwinnell & Co., Ltd., and that an agreement be made with the Comity Council with regard to the future traffic on the terms above set out.

18—Storm Water Culvert, Hayden Farm—The Borough Surveyor- submitted the following tenders he had obtained for laying the storm water culvert at Hayden Farm

J. W. Cornock ..	£811 3 0½
H Packer ...	£464 0 4
J. Riley ...	£437 3 2
W. Cresswell	£404 5 1½
Mark Williams Co.	£285 17 0
S. B. Dix	£271 15 5

Resolved, That the tender of Mr. S. B. Dix be accepted subject to his entering into a contract to be prepared by the Town Clerk.

The Borough Surveyor also submitted a tabulated list of the tenders received for the 30in. pipes required for the culvert, the smaller size pipes required being obtainable under the ordinary yearly contracts already made.

On the recommendation of the Borough Surveyor, Resolved, That the tender of Messrs. Ellis & Sons for about 400 yards of unarmoured granite concrete tubes at 15s 9d per yard, and that of Messrs. Powell, Gwinnell & Co., Ltd., for about 300 yards of fire-clay pipes, manufactured by Messrs. Oates & Green, at 19s per yard, be accepted.

19—Public Health (Tuberculosis) Regulations, 1908—The Town Clerk submitted the Public Health (Tuberculosis) Regulations, 1908, made by the Local Government Board, by which Poor Law Medical Officers were required to notify to the Medical Officers of Health cases of tuberculosis among the

poor, and the Council, on the advice of their Medical Officer, were required to take such measures in the way of disinfection, and supply of such assistance and articles as within such reasonable limits as the circumstances may require would obviate or remove risk of infection.

W. NASH SKILLICORNE, Chairman.

FARMS MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Friday, the 18th December, 1908. — Present: Alderman Skillicorne, Councillors M. Davis, Green, Gridley, King-Harman and Margrett (Councillor Davis in the chair).

1—Farm Manager's Report—Read, the Monthly Report of the Farms Manager. Since the last monthly meeting 1 calf had been bred on the Farms. 33 head of cattle (including 5 calves) had been sold for £495 19s. 5d., 10 sheep and 10 lambs for £43 16s. 8d., 10 pigs for £5 5s. 1d. and 1 cart mare for £20 (Total sales, £564 1s. 2d.) The number of livestock on the Farms on the 18th inst. was 10 horses, 131 head of cattle, 43 lambs and 1 pig, all doing very well. 4 tons 13 cwts. 3 qrs. of hay had been delivered at the Central Depot, and 7 $\frac{3}{4}$ cwts. of rough hay to Sandford Waterworks Stores for packing meters. Receipts, for manure, £20, Miscellaneous, 7s 3d. He recommended the purchase of about 100 posts and stakes for fencing repairs, and 300 pipes for land drainage. Resolved, That the recommendations be approved and adopted.

STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, the 15th December, 1908—Present: Aldermen Haddon and Skillicorne, Councillors Baker, Bendall, Gridley, Haddock, King-Harman and Norton (Councillor Bendall in the Chair).

1—Street Projections—Read, an application from Mr. J. W. Cheshire for permission to fix an electric arc lamp outside his premises in Noah Street. Resolved, That the application be acceded to subject to the usual conditions. Read, a letter from the Public Benefit Boot Company applying for permission to place 4 small projecting signs outside No. 379, High Street. Resolved, That the application be not acceded to.

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2—Report of Trees Sub-Committee—The Trees Sub-Committee reported that they met on the 8th inst. Present:—Aldermen Haddon and Skillicorne, Councillors Baker and King-Harman). After inspection of the trees in respect of which complaints had been received, they recommended as follows:—

Promenade—That 3 diseased chestnuts be removed, and 3 planes planted on the West side of the Promenade. That one diseased chestnut and one Wych elm be removed on the East side, and one double red chestnut planted.

Queen's Parade—That a chestnut tree opposite No. 1, Queen's Parade be thinned out and pruned. Bayshill Road—That seven limes be removed in this road, and the remaining trees topped and pruned, and that the Ladies' College authorities be asked to have the trees in front of Fauconberg Terrace topped and pruned.

That the trees in front of Fauconberg House be pruned and topped, and that the silver birch at Fauconberg House over-hanging Bayshill Road be felled.

Parabola Road—That no trees be removed in this road.

The Park—That one tree near Glenarbuck Lodge and one near Heysham House be removed.

St. George's Road—That seven trees in front of the Ladies' College be removed and acacias planted in their places.

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

3—Stores Account—The suggestion made by the District Auditor that the Committee should check the Stores in their Department was considered. Resolved, That the same be referred to the Stores Sub-Committee for consideration and report.

4—Street Crossings—Read, a letter from Mr. W. Perkins, of Grange Crescent, asking that a crossing should be provided across Gloucester Road from Millbrook Street. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to lay down a crossing from the footpath in front of New Inn, Gloucester Road, to Arle Road.

Resolved, also, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to lay down a street crossing at the end of Wellesley Road in the line of the footpath from Clarence Square to Knowsley Parade.

5—Noise from Traffic near St. James' Schools —Read, a letter from the Managers of St. James' Schools (forwarded by the Education Committee), stating that the noise from the traffic in Great Norwood Street, Union Street and Upper Bath Street interfered with the teaching in the Schools, and asking that the roadway opposite the Schools be laid with asphalt or some other less noisy material than that at present in use. Resolved, That the Education Committee be informed that the suggestion made by the Managers will receive consideration when the roads mentioned require repair.

6--Reddings Road—The question of the repair of the Reddings Road was again considered. The Borough Surveyor reported that the ditch along the South side of the railway had lately been filled in, and some other provision must be made for carrying off the surface water. Since the estimate of £491 for a 17-foot road was made by him in 1905 the footpath had been carted over, making it in places in as bad a condition as the roadway. The cost of the necessary surface-water drainage would be £160, and of making good the footpath £40, (Total cost of 17-ft. road, £691). Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to communicate with the G.W.R, Co. on the subject, and that in the meantime the farther consideration be adjourned.

7—Footpaths in Roman Road—With reference to the complaint made by Councillor Rees Jones at the last meeting of the Council, Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to bring up a plan, specification and estimate of the cost of the works, etc., to be done to the footpaths in Roman Road by the abutting owners.

JOHN D. BENDALL, Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, the 28th December, 1908.—Present : Aldermen Haddon, and Skillicorne, Councillors Bendall Gridley, Haddock and King-Harman (Councillor Bendall in the Chair).

S—Borough Surveyor's Monthly Report Re Highways—The Borough Surveyor reported that the work completed by the Highways Department from the 27th November, 1908, to the 24th Dec, 1908 (both inclusive) had been as follows :--

Roads Repaired—Fairview Road (3,676 super yards), Corpus Street (692 super yards), Wellesley Road (proceeding).

Roads patched—Grafton Road, Back of Bayshill Road, Back of Lansdown Place, St. James' Street, Lansdown Parade, High Street, Tewkesbury Road, and New Street.

Sewer Trenches repaired-1 in Granville Street, 2 in Sydenham Villas Road, 2 in Oxford Street and 1 in County Court Road.

Electricity Trenches Repaired—Pittville Lawn. Gas Trenches repaired—Stanhope Street. Paving relaid—Dunalley Street, Cambray, St. George's Place and Hewlett Street.

Channel repaired—King Street, Western Road and Montpellier Villas. New grass verge laid—Grafton Road.

Private Improvement Works—Gloucester Road completed:—New Channel—(129 lineal yards). New Slab paving—(268 square yards). New String edging (112 lineal yards) and 1 gateway crossing.

New kerb fixed—Gloucester Road (131 lineal yards) (main road account).

Street Improvement -St. George's Road:—New slab paving (220 square yards), kerb (150 lineal yards), Channel (130 lineal yards), string edging (30 lineal yards), asphalt paving (293 square yards), and 3 crossings relaid.

Crossings repaired-2. Gateway Crossings laid-2. Gullies renewed-3.

Trees pruned--Cambridge House, Lindholme, Park Lawn, Chalfont Lodge, Wellington Road, The Park, High Street and All Saints' Road.

Trees planted—Tewkesbury Road, 4 birch, 2 plane, 3 sycamore, 3 limes.

Trees felled—The Park 5, Moorend Park Road 5, Promenade 2, Thirlestaine Road 1.

Ashes Collection and Disposal—During 3 weeks ended the 17th December, 1908, 720 loads collected, 681 consumed and 39 tipped away. Weight consumed, 737 tons 12 cwts. 3 qrs.

Slab Factory—During 4 weeks ended the 17th December, 1908, 889 $\frac{3}{4}$ square yards of slabs made.

9—View Meeting—The following Members attended the View Meeting on Tuesday last :—Alderman Skillicorne, Councillors Bendall, Gridley, Haddock, King-Harman, and Norton.

10 Report of Plans Sub-Committee—The Chairman reported the proceedings of the Plans Sub-Committee at their Meetings on the 15th and 22nd inst. Resolved, That the same be approved and adopted.

11—Elmstone Street—Read, a letter from Messrs. Healing & Overbury on behalf of the Managers of the Parish Church Boys' School, stating that they had been required by the Board of Education to provide additional playground accommodation, and the Managers had as the only course open to them purchased the 2 cottages and land at the rear of the school premises, but separated from the School by the narrow passage known as Elmstone Street. It was proposed by the Managers to demolish the cottages mentioned, and there would then be only two cottages in the passage, one being at present unoccupied, while the other was at the High Street end of the street. The Managers accordingly desired the Council as Highway Authority to make application for an Order declaring the portion of Elmstone Street between the present Parish Church School premises and the land recently acquired by them on the opposite side to be unnecessary, and authorising its stopping up. The Committee having inspected the street, Resolved, That the Council be recommended to comply with the request subject to the payment of the expenses by the Managers, as provided by Section 84 of the Highway Act, 1835, and that the Borough Surveyor be instructed to prepare and submit a plan showing the portion of the highway intended to be stopped up.

12—Footpaths in Sandford Road (on the North Side from Bath Road to College Road) and in Roman Road (parts)—The Borough Surveyor submitted specifications, plans and estimates of the works required to be done to the above street. Resolved, That the same be approved, and that notice be given under Sec. 44 of the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1852, to the owners of the premises fronting, adjoining, or abutting upon the parts of the said

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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 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.

13—Trees—Read, a letter from Sir W. Thiselton-Dyer containing observations and suggestions upon the planting of trees in the streets and roads in the Borough. Resolved, That Sir William be thanked for his report, and that the same be referred to the Trees Sub-Committee for consideration.

14—Fairfield Avenue—Read, a letter from Mr. J. Stevens asking that Fairfield Avenue be declared a public highway. The Committee having inspected the street, Resolved, That the same be declared a highway and notice given accordingly as soon as all the private improvement expenses due in respect of the same have been paid.

15—Collum End Road (Leckhampton Lane)—Read, a Memorial from Mr. W. Revell and others calling attention to the condition of this road and footpath. The Borough Surveyor reported that the portion of the road complained of was repaired by agreement by the Rural District Council. The Committee having inspected the road, Resolved, That a gravel footpath be formed and kerbed in front of the row of 16 houses, commencing with " Brampton," at a cost of £20, and that the Borough

Surveyor be instructed to endeavour to arrange with the Rural District Council that the whole of the road be scavenged by the Corporation men.

JOHN D. BENDALL,

Chairman.

PLANS SUB-COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Sub-Committee held on Tuesday, the 15th December, 1908. Present: Councillors Baker, Bendall Hayward and King-Harman (Councillor Bendall in the Chair.)

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

No. of Plan	Name	Description
719	A. Matthews	Four houses in Station Street and for extension of the same street.
720	T. D. Boulton	Detached house, Charlton Lane.
722	H. Pitman ...	New House in Fairview Street, and additions to No. 50, Fairview Street.
723	H. Stroud	Additions to No. 29, Clarence Square.
724	T. Smith	Detached Cottage, Marsh Gardens, Marsh Lane.

Resolved, That all the Plans be approved.

JOHN D. BENDALL,

Chairman

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At a Meeting of this Sub-Committee held on Tuesday, the 22nd December, 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 an intended new building, viz. :—

No. of Plan.	Name	Description.
725	C. M. Haward	New Scullery and Larder at No. 18, Lansdown Crescent.

Resolved, That the Plan be approved, subject to the drainage being carried out to the satisfaction of the Inspector of Nuisances.

JOHN D. BENDALL,

Chairman

TOWN IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, the 8th December, 1908. Present:—The Mayor, Alderman Rogers, Councillors Baker, Green, Hayward, Packer and Steel (Councillor Baker in the Chair).

1—Winter Garden—Read, a letter from Adjutant Huish, of the Salvation Army, applying for the free use of the Winter Garden on the 16th inst. for an evening Cinematograph exhibition in aid of their Soup Kitchen Fund. Resolved, That the application be acceded to subject to the applicant paying the cost of lighting, and complying with the Insurance Company's regulations.

2—Use of Winter Garden for Roller Skating—Mr. C. G. Smith attended this meeting, and the question of the letting of a portion of the Winter Garden for roller skating on each week evening during the next three months was considered. Resolved, That the further consideration of the matter be adjourned.

WILLIAM A. BAKER,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, the 14th December, 1908—Pre-sent: Aldermen Rogers and Winterbotham Councillors Baker, Green, Hayward, Steel and Stroud (Councillor Baker in the chair)

3—Use of Winter Garden for Roller Skating—Mr. C. G. Smith attended this meeting, and terms for the letting of part of the Winter Garden for Roller Skating were further considered. Mrs. Dunlop and Colonel Carpendale also attended before the Committee with a view to arranging for the use of the building for roller skating on two afternoons each week. The following terms were ultimately agreed upon with Mr. Smith:—

1. The Corporation to let to Mr. Smith the central portion of the Winter Garden at a rent of £100 for use as a Roller Skating Rink on each week-day from 6 to 10 p.m. (Saturdays 6 to 10.15 p.m.), and also on each Monday, Friday, and Saturday from 2 to 6 p.m. from the 26th inst. to the 27th March next, both inclusive.

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2. The tenant to put and keep the floor in good and proper order, repair and condition, and make good any damage, power being reserved to the Corporation to forthwith terminate the tenancy if in the opinion of the Borough Surveyor the floor is being damaged.

3. The Corporation to be at liberty to let the Winter Garden for any afternoon or evening during the tenancy, upon giving 3 days' notice, and subject to a proportionate abatement of rent.

Resolved, That the terms be approved, and that an agreement be entered into with Mr. Smith accordingly.

4—Musical Afternoons--Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be authorised to expend not exceeding £5 on the decoration and furnishing of the Winter Garden during January, when the Musical Afternoons will be held there.

WILLIAM A. BAKER,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, the 21st December, 1908. Present Mayor, Alderman Rogers, Councillors Baker, Green, Hayward, Packer, Steel and Stroud (Councillor Baker in the Chair).

5—Trees on Pittville Estate Roads—Mr. W. L. Mellersh attended this meeting, and read a letter from Sir William Thiselton-Dyer containing his observations and suggestions as to the trees in the streets and roads in the Borough, including the Pittville Estate. Resolved, That the thanks of the Committee be conveyed to Sir William for the information and advice contained in his letter.

6—Town Band—Read, a letter from Mr. John Boyce, applying on behalf of the Cheltenham Town Band, for a small weekly grant during the season for which the band would play in the Promenade each morning. Resolved, That a grant of £12 be made to the Band, payable at the end of 6 weeks and £6 at the end of 12 weeks from the 4th prox., the Band to play each week-day during the 12 weeks in the Promenade from 12 noon to 1 p.m.

7—Pittville Lake—The Town Clerk submitted the Agreement as settled with Mr. Maby for the deposit of the material removed from Pittville Lake on his land near the Evesham Road in accordance with the terms already approved by the Council. Resolved, That the same be approved, and the Common Seal affixed thereto.

8—Use of Winter Garden for Roller Skating—The Town Clerk submitted Agreement with Mr. Smith, embodying the terms already approved by the Committee for the hire of part of the Winter Garden from the 26th inst. to the 27th March next for roller skating. Resolved, That the same be approved, and the Common Seal affixed thereto.

9—W.C. Accommodation, &c., at Montpellier Gardens—The Borough Surveyor submitted a plan of the proposed additional W.C. accommodation at Montpellier Gardens Lodge. The accommodation proposed consisted of three W.C.'s (one with lavatory) for the use of visitors, and one W.C. and other improved accommodation for the Lodge keeper. The cost would be £230. Resolved, That the further consideration of the matter be adjourned to the next meeting.

WILLIAM A. BAKER,

Chairman.

ELECTRICITY AND LIGHTING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, the 17th December, 1908—Present: Alderman Norman, Councillors Green, Gridley, Hayward, Merrett, Norton, Rees Jones and Steel (Councillor Gridley in the chair).

1—Gas Examiner's Report—The Gas Examiner reported that on the 15th and 16th inst. his test for purity showed 36 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—Parsons' Turbo-Generator—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that the official tests of the new Turbo-Generator had been carried out at the Works on the 22nd and 23rd ult., the results being on the whole very satisfactory, the plant running steadily and smoothly. There was a trifling excess of 0.186 per cent. on the steam consumption per kilowatt-hour over the margin of 2 ½ per cent. agreed upon with Messrs. Parsons; but he recommended that the Committee should waive their claim to the penalty of £7 8s. 0d. under the circumstances. Resolved, That the recommendation be approved.

4—Accounts for 1907-8—The Borough Electrical Engineer submitted his Report upon the accounts for the year ending the 31st March, 1908. Resolved, That of the balance of £1,113 in hand at the 31st March last, £700 be carried to the Reserve Fund, and the remainder carried forward to the current year.

5—Auditor's Report—The Report of the District Auditor upon the Corporation accounts so far as regards the Electricity Department was considered. Resolved, That this Committee express the hope that the Finance Committee will invest the £2,000 Reserve Fund without further delay, and that this Committee are still of opinion that a separate Account should be kept at the bank for the Electricity Undertaking.

6—Stores Sub-Committee—Resolved, That the Chairman and Councillors Green and Norton be appointed a Sub-Committee to check the Stores of the Electricity Department at the end of the present financial year.

E. GRIDLEY,

Chairman.

WATER COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Thursday, the 24th December, 1908—Present: Councillors M. Davis, Earengy, Green, Haddock, and Margrett (Councillor Margrett in the Chair).

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

DAILY YIELD OF SPRINGS.

	For 31 days, ended 21st Dec., 1908.	Average for corresponding period during last 3 years.
Hewletts Springs	85,000 gallons	227,000 gallons
Dowdeswell Springs	398,000 "	1,200,000 "
Leckhampton	<u>5,000 "</u>	<u>32,000 "</u>
Total	488,000 "	1,459,000 "

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CONTENTS OF RESERVOIRS.

	December 21st, 1908.		December 21st, 1907.	
	Depth	Contents	Depth	Contents
Hewletts	...	5,795,000 gallons	...	31,191,000 gallons
Leckhampton	3ft. 0in.	405,000 "	12ft. 0in.	1,620,000 "
Dowdeswell	18ft. 11in.	<u>40,565,000 "</u>	32ft. 0in.	<u>100,023,000 "</u>
Total Storage		46,765,000		132,834,000 "

The yield of the springs, although it had increased during the past month, was still only about one-third of the average for the corresponding period during the last three years. Pumping had continued daily at Sandford and night and day at Tewkesbury. Two new hydrants had been fixed and one ball hydrant replaced by a valve hydrant in Swindon Road North,

2—Report of District Auditor—The Report of the District Auditor suggesting that there should be some check by the Committees upon the Stores in the various departments was considered. Resolved, That the Chairman and Councillors M. Davis and Green be appointed a Stores Sub-Committee to check the Water Department Stores at the end of the present financial year.

3—Water Supply to Walton Cardiff —Read, a letter from the Clerk to the Tewkesbury Rural District Council forwarding copy of a Memorial presented to them, signed by a number of owners and occupiers of property in the parish of Walton Cardiff, calling attention to the fact that many of the dwelling-houses in the Parish were without a sufficient supply of wholesome water for domestic purposes within a reasonable distance, and asking that steps should be at once taken to provide such a supply for the Parish Resolved, That the Borough Engineer be instructed to report as to the cost of the necessary extension of main to enable the Committee to inform the applicants the amount of the annual return to be guaranteed before the extension can be made.

4—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 22nd December, 1908. Present: The Mayor, Aldermen Haddon, Norman, Rogers, Waghorne and Winterbotham, Councillors M. Davis, Gridley, Margrett 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.

2—Report of Fire Brigade Captain—The Captain of the Fire Brigade reported that the Brigade was called to an outbreak of fire at No. 175 High Street, caused by a defective gas bracket. Damage, £10. Expenses incurred, £3 1s.0d.

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3—Report of Fire Brigade Sub-Committee—The Fire Brigade Sub-Committee reported that they met on the 16th inst. (Present: Alderman Norman, Councillors Baker (Chairman) and M. Davis). The Sub-Committee accepted the tender of Mr. T. Hailing for printing 50 copies of the list of hydrants in the Borough for £4 15s. 0d., this being the lowest.

4—Petroleum Licence—Read, an application from Messrs. R. E. & C. Marshall, Ltd., for a licence to store 450 gallons of petroleum at their works, St. James' Square. The Inspector having reported that the proposed place of storage was satisfactory, Resolved, That the application be acceded to.

5—Corporation Telephone Connections—Read, a letter from the local manager of the National Telephone Co. making proposals for an improved telephone service between the various Corporation departments, and between them and the Exchange in view of the complaints received from subscribers that the Corporation circuits were constantly engaged, Resolved, That the matter be referred for consideration and report to a Sub-Committee consisting of Aldermen Norman and Waghorne, Councillors Margrett and Stroud.

6—Telephone Connections to Town Hall and Winter Garden—Read, a letter from the District Manager of the National Telephone Co. notifying their intention to discontinue on the 1st prox. the public telephones installed at the Town Hall and Winter Garden, owing to the small amount of the takings.

7—National Union of Teachers' Conference, 1910—Read, a letter from Mr. A. C. White, Hon. Sec. of the Cheltenham Teachers' Association, stating that they had invited the Conference of the National Union of Teachers to meet in Cheltenham in 1910, and expressing the hope that the Association might rely upon the help of the Council in regard to the use of buildings, etc. Resolved, That the Council cordially approve of the invitation, and that the Association be informed that the Council will endeavour in every way to make the Conference if held in Cheltenham a success.

8—Use of Town Hall for Concert in aid of Distress Committee Funds—Read, an application from the Rector on behalf of the Clergy and Ministers of the town, applying for the free use of the Town Hall on Tuesday evening, the 26th prox. for a concert in aid of the funds of the Distress Committee. Resolved, That the use of the Town Hall be granted for a payment of to cover lighting, heating and other out-of-pocket expenses.

9—The Cheltenham and District Light Railway—The application of the Company for a revision of fares was further considered. Mr. Gurney and Mr. McCormick attended on behalf of the Company. The Company were asking for the assent of the Corporation to an increase in the fare between North Street and Lansdown Castle, as the present fare of 1d. for this distance (1 mile and 1,428 yards) was unremunerative. They pointed out that the Company were now giving a 7 ½ minute service on this section, in place of the 15-minute service originally agreed upon, but they would be unable to continue this unless the fare was increased. By their application to the Light Railway Commissioners, they asked for the fare to be revised as follows:

Between North Street and the Junction of St. George's Road with Gloucester Road	1d.
Between the latter point and Lansdown Castle	1d.
Between North Street and Lansdown Castle (through fare)	1 ½ d.

But with a view to meeting the views of the public they were prepared to make the following concessions if the above alterations were accepted by the Corporation:—To issue books of 12 tickets enabling holders to travel between North Street and Lansdown Castle (except on Sundays and Bank Holidays) for one penny.

To grant a through fare between Holy Apostles, Norwood Arms and The Oaklands respectively, and the G.W.R. Station 1 ½ d.

Note—Present fare ... 2d.

Do. Between Holy Apostles, Norwood Arms and The Oaklands respectively and the Midland Railway Station 2d.

Note—Same fare as at present, notwithstanding above increase.

If the above proposals were accepted they could be embodied in an agreement, and the application to the Light Railway Commissioners would be abandoned.

The Company also were prepared to consider the issue of season tickets to Cleeve Hill for one month and upwards.

Resolved, That the further consideration of the proposals be adjourned to the next meeting.

10—Local Pension Committee—Read, a circular letter from the Treasury, calling attention to the Revised Financial Instructions which had been issued to come into force as from the 1st January, 1909, by which the accounts of the expenses of the Local Pension Committee were to be sent direct to the Treasury, and the expenses would be paid by them instead of being paid by the Town Council, and afterwards reimbursed by the Treasury. The course could also be adopted in regard to the current quarter. Resolved, That this be approved.

GEO. NORMAN,

Chairman.

ART GALLERY AND MUSEUM COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, the 16th December, 1908—Present: Aldermen Rogers, Waghorne, and Winterbotham, Councillors Davies and Green and Dr. E. T. Wilson (Alderman Winterbotham in the chair).

1—Curator's Report—The Curator reported that there had been 616 visits to the Art Gallery and Museum since the 16th ult.

Mr. G. F. Nicholls had lent 25 water-colour drawings of the Cotswolds and Vale of Evesham.

The Officers of the 1st Gloucestershire Royal Engineers Volunteers had sent on loan the following models:—Railway Trestle Bridge (Square Timbers), Railway Trestle Bridge (Round Timbers), Indian Cantilever Bridge, Method of Restoring a Destroyed Railway Bridge, Trestle Suspension Bridge, Field Observatory, Pontoon Waggon and Equipment, Working Model of a Tidal Bridge.

They had also presented an oak show case containing personal belongings of Cetewayo, which were presented to the regiment by Miss Catherine C. Gibbings, in memory of her late brother, Major Arthur Gibbings (King's Dragoon Guards), one of the Captors of Cetewayo, together with framed engraving of the " Capture of Cetewayo."

Colonel Rogers had presented a framed portrait of himself as Colonel of the Regiment.

Resolved, That the thanks of the Committee be tendered to the lenders and donors.

2—Sunday Opening of Art Gallery and Museum—With reference to the Memorial by the Cheltenham Ethical Society suggesting the opening of the Art Gallery and Museum on Sundays from 2 to 9.30 p.m., the Curator submitted information he had obtained from other towns as to the advantage taken by the public of the Sunday opening of Art Galleries, etc., where this was in operation. The Curator also reported that the cost of heating, lighting and attendance would be about 35s each Sunday during the winter months Resolved, That the Committee cannot recommend the Council to open the Art Gallery and Museum on Sundays as suggested, in view of the cost of adopting the suggestion and the fact that there does not appear to be sufficient demand on the part of the public to justify such expenditure.

3—Repairs—The Curator reported that a number of slates required replacing on the roof of the Museum, and that the external woodwork, etc., required attention. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to inspect and report upon the matter, urgent repairs to be carried out immediately.

JAS. B. WINTERBOTHAM, Chairman.

MINERAL WATERS, BATHS AND RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Friday, the 18th December, 1908—Present: The Mayor, Councillors Baker, Bendall, Hayward 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:—

		£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Receipts ...	...	437	10	4	Payments ...	722	15	2
Hire of Bath, etc.	...	2	15	7	Interest & Redemption			
Rent of Shop	...	24	0	0	(proportion of)	352	11	3
		464	5	11		£1,075	6	5
2—Alstone Baths—The Borough Accountant reported that the receipts and payments at these Baths since the 31st March last, had been as follows:—								
		£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Receipts		309	15	1	Payments ...	225	18	10
					Interest & Redemption			
					(proportion of)	222	17	5
		309	15	1		448	16	3

3—Organised Games at Recreation Grounds—Read, a letter from the Secretary of the Education Committee, enclosing the following suggested Time Table for the use of the Recreation Grounds by the children attending the Elementary Schools in the Borough for organised games:—

AGG-GARDNER RECREATION GROUND.			
		Hour	
Monday	Parish Church Girls	3 to 4	40 girls
Tuesday	Practising Boys	11 to 12	50 boys
	St. Paul's Girls	3.15 to 4.15	43 girls
Wednesday	Practising Boys	11 to 12	50 boys
Thursday	Practising Boys	11 to 12	50 boys
	St. Paul's Girls	2.15 to 3.15	48 girls
	St. Peter's Girls	3.15 to 4.15	40 girls
Friday	St. Peter's Boys	11 to 12	30 boys
	St. Gregory's Mixed	2.15 to 3.15	50 boys & girls
	Dunalley Street Girls	3.15 to 4.15	50 girls

NAUNTON PARK RECREATION GROUND.			
Monday	Naunton Park Boys .	3.15 to 4.15	50 boys
Tuesday	Naunton Park Boys .	11 to 12	50 boys

	Naunton Park Girls.	3 to 4	80 Girls
Thursday	St. Luke's Boys	11 to 12	50 boys
	St. James' Boys	3 to 4	30 boys
Friday	St. James' Girls	2 to 3	30 boys
	Naunton Park Boys .	3.15 to 4.15	50 boys

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WHADDON LANE RECREATION GROUND.			
Monday	All Saints' Boys	3 to 4	50 boys
Tuesday	All Saints' Girls	2.30 to 4	60 girls
Wednesday	St. John's Boys	11 to 12	40 boys
Thursday	All Saints' Boys	3 to 4	50 boys
Friday	St. John's Girls	2.15 to 3.15	24 girls
	St. John's Boys	3.15 to 4.15	40 boys

Resolved, That the Time Table be approved, and that a copy thereof be sent to the Superintendents of the Recreation Grounds, the use of the grounds to be subject to the usual conditions.

4—Advertising Mineral Waters--Resolved, That the advertisement of Cheltenham and the Mineral Waters in the " British Medical Journal," " Lancet," and " The Practitioner " be renewed for one year, the cost of the three advertisements being about £50 per annum.

WILLIAM A. BAKER,

Chairman.

BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, the 22nd December, 1908—Present: Aldermen Haddon and Rogers, Councillors Baker, Gridley, King-Harman, Mann, Merrett and Steel (Alderman Haddon in the Chair).

1—Designs—Resolved, That the following designs be approved, viz.:—Headstone to grave of Mary Ann Hobbs. Kerb to grave of Ada Sarah Keen. Addition to Memorial over grave of Rev. A. Brown Constable. Memorial Cross to grave of Frances Irton Fell.

2—Fees on Erection of Headstones, etc.—Read, a Memorial signed by Mr. E. A. Emms and six other local sculptors, calling attention to the falling off in the number of headstones and kerbings placed on fourth-class grave spaces, the reason being in the opinion of the Memorialists the high fees at present charged. They recommended that the fee for the kerb be reduced from 15s to 5s, for an inscription from 5s to 2s 6d, and that a headstone not exceeding Mt. in height and 4in. in thickness be allowed for a fee of 10s instead of as at present 15s

Resolved, That the fees be reduced as suggested, except that the fee for a kerb be reduced to 7s 6d, that the resolution to Minute No. 1 of this Committee of the 28th December, 1906, be varied

accordingly, and that the scale of fees as now amended be submitted for the approval of the Local Government Board.

JOHN HADDON,

Chairman.

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PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 15th December, 1908.—Present: Alderman Rogers, Councillors Davies, Green, Hayward, King-Harman Margrett, and Merrett ; Revs. J. Lloyd Davies and P. A. Nash : Messrs. A. Beckingsale, W. Cresswell, F. Parsons and E. C. Rogers (Alderman Rogers in the Chair).

1—Librarian's Report—Read, the Monthly Report of the Librarian. Receipts, £4 11s. 6d.
Presentations:—Mrs. Johnson (the late), per Mr. C. W. Spry, 162 vols.

The number of volumes consulted in the Reference Department during the month was 1,306, a decrease of 111, as compared with the corresponding period of last year, due to the increased "open access" facilities given, the number of volumes consulted in this way not being recorded. The issues from the Lending Department numbered 8,890, an increase of 409, as compared with the corresponding month of last year.

2—Sunday Opening of Library—The Sub-Committee reported that they had considered the information obtained by the Librarian as to the Sunday opening of public libraries in other towns, and as to the advantage taken by the public of such opening, together with an estimate of the cost of opening the News Room and Reference Department on Sundays from 2 to 9.30 p.m. They recommended that no Department of the Library be opened on Sundays. Resolved, That the recommendation be approved and adopted.

3—Membership of Committee—With reference to Minute No. 5 of this Committee at its last meeting, read a letter from Mr. A. Butler stating that the Cheltenham Branch of the Independent Labour Party desired that Mr. F. Caudle, of Selby, Hall Road, should be appointed a member of this Committee. Resolved, That the Chairman be asked to propose Mr. Caudle's appointment at the next meeting of the Council, and that the resolution of the Council on the 9th November last constituting this Committee be varied accordingly.

4—Sub-Committee's Report—The Sub-Committee reported that they met on the 10th inst. (Present: Alderman Rogers (Chairman), Councillors Davies, Green, Hayward, King-Harman and Merrett, the Rev. J. Lloyd Davies and Mr. F. J. Bennett). The monthly accounts were examined. The Sub-Committee recommended:—

That a selection of duplicate books received from the Royal Crescent Library be lent for a time to the Leckhampton. Free Reading Room.

That several broken slates on the roof of the building be replaced.

That the electric lights over the newspaper stands be raised to a convenient height at a cost of 13s 6d.

That the offer of the publishers to present the " Agricultural Economist " for 12 months free of charge be accepted.

That a selection of books entered in the Proposition Book be purchased for the sum of 5s. 6d.

The 22 applications for the post of Assistant were considered.

Resolved, That the following be invited to attend a special meeting of the Sub-Committee for interviews:—A. S. Gardiner (Swindon), F. W. McLaren (Walthamstow), and C. H. Pritchard (Bolton). Resolved, That the recommendations be approved and adopted, and that the Sub-Committee be empowered to appoint the assistant.

RICHARD ROGERS,

Chairman.

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FINANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, the 29th December, 1908. Present:—Aldermen Skillicorne and Waghorne, Councillors Earengy, Hayward, Merrett, Rees Jones, Steel and Stroud (Alderman Waghorne in the Chair).

1—General District Rate—The Report of the Borough Accountant, dated the 29th inst., on the collection of the second instalment of this Rate, was read. Amount collected £8,855 9s. 8d. Leaving outstanding, £14,990 19s. 9d.

2—Water Rate—The Report of the Borough Accountant, dated the 29th inst., on the collection of this rate was read. Amount received £5,393 14s. 7d. Leaving outstanding, £6,928 8s. 3d.

3—Financial Statement—Read, a letter from the Local Government Board, enclosing an Order made by them prescribing the form of the Financial Statement of the Receipts and Expenditure of the Corporation to be submitted in duplicate to the District Auditor under Section 3 of the District Auditors' Act, 1879,

4—Loans—The Borough Accountant reported that since the last monthly meeting he had received the following sums upon loan at $3\frac{5}{8}$ per cent, interest, viz., £350, £700 and £200 for a term of 3 years, and afterwards subject to 6 months' notice on either side ; £800 for a term of 7 years, and afterwards subject to 6 months' notice on either side ; and £150 for a term of 7 years, with liberty on either side to determine at the end of 5 years on 6 months' notice. Resolved, That debentures be sealed and issued for the above sums, £2050 in respect of the Arle Outfall Sewer Loan, and £150 in respect of the Dunalley Street Schools Reconstruction Loan,

5—Reciprocal Investment of Sinking Funds and Electric Lighting Reserve Fund—The Borough Accountant reported that the Llandudno Urban District Council were willing to lend £3,200 to the Cheltenham Corporation 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, sums of £2,000 (Electric Lighting Reserve) and £1,200 (Education Loans Sinking Funds) be advanced to the Llandudno Urban District Council, and debentures sealed and issued for a like amount to be advanced by that Council on account of duly authorised loans.

6—Fire Insurances—The Fire Insurances Sub-Committee reported that they had considered the offer made by the Municipal Mutual Insurance, Ltd., to insure the Corporation properties against fire for a premium, after allowing discount and commission, of £120 13s. 4d., in addition to which the Corporation would participate in a bonus reduction at the end of 4 years, the last bonus distributed being at the rate of 20 per cent. The Corporation were now insured with the County Fire Office, and an offer had been received by the Borough Accountant from the latter to reduce the net premiums at present amounting to £151 1s. 0d. per annum to £119 16s. 0d., as from the 25th instant, The last-mentioned sum would be subject to some further reductions in respect of certain policies. Under the circumstances the Sub-Committee therefore recommended that the offer of the County Fire Office be accepted. Resolved, That the recommendation of the Sub-Committee be approved and adopted.

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.

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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 1st December last	£23,122 19 11
Received since that date (including Loans, £2,050)	<u>£11,940 7 6</u>
	£35,063 7 5
Paid since that date (including Loan repaid, £8,130)	£18,785 17 7
	In Hand £16,277 9 10
Being General Accounts	£15,078 0 10
Sinking Funds	<u>£ 1,199 9 0</u>
	£16,277 9 10

JOHN WAGHORNE, Chairman.

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Borough of Cheltenham.

At a Monthly Meeting of the Town. Council of the Borough of Cheltenham, duly convened and held in the Town Hall, in the said Borough, on Monday, the 4th January, 1909, at 3 p.m. Present:

THE MAYOR (JAMES TYNTE AGG- GARDNER, ESQUIRE) in the chair.

THE DEPUTY MAYOR (ALDERMAN JOHN WAGHORNE).

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

Councillors: JOHN DAVID BENDALL RICHARD DAVIES MOSES DAVIS WILLIAM GEORGE EARENGEY EDWINSON CHARLES GREEN EDWARD GRIDLEY PERCY HADDOCK CHARLES HAYWARD MONTAGUE JOCELYN KING-HARMAN ALFRED MANN CHARLES HENRY MARGRETT WILLIE JOHN MERRETT HENRY GEORGE NORTON 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 7th December last having been printed and a copy sent to each Member of the Council, be taken as read, and that the same be adopted and confirmed.

2—Public Health Committee Alderman Skillicorne proposed and Councillor Rees Jones seconded, That the proceedings of the Public Health Committee, at their Meetings of the 14th and 21st December last, be approved and confirmed.

To this the following amendment was moved by Councillor Green, seconded by Councillor Haddock :—That Minute No. 9 (Appointment of School Medical Officer) be referred back to the Committee for further consideration. On the amendment being put to the meeting the names of the members voting for or against were recorded as follows:—

For :—Alderman Skillicorne, Councillors Bendall, M. Davis, Green, Haddock, Mann, Margrett, Norton, Packer, Rees Jones and Steel (11).

Against:—The Mayor, Aldermen Haddon, Norman, Rogers and Waghorne, Councillors Earengy, Gridley, Hayward, King-Harman and Stroud (10).

The Mayor thereupon declared the amendment carried, and the original motion as so amended upon being put to the meeting was carried.

3-Farms Management Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Farms Management Committee, at their Meeting of the 18th December last be approved and confirmed.

4—Street and Highway Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Street and Highway Committee, at their Meetings of the 15th and 28th December last, be approved and confirmed.

5—Town Improvement Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Town Improvement Committee at their Meetings of the 8th, 14th and 21st December last be approved and confirmed, subject to the following amendment, viz. :—That the words " three week days each week be substituted for " each week-day " in the Resolution to Minute No. 6 (Town. Band).

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6—Electricity and Lighting Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Electricity and Lighting Committee, at their Meeting of the 17th December last be approved and confirmed, subject to the following amendment, viz. :—That Minute No. 4 (Accounts for 1907-8) be referred back to the Committee for further consideration.

7—Water Committee Resolved, That the proceedings of the Water Committee, at their Meeting of the 24th December last, be approved and confirmed.

8—General Purposes & Watch Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the General Purposes and Watch Committee at their Meeting of the 22nd December 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 16th December 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 18th December last, be approved and confirmed.

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

12—Membership of Public Library Committee —Resolved, That Mr. F. Caudle, of Selby, Hall Road, be appointed a Member of the Public Library Committee, and that the resolution of the Council of the 9th November last constituting this Committee be varied accordingly.

13—Finance Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Finance Committee, at their Meeting of the 29th 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.

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14—Notice of Motion—Councillor Hayward gave notice of his intention to move at the next Quarterly Meeting of the Council :—" That certain clauses be added by way of amendment—to the Byelaws made by the Mayor, Aldermen and Burgesses of the Borough of Cheltenham, acting by the Town Council under ' The Employment of Children Act, 1903.' "

Mayor.

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MINUTES of the Committees of the Town Council to be submitted for approval at the Quarterly Meeting of the Council to be held on Monday, the 1st February, 1909.

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, the 11th January 1909. Present:—Alderman Skillicorne, Councillors Davies M. Davis, Hayward, King-Harman, Margrett and Rees Jones (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 of Enteric Fever, and 2 of Diphtheria, and that 6 cases of Scarlet Fever and 2 of Diphtheria had been sent into the Delancey Hospital.

2—Cleansing and Disinfecting at No. 2, Lower Park Street—The Medical Officer of Health having certified that the cleansing, disinfecting and purifying of this house or part thereof would tend to prevent or check infectious disease. Resolved, That the Council being of this opinion, Notice be served on the owners to cleanse and disinfect the house or part thereof within the time specified in such Notice.

3—Cleansing and Limewashing at Nos. 1 and 3, Milsom Street, 54, St. George's Place, 1, 2, 5, 6, 7, 8, 11, 12, 13, and 15, Nailsworth Terrace. — The Medical Officer of Health having certified under Section 46 of the Public Health Act, 1875, that the above-named dwelling -houses were in such a filthy and unwholesome condition that the health of the inmates was affected or endangered thereby. Resolved, That Notice be given to the owners under the said Section requiring the houses to be cleansed and limewashed.

4—Nuisances from Drains etc., at Ivymead, Moorend Road, and No. 24 & 26 Fairview Street.—The Inspector of Nuisances having made written application under Section 41 of the Public Health Act, 1875, stating that the drains, &c., on or belonging to the above-named houses were in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to health. Resolved That authority be given to the Inspector of Nuisances to open the ground, examine the drains, and report to the Committee.

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5—Insanitary Property— Nos. 1, and 2, Milsom Street, and 1 to 5, Nailsworth Terrace. — The Medical Officer of Health reported that the above - mentioned premises were in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to the health of the inmates owing to defective roofs, walls, ceilings, floors, etc. Resolved, That the Council being satisfied that the said premises are in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to health, Notices under Section 94 of the Public Health Act, 1875, be served upon the owners requiring them to put the same into a healthy condition, and for that purpose to carry out the works specified therein.

6—Dairies, Cowsheds and Milkshops Order—Read, an application from Mr. James Willis, of Andover Road, to be registered as a Purveyor of Milk. Resolved, That the applicant be registered.

7—Destruction of Unsound Fish—The Medical Officer of Health reported that on the 8th inst. 98 lbs. of unsound cod fish were surrendered and destroyed.

8—Houses without proper Ash Receptacles—The Inspector of Nuisances reported that the following houses had no proper ashpits or ash receptacles, viz:—Nos. 134, Fairview Road, Queen's Head Inn, Tewkesbury Road, 2, Milsom Street, and 2, 3, 6, 10, 12, 13 and 15, Nailsworth Terrace. Resolved, That the necessary Notices be given to the respective owners under Section 36 of the Public Health Act, 1875, and Section 27 of the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1889, requiring them in each case to provide a moveable ash, receptacle of such size, pattern, and construction as may be approved by the Inspector of Nuisances on behalf of the Corporation.

9—Sewer near Carlton Place, Hewlett Street—The Borough Surveyor reported that the brick sewer near Carlton Place, Hewlett Street, which passed under one or two houses in Hewlett Street, had been found to be defective and blocked up, and he had had the same replaced by a pipe sewer laid under the passage leading from Hewlett Street to Sidney Street. Resolved, That the action of the Borough Surveyor be approved and adopted.

W. NASH SKILLICORNE,

Chairman

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, the 18th January, 1909. Present:—The Mayor, Aldermen Norman and Skillicorne, Councillors Davies, M.. Davis, Hayward, King-Harman, Margrett and Rees Jones (Alderman Skillicorne in the Chair).

10—Zymotic Disease—The Medical Officer of Health reported that 3 cases of Diphtheria had been notified since the last Meeting of the Committee.

11—Houses without proper Ash Receptacles—The Inspector of Nuisances reported that the following houses had no proper ashpits or ash receptacles, viz : Nos. 1, 2, 3, 6, 7, 8 and 12, Glenfall 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.

12—Cleansing and Limewashing at Nos. 4, 6, 8, 18 and 36, Glenfall Street, and 24, Fairview Street.—The Medical Officer of Health having certified under Section 46 of the Public Health Act, 1875, that the above-named dwelling-houses were in such a filthy and unwholesome condition that the health of the inmates was affected or endangered thereby. Resolved, That Notice be given to the owners under the said Section requiring the houses to be cleansed and limewashed.

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13—Nuisances from Drains, etc., at Vine Cottage, Gloucester Road, and Arvonias, 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.

14—Insanitary Property—Nos. 7, Ambrose Place, 24, Fairview Street, Ingram House, North Place, Stanley Cottage, Hewlett Street, & 3, 15 & 18, Glenfall Street.—The Medical Officer of Health reported that the above-mentioned premises were in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to the health of the inmates owing to defective roofs, walls, ceilings, floors, &c. Resolved, That the Council being satisfied that the said premises are in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to health, Notices under Section 94 of the Public Health Act, 1875, be served upon the owners requiring them to put the same into a healthy condition and for that purpose to carry out the works specified therein.

15—Destruction of Diseased Meat—The Medical Officer of Health reported that on the 15th inst. the carcasses and offal of 2 pork pigs (weight, 364 lbs.) found to be affected with tuberculosis were surrendered and destroyed.

16--School Medical Officer—The question of the appointment by the Education Committee of Dr. Garrett as School Medical Officer was further considered. Resolved, That while of opinion that this Committee should have been directly consulted by the Education Committee before appointing Dr. Garrett as School Medical Officer, this Committee hereby assents (subject to the approval of the Local Government Board) to the Medical Officer of Health undertaking the work.

17--Sewer at Rear of St. George's Parade—The Borough Surveyor reported that the sewer at the rear of Nos. 9 to 16, St. George's Parade for the length of about 46 yards required to be relaid to proper levels, and a manhole provided at each end of the sewer. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have the work carried out forthwith.

W. NASH SKILLICORNE, Chairman.

FARMS MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Friday, the 15th January, 1909. — Present: Alderman Skillicorne, Councillors M. Davis, Green, Gridley, King-Harman, Margrett and Steel (Councillor Davis in the chair).

1—Farm Manager's Report—Read, the Monthly Report of the Farms Manager. Since the last monthly meeting 50 sheep had been purchased for £90, and 1 calf had been bred on the Farms. 6 head of cattle (including 3 calves) had been sold for £58 16s. 0d. The number of live stock on the Farms on the 15th inst. was 10 horses, 125 head of cattle, 50 sheep, 43 lambs and 1 pig, all doing well. 31 tons 12 cwts. of stone had been carted from the Depot for the repair of the road leading to the Barn Farm. 4 tons 15 cwts. 2 qrs. of hay had been delivered to the Central Depot. He recommended the purchase of grafts for fencing, 3 shovels and 1 pair of plough chains, and some fruit trees for planting at Haydon Knoll. Resolved, That the recommendations be approved and the Farm Manager authorised accordingly.

M. DAVIS,

Chairman.

STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, the 12th January, 1909—Present: Alderman Skillicorne, Councillors Baker, Bendall, Gridley, Haddock, King-Harman and Norton (Councillor Bendall in the Chair).

1—Banner across High Street—Read, a letter from Messrs. Pratt & Co., of London, applying for permission to place a narrow banner, advertising the Cheltenham Steeplechases, across the High Street from Messrs. George's premises for about a week prior to the Easter Races, the banner being

removed on Good Friday and Sunday. Resolved, That the application be acceded to, subject to no part of the banner being lower than 30 feet from the surface of the road.

2—Gratings in Footpaths—The Street Inspector submitted a list of the gratings in the footpaths in the Borough which were defective and dangerous. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to give the necessary notices requiring the defects to be made good forthwith.

3—Telephone Kiosk, Montpellier Walk—Read, a letter from the District Manager of the National Telephone Co., stating that in order to meet the convenience of the public they proposed to place a Public Telephone Call Office in the form of a kiosk in Montpellier Walk. The Company had obtained the consent of the owners in Montpellier Walk, and desired to know whether the Corporation had any objection to the erection of the kiosk. Resolved, That the Council raise no objection, subject to the Company entering into an agreement to observe the following conditions:—That no advertisements be exhibited on the kiosk, that it be kept lighted at night, that the Company undertake and indemnify the Corporation against all liability in respect of the placing of the kiosk in the street, and undertake to remove the same upon notice.

JOHN D. BENDALL,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, the 25th January, 1909.—Present: Alderman Skillicorne, Councillors Bendall, Gridley, Haddock, King-Harman and Norton (Councillor Bendall in the Chair).

4—Borough Surveyor's Monthly Report Re Highways—The Borough Surveyor reported that the work completed by the Highways Department from the 26th December, 1908, to the 21st Jan., 1909 (both inclusive) had been as follows:—

Roads Repaired—Wellesley Road (2,794 super yards), St. Paul's Road '(proceeding). Roads patched—Oriel Road, Imperial Square, Regent Street, Wellington Street, Vittoria Walk, Badgeworth Road, Ormond Place, Arle Road, Lansdown Parade, Hewlett Street, Montpellier Wide Opening, Lansdown Place, Lansdown Road, Suffolk Lawn, Bayshill Road and rear of Bayshill Terrace. Gas Trenches repaired—St. Paul's Street South.

Electricity Trench Repaired—St. Luke's Road. Sewer Trench repaired—Trafalgar Street.

Footpaths Gravelled—Grafton Road (111 super yards), Harp Hill (proceeding). Sett Paving relaid—St. George's Parade. Paving relaid—St. George's Road, St. Stephen's Road, Bath Parade, Sandford Street, Hewlett Street, Rodney Road, Fairview Road, Montpellier Terrace, and St. George's Place. Channel relaid—St. George's Place. New Paving laid and new Kerb and Channel--Winchcomb Street (proceeding). Crossings renewed-2. Gullies renewed-6.

Trees pruned—The Park, Queen's Road, and Moorend Park Road. Tree felled-1 in Rosehill Street.

Ashes Collection and Disposal—During 5 weeks ended the 21st January, 1909, 1,189 loads collected, 961 consumed and 228 tipped away. Weight consumed, 1,004 tons 9 cwts. 3 qrs.

Slab Factory—During 4 weeks ended the 14th January, 1909, 646 $\frac{2}{3}$ square yards of slabs made.

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

6—Report of Plans Sub-Committee—The Chairman reported the proceedings of the Plans Sub-Committee at their Meetings on the 12th and 22nd inst. Resolved, That the same be approved and adopted.

7--Apportionment of Private Improvement Expenses, Nailsworth Terrace—The Borough Surveyor reported that the private improvement works ordered in Nailsworth Terrace had been carried out by the Corporation at a cost of £30, which sum was due from the owner of the abutting property. Resolved, That the apportionment be approved and that notice thereof and of demand of repayment be served.

8—Tree Nursery—Resolved, That a portion of the land in College Road, leased by the Corporation, and also a piece of land adjoining the Leckhampton Reservoir be used as nursery ground for trees.

9—Albert Lane, St. Paul's—Read, a letter from Miss Mellor, calling attention to the condition of Albert Lane, St. Paul's and asking that steps should be taken to put the street into proper repair. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have necessary repairs carried out.

10—Victoria Place, Bath Road Andover Road (Footpath) and Painswick Road (Footpath)—With reference to complaints received as to the condition of these streets and footpaths. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to prepare specifications and plans of the works required to be carried out by the abutting owners.

11—Footpaths in Duke Street and Sherborne Street—With reference to complaints made as to the conditions of the paving in Duke Street and Sherborne Street. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to make good the paving where necessary.

12—Minnow Ditch Footpath—Resolved, That this footpath from Langdon Road to Fairfield Road be relaid with clinker asphalt.

JOHN D. BENDALL,

Chairman.

PLANS SUB-COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Sub-Committee held on Tuesday, the 12th January, 1909. Present: Councillors Baker, Bendall and King-Harman (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
726	Mrs. Bentley	New Stable and Coachhouse, Glencairn, Lansdown Road.
727	Gloucester Co-operative Society	Alterations and additions to No. 90, High Street.

728 Dr. Lloyd Davies Additions to " Italia," Leckhampton Road.

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729 H. Thomas New W.C., Pendower, Fairmount Road, St. Mark's.
730 E. C. Green New Showroom, 407, High Street.
731 Capt. Taylor Additions to No. 15, Park Place.
732 The Oriental Cafe Co. New Oven, Storeroom, etc., The Cosy Corner, Imperial Lane.

Resolved, That Plans Nos. 726 and 731 be approved, that Plans Nos. 727, 728, 729 and 730 be approved, subject to the drainage work being carried out to the satisfaction of the Inspector of Nuisances, and that Plans Nos. 732 be disapproved.

JOHN D. BENDALL, Chairman

At a Meeting of this Sub-Committee held on Friday, the 22nd January, 1909. Present:—Councillors Bendall Hayward and King-Harman (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.
732	The Oriental Cafe Co.	New Oven, Storeroom, &c., Imperial Lane (amended plans)
733	H. V. Jones	Alterations and Additions to No. 2 Southampton Place, High Street.
734	T. H. Poynton	Shop and Office adjoining the King's Hall, North Street.
735	T. H. Poynton	Alterations and Additions to No. 6 & 7 North Street.
736	T. W. Smith	2 semi-detached houses, Hale's Road.
737	Committee of ... Conservative Club	New Assembly Hall, rear of Conservative Club, Albion St. (amended plans)

Resolved, That Plans Nos. 732, 736 and 737 be approved, and that Plans Nos. 733, 734 and 735 be approved, subject to the drainage being carried out to the satisfaction of the Inspector of Nuisances.

JOHN D. BENDALL,

Chairman.

TOWN IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, the 18th January 1909. Present:—The Mayor, Alderman Winterbotham, Councillors Green, Hayward, Packer, Steel and Stroud (The Mayor in the Chair).

1—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 acceded to upon the same payment as last year, viz., £10, and subject to the same conditions.

2—Advertising —Read, a letter from Mr. L. J. Jarvis, asking for an advertisement of Cheltenham in " Grindlay's Handbook " for 1909. About 8,000 copies were published for gratuitous distribution amongst the customers of Messrs. Grindlay, the Indian Army Agents and Bankers, by means of their various offices and agencies in India and Australia, and at various places on route to those countries and the East generally. The cost of a page facing letter press would be £4 4s. 0d., and of ½ -page £2 10s. 0d. Resolved, That a ½ -page advertisement of Cheltenham be inserted in the Handbook.

3—Summer Entertainments 1909—Read, a letter from Mr. A. W. Newton, asking the Committee to consider and settle the question of the appointment of Manager for the Summer Concerts this year at an early date, so that engagements might be made of companies as soon as possible. Resolved, That the matter be referred to the Entertainments Sub-Committee for consideration and report.

4—Proposed Carnival Week—Read, a letter from Col. Ashburner stating that it was proposed to organize a Carnival Week next summer to be held the same week in which the Royal Agricultural Show will be held at Gloucester. The entertainments would be held in the evening, and the profits would be devoted to local charities. It was hoped that the Corporation would support the proposal, and grant the use of the Montpellier Gardens free, or if not free, for some small payment, or upon sharing terms. Resolved, That the letter be referred to the Entertainments Sub-Committee for consideration and report.

5—Roller Skating at Winter Garden—Read, a letter from Mr. C. G. Smith, asking the Committee to grant him the use of the portion of the Winter Garden for roller skating on Wednesday afternoons in addition to Mondays, Fridays and Saturdays, at a proportionate rental, and for permission to use the same in the mornings for teaching purposes (no charge being made for admission) when the building is not otherwise engaged. Before incurring additional expense he desired either to extend his present tenancy to next year, or to secure a lease of the building. Resolved, That the request as to Wednesday afternoons be not acceded to, that Mr. Smith be allowed the use in the mornings of the portion of the buildings rented by him for roller skating until the 27th of March next, when not otherwise engaged, on payment of £5, and that the consideration of his suggestion as to an extension of his tenancy be adjourned,

6—Trees opposite "Lake View," Pittville—The Borough Surveyor reported that Mr. R. B. Joyner, of " Lake View," Pittville, had asked that three large trees in the road in front of his house should be removed. Resolved, That consideration of the request be adjourned for the Committee to inspect the trees.

J. T. AGG-GARDNER, Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Wednesday, the 27th January, 1909. Present:—The Mayor, Alderman Rogers, Councillors Green, Hayward, Packer and Steel (Councillor Packer in the Chair).

7—Report of Entertainments Sub-Committee—Re Summer Concerts—The Entertainments Sub-Committee reported that they had considered letters received from Mr. A. W. Newton and Mr. E. D. Williams applying for the appointment of Manager of the Corporation Summer Entertainments this year, and recommended the appointment of Mr. A. W. Newton on the same terms as last year, viz.

:—Mr. Newton to receive 65 per cent. of the gate receipts and chair money, and in addition half the Sub-Committee's share of the garden subscriptions after deducting £50.

Subscriptions to Montpellier and Pittville Gardens—The Sub-Committee recommended that no alteration be made in the terms of subscription to the Montpellier and Pittville Gardens for the ensuing year.

Proposed Carnival Week—The Sub-Committee recommended that the use of the Montpellier Gardens be granted to the Carnival Committee for the week of the Royal Show, subject to the Corporation receiving 10 per cent. of the gross receipts, and to the Carnival Committee coming to an arrangement with Mr. Newton for the employment of his services during the week mentioned.

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

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8—London Exhibition, 1909—Read, letters from Mr. Imre Kiralfy stating that it had been decided to hold on the site of the Franco-British Exhibition, London, an Imperial international Exhibition from May to October, 1909, the principal feature of which would be a section devoted to the World's Health and Pleasure Resorts in the shape of Dioramas, Paintings, Photographs, etc. The approximate cost of a space with 12ft. frontage, including dioramas, lighting, etc., would be about £125 to £155, and of a space with a frontage of 18ft. would be about £200 to £235. Resolved, That this Committee be empowered to expend a sum not exceeding £200 in advertising Cheltenham at the Exhibition.

9—W.C. Accommodation, etc., at Montpellier Gardens—The plan and estimates submitted by the Borough Surveyor were again considered. Resolved, That the further consideration be adjourned for a joint meeting of this Committee and the Public Health Committee with a view to the provision of accommodation both for the general public and visitors to the Gardens.

T. H. PACKER,

Chairman.

ELECTRICITY AND LIGHTING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, the 14th January, 1909—Present: Alderman Norman, Councillors Green, Gridley, Hayward, Merrett, Norton, Rees Jones and Steel (Councillor Gridley in the chair).

1—Gas Examiner's Report—The Gas Examiner reported that his test for illuminating power, made on the 31st ult., gave the following result:-16.3 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—Accounts for 1907-8—The Accounts relating to the Electricity Undertaking for the year ending the 31st March, 1908, together with the Report of the Borough Electrical Engineer thereon, were further considered.

It was reported that the result of the recent re-assessment of the Electricity Undertaking had made an annual increase in the amount paid to the Borough rates of £364 13s. 4d., after deducting £146 13s. 4d., the portion of the rate raised for county purposes.

Resolved, That the balance of £1,113 in hand on the 31st March last be dealt with as follows—

That £195 6s. 8d. be carried to the General District Rate account, which, with the above-mentioned increase of £364 13s. 4d., would make a contribution by the Undertaking equivalent to a ½ d. rate, that £600 be carried to the Reserve Fund, and that £318 be carried forward to the current year.

4—Public Lighting in Hatherley Road—Resolved, That consideration of complaints received with reference to the Public Lighting in Hatherley Road be adjourned for the Committee to view.

5—Electricity Offices—The Borough Electrical Engineer submitted quotations and designs he had obtained for the provision of an outside blind, and an illuminated sign for the Electricity Offices, Manchester Street. Resolved, That the tender of Cavendish House Co., Ltd., for supplying and fixing a blind for £8 15s. 0d., and for supplying and fixing a sign for £9 17s. 6d. be accepted.

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6—Railway Siding to Electricity Works, etc.—The Town Clerk reported that the Agreement with the Midland Railway and the Midland and South Western Junction Railway Companies for the construction and working of the siding to the Electricity Works, etc., had been sealed by both companies.

7—Articled Pupil—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that he had, subject to the approval of the Committee, agreed with the Guardians of Mr. L. Lewis for the Corporation to take the latter as a pupil at the Electricity Works for 3 years (subject to 2 months' probation) at an annual premium of £52 10s. 0d. for each of the three years, one-half of which would be payable to the Borough Electrical Engineer. It was intended that the second year should be spent at Birmingham University. Mr. Lewis's Guardians suggested that the Corporation might make some small payment to him during the term, or a portion of the term of his articles.

Resolved, That the arrangement proposed be approved, Mr. Lewis to be paid 5s per week during the last year of his articles, subject to a satisfactory report by the Borough Electrical Engineer at the commencement of such third year, and that the Common Seal be affixed to the articles to be prepared by the Town Clerk.

E. GRIDLEY, Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, the 15th January, 1909. Present:—Councillors Gridley, Hayward, Merrett, Norton, Rees Jones and Steel (Councillor Gridley in the Chair).

8—Accommodation for Stores, Arc Lamp Ladders, &c.—The Committee met at the Central Depot and considered proposals for providing the accommodation required for arc lamp ladders, stores, etc. Resolved, That the further consideration of the matter be adjourned.

E. GRIDLEY,
Chairman.

WATER COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Thursday, the 21st January, 1909—Present: Councillors M. Davis, Earengy, Green, Haddock, and Margrett (Councillor Margrett 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 18 th Jan., 1909.	Average for corresponding period during last 3 years.
Hewletts Springs	145,000 gallons	300,000 gallons
Dowdeswell Springs	440,000 "	680,000 "
Leckhampton	<u>5,000 "</u>	<u>25,000 "</u>
Total	590,000 "	1,005,000 "

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CONTENTS OF RESERVOIRS.

	January 18 th , 1909.		January 18 th , 1908.	
	Depth	Contents	Depth	Contents
Hewletts	...	7,848,000 gallons	...	30,749,000 gallons
Leckhampton	5ft. 0in.	675,000 "	12ft. 0in.	1,620,000 "
Dowdeswell	22ft. 0in.	<u>53,756,000 "</u>	32ft. 0in.	<u>100,023,000 "</u>
		Total Storage 61,279,000 "		132,392,000 "

Pumping had been continued night and day at Tewkesbury.

2—Land adjoining Leckhampton Reservoir—The Borough Engineer reported that there was an area of about two chains of land adjoining Leckhampton Reservoir belonging to the Corporation and at present unutilised which was very suitable for use as a tree nursery by the Street and Highway Committee. Resolved, That this Committee have no objection to the land being so used so long as the same is not required for Waterworks purposes.

3—Water Supply to Walton Cardiff and Fiddington—With reference to Minute No. 3 of this Committee at its last meeting, the Borough Engineer reported that the cost of extending the water mains to Walton Cardiff would be about £400.

Read, a letter from the Clerk to the Tewkesbury Rural District Council, forwarding copy of a memorial signed by a number of owners and occupiers of property in the Hamlet of Fiddington in the Parish of Ashchurch, asking that a sufficient supply of wholesome water should be furnished to the Hamlet at as early a date as possible.

The Borough Engineer reported that the necessary further extension of main to supply Fiddington after the main had been extended to Walton Cardiff would cost approximately £600. Resolved, That the Rural District Council be informed of the cost of the extensions suggested, upon which the statutory return of 10 per cent. per annum must be guaranteed before the extensions can be made.

4—Tewkesbury Works—Resolved, That the next Monthly Meeting of this Committee be held at Tewkesbury Works.

5—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 19th January, 1909. Present: The Mayor, Aldermen Norman, Rogers, Skillicorne, Waghorne and Winterbotham, Councillors Bendall, M. Davis, Gridley, Margrett 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.

2—Report of Fire Brigade Captain—The Captain of the Fire Brigade reported that on the 14th instant, the Brigade was called to a fire at No. 2 Moorend Park Lawn caused by a defective flue. Damage about £100. Extinction expenses, £5 1s. 6d. Buildings and contents insured.

3—Petroleum Licence—Read, an application from Mr. S. A. Sperry, of No. 264 High Street, for a licence to store 40 gallons of petroleum at the premises mentioned. The Inspector having reported that the proposed place of storage was satisfactory. Resolved, That a licence be granted.

4—Transfer of Hackney Carriage Licences—Read a letter from Mrs. Tilley, of Wellington Mews, applying for the transfer to herself of the Hackney Carriage Licences, Nos. 64 and 90 held by her late husband. Resolved, That the application be granted.

Read, letters from Mr. Edward Harding, of 7 Springfield Place, Rosehill Street, and Mrs. Court. of No. 20 Denmark Villas, applying for the transfer to the latter of Hackney Carriage Licence No. 116 now held by Mr. Harding. Resolved, That the application be not acceded to.

5—Hackney Carriage Stand, Clarence Street—The Medical Officer of Health having reported that he had received complaints of a nuisance caused by the use by three hackney carriages of the stand in Clarence Street, which has only been paved for two. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to extend the paving of the stand (if possible, in the direction of High Street) so as to provide for 3 carriages.

6—Watchmakers' and Jewellers' Shops Closing Order—A deputation consisting of Messrs. G. Dimmer, R. F. Beard, F. Kilbey, T. Waite, E. M. Yeend, S. J. Powell and J. H. Shrives, attended this meeting on behalf of the Cheltenham and District Branch of the National Association of Goldsmiths and asked that instructions should be given to the police to see that the provisions of the Watchmakers' and Jewellers' Shops Closing Order were observed, and that the Council should undertake prosecutions when necessary to enforce compliance with the Order. Resolved, That in the opinion of this Committee these duties should not be undertaken by the Council.

7—Closing of Cheltenham General Post Office—Mr. Dimmer, Major Brooke Murray, Mr. J. Sawyer and Mr. R. J. Webb, attended this Meeting as a deputation from the local Chamber of Commerce

and the Cheltenham Trade Protection Society with reference to the proposed earlier closing of the Cheltenham G.P.O.

The Town Clerk reported that he had had an interview with the Postmaster on the subject, who had informed him that it was now proposed to close at 9 p.m., instead of 8 p.m. as originally intended. Telegrams from other towns would be received up to 10 p.m., but telegrams could not be handed in for despatch after 9 p.m.

Resolved, That this Council have no objection to the proposed earlier closing of the Post Office provided that facilities are afforded for the dispatch of telegrams up to 10 p.m., and that the existing facilities for telephonic communication are not curtailed.

8—Cheltenham and District Light Railway Fares—The application of the Company for a revision of fares was further considered.

Mr. A. C. Billings and Mr. E. Whitbread attended before the Committee and handed in a memorial signed by 135 residents and ratepayers in the Pittville District expressing approval of the alterations and concessions in the fares proposed by the Light Railway Co. as likely to greatly benefit the District. The Manager of the Company had informed the memorialists that the Company were willing to give a 1d. stage from Pittville Gates to St. George's Parade (instead of the G.W.R. Station) if desired, provided the fares from Lansdown Castle to North Street were altered. Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to appear at the Local Inquiry to be held by the Light Railway Commissioners and oppose the application of the Company.

9—Military Manoeuvres Act, 1897—Read, a letter from the War Office, enclosing a draft of a proposed Order in Council authorising the execution of military manoeuvres within specified limits, including the Borough of Cheltenham, within a period of 3 months following the 15th July next.

GEO. NORMAN, Chairman.

MINERAL WATERS, BATHS AND RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Friday, the 15th January, 1909—Present Alderman, Norman, Councillors Bendall, Davies, Hayward, Merrett and Stroud (Councillor Stroud in the Chair).

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

Receipts...	£445 13 11	Payments ...	£796 16 5
		(including £150 for boiler)	
Hire of Bath, etc... ..	£ 4 5 7	Interest & Redemption	
Rent of Shop	<u>£24 0 0</u>	(proportion of) ...	<u>£396 12 8</u>
	£473 19 6		£1193 9 1

Inspection of Baths—The Committee inspected the Baths. Resolved, That the interior of the Swimming Bath room be painted, the Chimney Stack repointed and repaired, and the Brine Bath and 2 dressing rooms painted and repaired.

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	... £316 2 8	Payments	£284 16 9
		Interest Redemption (proportion of)	<u>£250 14 7</u>
	£316 2 8		£535 11 4

3—Report of Mineral Waters Sub-Committee—The Sub-Committee reported that they met on the 7th instant (Present: Councillors Davies, Merrett and Stroud (Chairman)).

The application from the Manager of the Queen's Hotel to be supplied with aerated table water from the deep wells at Pittville was considered. The Sub-Committee reported that before undertaking the bottling and supply of this water as an aerated water it was necessary to obtain full information as to the yield of the wells. This would involve some expenditure as the conduit pipes leading into the deep wells appeared to be choked and would have to be cleared.

The Sub-Committee also recommended that the concentrated water be supplied in small single-dose bottles, the charge for 1 dozen to hotels and chemists to be 3s, for retail at 6s Resolved, That the recommendation of the Sub-Committee be approved and adopted.

HERBERT STROUD,

Chairman.

BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, the 22nd January, 1909—Present: Councillors Gridley, King-Harman, Mann, Merrett and Steel. (Councillor Gridley in the Chair).

1—Heating of Cemetery Chapels—Read, a letter from the Rev. J. Foster, asking that the heating arrangements at the Cemetery Chapels should be improved. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to report upon matter with estimates of the cost of the alternative methods of improving the present arrangements already suggested by him.

2—Designs--Resolved, That the following designs be approved, viz. :—Memorial Crosses to graves of Martha Brunskill, George Edgar Harrison, Carl Oscar and Frederick Bertram Wedberg, 'flora Agnes Marshall and Robert Aloysius Wilkinson. Addition to Monument on grave of Anne Emily Newman.

E. GRIDLEY, Chairman.

PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 12th January, 1909.—Present: Alderman Rogers, Councillors Davies, Earengy, Hayward, King-Harman Mann, Margrett, and Merrett ; Rev. J.

Lloyd Davies ; Messrs. A. Beckingsale, F. J. Caudle, W. Cresswell, G. Dimmer and F. Parsons (Alderman Rogers in the Chair).

1—Librarian's Report—Read, the Monthly Report of the Librarian. Receipts, £5 7s. 10d. Presentation:— Mr. John Sawyer, 2 vols.

The number of volumes consulted in the Reference Department during the month was 1,023, a decrease of 2 per day, as compared with the corresponding period of last year. The issues from the Lending Department numbered 7,717, a decrease of 31 per day, chiefly in fiction and juvenile books.

2—Sub-Committee's Report—The Sub-Committee reported that they met on the 16th ult. (Present: Alderman Rogers (Chairman), Councillors Davies, Green, Hayward, King-Harman and Merrett, and the Rev. J. Lloyd Davies) The following candidates for the post of assistant were interviewed :—A. D. Gardiner (Swindon), F. W. McLaren (Walthamstow), and C. H. Pritchard (Bolton), and the Sub-Committee appointed Mr. Pritchard at a salary of £1 per week. They recommended (1) That the tender of Messrs, J. J. Banks & Son for the supply of new books, magazines, and periodical literature for the year 1909 be accepted, that tender offering the most favourable terms.

The Sub-Committee met again on the 7th inst. (Present: Alderman Rogers (Chairman), Councillors Davies, Green and Hayward, and Mr. F. J. Bennett), and recommended (2) That a number of obsolete and worn-out books be withdrawn from the Library (3) That Crockford's Clerical Directory for 1909 be purchased for 14s 6d, and (4) That the Librarian be authorised to go to Loudon to purchase new books to an amount not exceeding £20.

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

RICHARD ROGERS,

Chairman .

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FINANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, the 26th January, 1909. Present:—The Mayor, Aldermen Skillicorne and Waghorne, Councillors Earengy, Hayward, 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 second instalment of this Rate, was read. Amount collected £14,515 14s. 2d. Leaving outstanding, £9,330 15s. 3d.

2—Water Rate—The Report of the Borough Accountant, dated the 26th inst., on the collection of this rate was read. Amount received £7,759 9s. 10d. Leaving outstanding, £5,146 19s. 2d.

3—Loans—The Borough Accountant reported that since the last monthly meeting he had received the following sums upon loan at 3 ⁵/₈ per cent. interest, viz., £150, £100, £100, and 400 for a term of 5 years, £343, 500 and £320 for a term of 7 years, and 250 and 100 for a term of 3 years, and subject afterwards in each case to 6 months' notice on either side. Resolved, That debentures be sealed and

issued accordingly, £1,043 to replace Waterworks Loans to be paid off, and £1,220 to replace Electric Lighting Loans to be paid off.

4—Mortgages on Hayden Sewage Farms—The Borough Accountant reported that he had received an offer to advance the sum of £7,666 13s. 4d. upon mortgage of the Hayden Sewage Farm for a term of 10 years, interest to be at the rate of 3 ⁵/₈ per cent. per annum, subject to the title being satisfactory. The costs including stamp duty to be £75. Lloyds Bank at present held the deeds of the farm as security for £6,666 13s. 4d. The holder of a mortgage on the farm for £1,000 bearing interest at 3 ³/₄ per cent. was willing to take a debenture for £1,000 with interest at the same rate in lieu of her present security. Resolved, That the offer be accepted, and the Corporate Seal be affixed to a mortgage for £7,666 13s. 4d. and a debenture for £1,000, the latter on account of the Arle Outfall Sewer Loan.

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

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 29th December last		£16,277 9 10
Received since that date (including Loans, £5,463)		<u>£24,439 16 9</u>
		£40,717 6 7
Paid since that date (including Electric Lighting Reserve Fund, £2,000 invested with the Llandudno Urban District Council		<u>£18,591 1 10</u>
	In Hand	£22,126 4 9
Being General Accounts	£18,131 19 2	
Sinking Funds	<u>£ 3,994 5 7</u>	
	£22,126 4 9	

JOHN WAGHORNE,

Chairman.

Borough of Cheltenham.

At a Quarterly Meeting of the Town Council of the Borough of Cheltenham, duly convened and held in the Town Hall, in the said Borough, on Monday, the 1st February, 1909, at 3 p.m. Present:

THE MAYOR (JAMES TYNTE AGG-GARDNER, 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 RICHARD DAVIES MOSES DAVIS WILLIAM GEORGE EARENGEY EDWARD GRIDLEY PERCY HADDOCK CHARLES HAYWARD MONTAGUE JOCELYN KING-HARMAN ALFRED MANN CHARLES HENRY MARGRETT HENRY GEORGE NORTON 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 4th 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.

2—Municipal Water Rights—Read, letters from Dr. Ward-Humphreys and Mr. George Eagles, submitting proposals for an option for a lease of the Cheltenham Mineral Waters. Resolved, That the letters be referred to a Special Committee, consisting of the members of the General Purposes and Watch and the Mineral Waters, Baths and Recreation Grounds Committees of the Council for consideration and report.

3-Public Health Committee Alderman Skillicorne proposed and Alderman Norman seconded, That the proceedings of the Public Health Committee, at their Meetings of the 11th and 18th January last, be approved and confirmed.

To this the following amendment was moved by Councillor Margrett, seconded by Councillor Haddock:—" That Minute No. 16 (School Medical Officer) be not approved."

On the amendment being put to the meeting the names of the members voting for or against were recorded as follows:—

For :—Alderman Skillicorne, Councillors Baker, Bendall, M. Davis, Haddock, Mann, Margrett, Norton, Packer, Rees Jones and Steel (11).

Against:—The Mayor, Aldermen Haddon, Norman, Rogers, Waghorne' and Winterbotham, Councillors Davies, Earengy, Gridley, Hayward, King-Harman and Stroud (12).

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

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

5-Street and Highway Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Street and Highway Committee, at their Meetings of the 12th and 25th January last, be approved and confirmed.

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6—Town Improvement Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Town Improvement Committee at their Meetings of the 18th and 27th January last be approved and confirmed, subject

to the following amendment, viz. : That Minute No. 8 (London Exhibition, 1909) of this Committee be referred back for further consideration.

7-Electricity and Lighting Committee--Resolved, That the proceedings of the Electricity and Lighting Committee, at their Meetings of the 14th and 15th January last be approved and confirmed.

8—Water Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Water Committee, at their Meeting of the 21st January last, be approved and confirmed.

9--General Purposes & Watch Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the General Purposes and Watch Committee, at their Meeting of the 19th January last, be approved and confirmed, subject to the following amendment, viz.:--That the resolution to Minute No. 8 (Cheltenham and District Light Railway Fares) be not approved, and that in view of differences of opinion existing on the details of the proposals for alterations in the Light Railway rates, the Council feel unable to enter into an Agreement with the Company, which would have the effect of precluding a Public Inquiry, and so prevent the ratepayers from having the opportunity of presenting their own views to the Commissioners. They therefore instruct the Town Clerk to inform the Commissioners that while the Corporation will not support the Application as such, they desire to leave the matter for the decision of the Commissioners after hearing the Representatives of such Ratepayers as desire to appear at the Inquiry.

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

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

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

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

Cheltenham Distress Committee, o/a Work at Pittville.... £100 0s. 0d.

Economic Life Assurance Society, Instalment of principal and interest re Cemetery Loan £70 10s. 8d.

13—Byelaws under Employment of Children Act, 1903—The motion upon this subject, notice of which had been given by Councillor Hayward, was not moved by him.

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 1st March, 1909.

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.

At a Heeling of this Committee held on Monday, the 8th February 1909. Present:—Alderman Skillicorne, Councillors Davies, M. Davis, Hayward, King-Harman, and Margrett (Alderman Skillicorne the Chair).

1---Zymotic Disease—The Medical Officer of Health reported that there had been notified since the last meeting of the Committee 9 cases of Scarlet Fever, 3 of Enteric Fever, and 3 of Diphtheria, and that 6 cases of Scarlet Fever, 3 of Diphtheria, and 1 case of Enteric Fever had been sent into the Delancey Hospital.

2—Houses without proper Ash Receptacles—The Inspector of Nuisances reported that the following houses had no proper ashpits or ash receptacles, viz :—Nos. 21 Bath Terrace, 18 & 60 Union Street, 23 Glenfall Street, and 11, Gratton 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, 1880, 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.

3—Cleansing and Limewashing at No. 21 Bath Terrace, 6 Sherborne Street, and 20, 38, 40 and 44, 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.

4—Nuisances from Drains etc., at Nos. 9, 10, 15 & 16 St. George's Parade and 8 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.

5—Insanitary Property—Nos. 1 and 3, Lamb's Cottages, Commercial Street, 21, Bath Terrace, 1, 2 and 3, New's Cottages, Alstone, 18, 38 and 56, Union 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.

6—Joint Congress of Sanitary Institute and Institute of Public health—Read, a circular letter from the Hon. Sec. of the Royal Institute of Public Health, inviting the Council to appoint delegates to attend a joint congress of the Royal Sanitary Institute and the Royal Institute of Public Health, at Leeds, from the 17th to the 22nd July next. Resolved, That the Chairman of this Committee, the Medical Officer of Health, and the Chief Inspector of Nuisances be appointed to attend the Congress.

7—Destruction of Unsound Fish—The Medical Officer of Health reported that on the 23rd inst. 31 cod (weighing 140 lbs.) were surrendered and destroyed as being unsound and unwholesome.

8—Closing of School—The Medical Officer of Health reported that on the 2nd instant, the Infants' Department of the Parish Church Schools was closed upon his advice for three weeks on account of the prevalence of measles amongst the children attending these.

9—Overcrowding—No. 3, Croft 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.

10—Hatherley Outfall Sewer—The Town Clerk reported as to the negotiations which had taken place with a view to the settlement of the claim made by Mr. C. Daft, for compensation in respect of the construction of the Hatherley Outfall Sewer. The original claims sent in amounted to £110 5s. 6d. Resolved, That the sum of £45 be paid to Mr. Daft, in full discharge of his claims and including compensation payable to his tenant, Mr. A H. Daft, and his sub-tenant, Mr. Cox.

Read, a letter from Messrs: Ticehursts, Mellquham & Wyatt, on behalf of Mr. Unwin, asking whether the Corporation had abandoned the old Hatherley Outfall Sewer. Resolved. That they be informed that the Corporation will not require to again use the old sewer.

11—Sewage Works, Sludge Pumping Plant- —The tenders (19 in number) received for the supply and erection of the sludge pumping machinery required at Hayden were considered. The specification supplied to the Contractors provided for 2 oil engines and 2 sets of vertical treble-ram pumps, capable of delivering thick sewage sludge to a height of 25 feet through 2000 feet of rising main, 6 inches in diameter, the quantity to be lifted by the two sets of pumps together being 150 gallons per minute with a maximum speed of 250 revolutions per minute for the engines and 30 revolutions for the pumps. The eight lowest tenders were as follows:

Britannia Engineering Co., Colchester	£417
Teasdale Bros, Darlington ...	£410
Campbell Gas Engine Co., Halifax	£405
Warner & Co., Walton-on-Naze	£369
Such Sons, Cheltenham	£345
Tangyes, Ltd., Birmingham	£335
Fielding & Platt, Gloucester	£313
Robertson & Co., Bedford	£300

The Borough Engineer reported upon the details of the tenders and the type of engines to be supplied in each case and their suitability, having regard to the particular nature of the work to be

done by them, and also the result of his visits to certain Sewage Works where some of the types of engines were in use. He recommended the acceptance of Messrs. Tangye's tender (£335) to the amount of which must be added £5 for iron plates over trenches. Resolved, That the recommendation be approved and a contract entered into with Messrs. Tangye accordingly.

W. NASH SKILLICORNE, chairman

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At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, the 15th, February, 1909. Present:—Alderman Skillicorne, Councillors M. Davis, Hayward, King-Harman, Margrett and Rees Jones (Alderman Skillicorne in the Chair).

12—Zymotic Disease—The Medical Officer of Health reported that since the last Meeting of the Committee, 1 case of Diphtheria had been notified.

13— Cleansing and Limewashing at Nos. 21 Albert Place, 51, 56 and 59 Queen Street, Folly Cottage, Folly Lane, and 62 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 No. 8 St. Philip's Terrace, Manchester Hotel, 24 Albert Place, and 62, 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 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. 1 and 2 Brandon Place, 7 and 8 St. Philip's Terrace, Folly Cottage, Folly Lane, and 62 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, &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—Houses without proper Ash Receptacles--The Inspector of Nuisances reported that the following houses had no proper ashpits or ash receptacles, viz : Nos. 11, 12 and 14, St. Philip's Terrace, 2 and 3 Brandon Place, 8 Hewlett Place, 16, St. George's Street, and 62 Upper Park Street. Resolved, That the necessary Notices be given to the respective owners under Section 36 of the Public Health Act, 1875, and Section 27 of the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1889, requiring them in each case to provide a moveable ash receptacle of such size, pattern, and construction as may be approved by the Inspector of Nuisances on behalf of the Corporation.

17—Overcrowding at No. 24, Albert Place—The Medical Officer of Health reported that this dwelling house was so overcrowded as to be dangerous or injurious to the health of the inmates. Resolved,

That the Committee being satisfied of the existence of a nuisance on the said premises, Notice be served upon the occupiers thereof, requiring them to abate the same.

18—Annual Report of the Medical Officer of Health—The Medical Officer of Health presented his Report for the year, 1908. He called attention to the fact that the death-rate of 12.5 is the lowest recorded and that the zymotic death-rate of .43 has never been lower. Resolved, That 250 copies of the Report be printed, and that the Medical Officer of Health be authorised to obtain and accept a satisfactory tender.

19—Closing of Schools—The Medical Officer of Health reported that since the last meeting, the infants' departments of St. Luke's, St. Peter's, St. Gregory's and the Gloucester Road Schools, had been closed on account of the prevalence of measles.

20—Arle Outfall Sewer Contract—Read, a letter from Mr. J. W. Betteridge, Secretary of the Cheltenham Building Trades Joint Committee, calling attention to an alleged breach of the fair wages clause by the Contractor for the Arle Outfall Sewer, no "walking time" being allowed, in the case of the bricklayers one half-penny per hour being paid instead. This was not observing the conditions of labour in accordance with the clause.

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Read, a letter from Messrs. Mark Williams & Co., the Contractors, to whom the complaint had been communicated, stating that, they were paying an extra penny per hour in lieu of walking time throughout the job, and the men employed were quite satisfied with the arrangement, as walking time on one half of the work would be a mere trifle. Resolved, That this Committee consider the explanation satisfactory.

21—Sewage Disposal Works—Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be authorised to advertise for tenders for the erection of the engine house required at the Sewage Works at Hayden.
W. NASH SKILLICORNE, chairman.

FARMS MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Friday, the 12th February, 1909. — Present: Councillors M. Davis, Gridley, King-Harman, Margrett and Steel (Councillor Davis in the chair).

1--Farm Manager's Report—Read, the Monthly Report of the Farms Manager. Since the last monthly meeting 9 head of cattle had been purchased for £101, and 2 calves had been bred on the Farms. 7 head of cattle and 1 calf had been sold for £131. The number of live stock on the Farms on the 12th inst. was 10 horses, 128 head of cattle, 50 sheep, 43 lambs and 1 pig, all doing well. 1 ton 7 cwts. 2 qrs. of oat straw and 5 tons 0 cwts. 1 qr. of hay had been delivered to the Central Depot. 1 load of manure and 1 load of thorns had been delivered to Pittville Gardens. Receipts for manure, £1 10s. ; ploughing, £1 15s. ; and hurdles, £7 ; total, £10 5s.

He recommended the purchase of 1 dozen apple trees for planting, post and stakes for fencing, and also 1 colt. Resolved, That the recommendations be approved and the Farm Manager authorised accordingly.

M. DAVIS, Chairman.

STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 9th February, 1909—Present: Aldermen Haddon and Councillor Baker, Bendall, Gridley, Haddock, King-Harman and Norton (Councillor Bendall in the Chain

1—Report of Trees Sub-Committee—The Trees Sub-Committee reported that they met on the 26th ult. (Present: Alderman Skillicorne, Councillors Bendall and King-Herman) They recommended as follows:—

Cemetery Road—That alternate Trees be removed in Cemetery Road

Vittoria Walk—That a chestnut tree be planted in Vittoria Walk near Nelson House.

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

JOHN D. BENDALL, Chairman.

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At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, the 22nd February, 1909.—Present Aldermen Haddon and Skillicorne, Councillors Baker, Bendall, Gridley, Haddock, King-Harman and Norton (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 22nd January, 1908, to the 18th Feb., 1909 (both inclusive) had been as follows:--

Roads Repaired—Charlton Lane (2,165 super yards), St. Paul's Road (5,783 super yards), Hatherley Road (proceeding).

Roads patched—Bath Road, St. George's Place, Croft Street, Royal Well Place, Winchcombe Street, North Place, Regent Street and Rodney Road.

Sewer Trenches repaired—Winchcombe Street and Promenade,

Water Trench Repaired—Regent Street and High Street. Gas Trenches repaired—Rutland Street and Swindon Road.

Granite Sett Paving relaid—St. George's Place.

Footpaths Gravelled—Harp Hill (3,600 super yards), Sandford Road (870 super yards), Thirlestaine Road (2,280 super yards), Moorend Park Road (2,365 super yards), Lansdown Road (proceeding).

Paving repaired—. Gloucester Road, St. James' Street, Hatherley Road and St. Paul's Street South.

Kerb and Channel relaid—Rutland Street and St. Paul's Road. Local Kerb fixed —Harp Hill (140 lineal yards).

Kerb relaid—Sandford Road, Harp Hill and Thirlestaine Road. Private Improvement Works—Roman Road (proceeding).

Crossings relaid-2. Crossings renewed-1. Gullies renewed-5. Gateway Crossings relaid-2.

Manhole Covers renewed-2. Trees pruned--Queen's Road, Promenade, Vittoria Walk, Bayshill Road and Spa Buildings.

Private Trees pruned—Queen's Road, Bayshill Road. Trees planted—Ambrose Street, 2 limes, 1 plane; Promenade, 4 planes, 1 chestnut; Alstone Avenue, 1 lime; Vittoria, Walk, 1 chestnut; St. George's Road, 10 acacias.

Trees felled—St. George's Road, 6 limes; Fauconberg House, 1 lime; Bayshill Road, 1 lime; St. George's Road, 1 birch; Fauconberg House, 1 birch; Promenade, 3 chestnuts.

Slab Factory—During 4 weeks ended the 11th February, 1909, 743 square yards of slabs made.

Ashes Collection and Disposal—During 4 weeks ended the 18th February, 1909, 961 loads collected, 815 consumed and 146 tipped away. Weight consumed, 929 tons 11 cwts.

3—View Meeting—The following Members attended the View Meeting on Friday last: — Alderman Haddon, Councillors Baker, Bendall, Gridley, Haddock, King-Harman and Norton.

4—Report of Plans Sub-Committee—The Chairman reported the proceedings of the Plans Sub-Committee at their Meetings on the 9th and 19th inst. Resolved, That the same be approved and adopted.

5—Street Projections—The Street Inspector reported that Mr. S. A. Sperry, of 261, High Street, had fixed four enamelled iron signs outside his shop. Resolved, That the further consideration of the matter be adjourned. Read, an application from Mrs. Dance, of No. 7 ¼ High Street, to fix a sign board to project about 18 inches notifying that her Shop is a G.W.R. parcels receiving office. Resolved, That the application be acceded to subject to compliance with the usual conditions as to height and projection.

6—Suggested Street Improvements, Portland Street—Read, a letter from Dr. Dighton suggesting that improvements should be effected at the corner of Portland Street and Albion Street, and also at the Parsonage, Portland Street, by the removal or rounding off of dangerous corners. Resolved, That the Committee regret they cannot see their way to entertain the proposals at the present time.

7--Report of Stores Sub-Committee—The Stores Sub-Committee reported that they met on the 17th inst. (Present: Alderman Haddon, Councillors Baker, Bendall, and Gridley), and considered the tenders (263 in number) for the supply of materials, &c., for the 12 months ending the 31st March, 1910, 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:—

Cement—South Wales Cement Co., Penarth, 28s

Tools—D. Davies.

Forge—Messrs. Ride & Co., E. Snowsell, Oldacre & Co., Sewage Farms.

Coal—A. H. Nott (Smith's Coal), 23s 8d ; C. Cooke (Household), 17s; Powell, Gwinnell & Co. (steam coal), 30s;

Messrs. Jermine & Co., Cardiff (slack), 9s 4d and 9s 5d.

Kebs, Setts and Macadam—Left to Borough Surveyor to order from Schedules as required.

Wrought Iron, Steel and Tiles--Fisher & Sons, Ltd., Stringer Bros., West Bromwich ; Basher & Co., Sheffield.

White Lead, Oils and Colours—Fisher & Sons, Ltd., Middleton Bros., London.

Stoneware Pipes—Young & Son, London.

Electric Light Fittings—General Electric Co., Cardiff.

Lead Pipes, Brass and Rubber Fittings—Bence & Son, Walker, Parker & Co., Chester, Guest & Chrimes, Rotherham.

Timber—Smith Bros., Cheltenham.

Ironmongery—Fisher & Son, Ltd.

Lime, Bricks and Sand—Webb Bros., Bence & Sons, Powell, Gwinnell & Co.

Hose Pipe, Rubber Goods, &c.—India Rubber & Gutta Percha Co. (Cardiff).

Disinfectant—W. H. Hill, United Alkali Co., Liverpool; Young & Co., London.

Household Goods and Sundries—Messrs. J. Jackson, Joyner & Son, D. Davies, Fisher & Son, Ltd., Drake & Co., E. L. Ward, A. N. Cole, W. J. Newth, Yates & Co., Birmingham.

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

8—Footpaths in Cemetery Road (North Side) — Painswick Road (West Side) — 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 notice 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 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.

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

10—Apportionment of Private Improvement Expenses—Gloucester Road—The Borough Surveyor reported that the private improvement works ordered to the footpath in Gloucester Road from Arle Road to Six Chimneys Lane had been carried out by the Corporation at a cost of £116 9s. 8d, which amount he had apportioned amongst the abutting owners according to frontage. Resolved, That the apportionment be approved, and that notices thereof and of demand of repayment be served upon the abutting owners.

Naunton Parade—The Borough Surveyor reported that the private improvement works ordered in Naunton Parade had been carried out by the Corporation at a cost of £17 3s. 2d. Resolved, That regard be made in apportioning the amount to be paid by the owners of property to the degree of benefit derived from the works, that the apportionment on this basis be approved, and that notices thereof and of demand of repayment be served upon the owners of properties mentioned therein.

11-Whaddon Lane and Cleeve View Road--Read, a Memorial signed by owners and occupiers of properties situate in Whaddon Lane and Cleeve View Road, calling attention to the condition of these streets. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to submit plans, specifications and estimates of the works required to be done by the abutting owners.

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12—Junior Assistant, Borough Surveyor's Department—The Borough Surveyor reported that Mr. T. Halliwell, Junior Assistant in his department, had resigned, having secured an appointment elsewhere. He recommended that Mr. L. W. Nott, one of his pupils, be appointed to fill the vacancy. Resolved, That the recommendation be approved, Mr. Nott to be paid 10s per week rising to per week at the end of 12 months, subject to his work proving satisfactory.

13—Refuse Destructor and Electricity Works—With reference to the arrangements set out in Minute No. 7 of the Electricity and Lighting Committee of the 11th inst, on the recommendation of till Borough Surveyor, Resolved, That the same be approved by this Committee.

14—Closing of part of Elmstone Street--The Borough Surveyor submitted a plan showing the portion of Elmstone Street proposed to be stopped up. Resolved, That in the opinion of the Council the portion of the highway as indicated on the plan is unnecessary, and it is expedient that the same should be stopped up in manner shewn on the said plan, and that the Mayor do by order in writing direct the Town Clerk on behalf of the Council, acting as Surveyors of Highways, to apply to two justices to view the portion of the said highway the expenses attending such view and the stopping up of the portion of the said highway to be repaid by the applicants to the Council,

JOHN D. BENDALL,

Chairman.

PLANS SUB-COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Sub-Committee held on Tuesday, the 9th February, 1909. Present:—
Councillors Baker, Bendall, Hayward and King-Harman (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.
738	Mr. Browning	New Scullery, Rockbourne, Hayward's Road.
739	The Cheltenham Original Brewery Co.	Re-building The Cooper's Arms, High Street Ltd. (Corner of St. James' Street).
740	D. Jones	Cottage, Grove Street.

741	J. Such & Sons, Ltd.	Motor Lorry Shed, Caledonian Works, Swindon Road.
742	C. H. Rainger	Alterations to No. 10 Bath Place.
743	T. W. Smith	Four houses, Moorend Road.
744	Capt. Taylor	Additions to No. 15, Park Place.

Resolved, That Plans Nos. 740 and 741 be approved, that Plans Nos. 738, 742 and 744 be approved, subject to the drainage being carried out to the satisfaction of the Inspector of Nuisances, that Plans Nos. 739 be approved, subject to an agreement of indemnity as to the inspection chamber to be placed in the footpath, and to the existing drains being removed, and that Plans Nos. 743 be disapproved. JOHN D. BENDALL, Chairman.

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At a Meeting of this Sub-Committee held on Friday, the 19th February, 1909. Present: Councillors Baker, Bendall and King-Harman (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
743	T. W. Smith	Four houses, Moorend Road (amended plans).
745	E. Wood	Two semi-detached houses, Rowanfield Road.
746	E. Wills	New house, Alstone Avenue.
747	Cavendish House Co., Ltd.	Covered Way from Shop to Show Room, Cavendish House.
748	Norman, Sawyer & Co.	Extension of Workshop, rear of No. 334, High Street.

Resolved, That all the Plans be approved.

JOHN D. BENDALL,

Chairman

TOWN IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 15th February, 1909. Present:—Aldermen Rogers and Winterbotham, Councillors Baker, Hayward, Packer Steel and Stroud (Councillor Baker in the Chair).

1—Archery Club—Read, a letter from Miss B. H. Legh, Hon. Sec. of the Cheltenham Archery Club, applying for permission to use the Archery Ground at Montpellier Gardens from the 1st April to the 3rd October next on the same terms and conditions as last year, viz., payment 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 use of a room at the Lodge on bow days. Resolved, That the application be acceded to.

2—Roller Skating at Winter Garden—Read, letters from Mr. E. D. Williams, of Winstonian Road, Cheltenham, and Mr. P. R. Woodford, of Ventnor, Isle-of-Wight, with regard to the use of the Winter Garden-for Roller Skating next season. Resolved, That the further consideration be adjourned.

3—Advertising--Resolved, That the advertisement of Cheltenham in the Gordon Hotels publication "Where to stay" be renewed for one year at a charge of £9 9s. 0d.

Read, a letter from Mr. E. J. Burrow offering an inset page illustrated advertisement of Cheltenham, printed in 2 colours, in 50 "Borough" guides, with an average circulation of 5,000 each, for £28 ; half-page, £15. ; or quarter page for £8 8s. 0d. Resolved, That consideration of the offer be adjourned.

4—Town Band—Read, a letter from Sir. John Boyce, asking whether the Corporation could engage the Town Band during the forthcoming summer season. Resolved, That the Committee regret they are unable to offer the Band an engagement.

WILLIAM A. BAKER, Chairman.

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At a Meeting of this Committee held at Pittville Park on Monday, the 22nd February, 1909—

Present: Aldermen Rogers and Winterbotham, Councillors Baker, Hayward, Packer and Steel (Councillor Baker in the chair)

5—London Exhibition, 1909—The Resolution of this Committee as to advertising at this Exhibition, referred back by the Council at its last meeting, was further considered. Resolved, That this Committee be empowered to expend a sum not exceeding £150 in advertising Cheltenham at the Exhibition.

6—Proposed Carnival Week—Col. Ashburner and Mr. A. D. Pike attended this meeting on behalf of the Carnival Committee, and the proposed terms for the hire of the Montpellier Gardens for the proposed Carnival were discussed. Resolved, That the use of the Montpellier Gardens be granted to the Committee for the proposed Carnival, subject to the Corporation receiving 10 per cent. of the gross receipts up to and including £300, and 5 per cent above £300, the Carnival Committee to pay Mr. Newton £12 10s. 0d., one half of which amount shall be deducted from the percentage of receipts payable to the Corporation.

7—Trees opposite Lake View, Pittville—The Committee having inspected the trees, the removal of which was desired by Mr. R. B. Joyner, Resolved, That the Committee regret they cannot see their way to accede to the request.

8—Cleaning out of Pittville Lake --The Committee inspected the work of cleaning out the Pittville Lake now in progress.

9—Damage to Gardens and Breach of Byelaws—The Borough Surveyor having reported a case of wilful damage to the property of the Corporation in the Pittville Gardens, Resolved, That the Town Clerk be authorised to take proceedings against offenders in this and in any similar cases in the future affecting property of the Corporation within the purview of this Committee.

WILLIAM A. BAKER,

Chairman.

ELECTRICITY AND LIGHTING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, the 11th February, 1909—Present: Alderman Norman, Councillors Gridley, Hayward, Merrett, Norton, Rees Jones and Steel (Councillor Gridley in the chair).

1—Gas Examiner's Report—The Gas Examiner reported that his test for illuminating power gave the following result:— 15.1 candles. The test for purity made on the 5th and 6th inst. 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—Lighting of Cleeve View Road, Whaddon Lane—Read, a letter from Mrs. A. R. Russell asking for another lamp in Cleeve View Real, Whaddon Lane. Resolved, That consideration be adjourned for the Committee to view.

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4—Public Lighting by Electricity—Read, a letter from the Local Government Board, asking for the observations of the Council upon the part of the Report of the District Auditor relating to the Electricity Accounts, in which Report it was stated that Street Lighting was still charged at an excessive profit rate, viz ;-3d. per unit, and that £2,000 set aside for investment as a reserve out of profits earned had not been invested, as such profits were a mere matter of account and no actual realised profit had been made. The Town Clerk read, for the approval of the Committee, a letter in reply showing that the charge for energy supplied for public lighting was equivalent to lid. per unit, after allowing for depreciation and maintenance, and also interest and sinking fund on Capital expenditure for public lighting, and actual cost of burning lamps, and that in the present position of the Undertaking the Council could not make any reduction therein ; that the profit mentioned was an actually earned profit, although the revenue for the March quarter, 1908, was not actually received until sometime after the end of that quarter, and that the £2,000 had now been invested with the Llandudno Urban District Council. Resolved, That the proposed reply be approved.

5--Salary of Accountant, Electricity Department—Read, a letter from Mr. C. T. Bastin, applying for an increase in his salary at present £150 per annum, at which amount it had remained for the past 7 years. Resolved, That Mr. Bastin's salary be increased to £163 16s. 0d. per annum.

6—Applications for Supply —The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that he had received applications for electric supply to nine recently erected houses in Hatherley Road. It was intended to erect 6 more houses on the adjoining land, and these would be wired if the main were extended. The cost of the high pressure main from Westal Green would be £205, and of the low pressure supply main £113. The former could be defrayed out of loan already sanctioned for the purpose. Resolved, That the mains be laid and supply given upon guarantees for three years of a return of 20 per cent. per annum upon the cost of the low pressure main being given.

7—Refuse Destructor and Electricity Works—With reference to the Resolution of this Committee at their joint meeting with the Street and Highway Committee on the 24th June, 1907, the Borough Electrical Engineer reported the arrangements he had provisionally agreed upon with the Borough

Surveyor with regard to the working of the Refuse Destructor, having particular regard to the generation of steam for the Electricity Works, and he recommended that as from the 1st December last the following amended arrangements be entered into with the Street and Highway Committee:—

£120 per annum to be paid to that Committee for the value of steam, less the amount of the financial charges on £1,200 in respect of the boiler provided by the Electricity Department, and to be paid by the latter; per annum for stoker's wages, and £78 per annum for wages of one of the Destructor firemen. The Electricity Department to carry out at their own cost all engineering repairs on the destructor boiler, steam pump and pipes, and to carry out for the Street-and Highway Committee whatever repairs are required on the Destructor or Slab Factory on the basis of cost of labour and materials with a percentage for supervision and bookkeeping.

Resolved, That the arrangement be approved and adopted, and the resolution above mentioned varied accordingly.

E. GRIDLEY, Chairman.

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WATER COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held at Tewkesbury, on Thursday, the 18th February, 1909—

Present: Councillors Al, Davis, Earengy, Haddock, Margrett and Stroud (Councillor Margrett 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 15th Feb., 1909.	Average for corresponding period during last 3 years.
Hewletts Springs	115,000 gallons	220,000 gallons
Dowdeswell Springs	595,000 "	647,000 "
Leckhampton	40,000 "	47,000 "
Total	750,000 "	914,000 "

CONTENTS OF RESERVOIRS.

	February 15th, 1909.		February 15th, 1908.	
	Depth	Contents	Depth	Contents
Hewletts	...	11,264,000 galls	...	300,037,000 gallons
Leckhampton	2ft. 0in.	270,000 "	12ft. 0in.	1,350,000 "
Dowdeswell	22ft. 11in.	56,602,000 "	31ft. 0in.	94,756,000 "
Total Storage		68,136,000 "		126,143,000 "

2—Tewkesbury Pumping Station—The Borough Engineer reported that the official test of the new engines and pumps supplied by Messrs. Simpsons was made on the 2nd inst, and was satisfactory. The efficiency exceeded the guarantee in every respect. The quantity pumped averaged 53,240

gallons per hour, as against 50,000 guaranteed. The steam consumption was 16.59 lbs. as against 17 lbs., and the mechanical efficiency was 91.4 per cent. as against 90 per cent.

3 —Tenders for Coal—The Borough Engineer reported that he had been through the tenders received, and made tests of the coal which appeared to be most suitable. The tests gave the following results:—

Contractor	Description of Coal	Cost per ton	Cost in	
			Lbs. of steam per lb of Coal	pence per 1,000 lbs of steam
Farrer & Co., Ltd. ...	Arley Peas ...	11s ...	4.70 ...	12.53
Webb Bros., Ltd ...	Norchard fine slack ...	10s- ...	5.06 ...	10.57
Idiens & Sons ...	Kingsbury dust ...	7s 10d ...	4.58 ...	9.15
New Bowson Coal Co. & Lightmoor rough, small				
Webb Bros. ...	& Kingsbury dust (mixed) ...	8s 6d. ...	5.05 ...	9.05
Powell, Gwinnell & Co.	Cannock rough steam ...	9s 3d ...	5.67 ...	8.73
New Bowson Coal Co. & Lightmoor rough, small				
Idiens & Sons	& Kingsbury dust (mixed)...	9s 1d.	3.9 ...	8.27
New Bowson Coal Co., Ltd.	Tamworth fine dust	.6s 9d ...	4.57 ...	7.91
Webb Bros., Ltd.	Kingsbury dust ...	6s 8d ...	4.80 ...	7.44
New Bowson Coal Co., Ltd.	Lightmoor rough, small	10s 5d ...	7.64 ...	7.30

Resolved, That the tender of the New Bowson Coal Co., Ltd. at 10s 5d per ton be accepted subject to a contract being entered into to be prepared by the Town Clerk.

4--Auditors Report—Read, a letter from the Local Government Board asking for the observations of the Town Council, on the part of the auditor’s report, relating to the Water Accounts. Resolved, That the draft letter of the Town Clerk in reply thereof be approved.

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5—Water Supply to Walton Cardiff —Read, a letter from the Clerk to the Tewkesbury Rural District Council, asking whether the Corporation would be willing to supply the Council with water in bulk, and if so at price. Resolved, That the Council be recommended to give a supply in bulk as requested for a charge of 1s per 1,000 gallons.

6—Libel on Water Supply—The Town Clerk reported that a letter from Mr. Hueffer apologising for his error in referring to the Cheltenham water supply in his book " Mr. Apollo had been published in " The Times," "Daily Telegraph " and " Daily News " and slips correcting the mistake had been inserted in all the books in stock and also sent to all the principal Libraries for insertion in Books in circulation.

CHAS. H. MARGRETT,

Chairman.

GENERAL PURPOSES AND WATCH COMMITTEE

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, the 16th February, 1909. Present: Aldermen Norman, Rogers, Waghorne and Winterbotham, Councillors Baker, M. Davis, Gridley and Margrett (Alderman Norman in the Chair).

1—Diseases of Animals Acts—Supt. Hopkins reported an outbreak of swine fever on the 24th ult. at the Brickyard Allotments, Folly Lane. 2 pigs had died, and the 5 remaining on the premises had been slaughtered by order of the Board of Agriculture. The outbreak could not be accounted for. No further outbreak had occurred, and the Borough had now been declared free from contagious disease amongst animals.

Sheep Dipping—Read, a letter from the Board of Agriculture, enclosing copies of an Order issued by them revoking the power given to local authorities to make regulations as to sheep dipping. The regulations so made had been Wreak superseded by general regulations made by the Board on the subject.

2—Report of Fire Brigade Captain—The Captain of the Fire Brigade reported that on the 6th instant, the Brigade was called to an outbreak of fire at White House, The Park. Damage, £35. Expenses of Brigade, £3 .5s. 0d. Buildings and contents insured. Read, a letter from Mr. W. W. Shaw, of Woodleigh, The Park, commending the Brigade for their prompt response to the call to the "White House," telephoned by him, and stating that as a new comer it was pleasant to feel that Cheltenham possessed a very smart fire brigade.

3--Report of Fire Brigade Sub-Committee—The Fire Brigade Sub-Committee reported that they met on the 16th inst. (Present: Aldermen Norman and Rogers, Councillors Baker (Chairman) and M. Davis). The Captain reported that the Brigade uniforms and boots were nearly worn out, having been in use for many years. Resolved, To recommend that tenders be advertised for in the local papers for supply of 21 tunics, 21 pairs of trousers, 21 caps and 20 pairs of boots. Resolved, That the recommendations of the Sub-Committee be approved and adopted.

4 —Hackney Carriage Drivers' Licences—Read, applications Loin Mr. Charles Court, of 20, Denmark Villas. Frank Castle, of 18, Bloomsbury Street, and Mr. Harry Privett, of 17, St. James' Street, for licenses to drive hackney carriages. Resolved, That the applications be granted.

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5—Transfer of Hackney Carriage Licence—Read, letters from Mr. Edward Harding, of 7, Springfield Place, Rosehill Street, and Mr. Charles Court, of 20, Denmark Villas, applying for the transfer to the latter of Hackney Carriage Licence No. 116, now held by Mr. Harding. Resolved, That the application be acceded to, subject to the carriage being inspected and passed by the Chairman of this Committee.

6---Cleeve Common Conservators—Resolved, That Aldermen Norman, Waghorne and Winterbotham be re-nominated as representatives of the Corporation on the Cleeve Common Conservancy Board for the term of 3 years.

7—Grammar School Governors —Resolved, That Alderman Rogers and Councillor Hayward be re-appointed Governors of Pate's Grammar School for 6 years from the 6th prox., on which date their present term of office expires.

8—Poisons and Pharmacy Act, 1908—Read, letters from Messrs. Winterbotham, Gurney & Co., on behalf of Messrs. Yates & Sons, No. 432, High Street, and from Messrs. Hopwood & Son, of No. 53, High Street, applying for licences under Section 2 of the above Act to sell poisonous substances to be used exclusively in agriculture and horticulture.

Read, a letter from the Hon. Sec. of the Cheltenham & District Chemists' Association, stating that in view of any such applications he was prepared to place before the Council evidence of the fact that there were more than sufficient qualified chemists prepared to supply any preparations.

The Town Clerk reported that the Act would not come into operation until the 1st April next, and that an Order in Council in reference to the matter would shortly be issued.

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

9—Ambulance Litter—Read, a letter from Mrs. Manley, enclosing a cheque for to meet the expenses incurred in having the ambulance litter, presented by her in 1906, thoroughly repaired, any balance to be used for a similar purpose in the future. Resolved, That the thanks of the Council be tendered to Mrs. Manley for her kind gift.

10—Carnegie Hero Fund Trust—Read, a circular letter from the Local Government Board, enclosing at the request of the Trustees, particulars of the Carnegie Hero Trust Fund, the general object of which is to benefit persons who have been injured in heroic effort to save human life, or, in the case of the death of any such persons, to assist any dependents they may have left in needy circumstances.

11—Market Tolls—The Town Clerk reported that Mr. Marshall Hill was willing to give £10 for the tolls at the Market for the five week-days, commencing on Friday in Easter week, and had also offered to take the Market Tolls during the Mops and Fairs this year for £55. Resolved, That the offers be accepted.

12—Annual Meeting of Association of Municipal Corporations—Resolved, That the Mayor and Deputy-Mayor be asked to attend the Annual Meeting of the Association of Municipal Corporations, to be held in London on the 26th prox.

13—Folly Lane Allotments—Resolved, That locks be placed on the 2 gates at the Folly Lane Allotments, that each allotment holder be supplied with a key, and that a notice board be placed at the entrance indicating that the road through the allotments is for use by allotment holders only.

GEO. NORMAN,

Chairman.

**GENERAL PURPOSES AND WATCH AND MINERAL WATERS, BATHS AND RECREATION GROUNDS
COMMITTEES.**

At a Joint Meeting of these Committees held on Wednesday, the 10th February 1909. Present Mayor, Aldermen Haddon; Norman, Rogers, Skillicorne, Waghorne, and Winterbotham, Councillors Davies, M. Davis, Gridley, Hayward, Margrett, Merrett, Packer, and Stroud- (The Mayor in the Chair).

1—Mineral Waters—The letters from Dr. Ward-Humphreys and Mr. George Eagles making proposals with regard to the development of the Mineral Waters, together with a further letter received from Mr. Eagles, intimating that his proposals were not limited as appeared from his previous letter to the bottling of the waters, were considered. Resolved, That negotiations be first opened with Dr. Ward-Humphreys on the basis of his letter, and that in the meantime consideration of the letters from Mr. Eagles be adjourned.

Resolved, also, That a Sub-Committee be appointed to confer with Dr. Ward-Humphreys on the details of his scheme and to report to a further joint meeting, and that such Sub-Committee consist of the following :—The Mayor, Aldermen Norman, Waghorne and Winterbotham and Councillor Stroud.

J. T. AGG-GARDNER,

Chairman.

At a Joint Meeting of these Committees held on Thursday, the 24th February, 1909. Present:—The Mayor, Aldermen Haddon, Norman; Rogers, Waghorne and Winterbotham, Councillors Baker, Gridley, Hayward, Margrett, Merrett, Packer and Stroud (The Mayor in the Chair).

2—Mineral Waters—The Sub-Committee appointed at the last meeting reported that they had had three long interviews with Dr. Ward-Humphreys with regard to his proposals, and recommended approval of the following Heads of Agreement:—

1. Option for 9 months from date to take lease subject to approval of Local Government Board if such be found to be necessary.

2. In consideration of such option Dr. Ward-Humphreys to agree to forthwith use his best endeavours to promote the development of the medical use of the Cheltenham Waters, such development to include the establishment of and carrying on Hydropathic Establishments, Baths, Medical Baths, Medical Institutes or Homes, Nursing Establishments, Cafés, Restaurants, Hotels, Hydros, Clubs and all or any of them, and any other business or businesses as may in his judgment promote the sale or use of the Cheltenham Mineral Waters or their constituents.

3. Lease to be granted to the lessee for a term of 50 years, with a right to the renewal of the lease for a further term of 50 years on the same terms, subject to the right of the Corporation to take over the Lessee's undertakings in connection with the development of the medical use of the waters as defined in Clause 2 at the termination of the said term of 50 years on terms of paying the fair market value thereof as a going concern, but without any allowance for compulsory purchase.

4. Rent £50 per annum, payable in advance from date of lease, and £5 per cent, of the sum, which shall in any year be distributed as profit.

5. Lease to include (a) All mineral water rights of Corporation, including the exclusive use of all wells belonging to the Corporation at present known, or which may hereafter be discovered, and all right, share and interest of Corporation in any wells to which they have not the exclusive right, together with all such rights and powers as the Corporation may possess of enlarging or extending any of the existing Wells, or searching for, making or using new Wells on land or property not in the possession of the Corporation, but subject to such liabilities as the Corporation may be under in exercising such rights and powers, and the Lessee shall indemnify the Corporation from any claim or proceedings for any damage or loss arising out of the exercise of any such rights or powers, together also with the benefit of all covenants to which the Corporation may be entitled for preventing the sinking or use of any Mineral Water Wells, or otherwise for the protection of their Mineral Water rights. The Corporation also agree to afford the Lessee all reasonable facilities for searching for an additional supply of mineral waters under the Montpellier and Pittville Gardens and Pittville Annexe, either by boring or sinking new wells, or deepening or enlarging existing wells, provided that such work shall be carried out by the Corporation at the expense of the Lessee, or, where new methods or special appliances may be advisable, by such firm or firms as may be approved by the Corporation, provided that such facilities shall not be deemed to extend so as unreasonably or materially to prevent or interfere with the use and enjoyment of the said Gardens and Annexe by the Corporation, and provided that all damage caused in carrying out such work shall be made good at the cost of the Lessee.

(b) Such rights of access to and user of such wells as the Corporation possess, to be exercised at all reasonable times, and also right to use all existing pumps, tanks and pipes in connection with such wells,

(c) The exclusive right to use the term " Sole Concessionaire of the Cheltenham Corporation Original Mineral Water Springs."

(d) The right to use (so far as the Corporation can grant the same) the Borough Arms and Motto in connection with the waters, but not the right to register same as a trade mark, except in connection with the Mineral Waters.

6. The Lease to contain covenants by the Corporation:—

(a) To lay upon request and at their own cost and expense for a distance of 100 yards from any well or from any existing pipe leading from such well nearer to the Lessee's premises, along any public streets or roads or property belonging to the Corporation, such pipes and aqueducts as may be required by the Lessee for conveying the waters to his premises, provided always that the Lessee shall pay the cost of laying any pipes and restoring the ground for so much of any length as shall exceed the said length of 100 yards to be laid at the expense of the Corporation as aforesaid.

(b) To maintain the existing wells known as the Cottage Well, the Lansdown Terrace Well, Chadnor Well, and the two upper Wells at present in use under the Pittville Pump Room in clean and proper condition, and also to maintain the existing fabric of the said Wells or any adits thereto. To provide and fix, if and in so far as the Corporation have the right and power so to do, a suitable pump for the Cottage Well, similar to the existing pumps and gear at the Lansdown Terrace and Chadnor Villa

Wells, and also to maintain the pumps and gear at the said live wells in good order, repair, efficiency and condition during the said lease.

(c) Not to engage in the sale of Cheltenham Mineral Waters or any of their products, nor use such water for baths or any hydrotherapeutic purposes, nor grant any leave or licence to any person or persons to lay any pipe through, under or along any of the public roads or streets or property under the control of the Corporation for the purpose of conveying Mineral Water for medical use, and the Corporation shall also assist the Lessee in such other manner as they lawfully and reasonably can to prevent any Mineral Water Wells being sunk or used in derogation of the Mineral Water Rights demised to the Lessee.

(d) Not to carry on the business of providing brine, aix douche, vapour, turkish or any other similar or medical baths (not including in such terms ordinary washing or swimming baths) after the Lessee shall have provided such baths at least equally well appointed as the present baths. The Lessee may at his option take over the present fittings and appliances at the Baths at a valuation as soon as he has provided suitable premises for same.

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e) Covenant for quiet enjoyment. Power to assign the lease to any responsible Company or Syndicate formed for the purpose of carrying out the object of this Agreement, provided that any such Company or shall enter into a covenant with the Corporation to perform and observe the covenants and terms of the lease.

7. Lessee to covenant:—

(a) To pay rent, rates and taxes.

(b) To provide such a Certificate from a firm of Chartered Accountants, approved by the Corporation, as shall enable the Corporation to ascertain their financial claims under this Agreement.

(c) To maintain all such wells as he may use or sink under the powers contained in paragraph 5 ante (excepting the 5 wells to be maintained by the Corporation) in a clean and proper condition, and to maintain and keep the fabric of such wells and all pumps, pipes, tanks and other apparatus in good and proper order, repair and condition, and so deliver up at the termination of the lease. Provided always that it shall be lawful for the Lessee in case he shall so desire after giving 3 months' notice to the Corporation to close any such wells on the ground of failure or inadequacy of supply, or of unsuitability of the water supplied from such well.

(d) To permit the Corporation or their Officers or Agents to inspect the state of repair of such wells as are specified in the preceding Section (c).

(e) To pay the cost on demand of all pipes or aqueducts laid by the Corporation at Lessee's request (beyond the 100 yards to be paid by the Corporation).

(f) To spend a capital sum of not less than £10,000 (exclusive of advertising and promotion expenses) within a period of two years from date of lease in the development of the medical use of the Mineral Waters, such capital sum to be expended in the purchase of a site and erection of a Spa for

dispensing the Mineral Waters, or in building and equipping medical Baths or some other similar purpose, permanently and directly associated with the use of the waters.

(g) To spend not less than £500 a year for two years in advertising the Cheltenham Waters and Baths, such advertising to begin immediately a Spa or Baths are provided, but in any case such advertising is to commence within two years from date of Lease.

(h) That at any Spa or Baths provided by the Lessee facilities shall be given to the public for drinking the waters and taking medical baths equal to those given to any guests or patients of the Lessee or of any medical man connected with any Institution or establishment belonging to him and on reasonable terms.

(i) To make good the damage caused to any property (including any property of the Corporation) in the exercise of the Mineral Water Rights.

(j) To keep open and carry on within the Borough of Cheltenham during the continuance of the Lease without intermission a Spa or Medical Baths or other business of the Lessee directly connected with the sale and use of the waters, it being the intention of this clause that the Lessee should undertake to keep up a Spa within the Borough of Cheltenham with suitable accommodation for the sale and use of the waters and also medical Baths.

Forfeiture of Lease for breach or non-performance of Covenants.

Power to re-enter and power of distress for rent if not paid within 28 days.

Arbitration Clause.

The Corporation to agree to continue the dispensing of the water and the evaporation and bottling of the Aperiens water now carried on and also to carry on the present medical baths until the Lessee shall have given notice in writing that he is ready to take over the same.

Resolved, That the recommendation of the Sub-Committee be approved, and that an agreement under Seal be entered into with Dr. Ward-Humphreys (subject to the approval of the Local Government Board).

J. T. AGG-GARDNER,

Chairman.

ART GALLERY AND MUSEUM COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, the 10th February, 1909—Present: The Mayor, Aldermen Haddon, Norman, Rogers and Winterbotham, and Dr. E. T. Wilson (Alderman Winterbotham in the chair).

1—Curator's Report—The Curator reported that there had been 1,461 visits to the Art Gallery and Museum since the last meeting of this Committee on the 16th December:

The Victoria and Albert Museum Authorities had changed the objects in the four cases. The loan now consisted of objects representing Electrotypes, Ironwork, Tessellated Tiles and Textiles. They had also lent 11 oil paintings, to be insured for £1,050.

By special request of the Headmaster of the School of Art, an exhibition of works on Decorative Art was held in the Gallery on the 3rd inst.

He recommended that the Art Gallery and Museum be closed for the Annual Cleaning from the 15th to the 27th prox., the usual notice to the public being given. Resolved, That the recommendation of the Curator be approved and adopted.

2—Chairs for Art Gallery--Resolved, That the Curator be authorised to obtain 6 chairs at a cost of about 5s each for the use of Visitors to the Art Gallery.

3 —Repairs—The Borough Surveyor having reported as to the repairs necessary to the roof of the Museum, Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to carry out the same.

JAS. B. WINTERBOTHAM,

Chairman.

MINERAL WATERS, BATHS AND RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 15th February, 1909—Present: Councillors Baker, Merrett, Packer 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	£457 13 4	Payments	£877 12 6
		(including £150 for boiler)	
Hire of Bath, etc.	£ 4 6 0	Interest & Redemption	
Rent of Shop	<u>£36 0 0</u>	(proportion of) ...	<u>£440 14 1</u>
	£497 19 4 ...		£1318 6 7

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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	£318 14 7	Payments ...	£300 10 10
		Interest & Redemption	
		(proportion of)	<u>£278 11 9</u>
	£318 14 7		£579 2 7

Urinals, etc.—On the recommendation of the Borough Surveyor, Resolved, That the existing urinals at Alstone Baths be removed and replaced by a range of 4 modern white glazed urinals at a cost, including necessary connections, etc., of about £25, and that 6 spittoons be fixed round the swimming bath at a cost of about £3.

3—Aperient Water—In accordance with the recommendation of the Mineral Waters Sub-Committee already approved by the Council, Resolved, That 2 gross of 5oz. bottles for the concentrated aperient water be purchased at a cost of 10s 6d per gross.

4—Presentation to the Agg-Gardner Recreation Ground—The Superintendent of the Agg-Gardner Recreation Ground reported that Dr. Dighton had presented a number of cricket bats, balls, etc., for use in the Agg-Gardner Recreation Ground. Resolved, That the donor be thanked for his kindness.

5—Cricket at Recreation Grounds—Read letters from the Hon. Secs. of the Imperial and All Saints' United Cricket Clubs applying for permission to play cricket at the Whaddon Lane Recreation Ground next season, and of the Bennington United and Police Cricket Clubs for permission to play at the Agg-Gardner Recreation Ground. Resolved, That the applications be acceded to subject to the same conditions as in previous years.

HERBERT STROUD,

Chairman.

BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, the 19th February, 1909—Present: Aldermen Haddon and Rogers, Councillors Baker, Gridley, King-Harman, Mann, Merrett, and Steel (Alderman Haddon in the Chair).

1—Heating of Cemetery Chapels—As instructed, the Borough Surveyor submitted alternative schemes and estimates for the improvement of the heating arrangements at the Cemetery Chapels. On his recommendation, Resolved, That the worn-out boiler be replaced by a detached sectional boiler, and that three large radiators be placed in each chapel at a cost of £45, provision to be made for this in the estimates for next year, and the work to be carried out then.

2—Superintendent's Report—The Superintendent of the Cemetery reported that he required a few loads of stone for road repairs at the Cemetery, and a supply of grass and flower seeds, the cost of the latter not to exceed £1. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to supply the stone required, and that the Superintendent be authorised to obtain the seeds.

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3—Presentation of Seat—Read, a letter from Mrs. Waller, of Ivy Cottage, Tivoli Road, offering to present a seat for use in the Cemetery, provided the same was placed in a position indicated to the Superintendent. Resolved, That the offer be accepted with thanks.

4—Designs—Resolved, That the following designs be approved, viz.:—headstones to graves of Agnes Webb, J. D. Millard and George Heather Williams. Memorial Crosses to graves of Rachel Johnson and Alice Maud and Hilda Maud Ball.

JOHN HADDON,

Chairman.

PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 9th February, 1909.—Present Alderman Rogers, Councillors Davies, King-Harman Manic and Margrett ; Messrs. F. J. Caudle, F. Parsons and E. C. Rogers (Alderman Rogers in the Chair).

1—Librarian's Report—Read, the Monthly Report of the Librarian. Receipts, £5 16s 0d.
Presentations:—General Editor, University Tutorial Press, 1 vol., R. Richardson, 2 vols.

The number of volumes consulted in the Reference Department during the month was 1,253, apart from the use made of the volumes accessible to the public. The issues from the Lending Department numbered 9,389, a decrease of 1 per day, as compared with the corresponding month of last year.

2—Sub-Committee's Report—The Sub-Committee reported that they met on the 5th inst. (Present: Alderman Rogers (Chairman), Councillors Hayward, King-Harman and Merrett, and the Rev. J. Lloyd Davies). They recommended the purchase of a Catalogue Cabinet at a cost of £2 2s. 0d.; and 20 pamphlet cases for £1 9s. 2d., that the Fire Extinguishing apparatus be examined by the Borough Surveyor with a view to its extension to the basement at a small cost, and that an offer received for the free supply of advertising covers for the magazines, etc., be declined.

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

RICHARD ROGERS, Chairman.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, the 23rd February, 1909. Present:—The Mayor, Aldermen Skillicorne, and Waghorne, Councillors Hayward, Merrett, Rees Jones, Steel and Stroud (Alderman Waghorne in the Chair);

1—General District Rate—The Report of the Borough Accountant, dated the 23rd inst., on the collection of the second instalment of this Rate, was read. Amount collected £19,911 4s. 11d. Leaving outstanding, £3,935 4s. 6d.

2—Water Rate--The Report of the Borough Accountant, dated the 23rd inst., on the collection of the second half of this rate was read. Amount received £10,525 12s. 4d. Leaving outstanding, £2,394 10s. 4d.

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3--Loans—The Borough Accountant reported that since the last meeting he had received the sum of :0100 upon loan, interest to be at 3i per cent., term 12 months, and afterwards subject to 6 months notice on either side. Resolved, That a debenture for £400 be scaled and issued on account of the Arle Outfall Sewer Loan.

4—Resignation of Borough Collector—Read. a letter from Mr. M. B. Ricketts, notifying that he had sent in his resignation to the Guardians of the office of Assistant Overseer, to take effect as from the 31st March next, and resigning his appointment as Rate Collector as from the same date. Resolved, That the Committee record their great regret at Mr. Ricketts' resignation and their appreciation of

the admirable and satisfactory manner in which he has carried out the duties of his office during the thirty years for which he has held the appointment.

Resolved, That this Committee recommend the following arrangements for carrying out the work of the Department as from the 1st April next:—

That the work of the office be divided between Mr. F. H. Harris and Mr. E. D. Ricketts (who already hold the office of Assistant Overseer), Mr. Harris taking the work in connection with the North, Central and East Wards, and Mr. E. D. Ricketts the work in connection with the South, Middle and West Wards, the salary in each case to be £250, afterwards rising by annual increments of to a maximum of £275 ; that Mr. A. Ricketts be appointed Assistant Overseer and Collector, to give his whole time to the duties of the office, at a salary of £150 ; and that a junior clerk be appointed at a salary not exceeding per week,

If these recommendations are approved, the Committee will arrange with the Overseers the proportion of the above expenditure to be paid by them,

5--Investment of Sinking Funds—The Borough Accountant reported negotiations with the Rhondda Urban District Council to lend them part of the Sinking Funds available up to £8,188 at 31 per cent. interest for specified terms of year-. Resolved, That the sinking funds be invested accordingly, subject to the Town Clerk being satisfied with the security offered.

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 26th January last	£22,126 4 9
Received since that date (including Loans, £8,066 13s. 4d)	<u>£31,674 7 11</u>
	£53,800 12 8
Paid since that date (including Loans £10,000 repaid)	<u>£21,282 15 5</u>
	£32,517 17 3
	In Hand
Being General Accounts	£24,915 7 9
Sinking Funds	<u>£ 7,602 9 6</u>
	£32,517 17 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 1st March, 1909, at 3 p.m. Present:

THE MAYOR (JAMES TYNTE AGG- GARDNER, 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 MOSES DAVIS WILLIAM GEORGE EARENGEY EDWIN SON CHARLES GREEN EDWARD GRIDLEY PERCY HADDOCK CHARLES HAY WARD, MONTAGUE JOCELYN KING-HARMAN CHARLES HENRY MARGRETT WILLIE JOHN MERRETT HENRY GEORGE NORTON 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 1st 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—Death of Mr. E. H. Parsonage—Resolved, That this Council record their sincere regret at the death of Mr. E. H. Parsonage, who as a Member of this Council for about 15 years and also as a member of other public bodies rendered zealous and valuable service in the public work of his native Town, and desire to express their deep sympathy with his widow in her bereavement.

3—Appointment of Overseers—Resolved, That William Alfred Baker, of No. 60, Marle Hill Parade, Cheltenham Charles Henry Margrett, of No. 61, High Street, Cheltenham; Martin Benjamin Ricketts, of No.8, Cambray, Cheltenham; and Robert Steel, of No. 1, Oriel Terrace, Cheltenham, be appointed Overseers of the Poor for the Parish of Cheltenham for the ensuing year.

4—Public Health Committee --Resolved, That the proceedings of the Public Health Committee, at their Meetings of the 8th and 15th February last be approved and confirmed, subject to the following amendments, viz. :— That Minute 11 (Sewage Works, Sludge Pumping Plant) be referred back for further consideration. That Minute No. 20 (Arle Outfall Sewer Contract) be referred back for further consideration.

5—Farms Management Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Farms Management Committee, at their Meeting of the 12th February 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 9th and 22nd February last, be approved and confirmed, subject to the following amendments, viz. :--- -That Minute No. 14 (Closing of part of Elmstone Street) be referred back to the Committee for further consideration.

7—Town Improvement Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Town Improvement Committee, at their Meetings of the 15th and 22nd February last be approved and confirmed, subject to the following amendment, viz.:— That Minute 5 (London Exhibition, 1909) be not approved.

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8—Electricity and Lighting Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Electricity and Lighting Committee, at their Meeting of the 11th February last, be approved and confirmed.

9—Water Committee---Resolved, That the proceedings of the Water Committee, at their Meeting of the 18th February 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 16th February last, be approved and confirmed.

11--General Purposes & Watch & Mineral Waters, Baths & Recreation Grounds Committees, re Mineral Waters—Resolved, That the proceedings of the General Purposes and Watch and Mineral Waters, Baths and Recreation Grounds Committees, at their Joint Meetings of the 10th and 24th 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 10th 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 15th February last, be approved and confirmed.

14--Burial Board Committee----Resolved, That the proceedings of the Burial Board Committee, at their Meeting of the 19th February last, be approved and confirmed, and that the Common Seal be affixed to the amended Table of Fees under Section 34 of the Burial Act, 1852.

15--Finance Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Finance Committee, at their Meeting of the 23rd 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 time 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—Memorials, Applications, Complaints, &c.—Resolved, That the following letters, etc., be referred to the under-mentioned Committees, viz.:—

Major-General Shewell and others, re Quality of Gas—To the Electricity and Lighting Committee.

J. W. Betteridge, re Arle Outfall Sewer Contract ; Rev. T. H. Cave-Moyle, re St. Paul's Schools—To the Public Health Committee.

Winterbotham, Gurney & Co., re Closing of Part of Elmstone Street—To the Street and Highway Committee.

C. James, re Free use of Montpellier Gardens for Band Concert—To the Town Improvement Committee.

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 5th April, 1909.

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, the 8th March, 1909. Present: —Alderman Skillicorne, Councillors Davies, M. Davis, Hayward, Margrett and Rees Jones (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, 8 of Enteric Fever, 1 case of Erysipelas, and 4 cases of Diphtheria, and that 2 cases of Scarlet Fever, 2 of diphtheria, and 1 case of Enteric Fever had been sent into the Delancey Hospital.

2—Overcrowding at No. 15, St. Paul's Street South—The Medical Officer of Health reported that this dwelling house was so overcrowded as to be dangerous or injurious to the health of the inmates. Resolved, That the Committee being satisfied of the existence of a nuisance on the said premises, Notice be served upon the occupiers thereof, requiring them to abate the same.

3—Cleansing and Limewashing at No. 87, Upper Bath Road, 16, Stanhope Street, 3, 5 and 8 Devonshire Street—The Medical Officer of Health having certified under Section 46 of the Public Health Act, 1875, that the above-named dwelling-houses were in such a filthy and unwholesome condition that the health of the inmates was affected or endangered thereby. Resolved, That Notice be given to the owners under the said Section requiring the -houses to be cleansed and limewashed.

4—Nuisances from Drains etc., at Bynea Villa, St. James's Square, and 7 & 9 Philip's Terrace—The Inspector of Nuisances having made written application under Section 41 of the Public Health Act, 1875, stating that the drains, he., on or belonging to the above-named houses were in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to health, Resolved That authority be given to the Inspector of Nuisances to open the ground, examine the drains, and report to the Committee.

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5—Insanitary Property—Nos. 5, and 8, Devonshire Street, 2, and 9, St. Phillip's Terrace, and 4 and 3 Brandon Terrace. -- The Medical Officer of Health reported that the above-mentioned premises were in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to the health of the inmates owing to defective roofs, walls, ceilings, floors, &c. Resolved, That the Council being satisfied that the said premises are in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to health, Notices under 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.

6—Destruction of Diseased Meat—The Medical Officer of Health reported that on the 20th ult. a heifer slaughtered at the Abattoir was found to be badly affected with tuberculosis, and was surrendered by the owner and destroyed (weight, 676 lbs.).

On the 4th inst. the carcasses with offal of 2 pork pigs (weight, 280 lbs.) slaughtered at the Abattoir were found to be badly affected with tuberculosis, and were surrendered by the owner and destroyed.

7—Houses without proper Ash Receptacles—The Inspector of Nuisances reported that the following houses had no proper ashpits or ash receptacles, viz :—Nos. 287, 288, 289, 290, High, Street, and 1, 2, 3, 4 & 9, and Poplar Cottage, Devonshire Street. Resolved, That the necessary Notices be given to the respective owners under Section 36 of the Public Health Act, 1875, and Section 27 of the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1889, requiring them in each case to provide a moveable ash receptacle of such size, pattern, and construction as may be approved by the inspector of Nuisances on behalf of the Corporation.

8—Dairies, Cowsheds and Milkshops Order—Read, an application from Miss D. Craddock, No. 2, Edward Terrace, Norwood Road, to be registered as a Purveyor of Milk. Resolved, That the applicant be registered.

9—Slaughtering on Unlicensed and Unregistered Premises—The Inspector of Nuisances reported a case of slaughtering a horse on unregistered and unlicensed premises in the Borough on the 21st ult., the offenders having been cautioned for a- similar offence committed last year. Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to take proceedings for the penalties incurred.

10—Arle Outfall Sewer Contract—Mr. Towell (Mark Williams & Co.) and Mr. J. W. Betteridge attended this meeting with reference to the complaint of the latter that the fair wages clause was not being observed by the contractor for the Arle Outfall Sewer. They having been heard by the Committee, Resolved, That the further consideration of the matter be adjourned.

11—Sewage Works, Sludge Pumping Plant—The tenders received for the supply and erection of the sludge pumping machinery required at Hayden, referred back by the Council for further consideration, were again considered, together with letters received from Messrs. Such & Sons and Messrs. Fielding & Platt upon the subject. Resolved, That the Committee re-affirm their previous resolution, and recommend that the tender of Messrs. Tangye of £335, plus £5 for iron plates over trenches be accepted, and that a contract be entered into with them accordingly.

W. NASH SKILLICORNE, Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, the 22nd March, 1909. Present:—Aldermen Norman, and Skillicorne, Councillors M. Davis, Hayward, King-Harman, and Rees Jones (Alderman Skillicorne in the Chair).

12—Zymotic Disease—The Medical Officer of Health reported that there had been notified since the last. Meeting of the Committee, 2 cases of Scarlet Fever, 1 case of Enteric Fever, 1 of Erysipelas, and 6 cases of Diphtheria, and that, 2 cases of Scarlet Fever and 1 case of Diphtheria had been sent into the Delancey Hospital.

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13—Houses without proper Ash Receptacles—The Inspector of Nuisances reported that the following houses had no proper ashpits or ash receptacles, viz : Nos. 6, Cranky Cottages, 18, Union Street, Fairview, 8 and 22, Glenfall Street, 30 Hungerford Street, Cotswold Hotel, and 2, Milsom Street.—Resolved, That the necessary Notices be given to the respective owners under Section 36 of the Public Health Act, 1875, and Section 27 of the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1889, requiring

them in each case to provide a moveable ash receptacle of such size, pattern, and construction as may be approved by the Inspector of Nuisances on behalf of the Corporation.

14—Cleansing and Limewashing at Nos. 3, Granley Cottages, 8, 38, 40 and 44, Union Street, Fairview, 16 and 20, Hungerford Street, 16 and 84, Stanhope Street, 1, Milsom Street, and 7, 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.

15—Nuisances from Drains, etc., at No. 2 and 3, Hylton Place, New Street, and 28, 30, 32 and 34 Roman 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.

16—Insanitary Property—Nos. 3 and 6, Granley Cottages, Granley Road, 18 and 38, Union Street, Fairview, 16, Hungerford Street, 1, and 2, Milsom Street, 1, and 2, Glen Cottages, Folly Lane, and Elmfield, Swindon Road. — The Medical Officer of Health reported that the above-mentioned premises were in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to the health of the inmates owing to defective roofs, walls, ceilings, floors, 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.

17—Closing of Schools --The Medical Officer of Health reported that all the Infants' Schools in the Borough, with the exception of the Leckhampton and Hatherley Lane Schools, were closed until further notice in consequence of the prevalence of measles.

18—Overcrowding—Nos. 2 Malvern Street & 84 Stanhope 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 each of the said premises, Notice under Sec. 94 of the Public Health Act, 1875, be served on the occupiers thereof requiring them to abate the same.

19—Notices not complied with—The Medical Officer of Health submitted a list of Notices requiring the provision of ash receptacles, and the abatement of nuisances arising from defective yard pitching, 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.

20—Extension of Sewer, Leckhampton Road—Resolved, That the sewer in the Leckhampton Road be extended to the Railway Bridge at a cost of about £50 to take the drainage of now houses now in course of erection.

21—Appointment of School Medical Officer—Read, a letter from the Local Government Board, assenting to the Medical Officer of Health undertaking the appointment of School Medical Officer.

22—Arle Outfall Sewer Contract—Read, a further letter from Mr. J. W. Betteridge with reference to the wages paid, etc., by the contractor for the Arle Outfall Sewer. Resolved, That a copy of the letter be forwarded to Messrs. Mark Williams & Co. for their observations.

W. NASH SKILLICORNE, Chairman

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FARMS MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Friday, the 19th March, 1909. — Present: Councillors M. Davis, Green, King-Harman, and Steel (Councillor Davis in the chair).

1—Farm Manager's Report—Read, the Monthly Report of the Farms Manager. Since the last monthly meeting 38 sheep had been purchased for £68 8s. 0d., and 16 head of cattle had been sold for £279 13s. 9d. The number of livestock on the Farms on the 19th inst. was 10 horses, 112 head of cattle, 131 sheep, and 1 pig, all doing very well. 4 tons 1 cwt. 3 qrs. of hay had been delivered to the Central Depot. He recommended the insurance of the two in-foal mares. Resolved, That the recommendation be approved and adopted.

2—Annual Stocktaking and Valuation—Resolved, That the Committee visit the Farms on the 31st inst. for the Annual Stocktaking and Valuation.

M. DAVIS,

Chairman.

STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, the 9th day of March, 1909—Present: Alderman Haddon, Councillors Baker, Bendall, Gridley, Haddock, and Norton (Councillor Bendall in the Chair).

1—Alstone Avenue and Hayward's Road—The Town Clerk reported that notices declaring Alstone Avenue and Hayward's Road (the latter, from its junction with London Road to its junction with a footpath leading into Rosehill Street, and for the full width thereof within the Borough) 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.

JOHN D. BENDALL, chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, the 29th March, 1909.—Present: Aldermen Haddon and Skillicorne, Councillors Baker, Bendall, Haddock, King-Harman, and Norton (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 19th Feb., 1908, to the 25th March, 1909 (both inclusive) had been as follows:—

Roads Repaired—Hatherley Road (10,619 super yards), Leckhampton Road (1,433 super yards).

Roads patched—Croft Street, St. George's Road, Grafton Road, Manchester Street, Chapel Walk, Henrietta Street, Monson Avenue and St. James' Square. Sewer Trenches repaired—Hewlett Street, Bath Street, Oxford Street and Sydenham Road.

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Electricity Trenches repaired—Chester Walk, Ashford Road, Regent Street, North Street, Queen's Road, Grafton Terrace, Pittville Circus, Promenade, Imperial Square and Thirlestaine Road.

Gas Trenches repaired—Imperial Square and Clarence Parade.

Footpaths Gravelled—Hewlett Road (1,312 super yards), Moorend Park Road (3,351 super yards), Hatherley Road (570 super yards), Tudor Lodge Road (68 super yards), Church Road, Leckhampton (240 super yards), Lansdown Road (proceeding).

Paving repaired—Sun Street, Roman Road, Bayshill Road, Monson Avenue, Grosvenor Place South, Hale's Road and Leighton Road.

Kerb and Channel refixed—Roman Road. Channel repaired—Chapel Walk. New Kerb laid—Church Road (360 lineal feet). New Paving laid—Clarence Street (27 super yards).

Private Improvement Works--Roman Road and Sandford Road completed

Crossings relaid-3. Gullies renewed--5.

Trees pruned. Queen's Parade, St. Anne's Road, Evesham Road, Eldorado Road and The Park.

Trees planted—St. George's Road, 4 mop headed acacias. Trees felled—Cemetery Road, 1 plane, 28 limes. Bayshill Road, 6 limes.

Slab Factory—During 5 weeks ended the 18th March, 1909, 960 ½ square yards of slabs made.

Ashes Collection and Disposal—During 5 weeks ended the 25th March, 1909, 1,155 loads collected, 849 consumed and 306 tipped away. Weight consumed, 1,018 tons 1 cwt. 1 qr.

3—View Meeting—The following Members attended the View Meeting on Friday last: — Alderman Haddon, Councillors Baker, Bendall, Haddock, King-Harman and Norton,

4—Report of Plans Sub-Committee—The Chairman reported the proceedings of the Plans Sub-Committee at their Meetings on the 9th and 20th inst. Resolved, That the same be approved and adopted.

5—Alterations to Nos. 6 and 7, North Street—The Building Inspector reported that the alterations now proceeding at Nos. 6 and 7, North Street were not being carried out in accordance with the plans submitted to and approved by the Council. Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to give the owner notice to show cause why the work erected contrary to the plans approved should not be pulled down and removed, and if the matters complained of are not at once remedied, the Town Clerk be instructed to take proceedings for the penalties incurred.

6—Andover Road (Footpath on South Side from Andover Street to Tivoli Road) — The Borough Surveyor submitted specifications, plans and estimates of the works required to be done to the above street. Resolved, That the same be approved, and that notice be given under Section 44 of the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1852, to the owners of the premises fronting, adjoining, or abutting upon the parts of the said street, requiring to be drained, levelled, repaired, 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.

7—Victoria Place (Bath Road) and Cleeve View Road (Whaddon 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 150 of the Public Health Act, 1875, to the owners of the premises fronting, adjoining, or abutting upon the parts of the said streets, requiring to be sewered, levelled, paved, metalled, flagged, channelled or made good ; requiring them to do the specified works within 28 days ; and that, if such notices are not complied with, the Surveyor do proceed to execute the works mentioned or referred to therein ; and that the expenses thereof be recovered in the manner provided by the Act, and the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1889.

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8-Concrete Blocks for Sewage Works—On the recommendation of the Borough Surveyor, Resolved, That the concrete blocks required for the walls of the swage filter beds at Hayden be made at the Slab Factory and supplied to the Public Health Committee at a charge similar to that made for kerbs supplied to the Highways Department, the Public Health Committee to pay in addition the cost of the necessary mould (£55 10s. 0d.)

9—Church Road, St. Mark's—Read, a letter front Col. Churchill, calling attention to the condition of Church Road St. Mark's, and asking that steps should be taken to put the same into proper order. Resolved. That thy. Borough Surveyor be instructed to prepare and submit plans and specification of the works required to be done by the abutting owners.

10--Street Projections--Read, a letter from Mr. James Maxwell, applying for permission to place a projecting lamp outside his premises in York Passage. Resolved, 'Mat consideration of the application be adjourned for further particulars as to the projection proposed.

The Street Inspector reported that a projecting lamp had been fixed over the side entrance to Messrs. George's premises in Colonnade, permission not having been first obtained. Resolved, That notice be given requiring the removal of the lamp.

11—Rowanfield Road—Read, letters from the Rev. Canon Griffiths again calling attention to the condition of Rowenfield Road, and asking that something should be done to improve its condition in view of the use made of the road by school children. It was suggested that the Distress Committee might be willing to provide the labour for repairing the road. Resolved, That Canon Griffiths be informed that this is a private road, but that, if the Distress Committee will furnish the necessary labour, this Committee will provide and deliver clinkers for patching the roadway.

12—Elmstone Street—The Town Clerk reported that Messrs. Winterbotham, Gurney & Co., acting for the Corpus Christi College, Oxford, had withdrawn their objection to the proposed stopping up of part of Elmstone Street. The Borough Surveyor submitted a plan showing the portion of Elmstone Street proposed to be stopped up. Resolved, That in the opinion of the Council the portion of the highway as indicated on the plan is unnecessary, and it is expedient that the same should be stopped up in manner shown on the said plan, and that the Mayor do by order in writing direct the Town Clerk on behalf of the Council, acting as Surveyors of Highways, to apply to two justices to view the portion of the said highway, the expenses attending such view and the stopping up of the portion of the said highway to be repaid by the applicants to the Council.

13—Nailsworth Terrace—Resolved, That the footpath on the West side of Nailsworth Terrace (a least of 320 feet), and the Western half of the roadway there (a length of 326 feet and a width of 11 feet) be declared a highway, as soon as the amount due for private improvement expenses in respect thereof has been paid.

14—Salary of Building and Street inspector—Read, a letter from Mr. H. J. Holbourn, Building and Street Inspector, applying for an addition to his salary in respect of the duties of Street Inspector as to street projections, dangerous gratings, &c., performed by him for the last two years. Holbourn's salary as Building Inspector was at present £125 (rising by annual increments of to £150), and as Petroleum Inspector £10 per annum. Resolved, That Mr. Holbourn's salary be increased by £10 per annum in June next and in June, 1910, instead of by £5, so that his maximum of £150 will be reached in June, 1911, instead of 1913, and that the resolution to Minute No. 25 of the Public Health Committee of the 21st March, 1901, be varied accordingly.

JOHN D. BENDALL, Chairman.

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PLANS SUB-COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Sub-Committee held on Tuesday, the 9th March, 1909. Present:—Councillors Baker and Bendall (Councillor Bendall in the Chair).

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

No. of Plan.	Name	Description.
749	F. Jenkins	Extension of Laundry, No. 4 Fairfield Walk.
750	J. L. Robertson	Billiard Room, No. 1 Royal Well Terrace.
751	J. S. Nott	Detached House, Church Road, St. Mark's.
752	Webb Bros.	Three Houses. Cemetery Road.
753	Mrs. Gunning	Additions to St. Germain's, Leckhampton Road,

Resolved. That Plans Nos. 749, 751 and 752 be approved, and that Plans Nos. 750 and 753 be approved, subject to the drainage being carried out to the satisfaction of the Inspector of Nuisances.

JOHN BENDALL, Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Sub-Committee held on Friday, the 26th March, 1909. Present: Councillors Baker, Bendall and King-Harman (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
754	The Council of the Ladies' College	Alterations and additions to the Ladies' College, Montpellier Street.
755	United Counties Banking Co., Ltd.	New Premises 107, High Street (site of Bell Hotel).
756	Andrew Page	Four semi-detached houses, Swindon Road.
757	Holliday & Page, Ltd.	New W.C. at rear of 10, Pittville Street.
758	Mr. Court	New Stable at rear of No. 23, Upper Bath Road.
759	Dicks & Sons, Ltd.	New Shed, adjoining No. 317, High Street.
760	The Roller Skating Rink Syndicate, Ltd.	New Skating Rink, Oxford Passage, and 2 lock-up shops, Bennington Street.
761	T. Curtis	Additions to Hill View House, Gloucester Road.
762	Webb Bros., Ltd.	Four Semi-detached houses, Old Bath Road, Pilley.
763	A. Mann	Additions to 51, Tivoli Street.

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Resolved, That Plans Nos. 756, 761 and 762 be approved, that Plans Nos. 754 be approved, subject to the roof water being connected to the surface water drain to the satisfaction of the Inspector of Nuisances, that Plans Nos. 755 be approved, subject to all old drains being disconnected from the sewer and removed, to the existing rolling way being removed and the paving made good, and to the sanitary arrangements being carried out to the satisfaction of the Borough Surveyor, that Plans Nos. 757, 753 and 763 be approved, subject to the drainage being carried out to the satisfaction of the Inspector of Nuisances, that Plans Nos. 760 be approved, subject to the existing drains being disconnected from the sewer and removed, and to an agreement of indemnity being entered into as regards the proposed pavement lights in Oxford passage, and that Plans No. 759 be approved, subject to the usual agreement as to a temporary building.

JOHN D. BENDALL,

Chairman

TOWN IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Friday, the 12th March, 1909. Present:—Aldermen Rogers, Councillors Baker, Green, Hayward, Packer and Steel (Councillor Baker in the Chair).

1—Roller Skating at Winter Garden—The letters received from Mr. E. D. Williams, of Winstonian Road, and Mr. P. R. Woodford, of Ventnor, Isle of Wight, with regard to roller skating at the Winter Garden were again considered.

Mr. C. G. Smith attended before the Committee, and submitted proposals upon the subject.

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

2—Musical Afternoons—Mr. Teague's Benefit Concert—Read, an application from Mr. Horace Teague for the free use of the Town Hall for his Annual Benefit Concert on the afternoon of Monday, the 29th inst. Resolved, That this Committee recommend the General Purposes Committee to grant the application.

WILLIAM A. BAKER, Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 22nd March 1909. Present:---Aldermen Winterbotham, Councillors Baker, Green, Hayward, Packer and Steel (Councillor Baker in the Chair).

3—Report of Entertainments Sub-Committee—The Entertainments Sub-Committee recommended—

(1) That the Summer Entertainments commence on the 31st May (Whit Monday) and end on the 11th September, unless the Sub-Committee should decide to continue the concerts for another week.

(2) That the offer of Messrs. Norman Bros., Ltd., to pay £50 for the right to produce and sell programmes be accepted, subject to the same conditions as in previous years,

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(3) That a proposal submitted by the Borough Electrical Engineer for improving the lighting of the main entrance to the Montpellier Gardens at a cost not exceeding £9 be approved, and that the Borough Surveyor and Borough Electrical Engineer be instructed to have the work carried out.

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

4—Pittville Lake—The Borough Surveyor reported that the work of cleaning out Pittville Lake had been completed, 8,321 -loads of mud having been removed from the lake.

5—Roller Skating at Winter Garden—Read, an application from Mr. C. G. Smith to take the portion of the Winter Gardens at present occupied by him for Roller Skating, for four weeks, commencing Easter Monday, the 12th prox. for the same hours on each week-day as under the present agreement, and at a proportionate rent, but paying in addition for heating, the other conditions to be similar to those affecting his present tenancy. Resolved, That the application be acceded to.

6—Use of Montpellier Gardens by Rifle Band--Read, a letter from Mr. C. James, applying on behalf of the Cheltenham Rifle Band for the free use of the Montpellier Gardens for an Evening Concert on May 24th next, in view of the fact that the Band celebrated its Jubilee this year. The proceeds of the Concert would be applied to the purchase of uniforms, music, etc. Resolved, that the Band be granted the use of the Montpellier Gardens (or if wet and the building is not otherwise engaged the Winter Garden) for the evening mentioned on payment of £5 and cost of lighting.

7—Band for Easter Monday—Resolved, That the offer of the Cheltenham Rifle Band to play in the Promenade on Easter Monday next from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. for a payment of £3 be accepted.

8—Illustrated Guides—The Town Clerk reported that Mr. E. J. Burrow had delivered 2000 copies (1000 in stamped wrappers), of his new Illustrated Guide to Cheltenham. Resolved, That the Committee desire to express their appreciation of the effective manner in which the Guide has been produced. The Town Clerk reported that Mr. May, who had been granted permission in July last to issue a Guide to Cheltenham, with the sanction of the Corporation, had not yet published such Guide. Resolved, That the sanction given to Mr. May be now withdrawn, as he had not availed himself of the same.

WILLIAM A. BAKER,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held at the Winter Garden on Tuesday, the 30th March, 1909—

Present: Councillors Baker, Green, Hayward, and Steel (Councillor Baker in the chair)

9—Roller Skating at Winter Garden—The offer made by Mr. C. G. Smith was further considered, and it was Resolved, That the Common Seal be affixed to a lease to Mr. C. G. Smith (or a responsible syndicate or Company to be formed by him) of the ground floor of the building for 3 years from the 1st October, 1909, at a rental of £350 per annum. The lease to be prepared by the Town Clerk, and to include the following terms:-

1. Tenant to pay rates and taxes (except property tax), also for heating and Electric Light and Water used for the building.

2. The tenant to have the use of the platforms and 400 chairs and storage in cellar of same when required.

3. The tenant to be allowed the sum of £25 towards the cost of colouring the walls, etc.

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4. Tenant to lay on whole of floor space (including asphalted end) a good one-inch maple wood floor properly laid for use as a skating rink, according to specification to be approved by Borough Surveyor.

5. Corporation to have use of building if required for 14 week-day afternoons in January in each year for Musical Afternoons, at a charge of £1 1s. 0d. each afternoon, plus lighting, and also, provided the building is not already let, on such other afternoons as may be required for the Musical Afternoons at the like charge (7days' notice to be given).

6. The tenant to let the building (if required) for the Root, Fruit and Grain Show, the Fox Terrier Show, the Badminton Tournament, and Pengwern College Gymnastic Display at the same charges as heretofore made by the Corporation, and also for the National Union of Teachers' meeting, Easter Week, 1910, or in a subsequent year of tenancy at a charge not exceeding £20 for the week, plus lighting.

7. The Corporation also to have the building for any other congress or meeting which the Corporation consider may be for the interest and benefit of the town at a charge of not exceeding £3 3s. 0d. a day, plus lighting.

8. The tenant to provide not less than 4 suitable courts for Badminton on three afternoons a week, and on one morning at charges of not exceeding 6d. per person.

9. The tenant not to use the building as a skating rink on Fridays between 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. from October to March.

10. Tenant to use building for high-class place of entertainment, and not to sub-let same for use on Sundays, except for religious services or meetings of a religious nature, nor to sub-let the building for any exhibition or entertainment of an objectionable nature; nor to sub-let the building for concerts or meetings at less than the prices charged for the Town Hall for similar concerts or meetings.

11. No structural alterations to be made in the building without consent, and tenant to maintain and keep the building and also the chairs in good and proper order, repair and condition—the roofs and main walls of building only excepted.

WILLIAM A. BAKER,

Chairman.

ELECTRICITY AND LIGHTING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, the 18th March, 1909—Present: Councillors Green, Merrett, Norton, Rees Jones and Steel (Councillor Steel in the chair).

1—Gas Examiner's Report—The Gas Examiner reported that his test for purity made on the 16th and 17th inst. showed 35 grains of sulphur per 100 cubic feet.

2—Quality of Gas—Read, a Memorial signed by Major-General Shewell and over 200 other residents and householders, protesting against the inconvenience and annoyance to which they were subjected owing to the impurity and inferior quality of the gas now supplied, which, in their opinion, although nominally cheap, was practically very expensive. The fact, [?] it was most felt by the poorer members of the community, owing to the necessity for alteration of burners and constant renewal of mantles. The Memorialists asked the Corporation to use their influence to endeavour to obtain a remedy for the evil which had a detrimental effect on the letting of houses to intending residents.

Resolved, That a copy of the Memorial be sent to the Gas Company, with an expression of opinion on the part of the Council that the memorial deserves the serious consideration of the Directors with a view to an improvement in the quality of the gas supplied.

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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—Factory and Workshop Acts, 1901 and 1907—Regulations—Read, a letter from the Chief Inspector of Factories, enclosing copy of the Regulations made under the above Acts for the generation, transformation, distribution and use of electrical energy. The Regulations would come into force on the 1st July, 1909, except as regards such parts of electrical stations as were

constructed before the 1st July, 1908, in respect of which they would come into force on January 1st, 1910.

5—Application for Supply—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that he had received applications for electric supply to "Italia," and "Lindenhurst" and a house now in course of erection in Leckhampton Road. The cost of the necessary extension of main to Italia would be £14, from Italia to Lindenhurst £28, and from Lindenhurst to the new house £28. Resolved, That the extension be made to Italia upon a guarantee of 20 per cent. per annum upon £14 for three years being given, and that the cable be extended to supply the house now in course of erection upon guarantees being given for a similar return upon £56.

ROBERT STEEL,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 30th March, 1909. Present:—Councillors Green, Merrett, Norton, Rees Jones and Steel (Councillor Steel in the Chair).

6—Meters--Resolved, That the Borough Electrical Engineer be authorised to purchase 100 meters at the same price as those last purchased by him.

7—Hire Purchase of Wagons—The Town Clerk submitted draft agreements with the Gloucester Railway Carriage and Wagon Company for the hire-purchase of 6 10-ton wagons on the terms already approved by the Council. Resolved, That the same as now settled be approved, and the Corporate Seal affixed thereto.

8—Additional Storage Accommodation—The question of the provision of additional accommodation for stores and arc-trimming ladders required was further considered. The Chairman reported that as requested by the Committee he and the Borough Electrical Engineer had had an interview with Mr. J. G. Freeman, who was willing to sub-let to the Corporation 3 large store rooms and a portion of the yard at No. 50 St. George's Place for the erection of a ladder shed at a rent of per. annum, the Corporation paying rates for the shed so erected by them, the sub-tenancy to be for the same period, and subject to 5 months' notice to terminate on the same dates as his own tenancy, viz., for 5, 8, 13 or 19 years from the present time, the shed to remain the property of and be removable by the Corporation at the termination of their sub-lease. The Borough Surveyor reported that a suitable shed could be erected at a cost of between £30 and £40. Resolved, That Mr. Freeman's offer be accepted, and an agreement entered into accordingly, and that the Borough Surveyor be instructed to erect a shed for the ladders at a cost not exceeding £40.

ROBERT STEEL, Chairman.

WATER COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Thursday, the 20th March, 1909—Present: Councillors Baker, M. Davis, Earengy, Green, Haddock and Margrett (Councillor Margrett 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, 1909.	Average for corresponding period during last 3 years.
Hewletts Springs	138,000 gallons	196,000 gallons
Dowdeswell Springs	640,000 "	800,000
Leckhampton	42,000 "	32,000 "
Total	820,000 "	1,028,000 "

CONTENTS OF RESERVOIRS.

	March 24th, 1909.		March 24th, 1908.	
	Depth	Contents	Depth	Contents
Hewletts	...	15,499,000 gallons	...	30,076,000 gallons
Leckhampton	1ft. 9in.	236,000 "	11ft. 0in.	1,485,000 "
Dowdeswell	29ft. 1in.	85,066,000 "	31ft. 0in.	94,756,000 "
Total Storage		100,801,000 "		126,317,000 "

Pumping had been continued night and day at Tewkesbury during the month, but in view of the storage of water now at Dowdeswell. pumping at night, would be discontinued, and it was hoped to stop pumping altogether shortly. Small extensions of mains had been laid in Station Street and in Mill Lane, Prestbury, the water charges on the property to be supplied giving the necessary return.

2—Hone v. Corporation—With reference to the resolution to Minute No. 1 of this Committee of the 8th April, 1907, the Town Clerk submitted draft agreement he had now received from the Solicitors to Mr. Gee. Hone, containing the terms upon which a stay of the proceedings had been agreed upon with the Plaintiffs in the action commenced against the Corporation, and which terms it was agreed should be embodied in an agreement to be entered into by the Corporation with Mr. Hone with regard to the land belonging to him in his own right. Resolved, That the agreement as now settled by the Town Clerk be approved, and the Corporate Seal affixed thereto.

3—Water Supply to Walton Cardiff, &c.—Read, a letter from the Clerk to the Tewkesbury Rural District Council, stating that his Council were willing to guarantee a return of 10 per cent. for 3 years upon the actual cost of the extension of the main to Walton Cardiff, and would be glad to have the work proceeded with as speedily as possible.

They desired to know what would be the cost of extending the mains to give a supply of water to Fiddington, Pamington, Cross and Aston-on-Carrant.

Resolved, That the Tewkesbury Rural District Council be informed that this Committee cannot recommend the Town Council to extend the main to supply Walton Cardiff except upon a guarantee from owners or occupiers of properties to be supplied as provided by Section 35 of the Waterworks Clauses Act, 1847, and that the Borough Engineer be instructed to report as to the cost of the further extensions suggested.

4- Appeals --The cases entered in 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 23rd March, 1909. Present: Aldermen Haddon, Norman, Rogers, Skillicorne, Waghorne and Winterbotham, Councillors Baker and Bendall (Alderman Norman in the Chair).

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

Sheep Scab—Read, a letter from the Clerk to the County Council, enclosing regulations made by the County Council as to the movement of sheep into the County from Ireland, Scotland, Wales and Monmouthshire. The regulations required that the arrival within the County of sheep so moved should be notified to the local authority, and that before being again moved within 56 days the sheep should be dipped. Resolved, That similar Regulations be now made for the Borough to come into force on the 8th prox., and that public notice be given thereof.

2—Report of Fire Brigade Captain—The Captain of the Fire Brigade reported that on the 20th instant, the Brigade was called to an outbreak of fire at the Cooper's Arms, High Street. Cause not apparent. Damage, £200. Buildings, but not contents, insured. Expenses of extinction, £5 4s. 6d.

He recommended that some alterations should be made in the present system of call bells for the Brigade. Resolved, That the Report upon this matter be referred to the Fire Brigade Sub-Committee for consideration.

Read, a letter from Messrs. Curtler, Davis & Co., of Worcester, on behalf of Lord Coventry, objecting to repay to the Council the expenses of extinction of a fire at the Hill Farm, Woolstone, on the 4th August last. Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to take proceedings for the recovery of the same.

3—Report of Fire Brigade Sub-Committee—The Fire Brigade Sub-Committee reported that they met on the 19th inst. (Present Aldermen Norman and Rogers and Councillor Baker (in the chair).

Fire Brigade Uniforms and Boots—Tenders were received from Messrs, Bryant & Co., H. Salisbury & Son and A. N. Cole for supply of uniforms and caps for the Brigade, and from Messrs. Firmin & Co., of London, for the supply of caps only. The Sub-Committee having carefully examined the sample cloths and caps submitted recommended that the tender of Messrs. Bryant & Co. be accepted for the supply of 18 firemen's tunics, 3 reefers (1 Chief Officer's), and 21 pairs of trousers for £39 19s. 3d., their tender being the lowest, and that the tender of Messrs. Fermin & Co. be accepted for the supply of 21 caps for £6

Tenders were received from Messrs. M. H. Adcock & Co., T. George, Taylor Bros. (Stroud), W. & E. Turner (136, High Street), and T. Steel & Son for the supply of 20 pairs of Wellington boots.

The Sub-Committee recommended the acceptance of the tender of Messrs. Taylor Bros., of Stroud, at 32s per pair.

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

4—Transfer of Hackney Carriage Licence—Read, letters from Mr. F. Stevens, of 5a, Hermitage Street, and Mr. R. H. Weeks, of 48, Upper Norwood Street, applying for the transfer of Hackney Carriage Licence No. 45 from the former to the latter. Resolved, That the application be not granted.

5—Petroleum Licence—Read, an application from Messrs. H. G. Norton & Co. for a licence to store 300 gallons of petroleum at their premises in Wellington Street. The Inspector having reported that the -proposed place of storage was satisfactory, Resolved, That a licence be issued.

6—Watchmakers' and Jewellers' Shops Closing Order— With reference to Minute No. 6 of this Committee of the 19th January last, read a letter from the Home Office, enclosing for the observations of the Council a letter received from the Cheltenham Branch of the National Association of Goldsmiths, with reference to the decision of the Council that proceedings for the enforcement of the above Order should not be undertaken by the Council. The Home Secretary pointed out that Section 8 of the Shop Hours' Act, 1904, expressly conferred on the Council power

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to appoint and pay Inspectors for the purpose of securing the execution of the Orders made under the Act and invested inspectors with special powers. He was strongly of the opinion that the primary duty of seeing that the provisions of an Order were enforced lay on the authority making it.

Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to reply, pointing out the grounds for the decision of the Council.

7—Corporation Telephone Connections—The Sub-Committee, appointed on the 22nd December last to consider proposals by the National Telephone Co. for an improved telephone service for the Corporation, presented the following Report:—

At present the Telephone service to the Municipal Offices is unsatisfactory. There is frequently se difficulty in getting in communication both from and to the various departments owing to the line being engaged. There are also a number of abortive calls owing to persons confusing the various departments, and consequently getting put through to a department they do not want.

The Manager of the National Telephone Company has submitted a scheme for improving the service. He proposes to provide four direct lines to the Municipal Offices in place of the present two lines, and to provide a central switchboard with extensions to the Departments of the Town Clerk, Medical Officer, Borough Surveyor, Borough Accountant, Stores, Depot, Out-door Superintendent's house at Depot, the Sandford Pumping Station, and the houses of the Foreman and Assistant Foreman at the Sandford Pumping Station, and the Education Offices. This would give all these Departments inter-communication through the switchboard independently of the Exchange. Each Department could also be put in communication with the Exchange through the Switchboard.

The lines to the Fire Station, Electricity Works and Offices, Tewkesbury Pumping Station, Police Stations, and the residences of Mr. Pickering, Mr. Bache, Mr. Robb and Mr. Hartnoll being practically emergency lines would remain as at present in direct communication with the Exchange.

The extensions to the Depot and Sandford Pumping Station would be the only lines on the private Exchange, which are likely to be required after office hours, and these could be plugged through to the Exchange so as to place them in direct communication at night.

The rental of the four Exchange lines and switchboard and the extensions to the various departments would cover 8,000 calls.

Any additional calls would be charged at £1 per 500. The 8,000 calls would not include inter-departmental calls, which would not go through the Exchange.

The cost of the proposed scheme will be £123 12s. 0d. for 8,000 calls, as against the present rental of £119 3s. 0d. (unlimited).

If the residences of Mr. Pickering and Mr. Bache were put on a limited service of 300 calls each a reduction of £3 12s. 0d. can be made in the rental.

It will probably be found that the concentration of the calls of the various departments on one switchboard will require an attendant for the switchboard, and the Manager of the Telephone Company informs the Sub-Committee that a good operator can be obtained for 6s a week. He thinks this necessary, and that the scheme will not work satisfactorily without.

Resolved, That the scheme submitted by the Telephone Company be adopted, that a switchboard attendant be obtained, and that the residences of the Borough Surveyor and the Borough Electrical Engineer be placed upon a limited service as suggested.

GEO. NORMAN,

Chairman.

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MINERAL WATERS, BATHS AND RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Friday, the 19th March, 1909—Present: Councillors Baker, Bendall 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	£465 5 8
Hire of Bath, etc.	£ 4 6 0
Rent of Shop	<u>£ 36 0 0</u>
	£505 11 8
Payments	£919 1 0
(including £150 for boiler)	
Interest & Redemption	
(proportion of) ...	<u>£484 15 5</u>
	£1403 16 5

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 ... £321 3 8

Payments	£328 7 9
Interest & Redemption (proportion of) ...	<u>£306 9 0</u>
	£634 16 9

Life Saving Classes, &c.—Read, letters from Mr. E. J. Borrow, on behalf of the Salem Institute, and Mr. M. C. Taylor for the Cambray Institute, applying for permission to use the Alstone Baths for Swimming and Life Saving Instruction Classes. Resolved, That permission be granted for the exclusive use of the Bath from 9 to 9.45 p.m. on some evening, to be arranged in each case with the Superintendent, at a charge of 1d. per member, with a minimum payment of 2s 6d for each occasion.

Read, a letter from the Rev. P. A. Nash, asking on what day and at what hour it would be convenient for the girls of St. James' School to use the Alstone Baths for swimming instruction. Resolved, That Mr. Nash be informed that the day and hour can be arranged with the Superintendent of the Baths, the usual charge of 1d. per child being made,

Swimming Club--Read, an application from the Cheltenham Swimming and Water Polo Club, applying for the use of the Alstone Bath for practice and matches on the same terms as last year. Resolved, That the application be acceded to.

3—Central Spa Attendant—Read, an application from Miss Compton, the attendant at the Central Spa, applying for an increase in her salary at present 12s 6d per week. Resolved, That her salary be increased to 14s per week.

4—Cricket at Recreation Grounds—Read, letters from Rev. T. H. Cave-Moyle, on behalf of the St. Paul's Cricket Club, and the Hon. Sec. of the Clarence United Cricket Club, applying for permission to play at the Agg-Gardner Recreation Ground this year. Resolved, That the applications be acceded to on the usual conditions.

5—Grazing at Recreation Grounds —Reed, letters from Messrs. Holliday & Page, Ltd., A. H. & D. Downham and Mr. G. T. Willis, stating their willingness to continue as tenants of the grazing at Agg-Gardner, Naunton Park and Whaddon Lane Recreation Grounds at rents of £8, £6 and £3 respectively for one year from the 25th inst. Resolved, That the offers be accepted, subject to the same conditions as last year.

WILLIAM A. BAKER,

Chairman.

BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, the 26th March, 1909—Present: Aldermen Haddon and Rogers, Councillors Baker, King-Harman, Mann, Merrett, and Steel (Alderman Haddon in the Chair).

1—Designs—Resolved, That the following designs be approved, viz. :--Headstones to graves of John Alfred Wheeler and Mabel Edith Cleary. Memorial Crosses to graves of William Dent and Evelyn Louisa Cornwall.

JOHN HADDON, Chairman.

PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 16th March, 1909.—Present: Alderman Rogers, Councillors Davies, Green, Hayward, King-Harman, Mann, Margrett and Merrett ; Rev. P. A. Nash and Mr. W. Cresswell (Alderman Rogers in the Chair).

1—Librarian's Report—Read, the Monthly Report of the Librarian. Presentations:--Bureau of Education, U.S.A., 1 vol.

The number of volumes consulted in the Reference Department during the month was 1,747, a decrease of 4 per day, as compared with the corresponding period of last year. The issues from the Lending Department numbered 12,078, an increase of 8 per day, as compared with last year.

2—Sub-Committee's Report--The Sub-Committee reported that they meet on the 11th inst. (Present: Councillors Davies and Hayward, and Mr. F. J. Bennett (Councillor Hayward in the chair). They recommended (1) that a suggestion that the " Westminster Review " be again taken be not adopted, (2) That the offer of Mr. Edward Holt to present the " Anti-Socialist " be accepted, and (3) That the New Encyclopedia of Social Reform sent on approval be not purchased. Resolved, That the recommendations of the Sub-Committee be approved and adopted.

RICHARD ROGERS, Chairman.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, the 30TH March, 1909. Present:—Aldermen Skillicorne and Waghorne, Councillors Earengy, Hayward, Merrett, Rees Jones, Steel and Stroud (Alderman Waghorne in the Chair).

1—General District Rate—The Report of the Borough Accountant, dated the 30th inst., on the collection of the second instalment of this Rate, was read. Amount collected £21,818 17s. 58. Leaving outstanding, £1,967 12s. 0d.

2—Water Rate—The Report of the Borough Accountant, dated the 30th inst., on the collection of the second half of this rate was read. Amount received £11,733 8s. 3d. Leaving outstanding, £1,207 14s. 4d.

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3—Naunton Council Schools Loan—Read, a letter from the Local Government Board, enclosing sanctions to loans of £114 (period for repayment 30 years), and 135 (period 10 years).

4—Loans—The Borough Accountant reported that since the last meeting he had received £3,000 on loan, to bear interest at 31 per cent. (term 3 years, and afterwards subject to 6 months' notice), and sums amounting to £1,598 to bear interest at 3 5/8 per cent. (£300 for 3, 5, or 7 years, and the remainder for 1 year, and afterwards subject to 6 months' notice). He proposed to allocate the amounts received as follows:—£3,000 to the Arle Outfall Sewer Loan, £1,000 Sewage Disposal (£10,000) Loan, £300 Waterworks (£10,000) Loan and £298 Electric Lighting Loans. Resolved, That debentures be sealed and issued accordingly.

5--Unemployed—On the application of the Distress Committee for the Borough, Resolved, That the amount to be paid to that Committee in respect of work carried out for the Corporation by the unemployed at Pittville and elsewhere be a sum not exceeding £300, as may be certified by the Borough Surveyor subject to deduction in respect of Pittville for supervision, team labour and materials as already approved by the Council, and that the resolution to Minute No. 7 of this Committee of the 1st December last, and to Minute No. 15 of the Town Improvement Committee of the 2nd December last be varied accordingly.

6—Junior Clerk, Rates Office—The applications, 16 in number, received for the appointment of junior clerk in the Rates Office, were considered. Resolved, That Messrs. E. J. Cornock, C. Dominy, L. S. Webley and J. J. Wheeler be asked to attend before the Committee.

7—Rates Office—Resolved, (1) That a joint guarantee bond be taken out in respect of Messrs. F. H. Harris, E. D. Ricketts and A. Ricketts in the sum of £5,000, and a bond for £500 in respect of the junior clerk, the bonds to be in respect of all monies taken in the Rates Office, whether collected for the Corporation or the Overseers, a proportionate part of the premiums to be paid by the latter.

(2) That all cheques received in the Rates Office be made payable to " The Collector of Rates, Cheltenham, or Order," and crossed " Lloyds Bank, Ltd., Cheltenham," and that Mr. Harris or Mr. E. D. Ricketts be authorised to endorse same,

(3) That the Bank be asked to receive as soon as possible after 4 p.m. on the final notice days each half-year all the cash and notes taken in the office during the day.

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

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

In hand on the 23rd February last	£32,517 17 3
Received since that date (including Loans, £4,516)	<u>£14,128 8 11</u>
	£46,646 6 2
Paid since that date (including Loans repaid £1,043)	<u>£23,153 13 8</u>
	In Hand £23,492 12 6
Being General Accounts	£14,738 16 7
Sinking Funds	<u>£8,753 15 11</u>
	£23,492 12 6

JOHN WAGHORNE, Chairman.

Borough of Cheltenham

At a Monthly Meeting of the Town Council of the Borough of Cheltenham, duly convened and held in the Town Hall, in the said Borough, on Monday, the 5th April, 1909, at 3:0p.m. Present:

THE MAYOR (JAMES TYNTE AGG-GARDNER, 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 RICHARD DAVIES MOSES DAVIS WILLIAM GEORGE EARENGEY EDWINSON CHARLES GREEN PERCY HADDOCK CHARLES HAYWARD MONTAGUE JOCELYN KING-HARMAN ALFRED MANN CHARLES HENRY MARGRETT WILLIE JOHN MERRETT HENRY GEORGE NORTON 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 1st March last having been printed and a copy sent to each Member of the Council, be taken as read, and that the same be adopted and confirmed.

2—Employees' Outing Committee—Resolved, That the following members of Council form the Employees' Outing Committee for 1909:—The Mayor, Aldermen Norman, Rogers and Waghorne, Councillors Baker and Bendall.

3—Public Health Committee — Alderman Skillicorne proposed, and Councillor King-Harman seconded:—That the proceedings of the Public Health Committee, at their Meetings of the 8th and 22nd March last be approved and confirmed.

To this the following amendments were moved:

Proposed by Councillor Norton, seconded by Councillor Earengy:—To Minute No. 11 (Sewage Works, Sludge Pumping Plant)—That the tender of Messrs. Such & Sons for £345 be accepted.

Proposed by Councillor Baker, seconded by Councillor Green, That Minute No. 11 be referred back to the Committee for further consideration.

The latter amendment upon being put to the meeting was declared lost.

On the amendment, moved by Councillor Norton, being put the names of the members voting for or against were recorded as follows:—

For :—Aldermen Haddon and Rogers, Councillors Bendall, Davies, Earengy, Green, Haddock, Mann, Margrett, Norton, Packer and Rees Jones (12).

Against:—The Mayor, Aldermen Norman, Skillicorne and Winterbotham, Councillors Baker, M. Davis, Hayward, King-Harman and Steel (9).

The Mayor thereupon declared the amendment carried, and the original motion as so amended upon being put to the meeting was carried.

4—Farms Management Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Farms Management Committee, at their Meeting of the 19th March last be approved and confirmed.

5—Street and Highway Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Street and Highway Committee, at their Meetings of the 9th and 29th March last, be approved and confirmed.

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6—Town Improvement Committee--Resolved, That the proceedings of the Town Improvement Committee, at their Meetings of the 12th, 22nd and 30th March last be approved and confirmed, subject to the following- amendment, viz.:—That Minute No. 9 (Roller Skating at Winter Garden) be referred back to the Committee for further consideration.

7—Electricity and Lighting Committee--Resolved, That the proceedings of the Electricity and Lighting Committee, at their Meetings of the 18th, and 30th March last; be approved and confirmed.

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

9—General Purposes & Watch Committee Resolved, That the proceedings of the General Purposes. and Watch Committee, at their Meeting of the 23rd March last, be approved and confirmed.

10—Vacancies on Education Committee—Resolved, That the following be appointed Members of the Education Committee:—

(a) Two recommended members:—

Miss F. A. Smith, on the recommendation of the Council of Cheltenham Ladies' College.

Mr. W. Gerald Gurney, on the recommendation of the Cheltenham Grammar School Governors.

(b) One lady resident having experience in education:—Mrs. F. H. Crawley.

(c) Three persons of experience in education and acquainted with the needs of the various kinds of Schools in the Borough :—Messrs. E. Bourne, C. Fisher and the Rev. Percy A. Nash.

11—Mineral Waters, Baths and Recreation Grounds Committee--Resolved, That the proceedings of the Mineral Waters, Baths and Recreation Grounds Committee, at their Meeting of the 19th March last, be approved and confirmed.

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

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13—Finance Committee-Resolved, That the proceedings of the Finance Committee, at their Meeting of the 30th 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.

Mayor.

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Borough of Cheltenham.

MINUTES of the Committees of the Town Council to be submitted for approval at the Quarterly Meeting of the Council to be held on Monday, the 3rd May, 1909.

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 19th April, 1909. Present: Alderman Skillicorne, Councillors Davies, Hayward, King-Harman, Margrett and Rees Jones (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, 3 of Enteric Fever, 5 cases of Erysipelas, and 4 cases of Diphtheria, and that 2 cases of Scarlet Fever, 1 case of Enteric Fever and 3 cases of Diphtheria had been sent into the Delancey Hospital.

2—Houses without proper Ash Receptacles—The Inspector of Nuisances reported that the following houses had no proper ashpits or ash receptacles, viz :—Nos. 30, Keynsham Street, 1, Brandon Place, 58, and 60, Queen Street, 35, Upper Park Street, 9 and 10, Station Street, 22 Rosehill Street, and 12 and 14, St. Philip's Terrace. Resolved, That the necessary Notices be given to the respective owners under Section 36 of the Public Health Act, 1875, and Section 27 of the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1889, requiring them in each case to provide a moveable ash receptacle of such size, pattern, and construction as may be approved by the Inspector of Nuisances on behalf of the Corporation.

3—Overcrowding at Nos. 21, Elm Street & 10 Worcester Street—The Medical Officer of Health reported that these dwelling houses was so overcrowded as to be dangerous or injurious to the health of the inmates. Resolved, That the Committee being satisfied of the existence of nuisances on the said premises, Notice be served upon the occupiers thereof, requiring them to abate the same.

4—Cleansing and Limewashing at No. 20, 38, 40 and 44 Union Street, and 56, 57 and 59, Queen Street—The Medical Officer of Health having certified under Section 46 of the Public Health Act, 1875, that the above-named dwelling-houses were in such a filthy and unwholesome condition that the health of the inmates was affected or endangered thereby. Resolved, That Notice be given to the owners under the said Section requiring the houses to be cleansed and limewashed.

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5—Nuisances from Drains etc., at Yarrowby, Tivoli Road, and the Belle Vue Hotel, High, 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 notices be given under

Section 41 of the Public Health Act, 1875, to the owners of the premises, requiring them to do the specified works within 14 days from the service of such notices.

6—Insanitary Property—Nos. 55 and 56 Upper Park Street, 18 and 38 Union, Street, 11, Columbia Street, and 12 St. Philip's Terrace. — The Medical Officer of Health reported that the above-mentioned premises; were in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to the health of the inmates owing to defective roofs, walls, ceilings, floors, &c. Resolved, That the Council being satisfied that the said premises are in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to health, Notices under Section 94 of the Public Health Act, 1875, be served upon the owners requiring them to put the same into a healthy condition and for that purpose to carry out the works specified therein.

7—Dairies, Cowsheds and Milkshops Order—Read, an application from Mr. F. Sims, of No. 103, Bath Road, to be registered as a Purveyor of Milk. Resolved, That the application be acceded to.

8—Destruction of Diseased Meat—The Medical Officer of Health reported that the carcase with offal (weight, 35 lbs.) of a sheep, slaughtered at the Abattoir on the 3rd inst. was surrendered and destroyed as being unfit for human food.

9—Claim for Extraordinary Traffic, Hayden Green Lane—The Borough Surveyor reported that the Tewkesbury Rural District Council were willing to agree to the following terms to avoid any dispute arising as to damage by extraordinary traffic to the portion of Hayden Green Lane within their district in connection with the construction of the new sewage works at Hayden, namely.—

That the Corporation should at their own cost keep in repair the portion of the lane referred to until the works at Hayden were completed, the District Council paying to the Corporation towards such repair £10 per annum, being the average annual cost of repair.

Resolved, That these terms be approved and adopted.

10--Arle Outfall Sewer Contract—Read, a letter from Messrs. Mark Williams & Co., enclosing a list of the men employed in the work and the rates of wages paid, from which it appeared that the majority of the men were receiving more than 5d. an hour. Bricklayers were being paid 9d. per hour; some of the other men were receiving 6 ½ d., 6d. and 5 ½ per hour, and the remainder 5d. per hour. With regard to walking time they contended that the conditions of the Cheltenham Building trades requiring walking time to be paid where the work was more than 1 ½ miles from the Town Clock did not apply to such work as was included in their contract. They pointed out that they had not been required to pay walking time in the case of the Hatherley Outfall Sewer, and they had undertaken the present contract on the same conditions.

Mr. Towell attended this meeting and intimated that if necessary he was willing to refer the question to arbitration.

With regard to overtime and Sunday work, he undertook to pay for this in accordance with the usual rates. He asked the Committee to consent to the tunnelling work being carried out by piece-work. The Borough Engineer recommended that piece-work should be allowed for the men engaged in driving the headings. Resolved. That this be allowed, subject to the work being carried out to the satisfaction of the Borough Engineer.

Resolved, also, That no Sunday work be allowed unless the Borough Engineer is satisfied that this is absolutely necessary.

11—Hatherley Outfall Sewer—Unwin's Claim—The Town Clerk reported the negotiations which had taken place with Messrs. Ticehursts & Co., with reference to Mr. Unwin's claim for compensation as owner of the Arle Court Estate, in respect of the land through which the Sewer had been laid, part of which was in his own occupation. The original claim amounted to £420 2s. 9d., including Solicitors and Surveyor's charges. Mr. Unwin had now offered to accept £130 in full settlement of his claim, including Solicitors and Surveyor's charges. Resolved, That this offer be accepted.

W. NASH SKILLICORNE, Chairman.

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FARMS MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Friday, the 16th April, 1909. — Present: Alderman Skillicorne, Councillors, M. Davis, King-Harman Margrett and Steel (Councillor Davis in the chair).

1—Farm Manager's Report—Read, the Monthly Report of the Farms Manager. Since the last monthly meeting 3 pigs had been bred on the Farms, and 16 head of cattle had been sold for £314 12s. 6d. The number of live stock on the Farms on the 16th inst. was 10 horses, 96 head of cattle, 131 sheep, and 4 pigs, all doing well. 4 tons 3 cwts. 3 qrs. of hay had been delivered to the Central Depot sacks of seed oats had been purchased for £1 16s. 0d. He recommended the purchase of a sheep-shearing machine- for £3 3s. 0d. Resolved, That the recommendation be approved and adopted.

2—Shooting over Farms—Read, a letter from Messrs. Ticehurst, Mellquham & Wyatt, stating that Mr. Bingham and Mr. G. Mcllquham were willing to take the shooting at the Barn and Hayden Farms respectively for one year from the 1st May, 1909, 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 31st ult. (Present: Councillors M. Davis, Green, King-Harman, Margrett and Steel) for the Annual Stocktaking and Valuation. The following was the valuation agreed upon:—

11 Horses	£313 0 0
106 Head of Cattle	£1520 10 0
131 Sheep	£251 14 0
4 Pigs	£4 0 0
Hay, Straw, Corn, Mangolds, Manure, &c.	£234 16 0
Acts of Husbandry	£66 18 6
Implements	£434 0 6
Shedding, Mangers, Stables and Racks ..	<u>£210 0 0</u>
	£3031 19 0

M. DAVIS, Chairman.

STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on, Tuesday, the 13th, day of April, 1909—Present: The Mayor, Aldermen Haddon and Skillicorne, Councillors Baker, Bendall, and Norton (Councillor Bendall in the Chair).

1—Sprinklers for Water Vans—On the recommendation of the Borough Surveyor, Resolved, That new sprinklers be attached to five water vans at a cost of £50.

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2—Conference re Roads—Read; a letter from the Secretary of the County Councils Association stating that a conference of representatives of County, Borough, Urban and Rural District Councils and County and Municipal Engineer together with representatives of the various motoring interests would be held in London on the 29th and 30th inst. and the 1st prox. to consider the resolutions passed with reference to road construction, maintenance and management of roads and motor traffic thereon passed at the International Conference held in Paris in October last, and inviting the Council to appoint representatives. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be authorised to attend the Conference.

3—Montpellier Street—Read, letters from the Secretary of the Ladies' College, complaining of the frequent annoyance and interruption of lectures and classes at the College caused by the noise of the traffic, particularly that of locomotives in Montpellier Street. In view of proposed alterations and additions to the College, the College Council hoped that the roadway might be relaid, preferably with wood blocks, or if not with tar macadam.

Resolved, That the surface of the roadway in Montpellier Street in front of the College be scarified and tar macadamised and that the Town Clerk be instructed to submit a draft byelaw restricting the use of Montpellier Street by locomotives.

4—Refuse Destructor—The Borough Surveyor submitted designs and estimates by Messrs. Heenan & Froude for the duplication of the destructor plant. The amount of their tender was £5,698 plus £98 for the larger boiler (increased heating surface from 2,197 to 2,437 square feet), desired by the Electricity Department. The present destructor cost £4,921. The estimate for the new destructor was increased by the necessity for the provision of a tipping floor, etc. The present plant continued to give very satisfactory results, but it was necessary that it should be duplicated, as it had to be shut down for periodical cleaning, boiler inspection, etc. Under present conditions the plant had to be cooled down too rapidly, and the refuse had to be tipped away for some weeks. He recommended that application be made for sanction to a loan of £6,500 for the new plant, to include provision for contingencies and a balance of about £210 spent over the amount of the loan sanctioned for the present destructor.

Resolved, That the recommendation be approved, that application be made to the Local Government Board for sanction to a loan of £6,500, and that a contract be entered into with Messrs. Heenan & Froude for the provision of the new destructor plant at a cost of £5,796, subject to the sanction of the Local Government Board being obtained to the necessary loan.

JOHN D. BENDALL, Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, the 26th April, 1909.—Present Aldermen Haddon & Skillicorne, Councillors Baker, Bendall, Haddock, King-Harman and Norton (Councillor Bendall 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 26th March, to the 22nd April, 1903 (both inclusive) had been as follows:—

Roads Repaired—Promenade (2,018 super yards), Montpellier Villas (1,410 super yards), Montpellier Terrace (rear of) (2,379 super yards), Clarence Square (150 super yards), Montpellier Street (3,967 super yards), Tivoli Street (1,819 super yards), Road between Suffolk Parade and Montpellier Villas (499 super yards). Albion Street (tar macadam) (800 super yards).

Roads patched—Malvern Street, Swindon Road, Hewlett Street, Millbrook Street., Portland Street, St. Margaret's Road, and Winchcombe Street. Roads repaired with clinker—Rowanfield Road. Sewer Trenches repaired—Lansdown Parade.

Gas Trenches repaired—Hewlett Street. Electricity Trenches repaired—Suffolk Lawn, Pittville Lawn All Saints' Road, Pittville Parade and Winchcombe Street.

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Footpaths Gravelled--Lansdown Road. (3,850 super yards), Shurdington Road (714 super yards), St.: Stephen's Road (60 super yards), Old Bath Road, ?Prestbury Road and Suffolk Square (proceeding).

Paving repaired—Malvern Street, Granville Street, Lansdown Road, Hale's Road, Fairview Street, Swindon Street North Street, Duke Street, The Park, Montpellier Retreat, and Albert Street, St. Peter's.

Kerb and Channel repaired —Montpellier: Retreat and Hale's Road.

Private Improvement Works—Road leading to Tivoli Cookery School completed.

Gullies renewed—8. Manhole covers renewed-2. Trees pruned---Eldorado Road, Eldorado Crescent, All Saints' Road, Langdon Road, London Road, Ewlyn Road, Queen's Road and Promenade.

Tree guards fixed—Promenade, Ambrose Street, Oriel Road and St. George's Road,

Slab Factory—During 4 weeks ended the 15th April, 1909, 783 ½ square yards of slabs made.

Ashes Collection and Disposal—During 4 weeks ended the 22nd April, 1909, 902 loads collected, 748 consumed and 154 tipped away. Weight consumed, 830 tons 15 cwt.

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

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, except that Plan Nos. 769 (additions to Craig-y-Don, Hewlett Road) be approved.

8—Additions to Craig-y-don, Hewlett Road—With reference to the plans submitted by Mr. W. A. Toogood for additions to Craig-y-don, Hewlett Road, the Borough Surveyor reported that Mr. Toogood was willing to give up the whole of the land outside his new buildings at the junction of All Saints' and Hewlett Roads, to form part of the highway, the Corporation to form and pave, etc., the roadway and footpath. The Borough Surveyor reported that the cost of the work to be done by the Corporation would be about £30. Resolved, That the offer be accepted, and the Borough Surveyor be instructed to carry out the improvement.

9—Selkirk Street (Footpath, South Side)—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 Sec. 44 of the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1852, to the owners of the premises fronting, adjoining, or abutting upon the parts of the said street, requiring to be drained, levelled, repaired, 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.

10—Private Improvement Expenses—Roman Road—The Borough Surveyor reported that the private improvement works ordered in Roman Road had been carried out by the Corporation at a cost of £63 1s. 2d., which sum 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 owners.

11—Street Projections—Read, a letter from Messrs. Pratt Co., applying for permission to hang a banner across High Street from Messrs. Lance's Premises for one week previously to the Steeplechases to be held on the 11th and 12th prox. Resolved, That the application be acceded to, subject to the banner being removed for Sunday, and to no part of it being lower than 30 feet from the surface of the road. Read, a letter from Mr. W. A. Woof, applying for permission to fix a sun-blind outside his shop, No. 1, Regent Street. Resolved, That permission be given, subject to no part of blind being less than 8 feet above the pavement, or projecting beyond the edge of the footpath.

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12—Slab Factory—The Borough Surveyor submitted the following Revenue Account of the Slab Factory for the half-year ending the 25th March, 1909 :—

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Surplus brought forward from September, 1908	£383 14 2
Sales of Slabs, Cement, &c., for half-year ended the 25th March, 1909	£434 5 4
Slabs in stock 25th March, 1909, at cost price	£1108 16 3
Kerbs in stock do. do.	£319 1 4
Value of Cement and other materials in stock 25th March ••• ...	£ <u>70 19 2</u>
	£2316 16 3

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Slabs in stock 24th Sept. 1908, at cost price	..	£735 3 3
Kerbs do. do. do. do.	..	£338 4 0
Value of Cement and other materials in stock 24th September, 1908 ...		£ 42 2 3
Wages and materials for half-year ended 25th March, 1909 -	...	£575 12 9
Rates, taxes and insurance for half-year ended 25th March, 1909		£ 12 13 6
Interest and sinking fund for half-year (estimated) ...	.	£127 0 0
Surplus	... ..	<u>£486 0 6</u>
		£2316 16 3

13—Paving on West Side of Promenade, from St. George's Road to Queen's Circus—Resolved, That the footpath on the West side of the Promenade from St. George's Road to Queen's Circus be relaid with concrete slabs, and kerbed and channelled, the necessary slabs, etc. (estimated cost, £400) being provided by the Slab Factory free of charge.

14—Coal Contract—The Borough Surveyor reported that the slack coal supplied by Messrs. Jermin & Co. had not been found suitable for the baths, etc., and they were willing that their contract should be determined. He recommended that the tenders of Messrs. Pates & Co. for supplies required at Montpellier Baths, Sandford, Winter Garden, Town Hall and Pittville at 10s 8d per ton, and the tender of Messrs. Powell, Gwinnell & Co., Ltd., for supply to Alstone Baths at 10s 6d per ton be accepted. Resolved, That the recommendation be approved and adopted.

15—Locomotives on Highways Act, 1898—The Town Clerk submitted draft Byelaw prohibiting the use of a locomotive on Montpellier Street, except between the hours of 6 p.m. and 9 a.m., on account of the inconvenience caused to the inhabitants. Resolved, That the Byelaw be approved and submitted for the informal approval of the Local Government Board.

16—Public Seats—Read, a letter from Councillor King-Harman, stating that the residents in Christ Church and Douro Roads desired that the three seats in these roads should be removed in consequence of the nuisance and annoyance caused by their misuse. Resolved, That the request be acceded to, and that one of the seats be placed near the Norwood Arms for the convenience of light railway passengers, and the two other seats be placed in the Promenade.

JOHN D. BENDALL,

Chairman

PLANS SUB-COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Sub-Committee held on Tuesday, the 13th April, 1909. Present:—Councillors Baker and Bendall (Councillor Bendall in the Chair).

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

Plan nos.	Name	Description
766	Mr. Phipps	New W.C. at rear of 2, St. Philip's Terrace.
767	Cheltenham College Council	Additions to Teighmore, Sandford Road.
768	C. Moorey	Bay Window, 1st Floor, 2; St. James' Villas, Gloucester Road.
769	W. A. Toogood	Additions to Craig-y-Don, Hewlett Road.

Resolved, That Plans Nos, 769 be disapproved, and that the other Plans be approved, subject as to plans Nos. 766 and 767 to the drainage being carried out to the satisfaction of the Inspector of Nuisances.

JOHN D. BENDALL,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Sub-Committee held on Friday, the 23rd April, 1909. Present: Councillors Baker, Bendall, Hayward and King-Harman (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
770	W. J. Pack	Additions to Workshop, rear of No. 2 Marle Hill Parade.
771	A. Hughes	Additions to Pendine Lodge, Hewlett Road.
772	Brydges, Mellersh & Mellersh	Additions to No. 334, High Street (amended plan).

Resolved, That plans Nos 772 be approved, that Plans Nos. 770 be approved, subject to the drains under the building being made to the satisfaction of the Inspector of Nuisances, and to the usual agreement providing for the removal of the building upon three months' notice, and that Plan Nos. 771 be approved, subject to the drainage being made to the satisfaction of the Inspector of Nuisances.

JOHN D. BENDALL,

Chairman.

TOWN IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 5th April, 1909. Present:—The Mayor, Aldermen Rogers and Winterbotham, Councillors Baker, Hayward, Packer and Steel (Councillor Baker in the Chair).

1—Use of Winter Garden by Carnival Committee—Read, a letter from Mr. E. Baring, on behalf of the Carnival Committee, asking for the free use of the Winter Garden for dance rehearsals, etc., on one or two days per week from the 1st May, when the building is not otherwise engaged. Resolved, That the application be acceded to subject to the Carnival Committee paying for lighting, heating and other out-of-pocket expenses.

2—Roller Skating at Winter Garden—Read, a letter from Messrs. Young and Wiling, containing an offer of £400 per annum for a lease of the Winter Garden on the same terms and conditions as arranged with Mr: C. G. Smith, Resolved, That the further consideration be adjourned.

WILLIAM A. BAKER, Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, the 7th April, 1909. Present:—Councillors Baker, Green, Hayward, and Steel (Councillor Baker in the Chair).

3—Roller Skating at Winter Garden—The Resolution of this Committee of the 30th ult., referred back by the Council, was further considered, together with the letter from Messrs. Young & Gilling, read at the last meeting.

Resolved, That an advertisement be inserted in the " Daily Mail," " Birmingham Daily Post," and " Gloucestershire Echo," inviting offers for a lease of the Winter Garden for 3 years from the 1st October next on the terms and conditions already approved by the Committee.

WILLIAM A. BAKER, Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, the 19th April, 1909—Present Aldermen Rogers and Winterbotham, Councillors Baker, Green, Hayward, Packer, Steel and Stroud (Councillor Baker in the chair)

4—Seats in Enclosure at Montpellier Gardens—On the recommendation of the Entertainments Sub-Committee. Resolved, That a plan now submitted by the Borough Surveyor for raising 6 back rows of seats in the enclosure in front of the Proscenium at Montpellier Gardens at a cost of 10s. 0d. be approved and carried out.

5—Punt for Pittville Lake—The Borough Surveyor recommended the purchase of a small punt for Pittville Lake at a cost of £8 15s. 0d. Resolved, That the recommendation be approved and adopted.

WILLIAM A. BAKER, Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, the 29th April, 1909. Present: Alderman Rogers, Councillors Baker, Green, Hayward and Steel (Councillor Baker in the Chair).

6—Roller Skating at Winter Garden—Read, a letter from Messrs. Young & Gilling, withdrawing the offer of £400 per annum, made by them on behalf of clients, for a lease of the Winter Garden. The offers received were considered.

Resolved, That the building be let to Mr. C. G. Smith for a term of 3 years at a rent of £350 per annum, subject to the terms of the printed conditions as settled by the Committee (a copy of which accompanies these minutes).

WILLIAM A. BAKER, Chairman.

TOWN IMPROVEMENT AND PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEES.

At a Joint Meeting of these Committees, held on Monday, the 19th April, 1909. Present:— Aldermen Rogers, Skillicorne, and Winterbotham, Councillors Baker, Green, Hayward, Margrett, Packer, Rees Jones, Steel and Stroud (Councillor Baker in the Chair).

1—Lavatory Accommodation at Montpellier Gardens—The plans and estimates prepared by the Borough Surveyor for the provision of W.C. and lavatory accommodation for ladies at Montpellier Gardens Lodge for use by visitors to the Gardens and the general public were considered. Resolved, That provision be made in the estimates for this year for the provision of such accommodation at a cost of £250.

WILLIAM A. BAKER,

Chairman.

ELECTRICITY AND LIGHTING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, the 25th April, 1909—Present: Councillors Green, Hayward, Merrett, Norton, Rees Jones and Steel (Councillor Green in the chair).

1—Gas Examiner's Report—The Gas Examiner reported that he had tested the gas for illuminating power on the 31st ult., with the following result:-14.9 candles. His test for purity showed 38 grains of sulphur per 100 cubic feet.

2—Lighting of London Road—Read, a letter from Miss Wood, of Buena Vista, London Road, complaining of the in-sufficient lighting of the road opposite her house. Resolved, That consideration of the complaint be adjourned for the Committee to view.

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—Annual Convention of Municipal Electrical Association—Read; a letter from the Incorporated Municipal Electrical Association, stating that the Annual Convention of the Association would be held at Manchester from the 22nd to the 25th June next, and inviting the Committee to appoint a member or members to attend the meeting. Resolved, That the Chairman of this Committee, or if he should be unable to attend, Councillor Green, and the Borough Electrical Engineer be authorised to attend the Convention.

6—Carnival Week—Read, a letter from Messrs. Baring Bros., on behalf of the Carnival Committee, asking the Council to give special terms for lighting and illuminating during the week. Resolved, That a charge of 2d. per unit be made for current supplied to applicants for special lighting or illumination during Carnival Week, the cost of any service cable, etc., required being paid for by the applicants.

6—Coal Contract—Resolved, That tenders be invited by advertisement for the supply of coal for the works for 6 or 12 months from the 1st July next.

7—Applications for Supply—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that he had received an application from Mr. B. Vale for supply of electric energy to his house, No. 40, St. Georges Street. The best method of giving such supply would be to run a low pressure main from the Wesley Chapel transformer at a cost of subject to the necessary permission being obtained. Resolved, That the recommendation be approved, and that supply be given, subject to Mr. Vale guaranteeing a minimum annual payment of: £2 10s. for three years, and paying for service cable on the usual terms.

With reference to Minute No. 6 of this Committee of the 11th February last, the Borough Electrical Engineer reported that the tenants of 5 of the houses in Hatherley Road had agreed to take electric energy (in one case for heating, as well as lighting). Resolved, That the Borough Electrical Engineer be authorised to make the extension.

With reference to Minute No. 5 of this Committee of the 18th ult., the Borough Electrical Engineer reported that the tenants of the 2 houses now in course of erection in Leckhampton Road would take the light, and the houses were being wired by the landlord. Resolved, That the extension required be made.

8—Refuse Destructor and Electricity Works—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that the Street and Highway Committee were willing when duplicating the destructor plant to put in a boiler of greater capacity than that required for refuse destructor purposes if the Electricity Department would pay an amount of £6 10s. 0d. per annum, the additional payment required in respect of the increase in the cost of such boiler. He recommended that this be agreed to, and that this department also carry out at their own cost all engineering repairs on the new boiler, etc., and whatever other repairs are required on the same terms as agreed with respect to the existing destructor.

Resolved, That the recommendation be approved and adopted.

E. C. GREEN,
Chairman.

WATER COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held On Thursday, the 22nd April, 1909—Present Alderman Norman, Councillors Baker, Earengy, Green, and Haddock (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 April, 1909.	Average for corresponding period during last 3 years.
Hewletts Springs	288,000 gallons	235,000 gallons
Dowdeswell Springs	1,360,000 "	1,116,000 "
Leckhampton	55,000 "	47,000 "
Total	1,703,030 "	1,398,000 "

CONTENTS OF RESERVOIRS.

	April 20th, 1909.		April 20th, 1908.	
	Depth	Contents	Depth	Contents
Hewletts	...	12,589,000 gallons	...	30,123,000 gallons
Leckhampton	3ft. 10in.	517,000 "	12ft. 0in.	1,620,000 "
Dowdeswell	31ft. 6in.	97,389,000 "	31ft. 7in.	97,828,000 "
Total Storage		110,495,000 "		129,571,000 "

Pumping ceased at Tewkesbury on the 27th ult., and commenced at Sandford on the 15th inst.

2—Water Supply to Fiddington, &c.—With reference to the enquiry of the Tewkesbury Rural District Council, the Borough Engineer reported as to the cost of extending the mains to give a supply of water to Fiddington, Pamington, Aston Cross and Aston-upon-Carrant. Resolved, That a copy of the Report be sent to the Tewkesbury Rural District Council for their information, and that in the meantime the further consideration of the matter be adjourned.

3—Appeals--The cases entered in 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 13th April, 1909. Present: Aldermen Haddon, Norman, Rogers, Skillicorne and Waghorne, Councillors Baker, M. Davis and Margrett (Alderman Norman in the Chair).

1—Town Hall—The Rector and the Rev. A. P. Cox attended as a deputation before the Committee to urge that if possible the letting of the Town Hall for Classical Dances by Miss Maud Allan on the 17th inst. should be cancelled. Resolved, That the Committee have no power to comply with the request.

GEO. NORMAN,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 20th April, 1909. Present:—Aldermen Haddon, Norman and Rogers, Councillors Baker, Margrett and Stroud (Alderman Norman in the Chair).

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

3—Report of Fire Brigade Captain—The Captain of the Fire Brigade reported that the Brigade had been called out, since the last meeting of the Committee, as follows:—On the 24th ult. to an outbreak of fire at No. 2, Paragon Terrace. Damage about £5. Brigade expenses £3 4s. 0d. Buildings

and contents insured. On the 8th instant to a fire at No. 32, Suffolk Parade. Cause unknown. Damage, £100. Brigade expenses, £6 8s. 0d. Building and contents insured. On the 8th inst. to a fire at No. 15, Rosehill Street, caused by an accident with a lamp. Damage £3. Brigade Expenses, £2 17s. 6d. Building, but not contents, insured.

4—Street Hawkers—Supt. Hopkins submitted a Memorial he had received from a large number of tradesmen in High Street, Winchcombe Street, etc., calling attention to the nuisance and annoyance caused by street hawkers and vendors of goods. Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to consider if byelaws can be framed to remedy the nuisance complained of.

5—Light Railway Fares—Read, a Memorial from the employees of the Cheltenham and District Light Railway Co., requesting the Council to assent to the Order for the revision of fares applied for by the Company, and so avoid a reduction in the railway service and loss of employment by a number of the -Memorialists.

GEO. NORMAN, Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, the 23rd April, 1909. Present:—Aldermen Haddon, Norman, Rogers, Skillicorne, and Waghorne, Councillors Baker, Bendall and Margrett (Alderman Norman in the Chair).

6—Light Railway Fares—The Chairman explained that this meeting had been called in compliance with a request signed by three members of the Committee to consider the proposal of the Light Railway Company to reduce the service on the Lansdown Section of their system from a 7 minutes service to one of 15 minutes as from the 1st prox. Read, a letter from the Secretary of the Cheltenham Chamber of Commerce, enclosing a resolution passed by the Chamber that if the Company would allow three-halfpenny fares without change of car to the G.W.R. Station from the Norwood Arms, Holy Apostles' Church, and The Oaklands, and a penny from St. George's Place to Pittville Gates, and make no reduction in the present service with both railway stations, the Chamber would not oppose the Company's application for power to increase the fares on the Lansdown Route.

Mr. Gurney and Mr. McCormick attended this meeting on behalf of the Company, and submitted the following. proposals:

That the Corporation should agree to revised fares as follows:

Between North Street and the junction of St. George's Road with Gloucester Road	1d.
Between the latter point and Lansdown Castle ...	1d.
Between North Street and Lansdown Castle (through fare)	1 ½ d.

If the above was agreed to the Company to make the following concessions: —

To grant a through fare between Holy Apostles', Norwood Arms and The Oaklands respectively and the G.W.R. Station of	1 ½ d.
Ditto between Holy Apostles, Norwood Arms and The Oaklands respectively and the Lansdown Castle of ...	2d.
Ditto between Pittville Gates and St. George's Parade of ...	1d.

Through cars to be run in each case to the G.W.R.. Station (and in the case of those from Pittville and Charlton Kings through). Other fares to remain as at present, and the Company to agree to a service of not less than 7 ½ minutes each way between Lansdown Castle and North Street to the Lansdown Castle. An agreement to be entered into between the Company and the Corporation embodying these terms, in which case the application to the Light Railway Commissioners would be abandoned. Resolved, That the terms proposed be approved, the Corporate Seal be affixed to an agreement accordingly, and that the resolutions of the Council of the 13th May, 1902, and the 19th January, 1909, be varied or rescinded, so far as the same are inconsistent with this resolution.

GEO. NORMAN,

Chairman.

ART GALLERY AND MUSEUM COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, the 11th April, 1909—Present: The Mayor, Aldermen Haddon, and Rogers and Councillor Davies, Dr. E. T. Wilson and Mr. G. Dimmer (The Mayor in the chair).

1—Curator's Report—The Curator reported that there had been 1,535 visits to the Art Gallery since February 10th last. At the request of the owner the two large pictures by Henry Moore, R. A., namely, "Waiting for the Shrimp Boats, Scheveningen," and "A Calm Sea," had been sent on loan to the Manchester Corporation Art Gallery for one year. The pictures in the Large Gallery and many of the Objects in the Museum had been re-arranged. The School of Art Committee had lent 39 Oil Paintings, Water Colour Drawings, and Sketches by F. L. Blagdon for a period of six months.

Dr. Carter had lent a large canvas by Jakob Jordaens. The Rev. R. Noble Jackson, Rector of Sudeley, had presented eight Plaster Casts of Saxon Coins two minted in Gloucester and two in Winchcombe.

Resolved, That the thanks of the Committee be conveyed to the donors and lenders of exhibits mentioned.

2—Purchase of Show Cases, &c.— On the recommendation of the Curator, Resolved. That an offer of 2 show cases for 25s each be accepted, and that the Curator be authorised to expend not exceeding £5 in providing frames for local prints, portraits, &c.

3—Provision of Fire Extinguishing Apparatus in Basement—On the recommendation of the Curator, Resolved, That fire extinguishing fittings and apparatus be provided in the basement of the Library building, the cost (not to exceed £5) to be defrayed in equal shares by the Library and Art Gallery.

J. T. AGG-GARDNER,

Chairman.

MINERAL WATERS, BATHS AND RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, the 16th April, 1909—Present: Alderman Norman, Councillors Baker, Bendall, Davies, Hayward, Merrett and Stroud (Councillor Stroud in the Chair).

1—Use of Alstone Baths by School Children—Read, a Report by the Borough Surveyor with reference to the use of Alstone Baths for instruction classes in Swimming and Life-Saving for the children attending the Elementary Schools in the Borough. The Report contained suggestions as to the issue of certificates of proficiency, etc.

Read, a letter from the Secretary of the Education Committee applying for permission for the boys attending the St. Paul's Practising Schools to use the Bath on Wednesday morning instead of Wednesday afternoon.

Resolved, That a copy of the Report be forwarded to the Education Committee for their consideration, and that they be informed that if the suggestions therein contained are favourably considered by them this Committee are disposed to co-operate in the matter, and that in the meantime in view of other possible alterations in the time-table, the further consideration of the application from St. Paul's School be adjourned.

2—Cricket at Recreation Grounds—Read, letters from the Secretaries of the Albion United Wednesday Cricket Club and the Albion Athletic Cricket Club applying for permission to play this season at Whaddon Lane and Naunton Park Recreation Grounds respectively, in the latter case upon Saturday afternoons. Resolved, That the applications be acceded to upon the usual conditions.

HERBERT STROUD,

Chairman.

BOURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, the 23rd April, 1909—Present: Aldermen, Haddon and Rogers, Councillors Baker, King-Harman, Merrett, and Steel (Alderman Haddon in the Chair).

1--Fees on Erection of Headstones, etc.—The Town Clerk reported that he had received the formal approval of the Local Government Board to the revised table of fees on the erection of headstones, etc., and a print of the revised table had been sent to the local sculptors.

2—Designs—Resolved, That the following designs be approved, viz. :—Kerbing to graves of Mary Kilbey, Harriett and Backwell Stevens. Memorial Crosses to graves of Fanny Poole and Selina J. A. Reinold.

JOHN HADDON, Chairman.

PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Thursday, the 13th April, 1909 - Present: The Mayor, Councillors Earengy, Green, Mann, Margrett, and Merrett; Rev: P. A. Nash, Messrs. A. Beckinsale. F. J. Candle, W. Cresswell, G. Dimmer and F. Parsons (The Mayor in the Chair).

1—Librarian's Report-Read, Monthly Report of the Librarian. Presentations:—The John Hopkins University Press, 7 vols. Receipts, £4 17s. 9d.

The number of volumes consulted in the Reference Department during the month: was 1,561, an average increase of 3 per day, as compared with the corresponding period of last year. The issues from the Lending Department numbered 9,819, an average increase of 12 per day, as compared with last year.

2—Sub-Committee's Report—The Sub-Committee reported that they met on the 8th inst.-- (Present: Alderman Rogers (Chairman), Councillors Davies, Green, Hayward, King-Harman and Merrett, Rev. J. Lloyd Davies and Hr. F. J. Bennett). They recommended that " The Hospital " be taken weekly at the Library, and that consideration of the suggested extension of the fire extinguishing arrangements be adjourned to the next meeting. Resolved, That the recommendations of the Sub-Committee be approved and adopted.

J. T. AGG-GARDNER,

Chairman.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, the 27th April, 1909, Present:--Aldermen Skillicorne and Waghorne, Councillors Earengy, Hayward, Merrett, Rees Jones, Steel and Stroud (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 and second instalments of the General District Rate was read as follows

Rate	£46,823 17 1
Supplemental items	£ 73 7 6
Arrears from previous year	<u>£ 123 9 11</u>
	£47,020 14 6
Receipts	£43,271 7 3
Excusals	£ 87 0 8
Voids ...	£2,963 11 3
Irrecoverables	£568 8 1
Arrears carried forward ...	<u>£130 7 3</u>
	£47,020 14 6

2—Water Rate—The Report of the Borough Accountant on the collection of the Water Rate for the half-year ending the 25th ult. was read. Amount received £11,817 16s. 8d. Leaving outstanding, £2,558 6s. 0d.

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3—Rates Department—The Borough Collector reported that the total amount received in the Rates Department for the year ending the 31st ult. was as follows:—

For Municipal Purposes (General District Rote, Water, Electric Light and

Pittville Rent Charges £87,347 5 11

Poor Rate (including £28,000 Borough Rate)

£56,530 8 11

£143,877 14 10

4—Appointment of Junior Clerk in Rates Department — The four selected candidates for this appointment, Messrs. E. J. Cornock, C. Dominy, L. S. Webley and J. J. Wheeler, attended before the Committee. Resolved, That Mr. E. J. Cornock be appointed at a salary of £52 per annum.

5—Collectors' Bonds—The Borough Accountant submitted offers he had obtained from three offices for the issue of the bonds guaranteeing the collectors. Resolved, That guarantee bonds be taken out with the Fine Art & General Insurance Company at a cost of £27 10s. 0d. per annum.

6—Proportion of Salaries, etc., in Rates Department to be paid by Overseers--Read, a letter from the Overseers stating that they considered £350 should be the amount to be charged to them in respect of the salaries, guarantee bonds, office accommodation, etc., of the rate collectors, together with a further annual payment of for stamps. Resolved, That this Committee are of opinion that £400 for salaries, etc., and £40 for stamps should be the annual sums to be paid by the Overseers.

7—Estimates for Rates—Resolved, That this Committee meet on Tuesday, the 4th prox., at 7 p.m., to consider the estimates for the General District and Borough Rates.

8—Annual Meeting of Institute of Municipal Treasurers and Accountants—Read, a letter from the Institute of Municipal Treasurers and Accountants, stating that the Annual Meeting of the Institute would be held at Hastings on the 17th and 18th June next, and inviting the attendance of representatives of the Council. Resolved, That the Chairman, Councillor Stroud and the Borough Accountant be authorised to attend the meeting.

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

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

In hand 30th March last

23,492 12 6

Received since 30th March last (including Loan, £82)

3,040 12 4

£26,533 4 10

Paid since 30th March last (including Investment of Sinking Fund with Rhondda, £8,188)	.. .. ..	<u>£17,343 7 4</u>
		£9,189 17 6
Being General Accounts	£8,087 10 11	
Sinking Funds	<u>£1,102 6 7</u>	
	£9,189 17 6	

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 May, 1909, at 3 p.m. Present:

THE MAYOR (JAMES TYNTE AGG-GARDNER, ESQUIRE) in the chair.

THE DEPUTY MAYOR (ALDERMAN JOHN WAGHORNE).

Aldermen: JOHN HADDON GEORGE NORMAN RICHARD ROGERS WILLIAM NASH SKILLICORNE

Councillors: WILLIAM ALFRED BAKER JOHN DAVID BENDALL RICHARD DAVIES MOSES DAVIS WILLIAM GEORGE EARENGEY EDWINSON CHARLES GREEN PERCY HADDOCK CHARLES HAYWARD, MONTAGUE JOCELYN KING-HARMAN ALFRED MANN CHARLES HENRY MARGRETT WILLIE JOHN MERRETT HENRY GEORGE. NORTON 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 5th 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. Public Health Committee—Resolved. That the proceedings of the Public Health Committee, at their Meeting of the 19th April last be approved and confirmed.

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

4—Street and Highway Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Street and Highway Committee, at their Meetings of the 13th and 26th April last, be approved and confirmed.

5—Town Improvement Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Town Improvement Committee, at their Meetings of the 5th, 7th, 19th and 29th April last be approved and confirmed.

6—Town Improvement and Public Health Committees—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Town Improvement and Public Health Committees at their Joint Meeting of the 19th April last be approved and confirmed.

7—Electricity and Lighting Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Electricity and Lighting committee, at their Meeting of the 15th April last be approved and confirmed.

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

9—General Purposes & Watch committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the General Purposes and Watch Committee, at their Meetings of the 13th, 20th and 23rd April last, be approved and confirmed, and that the Annual Inspection of Hackney Carriages be held on the 4th June at 9.30 a.m., and the Licensing Meeting of the Council on the 11th June at 10.30 a.m., at the Central Depot.

10—Art Gallery and Museum Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Art Gallery and Museum Committee, at their Meeting of the 14th April last, be approved and confirmed.

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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 16th April last, be approved and confirmed.

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

13—Finance Committee— Resolved, That the proceedings of the Finance Committee, at their Meeting of the 27th April last, be approved and confirmed. Resolved, also, That an Order on the Borough Treasurer be signed accordingly, authorising and ordering him to pay to the several Corporations, Companies and persons mentioned in the Schedule of Accounts the sum of money set opposite their respective names upon production of a cheque signed by the Borough Accountant.

Mayor.

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Borough of Cheltenham

MINUTES of the Finance Committee of the Town Council to be submitted for approval at a Special Meeting of the Council to be held on Monday, the 10th May, 1909.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, the 4th May, 1909. Present:—Aldermen Skillicorne and Waghorne, Councillors Earengy, Hayward, Merrett, Rees Jones, Steel and Stroud (Alderman Waghorne in the Chair).

1—Estimates for Rates—The estimates for the Borough and General District Rates were considered. Resolved, That the same as now settled be approved and submitted to the Council at a meeting on the 10th inst., and if the same are then approved that a meeting of the Council be held on the 15th inst. to make the General District Rate and Order for Borough Rate accordingly.

JOHN WAGHORNE.

Chairman.

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 Monday, the 10th May, 1909, at 3 p.m. Present:---

THE MAYOR (JAMES TYNTE AGG-GARDNER, ESQ.) in the chair. THE DEPUTY MAYOR (ALDERMAN JOHN WAGHORNE), in the chair.

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

Councillors: WILLIAM ALFRED BAKER JOHN DAVID BENDALL RICHARD DAVIES MOSES DAVIS WILLIAM GEORGE EARENGEY MONTAGUE JOCELYN KING-HARMAN. ALFRED MANN. CHARLES HENRY MARGRETT WILLIE JOHN MERRETT HENRY GEORGE NORTON EDWINSON CHARLES GREEN EDWARD GRIDLEY PERCY HADDOCK CHARLES HAYWARD TOM HERBERT PACKER THOMAS REES JONES ROBERT STEEL HERBERT STROUD.

1—Finance Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Finance Committee at their Meeting of the 4th May instant, be approved and confirmed, that the Estimates be approved and made accordingly, that a Statement of the General District Rate be prepared, that the Owners instead of the Occupiers be rated in cases where the rateable value of any premises does not exceed £8 10s. 0d., and that such Owners shall be assessed in respect of tenements whether occupied or unoccupied at a reduced estimate of one half.

Mayor.

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 18th May, 1909, at 3 p.m. Present:—

THE DEPUTY MAYOR (ALDERMAN JOHN WAGHORNE).

Aldermen: GEORGE NORMAN WILLIAM NASH SKILLICORNE RICHARD ROGERS.

Councillors: WILLIAM ALFRED BAKER JOHN DAVID BENDALL RICHARD DAVIES WILLIAM GEORGE EARENGEY EDWINSON CHARLES GREEN EDWARD GRIDLEY PERCY HADDOCK CHARLES HAYWARD, MONTAGUE JOCELYN KING-HARMAN ALFRED MANN CHARLES HENRY MARGRETT WILLIE JOHN MERRETT HENRY GEORGE NORTON THOMAS REES JONES ROBERT STEEL HERBERT STROUD.

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

2—Order for Borough Rate— Resolved, That it appearing to the Council that the Borough Fund of the said Borough is insufficient for the several purposes to which the 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 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, or to be 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.

3—General District Rate—Resolved, That a General District Rate under the Public Health Act, 1875, and the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1889, of Three Shillings and Twopence 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 18th 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 7th June, 1909.

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 10th May, 1909. Present: Alderman Skillicorne, Councillors Davies, M. Davis, Hayward, King-Harman, Margrett and Rees Jones (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 1 case of Erysipelas, and that 3 cases of Scarlet Fever had been sent into the Delancey Hospital.

2—Overcrowding at No. 50a, Worcester Street — The Medical Officer of Health reported that this dwelling house was so overcrowded as to be dangerous or injurious to the health of the inmates.

Resolved, That the Committee being satisfied of the existence of a nuisance on the said premises, Notice be served upon the occupiers thereof, requiring them to abate the same.

3—Cleansing and Limewashing at Nos. 16, Lower Park Street, 8 and 10, Glenfall Street, 5, Devonshire Street, 5, 6, 7 and 8, Barnard's Row, and 3 and 4, Little's Court, New Street. — The Medical Officer of Health having certified under Section 46 of the Public Health Act, 1875, that the above-named dwelling-houses were in such a filthy and unwholesome condition that the health of the inmates was affected or endangered thereby. Resolved, That Notice be given to the owners under the said Section requiring the houses to be cleansed and limewashed.

4—Nuisances from Drains, etc., at No. 9 Warwick Place, 30, Stoneville Street, and Springthorpe, Douro 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 wort: 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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No. 62, Upper Park 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 a specification of the works required to be done. Resolved, That notices be given under Section 41 of the Public Health Act, 1875, to the owners of the premises, requiring them to do the specified works within 14 days from the service of such notices.

5—Insanitary Property—Nos. 10, Glenfall Street, 2, Milsom Street, 5 and 9, Devonshire Street, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 and 9 Barnard's Row, & 1, 2, 3 & 4 Little's Court—The Medical Officer of Health reported that the above-mentioned premises were in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to the health of the inmates owing to defective roofs, walls, ceilings, floors, &c. Resolved, That the Council being satisfied that the said premises are in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to health, Notices under Section 94 of the Public Health Act, 1875, be served upon the owners requiring them to put the same into a healthy condition and for that purpose to carry out the works specified therein.

6—Houses without proper Ash Receptacles—The Inspector of Nuisances reported that the following houses had no proper ashpits or ash receptacles, viz :—Nos. 8, Glenfall Street, 2, Milsom Street, 9, Devonshire Street, Cumberland Villa, Grove Street, and 15, Upper Park Street. — Resolved, That the necessary Notices be given to the respective owners under Section 36 of the Public Health Act, 1875, and Section 27 of the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1889, requiring them in each case to provide a moveable ash receptacle of such size, pattern, and construction as may be approved by the Inspector of Nuisances on behalf of the Corporation.

7—Closing of School—The Medical Officer of Health reported that the epidemic of measles which had prevailed in the town had apparently nearly come to an end, but the prevalence of measles in the Leckhampton district had necessitated the closing of the Leckhampton Infants' School on the 7th inst.

8—Dairies, Cowsheds and Milkshops Order—Read, an application from Mr. Frank Hendrick, of Alma Cottage, Hatherley Road, to be registered as a Cowkeeper. Resolved, That the applicant be registered.

9—Common Lodging House—No. 21, Stanhope Street—Read, an application from Mr. W. C. Brown to be registered as the keeper of a common lodging house at No. 21, Stanhope Street, and enclosing testimonials and references as to character, etc. Resolved, That the applicant be registered.

10—Tivoli Sewers—Read, a letter from the Local Government Board, enquiring what was the present position of matters as regards the proposed reconstruction of the sewers in the South-Eastern and Tivoli district of the Borough. The Town Clerk submitted a letter in reply. Resolved, That the same be approved.

W. NASH SKILLICORNE, Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, the 24th May, 1909—Present: Alderman Skillicorne, Councillors Davies, M. Davis, Margrett and Rees Jones (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 Erysipelas, and 1 of Diphtheria, and that 1 case of Scarlet Fever had been sent into the Delancey Hospital.

12—Cleansing and Limewashing at Nos. 2, 3, 17, and 18, Malvern Street, and 2, Stansby Cottages, Elm Street. — The Medical Officer of Health having certified under Section 46 of the Public Health Act, 1875, that the above-named dwelling-houses were in such a filthy and unwholesome condition that the health of the inmates was affected or endangered thereby. Resolved, That Notice be given to the owners under the said Section requiring the houses to be cleansed and limewashed.

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13—Nuisances from Drains, etc., at The Plough Hotel Stable Yard, Cadoxton, Leckhampton Road Nos. 1, Gloucester Road, and 31, Stoneville 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. 2, 8, 9, and 12, St. Philip's Terrace, and 8, 31, and 48, Malvern Street. — The Medical Officer of Health reported that the above-mentioned premises were in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to the health of the inmates owing to defective roofs, walls, ceilings, floors, etc. Resolved, That the Council being satisfied that the said premises are in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to health, Notices under Section 94 of the Public Health Act, 1875, be served upon the owners requiring them to put the same into a healthy condition, and for that purpose to carry out the works specified therein.

15—Destruction of Diseased Meat—The Medical Officer of Health reported that on the 22nd inst. the carcase with offal (weight, 71 lbs.) of a pig, found to be affected with tuberculosis, was surrendered by the owner and destroyed.

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, 11, 12, and 14, St. Philip's Terrace, 1, 2, 9, 22, and 45, Malvern Street and 1.5 Grosvenor 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—Overcrowding —No. 59, Queen 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 each of the said premises, Notice under Sec. 94 of the Public Health Act, 1875, be served on the occupiers thereof requiring them to abate the same.

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

19—Delancey Hospital Charges for Diphtheria Cases—Read, a letter from the Hon. Sec. of the Delancey Hospital, stating that as a result of the essentially different and expensive treatment required in cases of diphtheria, the cost to the hospital of a diphtheritic patient was more than double that of a scarlet fever patient, while the fee received for treatment was less than half the amount received for a scarlet fever patient. The charge agreed upon in each case was 2s per day up to a maximum of £5, but the amount received during last year for diphtheria averaged a 6s, 3d. per case, the cost being estimated at £5 5s. 0d. The amount received for scarlet fever patients averaged £4 13s. 3d. per case. The minimum stay in hospital of scarlet fever cases was 42 days, while the average stay of diphtheria cases was from 23 to 27 days only. The number of diphtheria cases had increased so largely during the past 2 years that the Trustees deemed it necessary to bring the facts to the notice of the local authorities concerned in order that the present fee might be reconsidered, and they suggested that a charge of 4s 6d per day should be made for such cases in place of the present charge of 2s

Resolved, That the Trustees be informed that the amount included in the estimates already approved by the Council will not permit of any increase in the payments for the current financial year, but that the Committee are prepared to consider the Trustees' application with a view to some increase in the charge for diphtheria cases being agreed upon to come into operation in April next, provided the same increase is made in the charge for such cases to other authorities.

W. NASH SKILLICORNE, Chairman

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Thursday, the 3rd June, 1909. Present:—Aldermen Skillicorne, Councillors M. Davis, Hayward, King-Harman and Rees Jones (Alderman Skillicorne in the Chair).

20—Sewage Disposal Works—The following tenders received for the construction of the sewage disposal works at Hayden were considered:-

	£	s.	d.
A. Hill & Co., Kidderminster	9571	5	9
E. Ireland, Trowbridge ..	9564	11	6
S. B. Dix, Cheltenham ...	9089	10	7
J. Merritt, Birkenhead ...	9029	15	8
W. Cresswell & Co., Cheltenham	8906	13	8
H. Smith, Newport	8607	1	3
B. Firth, Harrogate	836	12	4
A. H. Price & Co., Nottingham	8310	9	5
J. Riley, Cheltenham ...	8271	12	11
T. Vale & Sons, Ltd., Stourport	8240	12	4
J. Byard & Sons, Gloucester	8144	0	0
R. C. Brebner & Co., Edinburgh	8075	17	10
Mark Williams & Co., Cheltenham	7984	16	9
W. Cunliffe & Sons, Ltd., Birmingham	7809	13	4
T. Watson, Southall	7580	17	6

Resolved; That the tender of Mr. T. Watson, of Southall, be accepted, subject to his entering into a contract with two sufficient sureties, to be prepared by the Town Clerk.

W. NASH SKILLICORNE,

Chairman.

FARMS MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Friday, the 21st May, 1909. — Present: Alderman Skillicorne, Councillors M. Davis, Gridley, King-Harman, Margrett and Steel (Councillor Davis in the chair).

1—Farm Manager's Report—Read, the Monthly Report of the Farms Manager. Since the last monthly meeting 26 head of cattle had been purchased for £326 12s. 6d., and 12 sheep and 10 lambs for £24. (Total purchases, £350 12s. 6d). 12 head of cattle had been sold for £242 6s. 0d., and 60 sheep for £136 6s. 3d. (Total sales, £378 12s. 3d.) 2 colts and 1 lamb had been bred on the Farms, and 1 sheep had been slaughtered. The number of live stock on the Farms at this date was 13 horses, 110 head of cattle, 98 sheep, and 4 pigs, all doing well. 3 tons 19 cwts. 1 qr. of hay had been delivered to the Central Depot. Miscellaneous receipts, £1 17s. 0d. 103 posts for fencing had been purchased. He recommended the purchase of a new dung cart. Resolved, That the recommendations be approved and adopted.

2— Inspection of Farms—Resolved, That the Committee visit the Farms on the 9th prox.

M. DAVIS,

Chairman.

STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, the 11th day of May, 1909—Present: Alderman Haddon, Councillors Baker, Bendall, Gridley, King-Harman and Norton (Councillor Bendall in the Chair).

1—Street Projections—Read, an application from Messrs. Dicks & Sons, Ltd., that some projecting show cases placed by them against the wall of their premises in St. George's Street should be allowed to remain. Resolved, That consideration of the application be adjourned for the Committee to view. Read, a letter from Messrs. T. A. Smith & Co., of 33, Winchcombe Street, applying for permission to place a swing sign outside their premises. Resolved, That the application be not acceded to.

2—Painswick Road Private Improvement Works—Read, a Memorial signed by Major Brooke Murray and other owners of property abutting on the West side of Painswick Road from Suffolk Road to Ashford Road, protesting against the action of the Council in calling upon the abutting owners to pave, channel, and kerb the footpath there so far as these works had not already been carried out. Resolved, That the Committee cannot recommend the Council to vary or rescind their previous resolution.

3—Locomotives on Highways—The question of the restriction of locomotive traffic within the Borough discussed at the last monthly meeting of the Council was considered.

The Town Clerk reported that the Council had power under the Locomotives Act, 1898, to make Byelaws:-

(a) Prohibiting or restricting the use of locomotives on any specified highway in the borough on account of the highway being crowded or unfitted for locomotive traffic, or of the inconvenience caused to inhabitants, or of any other reasonable cause; and

(b) Regulating the use of locomotives and of waggons drawn by locomotives on any highway; and

(c) Prohibiting or restricting the use of a locomotive on any specified bridge in the borough if deemed by the Council unsuitable for locomotive traffic.

But any bye-laws so made are subject to confirmation by the Local Government Board, who are required by the Act in connection with the confirmation of any bye-laws, to have regard to the necessities of through locomotive traffic and of persons who own or use locomotives.

Byelaws have been made by the Council prohibiting the use of locomotives in the Promenade and Colonnade (from Montpellier Rotunda to High Street), and also in the High Street (from St. George's Street to Hales Road) except that between North Street and St. George's Street locomotives are allowed from 6 p.m. to 10 a.m., and between Hales Road and Hewlett Street during the same hours.

These exceptions were made to provide for through traffic. These Byelaws do not apply to light locomotives, that is vehicles propelled by mechanical power under 3 tons in weight unladen and not used for drawing more than one vehicle (such vehicle and locomotive not exceeding in weight unladen 4 tons). Light locomotives come under the Motor Car Acts, 1896 and 1903, and the regulations of the Local Government Board made thereunder, and the Town Council have no power to make

byelaws applying to light locomotives except as to the use of bridges, but the Local Government Board have power to make regulations of a local nature and limited to a particular area, and may on the application of any local authority prohibit or restrict the use of light locomotives for purposes of traction in crowded streets or in other places where such use may be attended with danger to the public.

The general regulations made by the Board provide as to " light locomotives " exceeding 2 tons in weight unladen for maximum speeds of 6, 8, or 12 miles an hour according to the weight and method of construction of the vehicle.

JOHN D. BENDALL, Chairman.

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At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, the 26th May, 1909.—Present: The Mayor, Alderman Skillicorne, Councillors Baker, Bendall, Gridley, Haddock and King-Harman, (Councillor Bendall in the Chair).

4—Borough Surveyor's Monthly Report Re Highways--The Borough Surveyor reported that the work completed by the Highways Department from the 23rd April, to the 20th May, 1909 (both inclusive) had been as follows:--

Roads Repaired—Promenade (2,622 super yards), Queen's Circus (306 square yards), Imperial Lane (773 square yards), Pittville Crescent (2,912 square yards) (tar macadam), Bath Road (900 square yards).

Roads patched—London Road, Hale's Road, St. Philip's Street, Winchcombe Street, and Bath Road.

Sewer Trenches repaired—Imperial Square and Sydenham Road N.

Electricity Trenches repaired—Tivoli Place, High Street, Segrave Place, Ashford Road, Leckhampton Road, and Grafton Terrace.

Gas Trenches repaired—Priory Street, Sherborne Street, Queen's Road and Gloucester Road.

Roads tar painted—Montpellier Terrace (6,589 super yards), Lansdown Road (13,385 super yards), Lansdown Place (9,422 super yards), Leckhampton Road (14,375 super yards).

Footpaths tar painted—Shurdington Road (714 square yards), Church Road (240 square yards), Lansdown Road (3,850 square yards), St. Stephen's Road (120 square yards), Moorend Park Road (3,351 square yards).

New paving laid— High Street (100 square yards) and Clarence Street.

Paving repaired—Duke Street, High Street and Bath Road.

Footpaths Gravelled—Vittoria Walk (411 square yards). Manhole covers renewed-2. Manholes paved round-4. Public Street Improvements—Promenade (proceeding).

Dead trees removed—Pittville Circus Road, 2 ; Albion Street, 1 ; Leckhampton Road, 1; St. George's Road, 1; Alstone Avenue, 1 ; Gloucester Road, 1 ; Promenade, 2.

Ashes Collection and Disposal—During 4 weeks ended the 20th May, 1909, 868 loads collected, 836 consumed, and 32 tipped away. Weight consumed, 851 tons 7 cwts. 2 qrs.

Slab Factory—During 4 weeks ended the 13th May, 1909, 560 square yards of slabs and 1,383 lineal feet of kerb made.

5—Report of Plans Sub-Committee—The Chairman reported the proceedings of the Plans Sub-Committee at their Meetings on the 11th and 26th inst. Resolved, That the same be approved and adopted.

6—Telegraph Poles, Gloucester Road--Read an application from the Post Office Authorities for permission to remove 5 telegraph poles from one side of Gloucester Road to the opposite side, Resolved, That further consideration of the application be adjourned for the Committee to view.

7—Tree Guards—Read a letter from Col. Griffith calling attention to the absolute necessity for the provision of guards to protect the young trees planted by the Corporation from time to time. The Borough Surveyor reported that about 400 guards were required at a cost of £121. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to purchase some tree guards at a cost of £140.

8—Road Conference—The Borough Surveyor reported as to the proceedings at the Conference of Road Authorities and others held in London on the 29th April as to the construction and management of roads.

9—Apportionment of the Private Improvement Expenses—Sandford Road—The Borough Surveyor reported that the private improvement works ordered in Sandford Road had been carried out by the Corporation at a cost of £144 13s. 6d. which amount was due from the owners of premises abutting upon the footpath in accordance with frontage. Resolved, That the apportionment be approved and notice thereof and of demand of repayment be served on the abutting owners.

10—Footpath, West side of Queen's Circus and Montpellier Avenue—Read, a memorial signed by Mr. E. Parker and others calling attention to the condition of the paving on the West side of Queen's Circus and Montpellier Avenue, and asking that the footpath in question should be repaved with concrete slabs. Resolved, That the consideration of the request be adjourned for the Council to view.

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11—Church Road, Leckhampton—Read a letter from Canon Proctor thanking the Council for the pathway recently made along a portion of the North side of Church Road, but suggesting that the improvement should be carried further and that the Council should reconsider its decision as to widening the road at the corner of Church Road and Hall Road. Resolved, That the Council regret they are unable to entertain the matter at present.

JOHN D. BENDALL.

Chairman

PLANS SUB-COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Sub-Committee held on Tuesday, the 11th May, 1909. Present:—Councillors Baker, Bendall, Hayward and King-Harman (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.
773	Ladies' College Council	New Bay Window at Fauconberg, corner of Overton and Parabola Roads.
774	E. Pearce	New Bay Window at Lagarie, Eldorado Road.
775	Corpus Christi College, Oxford	Nine W.C's, Lime Kiln Row.

Resolved. That Plans Nos. 773 and 774 be approved and that Plans Nos. 775 be approved, subject to the party walls being 9 inches in thickness in each case.

JOHN D. BENDALL,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Sub-Committee held on Wednesday, the 26th May, 1909. Present: Councillors Baker, Bendall, Hayward and King-Harman (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
776	L. G. Silk ..	Alterations to No. 19 Clarence Square.
777	Dr. Flecker	New Conservatory, Dean Close School.
778	J. L. Robertson	New Billiard Room, No. 1 Royal Well Terrace (amended plans).
779	R. Marshall	Additions to Fairmount, Fairmount Road.

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780	Debenham, Longman & Co.	New Photographic Studio, rear of No. 33, Promenade.
781	Cheltenham Board of Guardians	New Engine Room, Union Workhouse, Swindon Road.
782	Palace Theatre Co., Ltd.	Conversion of Victoria Rooms into a Theatre (amended plans).

Resolved, That plans Nos 777 and 781 be approved, that Plans Nos. 776 be approved, subject to the same being passed by the Town Improvement Committee, that Plans Nos. 778 be approved, subject to the drainage being carried out to the satisfaction of the Inspector of Nuisances, and that Plans Nos. 779, 780 and 782 be disapproved

JOHN D. BENDALL, Chairman.

TOWN IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 24th May, 1909. Present:—Aldermen Rogers and Winterbotham, Councillors Baker, Green, Packer, Steel and Stroud (Councillor Baker in the Chair).

1—Use of Boats at Pittville by College Boating Club—Read an application from the Cheltenham College Boating Club for permission to use the boats on Marle Hill Lake this year on payment of £5 5s. as in previous years. Resolved, That the application be granted.

2.—Pittville Lawn Name-Plate—Read a letter from the Rev. W. L. Lang asking that the name-plate for Pittville Lawn be removed from its present position near Pittville Gates to "Kenilworth," Pittville Lawn. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed accordingly.

3—Pittville Lawn Garden—Read letters from Mr. V. L. D. Broughton, of Eastholme, Wellington Square, complaining that dogs were allowed in the garden opposite Pittville Lawn, in which garden he was the tenant of a tennis court.

Read a memorial from Colonel Forbes and other residents on the Pittville Estate protesting against the attempt to exclude dogs without a lead from the garden.

Resolved, That the draft letter to Mr. Broughton and the memorialists submitted by the Town Clerk be approved.

4—Cheltenham Carnival—Read a letter from Messrs. Baring Bros. applying for the use of the Montpellier Garden, and when they are otherwise engaged, the Pittville Garden, for Carnival rehearsals. Resolved, That the use of the Montpellier Gardens when not otherwise engaged be granted for the purpose mentioned, any damage to be made good by the Carnival Committee.

5—Band on Whit-Monday—Resolved, That the offer of the Town Band to play for two hours on Whit-Monday morning in the Promenade for a fee of £3 be accepted.

6—Presentations to Pittville—Read a letter from Sir William Thiselton Dyer stating that the Director of Kew, Lieut-Col. Prain, C.I.E., F.R.S., had most generously sent a large number of water plants for the margin of the lake at Pittville, and these had been planted and would much improve the appearance of the Like. Resolved, That the cordial thanks of the Council be conveyed to Lieut.-Colonel Praia for his valuable gift.

WILLIAM A. BAKER, Chairman.

ELECTRICITY AND LIGHTING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, the 20th May, 1909—Present: Alderman Norman, councillors Green, Gridley, Hayward, Merrett, Rees Jones and Steel (Councillor Gridley in the chair).

1—Gas Examiner's Report—The Gas Examiner reported that he had tested the gas for illuminating power on the 16th inst., with the following result:-15.1 candles. Tests for purity made on the 3rd and

4th inst., showed 41 grains of sulphur, and on the 18th and 19th inst., 36 grains of sulphur per 100 cubic feet.

2—Quality of Gas—Read, a letter from the Clerk to the Gas Company stating that the memorial complaining of the inferior quality of the gas recently presented to the Council and forwarded to the Company had been carefully considered by the Directors. The Directors desired to remind the Committee that the quality and power of the gas supplied in Cheltenham are practically the same as now generally adopted throughout the country. They were assured that if suitable burners are used and reasonable attention paid to them the allegation in the memorial that the gas is less efficient and more expensive than formerly is devoid of foundation. The Directors were willing when requested by the consumers to send an Inspector to examine fittings and report gratuitously as to any defects and they were also prepared to continue the free supply of suitable flat flame burners in place of any old flat flame burners still in use. Every care would continue to be taken to make the gas as pure as possible and to conform to the regulations laid down by law.

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—Salary of Station Superintendent—Read, a letter from Mr. J. M. Robb, Superintendent of the Central Works, applying for an increase in his salary, at present £3 per week. Resolved, That his salary be increased to 3s. per week.

5—Tenders for Coal—The tenders received for the supply of coal for the Electricity Works for 6 or 12 months from the 30th June, 1909, were opened. Resolved, That the same be referred to the Borough Electrical Engineer for consideration and report.

6—Charges for Service Cable—On the recommendation of the Borough Electrical Engineer, Resolved. That in lieu of the present scale as to free service cable, the following scale be adopted, viz :—that 1 ft. of service cable inside the consumer's premises for every five 8 c.p. lamps included in the installation with a minimum of 10 feet be supplied free by the Corporation and that the resolution to Minute No. 9 of this Committee of the 20th January, 1904, be amended accordingly.

7—Applications for Supply—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that he had received an application for supply to the new Junior Department of Cheltenham College, Thirlestaine Road. It had been arranged that supply should be given by means of a high pressure service cable from Thirlestaine Road, laid on the consumer's premises, a transformer chamber to be also constructed by the Corporation thereon. The cost of the service cable and transformer chamber would be £62 17s. 1d., towards which the College would have to pay £30 3s. The Town Clerk submitted a draft agreement embodying these terms. Resolved, That the same be approved and the work carried out.

The Borough Electrical Engineer also reported that he had received several enquiries as to supply to houses in King's Road. Resolved, That subject to the usual guarantee of 20 per cent. for three years on the cost, he be authorised to make any necessary extension of the main.

8—Electric supply to the Home for Sick Children—Read, a letter from the Hon. Secretary of the Home for Sick Children, Battledown, asking the Committee to make a reduction in the charges for

electric supply to the institution. Resolved, That the Committee regret they cannot accede to the request.

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9—Wire attachment to Electric Light Standard, Montpellier Walk--Read an application from the District Manager of the National Telephone Co. for permission to make an attachment to an electric light standard in Montpellier Walk. in order to carry a telephone wire to the Public Call Office there. Resolved, That the wayleave be granted on payment of 1s per annum and subject to three months' notice as to removal of the wire at any time.

10—Painting of Electric Light Standards—Read a letter from Lieut.-Colonel Berkeley-Calcott suggesting that the electric light standards in Lansdown Road should be painted. Resolved, That the Committee regret they cannot at present carry out the suggestion.

EDWARD GRIDLEY,

Chairman.

WATER COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Thursday, the 27th May, 1909—Present Councillors Baker, Davis, Earengy, Green, Haddock, Margrett and Stroud (Councillor Margrett 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 25th May, 1909.	Average for corresponding period during last 3 years.
Hewletts Springs	205,000 gallons	219,000 gallons
Dowdeswell Springs	708,000 "	909,000 "
Leckhampton	60,000 "	46,000 "
Total	973,000 "	1,174,000 "

CONTENTS OF RESERVOIRS.

	May 25th, 1909.		May 25th, 1908.	
	Depth	Contents	Depth	Contents
Hewletts	...	11, 914,000 gallons	...	25,171,000 gallons
Leckhampton	5ft.10in.	787,000 "	12ft. 0in.	1,620,000 "
Dowdeswell	28ft.11in.	84,179,000 "	31ft. 10in.	99,145,000 "
Total Storage		96,880,000 "		125,936,000 "

73 yards of 3-in. main had been laid for the supply of cottages in Edward Street.

2—Water Supply to Oaklands Estate, Prestbury Road—Read, a letter from Mr. F. E. Jenkins, applying for an extension of water main for supply to the Oaklands Estate, building operations on which would shortly commence. Resolved, That the matter be left in the hands of the Borough Engineer.

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3—Salts Farms, Dowdeswell—The Inspector of Nuisances submitted a specification of the works necessary to be carried out to the cowsheds at Salts Farm, Dowdeswell, to comply with the requirements of the Charlton Kings Urban District Council. The cost would be about £24 10s. 0d. Resolved, That the Borough Engineer be instructed to have the works carried out.

4—Sedimentation Basin at Dowdeswell—With reference to Minute No. 2 of this Committee of the 24th September last, the Town Clerk submitted agreement with the owners and occupier of Rosley Farm, embodying the terms arranged with them for the deposit of materials removed from the sedimentation basin at Dowdeswell on land forming part of Rosley Farm. The agreement gave permission to the Corporation to make such deposit during the months of June, July, August, September and October, 1909, or at such other time as may be agreed upon with the tenant, payment to be made by the Corporation to the tenant at the rate of £15 per acre for the land so occupied, the material to be deposited in such a manner as to leave a smooth surface. Resolved, That the agreement be approved and the Corporate Seal affixed thereto, and that the Borough Engineer be instructed to advertise for tenders for cleaning out the basin.

5—Undue Consumption of Water—Resolved, That an advertisement be inserted in the local papers calling attention to the liability to penalties incurred by persons causing an undue consumption of water or using any apparatus in connection with water supply to gardens or otherwise except as previously agreed with the Corporation.

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

C. H. MARGRETT,

Chairman.

GENERAL PURPOSES AND WATCH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, the 25th May, 1909. Present: The Mayor, Aldermen Haddon, Norman, Rogers, Skillicorne, Waghorne and Winterbotham, Councillors Baker, M. Davis, Gridley, Margrett 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.

2—Report of Fire Brigade Captain—The Captain of the Fire Brigade reported that on the 1st inst. the Brigade was called to a slight outbreak of fire at No. 2, Shelburne Villas, Lansdown Road, caused by an escape of gas. Damage about £3. Brigade expenses, £3 4s. 0d. Buildings and contents insured.

3—Transfer of Hackney Carriage Licences—Read, a letter from Sir. George Roebuck, of 3 Berkeley Avenue, applying for the transfer to him of Hackney Carriage Licences Nos. 87 and 94, held at the time of her death by his mother.

Read, letters from the Executrix of the will of Mrs. Roebuck and from Mrs. Palmer, sister of the applicant, assenting to the proposed transfer. Resolved, That the application be acceded to Read, letters from Mr. F. Pittaway, of Oxford News, Corpus Street, and Mr. M. T. James, of North Cerney,

applying the transfer of Licences Nos. 33 and 39 from the former to the latter, he having purchased the business. Resolved, That the application be granted.

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4—Licences for Taximeter Motor Cabs—Read, a letter from Mr. Henry Hartley, of No. 39 Corporation Street, Birmingham, stating that he desired to secure licences for 20 taximeter motor cabs to be run in Cheltenham under the same conditions as in London, Birmingham, Manchester and other large towns. He should be pleased to attend a meeting of the Committee to discuss the matter and give any additional information desired. Resolved, That the further consideration of the application be adjourned.

5—Storage of Carbide of Calcium—The Town Clerk submitted Form of Licence and Conditions to be observed by those to whom licences under the Petroleum Acts and Orders may be granted for the storage of carbide of calcium. Resolved, That the same be approved, and that the Town Clerk be instructed to have a summary of the provisions of the Acts and Orders on the subject of the storage of carbide of calcium printed for circulation.

Read, an application from Mr. T. A. Smith, of No. 33, Winchcombe Street, for a licence to keep 112 lbs. of carbide of calcium at his premises. Resolved, That a licence be granted subject to the conditions already approved by the Committee.

6—Watchmakers' and Jewellers' Shops Closing Order—Read, a letter from the Home Office stating that the Secretary of State thought that the Council had not taken a right view of their duty in regard to the enforcement of the provisions of this Order and that it is in his opinion the clear intention of the Shop Hours' Act, 1904, that the body responsible for making the Order should also be responsible for its enforcement.

7—Light Railway Fares—Read, a letter from the Light Railway Commissioners stating that the Light Railway Company had withdrawn their application for an Amending Order as to fares.

8—Folly Lane Allotments—Read, a memorial from 45 holders of Corporation allotments in Folly Lane, asking that the Corporation water should be laid on to the allotments. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be asked to report upon the cost of complying with the request.

9—Public Health Acts Amendment Act, 1907—Servants' Registry Offices—Read, a Memorial signed by the lady members of the Boards of Guardians for Gloucester and Cheltenham, local representatives of the National Union of Women Workers, the Girls' Friendly Society, Waifs and Strays Society, Christian Social Union and others urging upon the Council the strong necessity for the adoption in the Borough of Section 85 of the Public Health Acts' Amendment Act, 1907, relating to the registration of Servants' Registry Offices, Resolved, That the further consideration of the matter be adjourned.

10—Street Hawkers --Read, a report by the Town Clerk with respect to the question of the nuisance caused by street hawkers, and as to the powers possessed by the Council in regard to the same. Resolved, That consideration of the matter be adjourned.

11—Poisons and Pharmacy Act, 1908—Read, applications from Mr. William Yates, of No. 432 High Street, Messrs. John James and Francis John Cypher, of Queen's Road Nurseries, Mr. Walter P. Hume, of No: 58 High Street, and Mr. George Edward Pates, of the Imperial Nurseries, Bayshill, for licences to sell and keep open shop for the sale of poisonous substances to which section 2 of the Poisons and Pharmacy Act, 1903 applied, for use exclusively in connection with horticulture. The applicants accompanied by their Solicitor, Mr. R. McLaren, attended before the Committee. Mr. W. H. Hill also attended as representing the Cheltenham & District Chemists Association to oppose the granting of licences on the ground that the reasonable requirements of the public with respect to the purchase of the poisonous substances referred to were already satisfied in view of the number of registered and qualified chemists prepared to supply the public at lowest current prices. He pointed out that practically the only substances used in connection with horticulture for which licences would be required were compounds containing nicotine and arsenic. Mr. McLaren for the applicants on the other hand pointed out that intending purchasers of such substances used in horticulture invariably desired advice both as to what articles should be purchased and the method of application and such advice could best be given by practical horticulturists and seedsmen. Resolved, That all the applications be refused, the Committee being of opinion that the reasonable requirements of the public in the matter are already satisfied.

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 May, 1909—Present: The Mayor, Councillors Bendall, Hayward, Merrett and Stroud (Councillor Stroud in the Chair).

1—Montpellier Baths—The Borough Accountant reported that the receipts and payments in respect of these Baths since the 21st March last, had been as follows:—

Receipts	£36 11 6
Rent of Shop	<u>£12 0 0</u>
	£43 11 6
Payments	£104 3 2
Interest & Redemption (proportion of)	<u>£44 3 4</u>
	£148 6 6

The Borough Surveyor reported that the chimney shaft at the Baths had been thoroughly repaired.

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	£37 13 7
Payments ...	£55 16 0
Interest & Redemption (proportion of)	<u>£27 19 0</u>
	£83 15 0

3—Attendance of Children from Elementary Schools—Resolved, That the following Time Table for the use of the Alstone Swimming Bath by Elementary School children be approved, and that the charge for each child be 1d :—

TUESDAY MORNING.

Hour	School	No. of Children
10-10.30	Practising ...	50
	St. Luke's	30
10.30-11	Christ Church ..	80
11-11.30	All Saints ...	80
11.30-12	Gloucester Road	<u>60</u>
		300

WEDNESDAY MORNING.

Hour	School	No. of Children
10-10.30	Parish Church	120
10.30-11	St. James' ...	36
	St. Mark's ..	30
	St. Gregory's	20
11-11.30	Holy Trinity	20
	St. John's ...	40
11.30-12	St. Peter's .	<u>100</u>
		366

FRIDAY MORNING.

Hour	School	No. of children
11.15-12	Parish Church (Girls')	50
	St. James' (Girls') ...	<u>20</u>
		70

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON.

3.45-1.15	Naunton Park	40
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Resolved, That the Education Committee be informed that in the opinion of this Committee at least one teacher should be sent in charge of every 40 children.

4—St. Mary's (Old) Cemetery—Read an application from Dr. Blakeney, Churchwarden, 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 living in the neighbourhood. Resolved, That the application be acceded to.

HERBERT STROUD, Chairman

BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, the 26th May, 1909—Present: Aldermen Haddon and Rogers, Councillors Baker, Gridley, King-Harman, Mann, Merrett, and Steel (Alderman Haddon in the Chair).

1—Superintendent's Report—The Superintendent of the Cemetery requested to be supplied with the usual quantity of bedding out plants at a cost of £5. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to supply the same.

2—Designs—Resolved, That the following designs be approved, viz. :—Headstones to graves of Fanny Adams, Charlotte Underwood, Susan and Henry Simmonds, Frances Augusta Hall, Elizabeth Hiscock and Jane Macey, Robert, Maria and Eunice Eliza Arundell. Memorial Cross to grave of Florence Beatrice Alcock. Kerbing to graves of Mary Moore, Ephraim Hoskins, Walter and Ann Hamlin, and William Clifford.

JOHN HADDON,

Chairman.

PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 18th May, 1909,—Present Alderman Rogers, Councillors Davies, Hayward, Mann, Margrett, and Merrett ; Rev. P. A. Nash, Messrs. A. Beckingsale, F. J. Caudle, Cresswell, and E. C. Rogers (Alderman Rogers in the Chair).

1—Librarian's Report—Read, the Monthly Report of the Librarian. Presentations:—The Principal, Cheltenham Ladies' College, 16 vols. ; Dr. Stephen Paget, 1 vol. ; Mrs. Mcllquham, 10 vols. ; Mrs. Malleon, 14 vols. ; Mrs. Hore, 1 vol.; Miss Gregg, 1 vol. Receipts, £6 14s. 5d.

The number of volumes consulted in the Reference Department during the month was 1,887. an average increase of 4 per day, as compared with the corresponding period of last year. The issues from the Lending Department numbered 11,103, an average increase of 6 per day, as compared with last year.

2—Sub-Committee's Report—The Sub-Committee reported that they met on the 6th inst. (Present: Alderman Rogers (Chairman), Councillors Davies, Green, Hayward, King-Harman and Merrett, and Mr. G. Dimmer. They recommended that 62 volumes of Notes and Queries (1849-1850) be purchased at a cost of £6 6s. 0d. That the fire extinguishing apparatus be extended to the basement of the Library building at a cost not exceeding one half of which will be paid by the Art Gallery and Museum Committee. Resolved, That the recommendations of the Sub-Committee be approved and adopted.

3—Bequest by the late Mr. R. E. Marshall—Read, a letter from Messrs. J. W. & A. E. Hattersley, Solicitors for the Executors of the late Mr. R. E. Marshall, stating that the Treasury had remitted the duties which would other-wise have been payable in respect of the bequest of books to the Corporation.

4—Presentation of Models—Read, a letter from Messrs. R. L. Boulton & Sons offering to present to the Corporation 2 plaster models, one of the Cheltenham South African War Memorial and the other of the Oxford War Memorial. Resolved, That the offer be accepted with the best thanks of the Council for the same. and that it be referred to the Sub-Committee to consider and report as to the most suitable positions for the models.

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5—Annual Report of Committee—The Librarian presented for approval the Annual Report of the Committee for the 1908-9. Resolved, That the same be approved, and that 1,000 copies be printed and distributed as in year Previous years.

RICHARD ROGERS, Chairman.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, the 2nd June, 1909. Present:—Aldermen Skillicorne and Waghorne' Councillors Merrett, Steel and Stroud (Alderman Waghorne in the Chair).

1—General District Rate—The Report of the Borough Accountant, dated the 2nd inst., on the collection of the first instalment of this Rate was read. Amount collected £2465 2s. 4d. Leaving outstanding £20948 6s. 7d.

2—Water Rate—The Report of the Borough Accountant dated the 2nd inst., on the collection of this Rate was read: Amount received £2174 13s. 5d. Leaving outstanding £10,097 2s. 3d.

3—Rating of Great Western Railway—Read, a letter from the Solicitor to the Great Western Railway Company, stating that they had objected to the Valuation List for Cheltenham, and in view of the demand made for the General District Rate based thereon they asked for an undertaking by the Corporation that the accounts would be adjusted in accordance with any amendments made in the Valuation List as a result of the Company's objection. If this were given the unnecessary expense and trouble of a formal appeal against the Rate would avoided. Resolved, That the undertaking be given.

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 27th April last	£ 9,189 17 6
Received since that date	<u>£ 7,190 4 7</u>
	£16,380 2 1
Paid since that date	<u>£ 7,609 2 5</u>
	In hand £8,770 19
Being General Accounts	£7,664 5 7
Sinking Funds	<u>£1,106 14</u>
	£8,770 19

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 7th June, 1909, at 3 p.m. Present:

THE MAYOR (JAMES TYNTE AGG-GARDNER, ESQUIRE) in the chair.

THE DEPUTY MAYOR (ALDERMAN JOHN WAGHORNE).

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

Councillors: WILLIAM ALFRED BAKER JOHN DAVID BENDALL RICHARD DAVIES MOSES DAVIS EDWINSON CHARLES GREEN EDWARD GRIDLEY PERCY HADDOCK CHARLES HAYWARD MONTAGUE JOCELYN KING-HARMAN ALFRED MANN CHARLES HENRY MARGRETT WILLIE JOHN MERRETT HENRY GEORGE NORTON TOM HERBERT PACKER THOMAS REES JONES ROBERT STEEL HERBERT STROUD.

1—Minutes of Previous Meetings—Resolved, That the Minutes of the Meetings of the Council on the 3rd, 10th and 18th May last having been printed and a copy sent to each Member of the Council, be taken as read, and that the same be adopted and confirmed.

2—Public Health Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Public Health Committee, at their Meetings of the 10th and 24th May last and 3rd June instant be approved and confirmed.

3—Farms Management Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Farms Management Committee, at their Meeting of the 21st May last be approved and confirmed.

4—Street and Highway Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Street and Highway Committee, at their Meetings of the 11th and 26th May last, be approved and confirmed.

5—Town Improvement Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Town Improvement Committee, at their Meeting of the 24th May 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 20th May last be approved and confirmed.

7—Water Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Water Committee, at their Meeting of the 27th May last, be approved and confirmed.

8—General Purposes & Watch Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the General Purposes and Watch Committee, at their Meeting of the 25th May last, be approved and confirmed, subject to the following amendment, viz. :—That in the resolution in Minute No. 11 (Poisons and Pharmacy Act, 1908) all the words after the word " be " be eliminated, and that the words " granted, the licences to expire on the 7th June, 1910, be added.

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 May last, be approved and confirmed.

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

11—Public Library Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Public Library Committee at their Meeting of the 18th May last, be approved and confirmed.

12—Finance Committee— Resolved, That the proceedings of the Finance Committee, at their Meeting of the 2nd June 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.

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 11th June 1909, at 10.30 a.m. Present:—

ALDERMAN NORMAN.

Councillors: WILLIAM ALFRED BAKER MOSES DAVIS EDWINSON CHARLES GREEN EDWARD GRIDLEY CHARLES HAYWARD, ROBERT STEEL MONTAGUE JOCELYN KING-HARMAN ALFRED MANN WILLIE JOHN MERRETT HENRY GEORGE NORTON THOMAS REES JONES

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 87 One-Horse Fly Licences, 1 Char-a-banc Licence, 17 Pony Carriage Licences, 21 Wheel Chair Licences, and 164 Drivers' Licences, including 13 new applicants. The fees received for licences amounted to £36 17s. 6d.

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Resolved, That the applications of James Babbage, Arthur Gardner and Harry Hill for renewal of their licences to drive hackney carriages be referred to the General Purposes and Watch Committee for consideration, and that the applicants be directed to attend before the Committee.

Read, an application for the transfer of Pony Carriage Licence No. 101 from Mr. C. W. Wells to Mr. Charles Piff. Resolved, That the same be referred to the General Purposes and Watch Committee for consideration and report.

3—Notice of Motion—Councillor Merrett gave notice of his intention to move at the next Monthly Meeting of the Council :—"That the Resolution to Minute No. 6 of the proceedings of the General Purposes and Watch Committee of the 19th January, 1909, approved by the Council, be rescinded, and the enforcement of the Watchmakers' and Jewellers' Shops' Closing Order be undertaken by this Council in conformity with the letter received from the Home Office."

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 5th July, 1909.

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 14th June, 1909. Present: Alderman Skillicorne, Councillors Davies, M. Davis, Hayward, King-Harman, Margrett and Rees Jones (Alderman Skillicorne in the Chair).

1—Zymotic Disease—The Medical Officer of Health reported that 9 cases of Scarlet Fever had been notified since the last meeting of the Committee, and that 7 of these had been sent into the Delancey Hospital.

2—Houses without proper Ash Receptacles—The Inspector of Nuisances reported that the following houses had no proper ashpits or ash receptacles, viz :—Nos. 4, Russell Place, Georgicot, Russell Place, 9, Russell Place, 10 & 11, Albert Street, St. Peter's, Vauxhall Inn, Tewkesbury Road, A 3 Swindon 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.

3—Overcrowding at Nos. 1, Albert Cottages, Russell Place, and 4, and 9a, Russell Place. — 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 91 of the Public Health Act, 1875, be served on the occupiers thereof, requiring them to abate the same.

4—Cleansing and Limewashing at Nos. 4, 9 and 9a, Russell Place, and 6 and 8, St. George's 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 the houses to be cleansed and limewashed.

5—Nuisances from Drains, etc., at The Whitesmith's Arms, Gloucester Road, Nos. 1, Gloucester Road, 1, Bloomsbury Street, 35, Tewkesbury Road, and 3, and 4, Eton Place, Bath Road, — The Inspector of Nuisances having made written application under Section 41 of the Public Health Act, 1875, stating that the drains, &c., on or belonging to the above-named houses were in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to health. Resolved, That authority be given to the Inspector of Nuisances to open the ground, examine the drains, and report to the Committee.

6—Insanitary Property—Nos. 4 and 9, Russell Place, and Cleaveland Cottage, Russell Place, 6 and 8, St. George's Avenue and 2, Albert Cottages, Russell Place.—The Medical Officer of Health reported that the above-mentioned premises were in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to the health of the inmates owing to defective roofs; walls, ceilings, floors, &c. Resolved, That the Council being satisfied that the said premises are in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to health, Notices under Section 94 of the Public Health Act, 1875, be served upon the owners requiring them to put the same into a healthy condition and for that purpose to carry out the works specified therein.

7—Destruction of Diseased Meat—The Medical Officer of health reported that on the 25th ult. 2 forequarters of beef (weight, 280 lbs) affected with tuberculosis, were surrendered at the Abattoir and destroyed as unfit for human food.

8—Hatherley Outfall Sewer—Claim by Winstone's Trustees—The Town Clerk reported the negotiations which had taken place with reference to the claim of the trustees of the late Mr. Chas. Winstone for compensation in respect of the laying of the Hatherley Outfall Sewer through land belonging to them. They originally claimed £120 2s. 10d. (Including £10 10s. 0d. costs), but had now agreed to accept in full settlement, including solicitor's and surveyor's charges. Resolved, That this offer be accepted.

W. NASH SKILLICORNE, Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, the 21st June, 1909—Present: The Mayor, Aldermen Norman and Skillicorne, Councillors Davies, M. Davis, King-Harman, Margrett and Rees Jones (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, 2 cases of Scarlet Fever, and 1 of Erysipelas, and that 2 cases of Scarlet Fever had been sent into the Delancey Hospital.

10--Overcrowding---Nos. 52 Stanhope Street & 52 Queen 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 each of the said premises, Notice under Sec. 94 of the Public Health Act, 1875, be served on the occupiers thereof requiring them to abate the same.

11—Houses without proper Ash Receptacles—The Inspector of Nuisances reported that the following houses had no proper ashpits or ash receptacles, viz : Nos. 3, 9, and 17, Malvern Street, 2, Whaddon Terrace, Malvern Street, 15, Elm Street, 1 and 2, Eaton Cottages, Bath Road, 3, 6 and 8,

Prospect Terrace and 33, Upper Park Street. — Resolved, That the necessary Notices be given to the respective owners under Section 36 of the Public Health Act, 1875, and Section 27 of the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1889, requiring them in each case to provide a moveable ash receptacle of such size, pattern, and construction as may be approved by the Inspector of Nuisances on behalf of the Corporation.

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12—Cleansing and Limewashing at Nos. 29, Hungerford Street, 16, Stanhope Street, 1 and 2 Elm and 2, Eaton Cottages, Bath Road—The Medical Officer of Health having certified under Section 46 of the Public Health Act, 1875, that the above-named dwelling-houses were in such a filthy and unwholesome condition that the health of the inmates was affected or endangered thereby. Resolved, That Notice be given to the owners under the said Section requiring the houses to be cleansed and limewashed.

13—Nuisances from Drains, etc., at No. 42 and 44, Brunswick 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 and 2, Eaton Cottages, Bath Road, 4, Short Street, and 3, 6, and 8, Prospect Terrace.—The Medical Officer of Health reported that the above-mentioned premises were in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to the health of the inmates owing to defective roofs, walls, ceilings, floors, 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—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 yard pitching, roofs, 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 18th June, 1909. — Present: Councillors M. Davis, Green, Gridley, King-Harman, Margrett and Steel (Councillor Davis in the chair).

1—Farm Manager's Report—Read, the Monthly Report of the Farms Manager. Since the last monthly meeting 59 head of cattle had been purchased for £606 5s. 0d., and the following sales had been made :-24 sheep for £47 5s. 1d., and 8 head of cattle (including 2 calves) for £106 19s. 3d). (Total sales, £154 4s. 4d). 2 calves had been bred on the farms. The number of livestock on the Farms on the 18th inst. was 11 horses and 2 colts, 163 head of cattle, 74 sheep, and 4 pigs, all doing very well. 6 tons 18 cwts. of hay had been delivered to the Central Depot, and 148 fleeces of wool had been sold at 11d. per lb. Received for ploughing, £8, and for pea sticks and faggots, 23s 8d. He

recommended the purchase of a 40-round ladder, and some more cattle and sheep. Resolved, That the recommendations be approved and adopted.

2—Inspection of Farms—The Chairman reported that the Committee visited the Farms on the 9th inst. (Present Alderman Skillicorne, Councillors Gridley, Margrett, Steel and himself), and inspected the whole of the livestock, and found the same in satisfactory condition.

M. DAVIS,

Chairman.

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STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, the 15th day of June, 1909—Present: Aldermen Haddon, and Skillicorne. Councillors Baker, Bendall, Gridley, Haddock, King-Harman and Norton (Councillor Bendall in the Chair).

1—Street Projections—Read, a letter from Messrs. R. Organ & Sons applying on behalf of the River Plate Fresh Meat Company for permission to place 2 electric lamps outside No. 371 High Street. Resolved, That the application be acceded to subject to compliance with the usual conditions.

2—Tree Guards—The following tenders received for the supply of 132 wrought iron tree guards were considered :—

Powell, Gwinnell & Co., Ltd.	5s each
David Davies	5s 1s “
S. C. H. Dix & Co.	5s 3 ¼d “
John Fisher & Sons, Ltd.	5s 6d “
R. Strang ...	5s 9d “
C. E. & J. Chandler	6s 11d “
Edwin Haddon	8s 9d “
W. L. Seage (Plough Yard)	11s “

Resolved, That the tender of Mr. D. Davies be accepted.

3—Association of Municipal and County Engineers—Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be authorised to attend the Annual Meeting of the Association of Municipal and County Engineers, to be held in London on the 24th, 25th and 26th inst.

4—Telephone Pole, Gloucester Road—Read, an application from the National Telephone Co. for permission to attach an 8-feet wire stay to a telephone pole in Gloucester Road. Resolved, That the application be referred to the Borough Surveyor, and that he be authorised in his discretion to give the permission asked for.

5—Railings in front of Promenade Terrace—The Borough Surveyor reported that in connection with the repaving of the footpath the owners of the houses in Promenade Terrace had been approached with a view to the substitution of a more suitable boundary fence for the present railings. The

owners of 10 out of the 11 houses had agreed to pay for the proposed new railings, including cost of fixing, the Corporation to provide and fix the concrete plinth to carry the railings. Resolved, That the proposal be approved, and the improvement carried out on the terms agreed in front of the houses the owners of which had consented to the same.

JOHN D. BENDALL,

Chairman

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, the 28th June, 1909.—Present Alderman Skillicorne, Councillors Baker, Bendall, Gridley, Haddock, King-Harman and Norton (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 May to the 24th June, 1909 (both inclusive) had been as follows:—

Roads Repaired—Queen's Road (2,800 square yards), High Street (480 super yards), Malvern Road (2,930 square yards), Princes Road (1,921 square yards), Grafton Road (3,666 square yards), Promenade (699 square yards).

Roads patched—Hale's Road, St. Philip's Street, Hatherley Street, London Road, and Tewkesbury Road.

Roads tar painted—Thirlestaine Road (6,416 square yards), Sandford Road (6,318 square yards), Charlton Lane (4,530 square yards), Old Bath Road (proceeding).

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Electricity Trenches repaired—Promenade, Carlton Street, Bath Road, High Street, Suffolk Road, Pittville Street and St. George's Road.

Gas Trenches repaired—Carlton Place and St. Paul's Road.

Sewer Trenches repaired—Leckhampton Road and Bloomsbury Street.

New slab paving laid—Promenade (2,109 square yards), Thirlestaine Road (30 square yards).

Paving repaired—Park Street, Bath Road, Norwood Road, Princes Road, Courtenay Street, Hatherley Street and Duke Street.

New kerb fixed—251 yards round trees in Promenade, 232 yards in Promenade.

New channel fixed—Promenade (216 lineal yards). New gateway crossing fixed—1. Crossings renewed—3.

Gullies renewed—5. Gully grates and frames fixed—3. Hayward's lights fixed—2.

Trees pruned—Sydenham Road, Montpellier Spa Road, Old Bath Road, Western Road, Bayshill, St. George's Road, Christ Church Road and Lansdown Road.

Tree guards fixed-11 in Eldorado Road.

Ashes Collection and Disposal—During 5 weeks ended the 24th June, 1909, 1,055 loads collected, 1,049 consumed, and 6 tipped away. Weight consumed, 1,065 tons 16 cwts. 1 qr.

Slab Factory—During 5 weeks ended the 17th June, 1909, 325 $\frac{3}{4}$ square yards of slabs and 508 lineal yards of kerb made.

7—View Meeting—The following Members attended the View Meeting on Friday last: — Alderman Haddon Councillors Bendall, Haddock and King-Harman.

8—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.

9—Land in Ambrose Street, at Side of No. 1, St. George's Square—Read, a letter from Mr. A. Creese, enquiring whether the Corporation were willing to sell the strip of land in Ambrose Street at the side of No. 1 St. George's Square. Resolved, That consideration of the matter be adjourned for the Committee to view.

10—Land in Alstone Lane, at Side of No. 1, Grange Crescent—Read, a letter from Mr. P. P. Taylor, on behalf of Mr. Baldwin, owner of No. 1, Grange Crescent, stating that the latter was willing to set back at his own expense his dwarf wall and fence to the line indicated to the Borough Surveyor, and give up the strip of land mentioned in his letter adjoining Alstone Lane, provided the Corporation would undertake the formation and paving, etc., of the footpath at their own expense. Resolved, That the offer be accepted, provided the wall and fence are at once set back to the new line.

11—Footpath in Lansdown Road—Read, a letter from Mr. F. B. Pottinger, asking that the tariff paving in front of his house, Oakleigh, Lansdown Road, should be replaced by gravel. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to bring up a specification, plan and 'estimate of the works to be carried out by the abutting owners to the footpath from the end of the present paving to the Railway bridge.

12—Trees—Read, a letter front Mrs. Austin, of Langmoor, Gloucester Road, asking that a large elm tree in front of her house should be removed or very much reduced in size. Resolved, That the tree be removed, and replaced at the proper time by a young tree.

Read, a letter from Colonel Ramsey, asking for the removal of a tree opposite No. 5, Montpellier Parade. Resolved. That the request be complied with.

Read, a complaint by Mr. G. H. Lane of the overgrown condition of the trees in St. Philips's Terrace. Resolved, That the complaint be referred to the Trees Sub-Committee for consideration.

13—Locomotives Act, 1898—The Town Clerk reported that he had received from the Local Government Board the draft Byelaw restricting the use of locomotives on Montpellier Street, to which the Board saw no objection subject to the addition of an exemption in favour of locomotives hauling or conveying goods to or from premises abutting upon the street or hauling material for the

repair of the street. This exemption had been inserted on the suggestion of the National Traction Engine Users' Association. Resolved, That a Byelaw be approved and made accordingly, and application be made to the Local Government Board after due notice for their approval of the same. (A print of the Byelaw accompanies these Minutes).

14—Nailsworth Terrace--The Town Clerk reported that a notice declaring the footpath on the West side of Nailsworth Terrace (a length of 320 feet) and the Western half of the roadway there (a length of 326 feet and a width of 11 feet) to be a highway, had been duly posted and advertised, and that no objection had been received to such declaration. Resolved, That the notice be recorded on the Minutes.

15—Telegraph Poles, Gloucester Road—With reference to the application of the Post Office Authorities for permission to move five telegraph poles from the West side of Gloucester Road to the East side, near Granley Road, the Committee having inspected the proposed new positions. Resolved, That permission be granted, subject to the exact positions for the poles being approved by the Borough Surveyor.

16—Private Improvement Works—Cleeve View Road and Whaddon Lane—Read, letters from Mr. Fitzroy Fowles and Mr. H. Brill objecting to the proposed private improvement works in Cleeve View Road unless Whaddon Lane is also put into proper repair, Resolved, That the writers be informed that the works in Cleeve View Road must be carried out, and that the condition of Whaddon Lane is engaging the attention of the Committee.

17—Footpath, West side of Queen's Circus and Montpellier Avenue—The Committee having inspected this footpath as to which a request had been received that it should be repaved, Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to repair the footpath where necessary.

JOHN D. BENDALL, Chairman.

PLANS SUB-COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Sub-Committee held on Wednesday, the 15th June, 1909. Present:—
Councillors Baker, Bendall, Hayward and King-Harman (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.
779	R. Marshall	Additions to Fairmount, Fairmount Road, St. Marks.
780	Davis Welby	New Studio at rear of 33, Promenade.
782	Palace Theatre Co.	Conversion of Victoria Rooms into Theatre (amended plans).
783	H. Unwin	Additions to Stables, Arle Court.
784	G. F. Ticehurst	New Conservatory, Dik-Oya, Hatherley Road.
785	G. S. Tarr	Alterations and additions, Oxford Passage and rear of 151 High Street.
786	T. Overbury	Additions to Bella Vista, Church Road, St. Mark's.
787	Dicks & Sons, Ltd.	Van Shed, rear of No. 51, St. George's Place.

Resolved, That Plans Nos. 779 and 784 be approved, that Plans Nos. 783 and 785 be approved, subject to the drain cz6 being carried out to the satisfaction of the Inspector of Nuisances, that Plans Nos. 787 be approved as a temporary building, subject to the usual agreement, that Plan Nos. 780 be also approved as a temporary building, subject to the usual agreement, and to the interior and exterior of the building being covered with " uralite," and that Plan, Nos. 782 and 786 be disapproved.

JOHN D. BENDALL, Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Sub-Committee held on Friday, the 25th June, 1909. 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 an intended new Building, viz:—

No. of Plan	Name	Description
786	T. Overbury	Additions to Bella Vista, Church Road, St. Mark's.

Resolved, That the plan be approved, subject to the drainage being carried out to the satisfaction of the Inspector of Nuisances.

JOHN D. BENDALL,

Chairman.

TOWN IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held at Montpellier Gardens on Monday, the 7th June, 1909.

Present:—Alderman Rogers, Councillors Baker, Green, Hayward, Packer, Steel and Stroud (Councillor Baker in the Chair).

1—Lavatory Accommodation at Montpellier Gardens—The Borough Surveyor submitted amended plans for the provision of ladies' lavatory accommodation, etc., at the Montpellier Gardens Lodge. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to provide 4 W.C.'s at the Lodge at a cost not exceeding £20, and that the work be carried out forthwith.

WILLIAM A. BAKER,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, the 18th June, 1909. Present: Alderman Rogers, Councillors Baker, Green, Hayward, Packer and Steel (Councillor Baker in the Chair).

2—Use of Montpellier Gardens by Carnival Committee—The attention of this Committee having been called to the fact that the Carnival Committee had advertised a firework display to take place in

Montpellier Gardens, and that Studt's Roundabouts and Helter Skelter had been engaged for Carnival Week, Col. Ashburner, Dr. Blakeney, Mr. H. A. Webb and Mr. E. Baring attended this meeting on behalf of the Carnival Committee. The deputation explained that the fireworks would consist of set pieces only, and not be of a noisy character, and that no steam or other organ would be played in connection with the roundabouts. Resolved, That in view of the fact that definite contracts have been entered into by the Carnival Committee with Messrs. Pain and Mr. Studt this Committee acquiesce in the arrangements made, subject to the following conditions being observed:—

(1) That the fireworks will only consist of set illuminated pieces, and that no rockets, crackers or other fireworks of a noisy explosive character will be used.

(2) That the ground set apart for the display of the set pieces will be roped off, and all proper precautions taken to avoid risk of injury to spectators.

(3) That the side shows will merely consist of a Gondola Roundabout and a Helter Skelter, and that no steam organ, hand organ, steam whistle or other mechanical music will be used.

(4) That no screen other than a clean canvass screen shall be erected round the Gardens, and that such screen shall not be erected until immediately before the commencement of the programme, and shall be removed each evening.

(5) That all damage to the turf, gravel paths or shrubs shall be made good by the Corporation, and the cost thereof repaid by the Carnival Committee to the Corporation on demand.

(6) The Committee reserve liberty to require the side shows to be discontinued if it is found that they cause serious annoyance or nuisance to the residents in the neighbourhood.

(The deputation gave an assurance that these conditions would be observed).

WILLIAM A. BAKER, Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, the 21st June, 1909. Present —The Mayor, Councillors Baker, Green, Hayward, Packer and Steel (Councillor Baker in the Chair).

3—Alterations to No. 19, Clarence Square—The plans submitted by Mr. L. G. Silk for alterations to No. 19, Clarence Square were considered. Resolved, That the same be approved.

4—Uniforms for Custodians of Gardens—Resolved, That the two park keepers at Pittville (G. Bullock and J. Oliver) and the Caretaker of Montpellier Gardens (W. Newman) be provided with uniform.

5—Season Fishing Tickets at Pittville—Read, a Memorial signed by Mr. W. H. Carey and others asking that the charge for a season fishing ticket at Pittville be reduced from 7s 6d to 4s Resolved. That the price of a season fishing ticket be reduced to 5s, and that the Resolution to Minute No. 7 of this Committee of the 19th March, 1900, be varied accordingly.

Resolved, also, That Councillor Green and the Borough Surveyor be authorised to arrange for restocking the lakes at Pittville with fish.

WILLIAM A. BAKER, Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 28th June, 1909. Present:—Councillors Baker Green, Packer, Steel and Stroud (Councillor Baker in the Chair).

6—Use of Montpellier Gardens by Carnival Committee—Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to write to the Carnival Committee pointing out that the Committee had failed to observe the conditions of their undertaking that no noisy explosive fireworks should be used, and also that the screen should be removed after each performance

7—Lease of Winter Garden—The Town Clerk submitted draft lease of the Winter Garden to Gillsmiths, Limited. He reported that Mr. Smith asked that he should not be required to cover the whole of the floor space of the building with a maple floor, and proposed that the 2 transepts should not be so covered. Resolved, That Mr. Smith be informed that the Committee cannot recommend the Council to modify the condition that the whole of the floor of the building must be covered.

WILLIAM A. BAKER,

Chairman.

ELECTRICITY AND LIGHTING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held at the Electric Works on Thursday, the 17th June, 1909— Present: Councillors Green, Gridley, Hayward, Merrett, Norton, Rees Jones and Steel (Councillor Gridley in the chair).

1—Gas Examiner's Report—The Gas Examiner reported that he had tested the gas for illuminating power on the 16th inst., with the following result:- 14.7 candles. Tests for purity made on the 16th and 17th inst., showed 41 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—Tenders for Coal—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported upon the tenders opened at the last meeting from 16 firms containing over 100 quotations for the supply of slack coal for the Electric Works for 6 or 12 months commencing the 1st prox. Careful tests had been made of 10 different coals, and in addition reference had been made to a large number of tests taken on previous occasions. From these the three best coals appeared to be Cannop, Norchard and Howbeach, of which the first gave the best all-round results. The lowest tenders received for the supply of the coals mentioned were as follows:—

Pates & Co., Cannop	9s 11d per ton
Webb Bros., Norchard	10s 0d per ton
A. H. Nott, Howbeach	10s 0d per ton

Resolved, That the tender of Messrs. Pates & Co. for the supply of Cannop coal at 9s 11d per ton for 12 months from the 1st prox. be accepted, subject to a contract being entered into.

4—Tenders for Carbons—The Borough Electrical Engineer submitted tenders from 6 firms for the supply of about 100,000 carbons. Resolved, That the tender of the Sloan Electrical Co., Ltd., at £1 10s. 6d. per 1,000, less 2i per cent. discount, be accepted, their tender being the lowest.

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5—Lighting of Hall Road—Read, a letter from Councillor Mann calling attention to the lighting of Hall Road, and suggesting that another lamp should be fixed in the road and the position of an existing lamp altered. Resolved, That consideration of the letter be adjourned for the Committee to view.

EDWARD GRIDLEY,

Chairman.

WATER COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Thursday, the 24th June, 1909—Present: The Mayor, Councillors Baker, Davis, Earengy, Green, Haddock, and Margrett (Councillor Margrett 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 22nd June, 1909.	Average for corresponding period during last 3 years.
Hewletts Springs	157,000 gallons	185,000 gallons
Dowdeswell Springs	421,000 "	564,000 "
Leckhampton	43,000 "	34,000 "
Total	621,000 "	783,000 "

CONTENTS OF RESERVOIRS.

	June 22nd, 1909.		June 22nd, 1908.	
	Depth	Contents	Depth	Contents
Hewletts	...	10,093,000 galls	...	21,273,000 gallons
Leckhampton	5ft. 9in.	776,000 "	11ft. 6in.	1,553,000 "
Dowdeswell	25ft. 4in.	67,207,000 "	29ft. 0in.	84,588,000 "
Total Storage		78,076,000 "		107,414,000 "

A length of 109 yards of 4-inch main had been laid in the new road on the Oaklands Estate, Prestbury.

2—Extension of Main—The Borough Engineer submitted an application he had received from Mr. G. Musgrove for an extension of main to supply 8 houses to be erected by him in School Road, Charlton Kings. It would be necessary to lay about 134 yards of main at an estimated cost of £30. The charges received from the houses when built and occupied would exceed the usual 10 per cent. per annum upon the cost of the extension. Resolved, That the main be extended, subject to the applicant guaranteeing a return of 10 per cent. per annum upon the cost until the eight houses have been erected and occupied.

3—Sedimentation Basin at Dowdeswell—The following tenders were received for cleaning out the sedimentation basin at Dowdeswell :—

	Per cubic yard of Material removed	
Mark Williams & Co., Cheltenham	..	1s. 9d
James Merritt, Birkenhead	1s. 9d.
Bomford & Evershed, Ltd., Evesham	..	2s. 0d.
George Emery, Aston, Birmingham	..	2s. 0d.
Wm. Cresswell & Co., Cheltenham	..	2s. 6d
H. Packer, Cheltenham	..	3s. 0d.
S. B. Dix, Cheltenham	..	3s. 6d.

The Borough Engineer estimated that the quantity of material to be removed would be about 6,000 cubic yards. Resolved, That the tender of Messrs. Mark Williams & Co. be accepted, subject to their entering into a contract, to be prepared by the Town Clerk.

4—Report of Stores Sub-Committee—The Chairman reported that he and Councillor Green had visited Sandford and Tewkesbury Works, and checked the stores kept at those places. 5—Appeals—The cases entered in 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 22nd June, 1909. Present: The Mayor, Aldermen Haddon, Norman, Rogers, Skillicorne, Waghorne and Councillors Baker, Bendall, M. Davis, and Margrett (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—Tuberculosis Order, 1909—Read, a letter from the Board of Agriculture and Fisheries, enclosing a copy of the Tuberculosis Order, 1909, made by the Board, which would come into operation on the 1st January, 1910. The Order was issued as a result of the opinion of the Board that it must now be accepted as a fact that tuberculosis is transmissible to human beings by the agency of milk, and that if it were possible to eradicate the disease in animals a material step would have been taken in the campaign against the disease in man. The Order provided for the destruction of every cow found to be suffering from tuberculosis of the udder, and also of all bovine animals which are emaciated from tuberculosis. Any cow proved to be giving tuberculous milk should also be similarly dealt with. The Order provided for the payment of compensation by the local authorities to owners of animals slaughtered in accordance with the classification as to the degree of disease as set out in the Order.

The Board intimated that a further letter would be addressed to local authorities dealing more particularly with points of administrative detail.

3—Report of Fire Brigade Captain—The Captain of the Fire Brigade reported that on the 28th inst. the Brigade was called to a slight outbreak of fire at Walworth House, Thirlestaine Road, caused by gas igniting window curtains. Damage, £10. Brigade expenses, £2 17s. 0d. Buildings and contents insured.

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He applied for permission for a section of the Brigade to attend at Gloucester on the 23rd inst. on the occasion of the Royal visit, their assistance having been invited by the local Reception Committee. Resolved, That permission be granted.

4—Storage of Carbide of Calcium—Read, an application from Mr. A. C. Stretton, Manager of Strettons, Ltd., for a licence to keep 168 lbs. of carbide of calcium at No. 7 Bath Road. The Inspector having reported that the proposed place of storage was satisfactory, Resolved, That a licence be granted, subject to the conditions approved by the Council at its last Monthly Meeting.

5—Hackney Carriage Drivers' Licences—The applications of Messrs. Arthur Gardner, James Babbage and Harry Hill for renewal of their licences to drive hackney carriages were considered, together with a list of the convictions recorded against each for contravention of the Byelaws and other offences. None of the applicants were in attendance. Resolved, That the licence of Mr. Arthur Gardner be not renewed. and that consideration of the other applications be adjourned to the next monthly meeting of this Committee, and that the applicants be requested to attend such meeting.

6—Transfer of Hackney Carriage Licence—Read, a letter from Mr. C. W. Wells, of Railway View, Granley Road, applying for the transfer of Hackney Carriage Licence No. 101 to Mr. C. Piff, of the Nags Head Inn, High Street. Read, a letter from Mr. C. Piff stating that he was willing to purchase the carriage if the licence could be transferred. Resolved, That the application be not granted.

7—Licences for Taximeter Motor Cabs—The application from Mr. Henry Hartley, of Birmingham, for licences for 20 taximeter motor cabs was further considered.

Read, a Memorial signed by Mr. J. A. Smith and 55 other local cab proprietors against the granting of licences for Taxi Cabs.

Resolved, That the application be not granted.

8—Game Licences—Read, applications by Messrs. Olive & Olive, W. Wilts, W. Hall & Sons, Ltd., H. F. Barnett, J. Maxwell, C. Barnett & Son, T. B. Woodard and E. Powell for the renewal for one year from the 1st prox. of licences to deal in game. Resolved, That the applications be granted.

9—Watchmakers' and Jewellers' Shops Closing Order-- Read, a letter from the Home Office asking what was the present position as regards the enforcement of the Watchmakers' and Jewellers' Shops Closing Order, and enclosing copy of a further letter received by the Secretary of State from the Secretary of the Cheltenham & District Branch of the National Association of Goldsmiths. Resolved, That in deference to the opinion expressed by the Secretary of State on the subject, steps be taken by the Council when necessary to enforce the provisions of the Order, and that the resolution to Minute No. 6 of this Committee of the 19th January last to the contrary effect be accordingly rescinded.

10—Public Health Acts Amendment Act, 1907—Read, a letter from the Local Government Board, enclosing draft of an Order declaring certain provisions of the Public Health Acts Amendment Act, 1907, to be in force in the Borough. The provisions referred to include all the sections of the Act mentioned in the application of the Council with the exception of Sections 43 (as to urinals and sanitary conveniences opening upon streets), and 52 (as to persons engaging in a trade or business while suffering from an infectious disease), which sections the Board were not prepared to include in view of the somewhat similar provisions of the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1889, and the Cheltenham Order, 1890.

Servants' Registry Offices—The Memorial read at the last monthly meeting of the Committee that the Council should apply for an Order declaring Section 85 of the Act relating to the registration of Servants' Registry Offices to be in force in the Borough, was further considered, together with model Byelaws issued by the Home Office for the guidance of local authorities in making Byelaws under the section. Resolved, That the further consideration of the matter be adjourned.

11—Employment of Children Act, 1903—Read, a letter from the Secretary of the Education Committee, asking the Council to make the following byelaw under the Employment of Children Act, 1903 :—

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That no child who is liable to attend school full time shall be employed on the days on which the school is open in or in connection with any shop or establishment or trade or boot or knife cleaning or any other housework between the hours of 8 o'clock in the morning and 5 o'clock in the evening.

Resolved, That the recommendation be approved, and a byelaw be submitted for the informal approval of the Secretary of State accordingly.

12—Rest Day for Police—The Rector, Mr. Thomas Whittard (President of the Cheltenham Free Church Council), and Mr. M. Delaney attended this meeting, and urged that each member of the police force in Cheltenham should have one day's rest or holiday in every 14 days.

13—Municipal Offices—Read, a letter from Mr. T. H. Poynton, offering the King's Hall, North Street, and the two adjoining properties on the South side, to the Corporation for Municipal Offices. The site had a frontage to North Street of about 100 feet and a superficial area of 9,270 square feet, and extended in the rear to the Rose and Crown Passage. He enclosed plans and drawings from which it would be seen that the premises would meet all the present requirements of the Corporation and afford ample room for future extensions, having a total floor space of upwards of 16,340 square feet. He offered the property to the Corporation completed in accordance with the accompanying plans, heated on the first and second floors with hot water, and ready for immediate occupation (but not including lighting and furnishing) for the sum of £10,500. The premises would be ready on the 1st September next, when the sale could be completed. He was willing to alter the plans in any detail provided that the expense to him was not thereby increased, but desired an early reply to his proposal. Resolved, That the further consideration of the offer be adjourned.

14—Light Railway—Cambray and Bath Street—Read, a letter from Mr. H. H. Stallard, of the National Provincial Bank, High Street, forwarding a Memorial signed by a number of residents and tradesmen in High Street, Cambray, Bath Street and Bath Road, complaining of the nuisance caused by the noise

made by the cars at the Cambray and Bath Street corners. Resolved, That the Memorial be forwarded to the Light Railway Company, with a request that the nuisance complained of should be remedied.

15—Corporation Telephone Connections—On the recommendation of the Borough Surveyor, Resolved, That a telephone be fixed in the Water and Enquiry Office (for use by the Rates Department), and one also in the Assistant Borough Surveyor's Room, at a rent of £1 9s. 0d. each per annum.

16—Cheltenham and Honeybourne Railway—The Town Clerk submitted draft agreement with the G.W.R. Co., whereby the Company granted liberty to the Corporation to use as a Mortuary the archway under the bridge carrying their railway in Market Street. The Company also covenanted that they would within 6 months after notice from the Corporation alter and lower the level of the High Street under the bridge belonging to the Company, so as to provide a headway of 16 feet. Resolved, That the agreement be approved, and that the Common Seal be affixed thereto.

GEO. NORMAN,

Chairman.

ART GALLERY AND MUSEUM COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, the 16th June, 1909—Present: Aldermen Haddon, Norman, Rogers and Winterbotham, Councillors Davies and Green, and Dr. E. T. Wilson (Alderman Winterbotham in the chair).

1—Curator's Report—The Curator reported that 2,277 visits had been made to the Art Gallery and Museum since April 14th last.

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Mr. H. Kennedy Skipton had lent two large oil paintings, and Mr. J. Rushton a rush-light holder, a piece of needlework, 4 oil paintings and 1 water colour. Dr. E. T. Wilson had presented some specimens of rock, etc. The pictures at present loaned by the South Kensington authorities would be withdrawn in September next. Resolved, That the thanks of the Committee be conveyed to the lenders and donors of exhibits for the Art Gallery and Museum, and that the Curator be authorised to visit the Royal Academy Museum to arrange a further loan of pictures, etc.

2—Provision of Fire Extinguishing Apparatus in Basement—On the recommendation of the Borough Surveyor, Resolved, That the offer of Messrs. Merryweather to supply a gun-metal fire valve, 50 feet of hose, and accessories for the sum of £6 8s. 0d. be accepted, half the cost to be defrayed by the Public Library Committee, and that the resolution of this Committee at its last meeting be varied accordingly.

3—Corporation Employees' Outing—Resolved, That the Art Gallery and Museum be closed to the public on the 19th inst.

JAS. B. WINTERBOTHAM, Chairman.

MINERAL WATERS, BATHS AND RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Friday, the 18th June, 1909—Present: Councillors Davies, Hayward, Merrett and Packer (Councillor Merrett 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	£128 13 7
Rent of Shop	£ <u>12 0 0</u>
	£140 13 7
Payments ...	£172 5 0
Interest & Redemption (proportion of)	£ <u>88 6 8</u>
	£260 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	<u>£89 1 11</u>
	£89 1 11
Payments ...	£98 17 0
Interest & Redemption (proportion of) ...	<u>£55 18 0</u>
	£154 15 0

Washing Baths—The Borough Surveyor submitted a Report from the Superintendent of the Alstone Baths suggesting the provision of 4 additional washing baths there. Resolved, That the further consideration of the matter be adjourned for the Committee to visit the Baths.

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3—Football at Agg-Gardner Recreation Ground—Read, applications from the Ex-Royals and Territorials Rugby, the St. Paul's Rugby, and the St. Paul's United Football Clubs, applying for permission to play at the Agg-Gardner Recreation Ground during next season. Resolved, That the applications be acceded to upon the usual conditions,

4—Gifts to Agg-Gardner Recreation Ground—The Superintendent of the Agg-Gardner Recreation Ground reported the gift by the Ladies' College of a number of cricket and tennis bats and balls. Resolved, That the thanks of the Committee be conveyed to the College.

W. J. MERRETT, Chairman.

BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, the 25th June, 1909—Present: Alderman Haddon, Councillors King-Harman, Mann, Merrett, and Steel (Alderman Haddon in the Chair)..

1—Designs—Resolved, That the following designs be approved, viz.:—Headstones to graves of Horace Edward Hacker, John James and Henry Webb. Memorial Cross to grave of Catherine Austin Johnson. Kerbing to graves of Sarah Eagles, Matilda Saunders and James W. Sparkes.

JOHN HADDON, Chairman.

PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 15th June, 1909.—Present: Alderman Rogers, Councillors Davies, Earengy, Hayward, King-Harman, Mann and Merrett ; Rev. P. A. Nash, Messrs. F. Parsons and E. C. Rogers (Alderman Rogers in the Chair).

1—Librarian's Report—Read, the Monthly Report of the Librarian. Receipts, £4 15s. 9d. Presentations:—Trustees of British Museum, 1 pamphlet; The Registrar, University College of Wales, 1 vol.

The number of volumes consulted in the Reference Department during the month was 1,335, an average decrease of 5 per day, as compared with the corresponding period of last year. The issues from the Lending Department numbered 8,591, an average increase of 52 per day over last year.

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2—Sub-Committee's Report—The Sub-Committee reported that they met on the 10th inst. (Present: Alderman Rogers (Chairman), Councillors King-Harman and Merrett). They recommended :—

(1) That the Lending and Reference Libraries be closed on the 19th inst., the date of the Corporation Outing.

(2) That the Librarian be authorised to go to London to purchase new books to an amount not exceeding £20.

(3) That the offer of Messrs. Merryweather to provide Gun Metal Fire Valve, together with 50ft. of hose, fitted with gun metal screw couplings and taper copper branch pipe with screw nozzle, for the sum of £6 8s. be accepted, subject to half the cost being borne by the Art Gallery and Museum Committee.

Resolved, That the recommendations of the Sub-Committee be approved and adopted, and that the resolution of this Committee at their last meeting limiting the expenditure re extension of fire extinguishing apparatus to £5 be rescinded.

RICHARD ROGERS, Chairman.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, the 29th June, 1909. Present:—The Mayor, Aldermen Skillicorne and Waghorne, Councillors Earengy, Hayward, Merrett, Rees Jones, Steel and Stroud (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 £7,125 16s. 0d. Leaving outstanding £16,287 12s. 11d.

2—Water Rate—The Report of the Borough Accountant dated the 29th inst., on the collection of this Rate was read. Amount received £4,669 19s. 3d. Leaving outstanding £7,983 10s. 6d.

3—Loans—The Borough Accountant reported that he had arranged, subject to the approval of the Committee, for a loan to the Corporation of £5,000 for a term of 7 years, and afterwards subject to 6 months' notice, with liberty to either party to terminate upon similar notice, expiring at the end of the 3rd or 5th years, interest to be at the rate of 3 ½ per cent. per annum. Resolved, That the arrangement be approved and that debentures on account of authorised loans be sealed and issued accordingly.

4—Investment of Sinking Funds—The Borough Accountant reported negotiations with the Rhondda Urban District Council for the investment with them of sinking funds available up to £6,940 at 3 per cent. interest, for a period of 5 years, and afterwards subject to 6 months' notice on either side. Resolved, That the sinking funds be invested accordingly, subject to the Town Clerk being satisfied with the security offered.

5—Boiler Insurances—Resolved, That Councillors Hayward, Merrett, Steel and Stroud be appointed a Sub-Committee to consider the question of the insurance of Corporation boilers.

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.

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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 2nd June last	£ 8,770 19 8
Received since that date	<u>£12,491 17 6</u>
	£21,262 17 2
Paid since that date (including Loan repaid, £500)	<u>£11,690 12 1</u>
In hand	£9,572 5 1
Being General Accounts	£7,318 1 2
Sinking Funds	<u>£2,254 3 11</u>
	£9,572 5 1

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 July, 1909, at 3 p.m. Present:

THE MAYOR (JAMES TYNTE AGG-GARDNER, 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 MOSES DAVIS WILLIAM GEORGE EARENGEY EDWINSON CHARLES GREEN EDWARD GRIDLEY PERCY HADDOCK CHARLES HAYWARD MONTAGUE JOCELYN KING-HARMAN ALFRED MANN CHARLES HENRY MARGRETT WILLIE JOHN MERRETT HENRY GEORGE NORTON TOM HERBERT PACKER THOMAS REES JONES ROBERT STEEL HERBERT STROUD.

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1—Minutes of Previous Meetings—Resolved, That the Minutes of the Meetings of the Council on the 7th and 11th June last having been printed and a Copy sent to each Member of the Council, be taken as read, and that the same be adopted and confirmed.

2—Public Health Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Public Health Committee, at their Meetings of the 14th and 21st June last be approved and confirmed.

3—Farms Management Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Farms Management Committee, at their Meeting of the 18th 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 15th and 28th June last, be approved and confirmed, subject to the following amendment, viz. :—That in the resolution in Minute No. 2 (Tree Guards) the name of Messrs. Powell, Gwinnell & Co., Limited, be substituted for that of Mr. D. Davies.

5—Town Improvement Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Town Improvement Committee, at their Meetings of the 7th, 18th, 21st and 28th 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 17th June last be approved and confirmed.

7—Water Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Water Committee, at their Meeting of the 24th June last, be approved and confirmed.

8—General Purposes & Watch Committee—Resolved, That, with the exception of Minute No. 9 (Watchmakers' and Jewellers' Shops' Closing Order), the proceedings of the General Purposes and Watch Committee, at their Meeting of the 22nd June last, be approved and confirmed, and that Licences to deal in Game be granted accordingly, but subject to the following amendment, viz :— That the words "for reward," be inserted in Minute No. 11 (Employment of Children Act, 1903), after the words " shall be employed."

9—Art Gallery and Museum Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Art Gallery and Museum Committee, at their Meeting of the 16th 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 Meeting of the 18th June last, be approved and confirmed.

11—Burial Board Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Burial Board Committee, at their Meeting of the 25th June last, be approved and confirmed.

12—Public Library Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Public Library Committee at their Meeting of the 15th June last, be approved and confirmed, so far as the same relate to the Public Library building.

13—Finance Committee Resolved, That the proceedings of the Finance Committee, at their Meeting of the 29th 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.

14—Watchmakers' and Jewellers' Shops' Closing Order—Pursuant to notice duly given, Councillor Merrett proposed and Councillor Hayward seconded :-- " That the Resolution to Minute No. 6 of the proceedings of the General Purposes and Watch Committee of the 19th January, 1909, approved by the Council, be rescinded, and the enforcement of the Watchmakers' and Jewellers' Shops' Closing Order be undertaken by this Council in conformity with the letter received from the Home Office." On the motion being put to the meeting, the names of the members voting for or against were recorded as follows:— For :—Councillors Earengy, Hayward, Mann, Merrett, Norton and Steel (6).

Mayor.

Against:-The Mayor, Aldermen Norman, Rogers, Waghorne, Winterbotham ' Councillors Baker, Bendall, M. Davis, Green, Gridley, Haddock, King-Harman Margrett, Packer, Rees Jones and Stroud (16).

The Mayor thereupon declared the motion lost.

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 Friday, the 30th July, 1909.

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 12th July, 1909. Present: Alderman Skillicorne, Councillors Davies, King-Harman, Margrett and Rees Jones (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, 2 of Erysipelas, and 2 of Diphtheria, and that 5 of Scarlet Fever and 1 of Diphtheria had been sent into the Delancey Hospital.

2—Houses without proper Ash Receptacles—The Inspector of Nuisances reported that the following houses had no proper ashpits or ash receptacles, viz .—Nos. 2 and 3 Brandon Terrace, 22 and 43 Malvern Street, 6, Orchard Place, 15 Elm Street, 11, 12 & 13 Worcester Street, 6 Granley Cottages & 18 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.

3—Cleansing and Limewashing at Nos. 24, Albert Place, Pittville, 1 and 2, Elm Street, 12, Worcester Street, 29, Hungerford Street, 20, 38, 40 and 44, 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.

4—Nuisances from Drains, etc., at No. 54, Upper Park Street, 8, 10, 11 and 14, Union, Street, Fairview—The Inspector of Nuisances having made written application under Section 41 of the Public Health Act, 1875, stating that the drains, &c., on or belonging to the above-named houses were in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to health. Resolved, That authority be given to the Inspector of Nuisances to open the ground, examine the drains, and report to the Committee.

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5—Insanitary Property—Nos. 15, 20 and 31, Malvern Street, 11, 12, 54 and 55, Worcester Street, 18 and 38 Union Street, and 24, Albert Place.—The Medical Officer of Health reported that the above-mentioned premises were in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to the health of the inmates owing to defective roofs, walls, ceilings, floors, &c. Resolved, That the Council being satisfied that the said premises are in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to health, Notices under Section 94 of the Public Health Act, 1875, be served upon the owners requiring them to put the same into a healthy condition and for that purpose to carry out the works specified therein.

6—Overcrowding at Vine Cottage, St. Paul's Street South—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.

7—Pigkeeping—The Inspector of Nuisances submitted a report of his inspection of the pigsties in the Borough. He reported that at the date of his inspection 12 pigs were being kept at The Cottage, Arle, within 17 feet of a dwelling-house; 3 pigs at Prospect House, Folly Lane, within 28 and 32 feet ; 7 pigs at a cottage at Hesters Way within 5 feet ; and 1 pig at Oberlin Lodge, Hatherley, within 34 feet, contrary to the byelaw which prohibited pigs being kept within 40 feet of a dwelling-house. Resolved, That notice be given to the occupiers of the above-mentioned premises requiring them to comply with the byelaw, and that in default the Town Clerk be instructed to take proceedings under the byelaw. Resolved, also, That the remainder of the report be adjourned for further consideration.

8—Hatherley Outfall Sewer—The Town Clerk reported the negotiations which had taken place with reference to the claims of Mr. H. W. Holliday and Mr. W. Burrows for compensation in respect of the laying of the Hatherley Outfall Sewer through land in their occupation. The original claims were (Mr. Holliday) and (Mr. Burrow) £10 2s., but they were now willing to accept £6 each, including Surveyor's charges. Resolved, That this be agreed to.

9—Arle Outfall Sewer—Read, a letter from Mr. J. G. Villar, stating that he had been instructed to act for several owners and occupiers of land through which the sewer was to be laid, and asking the Council to appoint a Surveyor to go into the matter with him. Resolved, That the Chairman and Councillors M. Davis and Margrett be appointed a Sub-Committee to consider any claims made and to report to the Committee.

W. NASH SKILLICORNE,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, the 19th July, 1909—Present: Councillors Davies, M. Davis, Hayward, King-Harman, Margrett and Rees Jones (Councillor M. Davis in the chair).

10—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, and 1 of Diphtheria, and that 6 cases of Scarlet Fever, and 1 of Diphtheria had been sent into the Delancey Hospital.

11—Overcrowding—Nos: 56 and 64, Stanhope 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 each of the said premises, Notice under Sec. 94 of the Public Health Act, 1875, be served on the occupiers thereof requiring them to abate the same.

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12—Cleansing and Limewashing at Nos. 16, Lower Park Street, 8, 10, 12, and 14, Union Street, and 10, Worcester 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 The Cottage, Arle Road, Nos. 1 and 2, Granville Street, 43, Burton Street, and 9, St. George's Parade. — The Inspector of Nuisances having made written application

under Section 41 of the Public Health Act, 1875, stating that the drains, etc., on or be-longing 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. 8 and 11, New Place, 8, 10, 12 and 14, Union Street, 5 and 6, Henrietta Street, 12 and 45, Montpellier Villas, 10, Worcester Street, and a house in Northfield Passage occupied by Mrs. Jones 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—Houses without proper Ash Receptacles—The Inspector of Nuisances reported that the following houses had no proper ashpits or ash receptacles, viz : Nos. 42, 44, and 45, Montpellier Villas, 1 Montpellier Retreat, 11 and 12, Waterloo Street, and 6, Henrietta Street— Resolved, That the necessary Notices be given to the respective owners under Section 36 of the Public Health Act, 1875, and Section 27 of the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1889, requiring them in each case to provide a moveable ash receptacle of such size, pattern, and construction as may be approved by the Inspector of Nuisances on behalf of the Corporation.,

16—Arle Outfall Sewer- -The Borough Engineer reported that the contractor was making good progress with the Arle Outfall Sewer.

17—Sewage Disposal Works—The Borough Engineer reported that the Contractor, Mr. T. Watson, had started the construction of the Sewage Disposal Works. He submitted an application from the contractor for permission to sub-let the joinery work. The contractor pointed out that the joinery work was not sufficient to justify the construction of a temporary workshop for this, and he proposed, if permission was granted, to sublet it to a local contractor, otherwise the work would be carried out at his premises at Southall. Resolved, That the permission asked for be given subject to the sub-contractor complying with the conditions in the contract as to payment of the standard rate of wages, and observing the hours and conditions of employment. The Borough Engineer submitted the following tenders he had received for the supply of stone required for the filter beds, which would work out approximately at the following figures:—

	ROLLER-MADE	LIMESTONE	MACHINE-MADE.
Pyx Granite Co., Ltd,	£978 5s. 0d.	£838 0s. 0d.	£838 0s. 0d.
Dosthill Granite Co., Ltd.	£847 5s. 0d.
Dolwall Park Granite Co., Ltd.	£939 5s. 0d.
Tytherington Stone Co., Ltd.	£1,007 17s. 6d.	.....
Field & Mackay	£1,230 3s. 4d.

The Borough Engineer stated that before deciding which stone would be most suitable he wished to obtain a larger sample from each of the first three mentioned firms. Resolved, That the Borough Engineer be authorised to obtain further samples accordingly, and that the Committee be authorised to accept the tender of the firm whose stone the Borough Engineer thinks most suitable.

18—Tivoli Sewers—The Town Clerk reported the negotiations with the Trustees of the late J. B. Winterbotham, deceased and that they had now offered to contribute 1250 towards the cost of relaying the sewers, on the understanding that the sewers would be the property of the Corporation, and be maintained by them in future. The Town Clerk pointed out that Section 40 of the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1852, did not give any direct remedy against the Proprietors of the private sewers for their repair, but provided that the Corporation should do the work and recover the expenses from the owners and occupiers of the property benefitted, and that such of these as were liable to pay a rent charge for the repair or for the use and repair of the sewers should be entitled to recoup themselves by suspending payment of the rent charge. He had examined a large number of draft conveyances produced by Messrs. Winterbotham, Gurney & Co. relating to property in nearly all the streets in the Tivoli district. In the case of the property south of and including Princes Road, in all the conveyances produced the rent charge is only expressed to be reserved for the use of the sewer, or is reserved without any purpose being expressed, and these apparently did not come within the section, which only refers to rent charges reserved " for the repair or for the use and repair " of the sewers. The rent charges reserved in respect of the properties north of Prince's Road, including Hatherley Place, he thought were clearly within the section. Messrs. Winterbotham, Gurney & Co. stated that the Trustees were now receiving 96 rent charges of 5s 3d each from properties north of Princes Road. These were the rent charges which some years ago they offered to sell to the Corporation for 12 years' purchase, which would be £315 0s. 0d. They also were receiving 4s. 3d. from houses in Hatherley Place, which at 12 ½ years' purchase would be £77 13s. 1d. The rent charges from the other houses in the district north of Prince's Road appear to have been redeemed by the owners. The properties north of Princes Road, from which the Trustees were now receiving rent charge, com-prised about half of the properties served by the private sewers north of Princes Road. Resolved, That the offer be accepted, subject to the same being approved by the Local Government Board.

19—South-Eastern and Tivoli District Sewers—Resolved, That application be made to the Local Government Board for their sanction to a loan of £18,450 for reconstructing the sewers in this district in accordance with the scheme and estimate contained in the report of the Borough Engineer made August, 1908.

M. DAVIS, Chairman

FARMS MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Friday, the 23rd July, 1909. — Present: Alderman Skillicorne, Councillors M. Davis, Gridley, King-Harman, Margrett and Steel (Councillor Davis in the chair).

1—Farm Manager's Report—Read, the Monthly Report of the Farms Manager. Since the last monthly meeting Si head of cattle had been purchased for £534 2s. 6d., and the following sales had been made :-35 sheep for £73 9s. 11d., 27 head of cattle for £511 7s. 3d., 1 pig for £5 7s. 6d. and 936

lbs. of wool for £12 18s. (Total sales, £663 2s. 5d). The number of livestock on the Farms on the 23rd inst. was 11 horses and 2 colts, 220 head of cattle, 39 sheep, and 3 pigs, all doing very well. A 43-round ladder had been purchased for £1 1s. 6d., and a sheep trough for 12s He recommended that the roof of the Cottage at Hayden, occupied by T. Hopkins, be repaired, and some new sash cords put to the windows at Hayden Knoll Farm. Resolved, That the recommendations be approved, and the Farms Manager authorised accordingly.

2—Fruit—Resolved, That Messrs. Castle & Bloss be instructed to offer the fruit crop at the Farms for sale by public auction.

M. DAVIS, Chairman.

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STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, the 13th day of July, 1909—Present: Aldermen Haddon, and Skillicorne: Councillors Baker, Bendall, Gridley, Haddock, King-Harman and Norton (Councillor Bendall in the Chair).

1—Telephone Kiosk, Leckhampton Road—Read, a letter from the District Manager of the National Telephone Co. that the Company wished to place a Telephone Kiosk at the Corner of Leckhampton and Shurdington Road, as they thought a Public Telephone in this locality would be very desirable as there was none in the immediate neighbourhood. Resolved, That the Council raise no objection to the erection of the Kiosk, subject to the exact site being arranged with the Borough Surveyor and to the Company entering into an agreement to observe the following conditions, viz:—That no advertisements be exhibited on the Kiosk, that it be kept lighted at night, that the Company indemnify the Corporation against all liability in respect of the placing of the Kiosk in the street, and undertake to remove the same upon notice.

2—Sandford Road Private Improvement Works—Read, a letter from Messrs. Ticehursts, McIlquham and Wyatt, asking for some reduction in the amount (£144 13s. 6d.) which the Cheltenham College had been called upon to pay for Private Improvement Works adjoining their premises in Sandford Road. Resolved. That the College be informed that the Committee cannot make any abatement.

3—Fairfield Place—Read, a letter from Mr. W. Fitzroy Fowles calling attention to the condition of the roadway in front of Fairfield Place. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to prepare a plan and specification of the works required to be done by the abutting owners.

4—Advertisements Regulation Byelaws—The draft byelaws prepared by the Town Clerk were considered. Resolved, That the same as amended be approved and submitted for the informal approval of the Home Office (a print of the Byelaws accompanies the Minutes).

5—Trees Sub-Committee—Resolved, That the thanks of the Committee be tendered to Councillor Norton for the two motor cars lent by him for the use of the Trees Sub-Committee at their View Meeting on the 6th inst.

JOHN D. BENDALL, Chairman

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, the 23rd July, 1909.—Present: Alderman Haddon, Councillors Bendall, Gridley, King-Harman and Norton (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 25th June, to the 21st July, 1909 (both inclusive) had been as follows:—

Roads Repaired—Clarence Street (465 super yards), Bath Road (2,380 square yards), Bath Parade (1,955 super yards), Crescent Terrace (1,250 super yards).

Roads patched—Six Chimney Lane, Evesham Road, London Road, and Great Norwood Street.

Electricity Trenches repaired—London Road, Clarence Square, Kings Road, Douro Road, Wellington Square and High Street (3).

Gas Trenches repaired— St. Paul's Road, St. George's Street and Alstone Lane.

Sewer Trenches repaired—Alstone Lane and Leckhampton Road.

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Roads tar painted—Gloucester Road, Grosvenor Street, York Street, Pilley Lane, Hall Naunton Lane, College Lawn, Whitecross Square, College Road, High Street, London Road, Pittville Circus Road, Fairview Street, Fairview Road, All Saints' Road, Union Street, Duke Street, Leighton Road, Priory Street, Keynsham Road-Portland Street, Sherborne Place, Columbia Street, Jersey Street, Evesham Road and Old Bath Road. Total 109,536 square yards.

Footpaths tar painted—Gloucester Road (2,338 super yards).

Paving repaired—Promenade, Duke Street, High Street, Courtenay Street, Roman Road, Moorend Road and Sandford Road. Manhole covers renewed-4. Gullies renewed-7. Gulley grates and frames renewed-1.

New slab paving laid—Painswick Lawn (396 super yards). New kerb fixed—Painswick Lawn (191 lineal yards)

New channel fixed—Painswick Lawn (228 lineal yards). New crossing—Painswick Lawn (39 lineal yards).

Hedges cut back—Moorend Road, Footpath from Old Bath Road to Leckhampton Road.

Dead trees removed—Leckhampton Road, 2 : Imperial Square, 5 ; Tewkesbury Road, 3.

Trees pruned of young growth—Districts Nos. 1, 2 and 3. Barrett's Mill—Chelt cleaned out.

Ashes Collection and Disposal—During 3 weeks ended the 15th July, 1909, 642 loads collected, 638 consumed, and 4 tipped away. Weight consumed, 627 tons 12 cwts. 1 qr.

Slab Factory—During 4 weeks ended the 15th July, 1909, 177 lineal feet of kerb (special for Sewage tanks) made.

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—Street Projections—Read, an application from Mr. A. J. Pritchard for permission to place a hairdresser's pole outside No. 193 High Street. Resolved, That the application be acceded to subject to the usual conditions. Read, an application from Mr. J. Morris for permission to place a swing sign outside No. 4, Henrietta Street. Resolved. That the application be not granted.

9—Report of Trees Sub-Committee—The Sub-Committee reported that they met on the 6th inst. (Present:—Aldermen Haddon and Skillicorne, Councillors Bendall and King-Harman). After inspection of trees, in respect of which complaints had been received, they recommended as follows:—

Malvern Road—That one tree near the Station be removed.

Christ Church Parade, Gloucester Road—That the two wych elms partly dead be removed.

Eldorado Crescent—That four of the lime trees in this road be transplanted.

Dagmar Road—That every alternate tree on the North side of this road be removed.

St. Philip's Terrace—That the tree complained of by Mr. G. H. Lane be removed.

Ewlyn and Langdon Roads—That all the dead trees in Ewlyn Road be removed and replaced by young trees, and that 8 trees be planted in Langdon Road.

Sydenham Villas Road—That no trees be removed in this road.

The Sub-Committee also inspected the trees pruned in Queen's Road, Glencairn Park Road, Eldorado Road, The Park, Moorend Park Road, All Saints' Road and Hewlett Road, and also the tree nursery at Leckhampton Reservoir. Resolved, That the recommendations of the Sub-Committee be approved and adopted.

10—Trees in Parabola Road—Read, a letter from Col. Trench, asking that the tree near "Fauconberg" should be cut down, and also that two other trees in Parabola Road should be topped. Resolved, That the letter be referred to the Trees Sub-Committee.

11—Damage to Tree in Albion Street—Read, a report from the police as to damage done to a tree in Albion Street, by a youth aged 15. Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to take proceedings in respect of the wilful damage.

JOHN D. BENDALL, Chairman,

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PLANS SUB-COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Sub-Committee held on Tuesday, the 13th July, 1909. Present:—Councillors Baker, Bendall, and King-Harman (Councillor Bendall in the Chair).

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

No. of Plan.	Name	Description.
782	Palace Theatre Co.	Conversion of Victoria Rooms into Theatre
788	Cheltenham College Council	New Wing at Christowe, Sandford Road.

Resolved, That Plans Nos. 782 be disapproved, and that Plans Nos. 788 be approved.

JOHN D. BENDALL,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Sub-Committee held on Friday, the 23rd July, 1909. Present: Councillors Bendall and King-Harman (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
789	C. Eisen	New Bath Room to 6, Spa Buildings.
790	Winterbotham, Gurney & Co.	Additions to St. John's Lodge, Tivoli Road.
791	T. Russell	Additions to Myrtle Villa, Tivoli Road.

Resolved, That Plans No. 789 and 790 be approved, and that Plan No. 791 be approved, subject to the drainage being carried out to the satisfaction of the Inspector of Nuisances.

JOHN D. BENDALL, Chairman.

TOWN IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, the 19th July, 1909. Present: Alderman Winterbotham, Councillors Hayward, Packer and Steel (Councillor Packer 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, and that the Town Clerk be authorised to arrange for an illustrated article to be supplied for insertion in the Mail Edition.

2—Band on August Bank Holiday—Resolved, That the Cheltenham Rifle Band be engaged to play in the Promenade Band Stand on August Bank Holiday from 11 to 1 at a fee of £3

T. H. PACKER, Chairman.

ELECTRICITY AND LIGHTING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, the 15th July, 1909—Present: Councillors Green, Gridley, Hayward, Merrett, Norton, Rees Jones and Steel (Councillor Gridley in the chair).

1---Gas Examiner's Report—The Gas Examiner reported that he had tested the gas for illuminating power on the 15th inst., with the following result:-14.8 candles. His test 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—Board of Trade Regulations—The Town Clerk submitted new Regulations under the Cheltenham Electric Lighting Orders made by the Board of Trade, which came into force on the 1st July instant, except as to so much of the electrical station as was constructed before the 1st July, 1908, but after the 1st January, 1910, they would entirely supersede the regulations made in 1905.

EDWARD GRIDLEY,

Chairman.

WATER COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Thursday, the 22nd July, 1909—Present: Alderman Norman, Councillors Davis, Green, Haddock, Margrett and Stroud (Councillor Margrett in the Chair).

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

DAILY YIELD OF SPRINGS.

	For 31 days, ended 20th July, 1909.	Average for corresponding period during last 3 years.
Hewletts Springs	150,000 gallons	130,000 gallons
Dowdeswell Springs	429,000 "	372,000 "
Leckhampton	40,000 "	29,000 "
Total	619,000 "	531,000 "

CONTENTS OF RESERVOIRS.

	July 20th, 1909.		July 10th, 1908.	
	Depth	Contents	Depth	Contents
Hewletts	...	15,191,000 galls	...	15,363,000 gallons
Leckhampton	9ft. 0in.	1,215,000 "	7ft. 0in.	945,000 "
Dowdeswell	21ft. 0in.	49,673,000 "	24ft. 0in.	61,264,000 "
Total Storage		65,079,000 "		77,572,000 "

Pumping had been continued at Sandford Pumping Station, but no pumping had been carried on at Tewkesbury

2—Water Supply to Walton Cardiff—Read, a letter from the Clerk to the Tewkesbury Rural District Council stating that his Council did not now consider it necessary to extend the main further than the gate to Manor Farm, and it was thought that this extension would cost only between and £100, and he had been instructed to suggest a payment of 9d. per 1,000 gallons if the main was extended as above mentioned. Resolved, That the Committee cannot recommend the acceptance of the price offered.

3—Water Supply to Engineers Camp—Read, a letter from the Town Clerk of Tewkesbury, enquiring whether the Corporation would give a free supply for the South Midland Royal Engineers, who would be in Tewkesbury for about a fortnight in August. Resolved, That he be informed that as the Tewkesbury Corporation are the Water Authority for the Borough of Tewkesbury this is a matter for their consideration.

4—Cattle Trough near Cross Hands, Tewkesbury Road—Read, a letter from the Rev. J. E. Walker, Hon. Local Sec. of R.S.P.C.A., stating that it was proposed to substitute a granite trough for the present iron cattle trough near the Cross Hands, Tewkesbury Road, and enquiring whether the Corporation would continue the free supply of water. The drawings of the proposed new trough would be submitted for the approval of the Corporation. Resolved, That Mr. Walker be informed that subject to the trough being approved, a free supply of water would be given, provided the trough was kept in proper order and repair.

5—Tewkesbury Filters—The Borough Engineer submitted a Report on the filtration of the water at Tewkesbury. In view of the cost of sandwashing he thought that instead of enlarging the present filters it would be desirable to consider the provision of some means for clarifying the water before being passed on to the filters, and so relieve the filter beds. He had obtained schemes and estimates from the principal manufacturers of mechanical filters, but he had not yet fully considered these. He thought that before coming to a decision it would be worth trying some experiments with roughing filters composed of gravel, as such filters were working satisfactorily at the South West Suburban Water Works for treating Thames water. These filters would be much less expensive than mechanical filters. Resolved, That the Borough Engineer be authorised to make the suggested trial of a gravel filter, and also that the Committee arrange to visit the Witcombe Water Works to inspect the mechanical filters installed by the Gloucester Corporation.

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

7—Inspection of Tewkesbury Waterworks—Resolved, That the next meeting of the Committee be held at Tewkesbury.

CHAS. H. MARGRETT,

Chairman.

GENERAL PURPOSES AND WATCH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, the 19th July, 1909. Present: Aldermen Haddon, Norman, and Waghorne, Councillors Bendall, Gridley, Margrett and Stroud (Alderman Norman in the Chair).

1—Diseases of Animals Acts—Supt. Hopkins reported an outbreak of Swine Fever at the Plough Gardens, Folly Lane, one pig had died, and the 8 remaining pigs had been slaughtered by order of the Board of Agriculture.

2—Report of Fire Brigade Captain—The Captain of the Fire Brigade reported that on the 29th ult. the Brigade was called to a serious outbreak of fire at premises known as " Buckle's Stores," Bath Road. Cause unknown. Damage, £2,000. Brigade expenses, £9 4s. 0d. Buildings and contents insured.

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3—Hackney Carriage Drivers' Licences—The applications of James Babbage and Harry Hill for the renewal Hackney Carriage Drivers' Licences were considered, and the applicants attended the Committee. That the applications be granted, but that the applicants be warned that the licences will not be again renewed their conduct as drivers is not more satisfactory in future.

4—Storage of Carbide of Calcium—Read, an application from H. G. Norton & Co., Ltd., for a licence to keep 21 cwt. of Carbide of Calcium at their premises in Bath Road. Also from H. E. Steel, Ltd., to keep 200 lbs. at their premises, No. 105, High Street. The Inspector having reported that the proposed places of storage were satisfactory. Resolved, That licences be granted, subject to the conditions approved by the Council.

5—Game Licence—Read, an application from Mrs. L. A. Morris, of Columbia House, Winchcombe Street, applying for the renewal of her licence to deal in Game. Resolved, That the licence be granted.

6—Employment of Children Act—Read, a letter from the Home Office, intimating that the Secretary of State would be prepared to approve the proposed Byelaw as amended by him, and pointing out that the Byelaw had been amended in view of the definition of " Employ " in Section 13 of the Act, by which the expression was to include " employment in any labour exercised by way of trade, or for the purpose of gain, whether the gain be to the child or to any other person." Resolved, That the Byelaw as amended be made, that the Common Seal be affixed thereto, and that the same be submitted to the Secretary of State for his formal approval (a print of the Byelaw accompanies the Minutes).

7—Public Health Acts Amendment Act, 1907—Servants' Registry Offices—Resolved, That with a view to Byelaws being made for the Regulation of Servants' Registry Offices, application be made to the Secretary of State for an Order declaring Section 85 of the Act to be in force in the Borough, and that the Town Clerk be instructed to give the necessary notice of intention to make such application. (A print of the proposed Byelaws accompanies the Minutes).

8—Finance Bill—The Chairman reported that on the 8th inst. he attended a meeting of the Council of the Association of Municipal Corporations to consider the provisions of this Bill so far as it affected municipalities. The Chancellor of the Exchequer had intimated that he was prepared to agree that one half of the proposed Land Duties, viz. :— (1) " The Increment value duty " of 20 per cent. ; (2) " The Reversion Duty " of 10 per cent. ; (3) " The Undeveloped Land Duty " of ½ d. in the £ and (4) " The Mineral Rights Duty " of ½ d. in the £ should be allocated to local authorities. The Council of the Association were unanimously of opinion that if raised the whole of these duties should be allocated to local authorities to meet the additional burdens which had been from time to

time thrown upon them without any corresponding increase of Imperial Grants, and also for the loss of revenue, which would probably result from the provisions of the Bill, and they recommended that so much of the proceeds of the duties levied in the whole country as is to be paid to local authorities should be divided (without reference to the particular localities in which the lands producing the duties are situate) amongst and paid directly to the Councils of the following areas in proportion to the rateable values of their respective areas, viz.:—(a) County Boroughs, (b) Non-County Boroughs, (c) the City of London and Metropolitan Boroughs, (d) Urban Districts and (e) Counties.

The Council of the Association afterwards attended as a deputation to the Chancellor of the Exchequer to represent these views. Resolved, That this Council approve and support the representations made by the Council of the Association except that in view of the concessions which have since been promised by the Chancellor of the Exchequer in favour of agricultural land, they consider the proposed method of allocation will require further consideration.

Resolved, also, That the Town Clerk be instructed to write to the Borough Member requesting him to support the representations of the Association in favour of increased grants being made to Local Authorities.

GEO. NORMAN,

Chairman.

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MINERAL WATERS, BATHS AND RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held at the Alstone Baths on Friday, the 16th July, 1909—Present—Councillors Bendall, Davies, Hayward, Merrett and Stroud (Councillor Stroud in the Chair).

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

Receipts ...	£194 8 5
Rent of Shop ...	<u>£ 12 0 0</u>
	£206 8 5
Payments	£227 5 5
Interest & Redemption (proportion of)	<u>£132 10 0</u>
	£359 15 5

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>£159 5 6</u>
	£159 5 6
Payments	£146 8 6
Interest & Redemption (proportion of)	<u>£. 83 17 0</u>
	£230 5 6

3—Alstone Baths—The Chairman reported that 11.15 to 12 on Fridays, the time fixed for the attendance at the Baths of the girls from the Parish Church and St. James' Schools was inconvenient, and he had therefore altered the time to the afternoon from 3 to 4.15. The Head Mistress of the Parish Church School had also urged upon him the desirability of instruction in swimming being given to the Elementary School children. There were 776 children attending the Baths each week, but no instruction was given. He suggested that the attention of the Education Committee be drawn to the matter with a view to Swimming Instruction being given to the children. Resolved, That the action of the Chairman in altering the time of attendance at the Baths on Fridays be approved, and that Minute No. 3 of the meeting of this Committee on the 31st May last be varied accordingly.

Resolved, also, That the Chairman's report be forwarded for consideration of the Education Committee with a recommendation that the suggestions contained therein should be carried out.

W.C. for Laundry Woman—Resolved, That a W.C. be provided for the laundry woman at Alstone Baths as required by the Factory and Workshop Act, 1907. Washing Baths—Resolved, That the further consideration of the question of providing additional washing baths be adjourned.

4—Football at Recreation Grounds—Read, letters from the Hon. Secs. of All Saints' Old Boys and All Saints' United Football Clubs applying for permission to play football at the Whaddon Lane Recreation Grounds, and from the Hon. Sec. Naunton Park Rugby and 5.M.C.A. (Wednesday) Football Clubs to play at Naunton Park and Agg-Gardner Recreation Grounds respectively. Resolved, That the applications be granted, subject to the usual conditions.

5—Presentations—Naunton, Park—The Superintendent reported that gifts of flowers had been made to the ground by the following:—Mrs. St. Clair Ford, Mrs. Cox, Mrs. P. Henegan, Mrs. H. G. Margrett, Miss Hamilton, Councillors Bendall, Margrett and Stroud, and Messrs. Cypher & Sons, Worman & Amos, 1'. E. Rickerby, E. M. Clissold, Mayo and Major P. Shewell. Resolved. 'That the thanks of the Committee be conveyed to the donors.

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Agg-Gardner Recreation Ground—The Superintendent, reported a further gift from the Ladies College of 20 hockey sticks, 42 tennis balls and 2 tennis bats. Resolved, That the thanks of the Committee be conveyed to the

6—Concert at Recreation Grounds--Resolved, That the application of the Corporation Employees Social Club to hold an open-air concert in one of the Recreation Grounds be granted.

HERBERT STROUD, Chairman.

BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, the 21st July, 1909—Present: Alderman Haddon, Councillors Merrett and Steel (Alderman Haddon in the Chair).

1—Designs—Resolved, That the following designs be approved, viz. :—Headstones to graves of William Henry T. Mills, John Brown Sier and Elizabeth Small. Memorial Cross to grave of Arthur Cecil Alexander.

2—Inspection, etc., of Cemetery—Resolved, That the next meeting of the Committee be held at the Cemetery, and that the question of the heating of the Chapels be then considered.

JOHN HADDON,

Chairman.

PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 13th July, 1909.—Present: Alderman Rogers, Councillors Davies, Earengy, King-Harman, Mann, Margrett and Merrett ; Rev. J. Lloyd Davies and Mr. P. J. Caudle (Alderman Rogers in the Chair).

1—Librarian's Report—Read, the Monthly Report of the Librarian. Receipts, £3 19s. 2d. Presentations ;—Trustees of British Museum, 1 vol. ; Sir E. Durning Lawrence, 1 vol. ; Dr. G. H. Ward-Humphreys, 2 vols.. 1 vol. ; University Tutorial Press, 1 vol.

The number of volumes consulted in the Reference Department during the month was 1,472, an average increase of 10 per day, as compared with the corresponding period of last year. The issues from the Lending Department numbered 7,973, an average increase of 91 per day over last year.

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2-Sub-Committee's Report—The Sub-Committee reported that they met on the 8th inst. (Present: Alderman Rogers (Chairman), Councillors Davies, Green, Hayward, King-Harman and Merrett). They recommended :—That the tender of Messrs. B. Riley & Co., Ltd., of Huddersfield (being the lowest) for bookbinding for the year commencing August 1st next be accepted. Resolved, That the recommendation of the Sub-Committee be approved and adopted.

3— Chief Assistant—Read, a letter from Mr. S. Harrison resigning his appointment as Chief Assistant, on being appointed Librarian of the Bingham Library, Cirencester. Resolved, That the resignation be accepted with regret, and that the Librarian be requested to write Mr. Harrison expressing appreciation of his services, and wishing him success in his new work.

RICHARD ROGERS,

Chairman.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, the 23rd July, 1909. Present:—Alderman Skillicorne and Councillors Merrett, Rees Jones, and Steel (Councillor Steel in the Chair).

1—General District Rate—The Report of the Borough Accountant, dated the 23rd inst., on the collection of the first instalment of this Rate was read. Amount collected £11,404 3s. 10d. Leaving outstanding £12,009 5s. 1d.

2—Water Rate—The Report of the Borough Accountant dated the 23rd inst., on the collection of this Rate was read. Amount received £6,457 17s. 2d. Leaving outstanding £6,512 11s. 5d.

3—Loans—The Borough Accountant reported that a loan of £9,000 to the Middlesborough Corporation became repayable on the 1st inst., but if the Corporation would reduce the interest from 3 ¾ to 3 5/8 the Middlesborough Corporation were willing for the loan to be continued, subject to either party being at liberty to require it to be paid off at any time on giving 6 months' notice. Resolved, That the loan be continued on these terms. The Borough Accountant further reported that he had obtained a loan of £5,000 at 3 ½ per cent. from the Preston Shelley Assurance and Burial Society for a term of 7 years, subject to either party being at liberty to terminate at the end of the 3rd or 5th year on 6 months' notice, This loan could be allocated to the Sewage Disposal Works Loan of £10,000. Resolved, That the terms offered be accepted, and that a Debenture be issued and sealed accordingly on account of the said Sewage Disposal Works Loan.

4—Electric Lighting Income Tax Account—The Borough Accountant reported that he required certain particulars from the Borough Electrical Engineer to enable him to claim an abatement of income tax in respect of the Electricity undertaking. Resolved, That the report be referred to the Electricity and Lighting Committee with a request that the particulars required be furnished.

5—Cheltenham Corporation Stock—The Borough Accountant reported that on the 8th and 9th inst. he audited the Stock Accounts at the National Provincial Bank in London and found same in order.

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.

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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 29th June last	£9,572 5 1
Received since that date (including Loan on Debenture, £5,000)	<u>£21,413 14 0</u>
	£30,985 19 1
Paid since that date	<u>£15,275 7 6</u>
	£15,710 11 7
	In hand
Being General Accounts	£10,190 0 9
Sinking Funds	<u>£ 5,520 10 10</u>
	£15,710 11 7

ROBERT STEEL,

Chairman.

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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 30th July, 1909, at 3 p.m. Present:

THE MAYOR (JAMES TYNTE AGG-GARDNER, ESQUIRE) in the chair.

THE DEPUTY MAYOR (ALDERMAN JOHN WAGHORNE).

Aldermen: JOHN HADDON GEORGE NORMAN WILLIAM NASH SKILLICORNE.

Councillors: JOHN DAVID BENDALL RICHARD DAVIES MOSES DAVIS WILLIAM GEORGE EARENKEY EDWINSON CHARLES GREEN EDWARD GRIDLEY CHARLES HAYWARD MONTAGUE JOCELYN KING-HARMAN, ALFRED MANN CHARLES HENRY MARGRETT WILLIE JOHN MERRETT HENRY GEORGE NORTON 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, the Council on the 5th July instant 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—Salary of Medical Officer of-Health—Read, a letter from the Local Government Board approving the proposal of the Town Council to increase the salary of Dr. Garrett, Medical Officer of Health, from £600 to £650 per annum from the 1st January, 1909.

3—Presentation by Sir John Dorington—Read, a letter from the Right Hon. Sir John Dorington, Bart., Honorary Freeman of the Borough, offering for the acceptance of the Council a replica of the bust of himself by Mr. Goscombe John, R.A., presented to Sir John by the justices and members of the County Council. Resolved, That the offer be accepted with the cordial thanks of the Council for the same.

4—Public Health Committee—It was proposed by Alderman Skillicorne and seconded by Councillor M. Davis:—That the proceedings of the Public Health Committee, at their Meetings of the 12th and 19th July instant be approved and confirmed. To this motion the following amendment was proposed by Councillor Mann, seconded by Councillor Bendall :—That Minute 18 (Tivoli Sewers) be referred back to the Committee for further consideration.

On the amendment being put to the meeting, the names of the members voting for or against were recorded as follows:—

For :—Councillors Bendall, Eareney, Green, Mann, Merrett, Norton, Packer and Stroud (8).

Against:—The Mayor, Aldermen Haddon, Norman, Skillicorne and Waghorne. Councillors Davies, M. Davis, Gridley, Hayward, King-Harman, Margrett and Rees Jones (12).

The Mayor thereupon declared the amendment lost, and the original motion being put to the meeting was carried.

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5—Farms Management Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Farms Management Committee, at their Meeting of the 23rd July instant 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 23rd July instant, be approved and confirmed.

7—Town Improvement Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Town Improvement Committee, at their Meeting of the 19th July instant be approved and confirmed.

8—Electricity and Lighting Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Electricity and Lighting Committee, at their Meeting of the 15th July instant be approved and confirmed.

9—Water Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Water Committee, at their Meeting of the 22nd July instant, be approved and confirmed.

10—General Purposes and Watch Committee — Resolved, That the proceedings of the General Purposes and Watch Committee, at their Meeting of the 19th July instant be approved and confirmed, and that a Licence to deal in Game be granted to Mrs. L. A. Morris, of Columbia House, Winchcomb Street, accordingly.

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 16th July instant, be approved and confirmed.

12—Burial Board Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Burial Board Committee, at their Meeting of the 21st July instant, be approved and confirmed.

13—Finance Committee Resolved, That the proceedings of the Finance Committee, at their Meeting of the 23rd July instant, be approved and confirmed.

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Resolved, also, That an Order on the Borough Treasurer be signed 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, and also to the Economic Life Assurance Society the sum of £341. 0s. 3d., upon production of a cheque signed by the Borough Accountant.

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 6th September, 1909.

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held at the Central Depot, St. James' Square, on Friday, the 30th July, 1909. Present: --Aldermen Norman and Skillicorne, Councillors Davies, King-Harman, Margrett and Rees Jones (Alderman Skillicorne in the Chair).

1--Sewage Disposal Works—The Borough Surveyor reported upon the samples of stone obtained by him for use in the filters at the Sewage Disposal Works. He recommended that the tender of the Pyx Granite Co., Ltd., for the supply of the stone required as per samples now selected at 6s and 7s per

cubic yard (roller made) be accepted. Resolved, That the recommendation be approved and adopted.

W. NASH SKILLICORNE,

Chairman

At Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 9th August, 1909. Present: Alderman Sicahem-re, Councillors M. Davis, Davies, Hayward, King-Harman, 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, 13 cases of Scarlet Fever, 1 case of Enteric Fever and 1 of Diphtheria, and that 11 cases of Scarlet Fever and 1 of Diphtheria had been sent into the Delancey Hospital.

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3—Cleansing and Disinfecting at No. 72, Sherborne Street—The Medical Officer of Health having certified that the cleansing, disinfecting and purifying of this house or part thereof would tend to prevent or check infectious disease. Resolved, That the Council being of this opinion, Notice be served on the owner to cleanse and disinfect the house or part thereof within the time specified in such notice.

4—Cleansing and Limewashing at Nos. 54, 55 and 62, Waterloo Street, 80, Tewkesbury Road, and 31 Stoneville Street—The Medical Officer of Health having certified under Section 46 of the Public Health Act, 1875, that the above-named dwelling-houses were in such a filthy and unwholesome condition that the health of the inmates was affected or endangered thereby. Resolved. That Notice be given to the owners under the said Section requiring the houses to be cleansed and limewashed.

5—Nuisances from Drains, etc., at Cottage in Millbrook Street (adjoining Devon Villas) and Nos. 79 and 80 Tewkesbury Road.--The Inspector of Nuisances having made written application under Section 41 of the Public Health Act, 1875, stating that the drains, &c., on or belonging to the above-named houses were in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to health. Resolved, That authority be given to the Inspector of Nuisances to open the ground, examine the drains, and report to the Committee.

6—Insanitary Property--Nos. 80 and 93, Tewkesbury Road, 33, Cleveland Street, 54 and 53, Waterloo Street, 31, Stoneville Street and 33, Upper 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.

7—Dairies, Cowsheds and Milkshops Order—Read, an application from Miss M. Godwin, of No. 33, Upper Bath Road, to be registered as a milk seller. Resolved, That the applicant be registered.

8—Overcrowding at 5, Rosehill Terrace, Coltham Fields—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.

9 — Houses without proper Ash Receptacles — The Inspector of Nuisances reported that the following houses had no proper ashpits or ash receptacles, viz:—Cottage in Millbrook Street, 4, Sherborne Street, 93, Tewkesbury Road, 54, Waterloo Street, and 21, Worcester 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.

10—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 outworkers employed by them, although their attention had been called to such provisions. Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to take proceedings for the penalties incurred if the lists, which should have been sent in on or before the 1st inst., are not furnished forthwith.

W. NASH SKILLICORNE,

Chairman.

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At a Meeting of this Committee held On Monday, the 23rd August, 1909—Present: The Mayor, Alderman Skillicorne, Councillors Hayward, King-Harman, Margrett and Rees Jones (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, and 1 case of Erysipelas. and that 2 cases of Scarlet Fever had been sent into the Delancey Hospital.

11—Houses without proper Ash Receptacles—The Inspector of Nuisances reported that the following houses had no proper ashpits or ash receptacles, viz : Nos. 9, 33 and 56, Worcester Street, 9, Malvern Street, 22, Henrietta Street, 42, 44 and 45 Montpellier Villas, & 1, Montpellier Retreat—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.

12—Overcrowding—Nos. 11, 45, 50, 51, 65 & 72 Stanhope 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 each of the said premises, Notice under Sec. 94 of the Public Health Act, 1875, be served on the occupiers thereof requiring them to abate the same.

13-Cleansing and Limewashing at Nos. 18, Sherborne Place, 16 and 56, Worcester Street, 18, Malvern Street, 7 Coltham Fields, 4, Rosehill Terrace, and 1, 3, and 6, St. George's 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 the houses to be cleansed and limewashed.

14-Nuisances from Drains, etc., at Collingwood, Andover Terrace, Leslie Lodge, Tivoli Road, and 18, Sherborne Place. - 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.

15-Insanitary Property-Nos. 15, 18, and 45, Malvern Street, 16, 33, and 56, Worcester Street, 18, Sherborne Place, and 1, 3 & 6 St. George's Avenue-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-House unfit for Human Habitation-No. 6, Brunswick Terrace-The Medical Officer of Health certified under Section 32 of the Housing of the Working Classes Acts, 1890, that this house was in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to-health and unfit for human habitation. He also reported that the house was in such a state that the occupation thereof should be immediately discontinued. Resolved, That the Council being of opinion that the said house is in such a state as to be unfit for human habitation, and that the occupation thereof should be immediately discontinued, proceedings be taken forthwith under the Housing of the Working Classes Acts, 1890-1903 for an order for the said house to be closed.

17-Destruction of Diseased Meat-The Medical Officer of Health reported that on the 14th inst. the carcass and organs of a Pig (weight, 84 lbs.) affected with tuberculosis were surrendered by the owner and destroyed.

18-Nuisances 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 yard pitching, roofs, etc., which had been served, but not complied with. Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to take the necessary proceedings to compel compliance.

19—Milkshops—The Medical Officer of Health reported that an inspection had been recently made of the whole of the milkshops in the Borough, 58 in number. At two shops milk vessels were found unprovided with covers, and for this breach of the regulations the occupiers had rendered themselves liable to prosecution. In one case the milk was kept in a room where there was risk of contamination. Resolved, That the further consideration of the Report be adjourned to the next meeting.

20—National Health Congress at Leeds—The Inspector of Nuisances submitted a short report of the proceedings at the National Health Congress held at Leeds in July last.

21—Chelt—The Borough Surveyor reported that a portion of the arch of the culvert over the River Chelt at the rear of the Promenade Fountain had been found to be in a dangerous condition. The work of reconstruction had therefore been put in hand at once, and was nearly completed. Resolved, That the action of the Borough Surveyor be approved.

22—Ambulance Shed at Delancey Hospital—Read, a letter from Dr. E. T. Wilson, stating that the Ambulance Shed at the Delancey Hospital required repair. The Borough Surveyor reported that the cost of the small repairs necessary would be about £1. Resolved, That the same be carried out.

23—Abattoir—Read, a letter from Mr. A. Smith, of No. 280, High Street, calling attention to the need for a platform to facilitate the unloading of pigs at the Abattoir. The Borough Surveyor reported that the cost of providing the necessary platform in accordance with the plan now submitted would be about £10. Resolved, That the plan be approved and the work carried out, the cost to be defrayed out of the balance standing to the credit of the Abattoir Loan Account.

W. NASH SKILLICORNE,

Chairman.

FARMS MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Friday, the 20th August, 1909.—Present: Alderman Skillicorne, Councillors Green, Gridley, Margrett and Steel (Councillor Steel in the chair).

1--Farm Manager's Report--Read, the Monthly Report of the Farms Manager. Since the last monthly meeting 30 sheep had been purchased for £15, and 26 head of cattle for £257 13s. 0d. (Total purchases, £302 13s. 0d.) 23 head of cattle had been sold for £397 5s. 9d. The number of livestock on the Farms on the 20th inst. was 13 horses, 223 head of cattle, 68 sheep, and 3 pigs, all doing well. The hay harvest had been finished on both farms and corn cutting had commenced. Delivered to Central Depot, 8 tons 4 cwts. of hay. Resolved, That consideration of the recommendation of the Farms Manager that a fence should be erected in a field at the Barn Farm be adjourned for the Committee to inspect.

ROBT. STEEL, Chairman.

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STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, the 10th day of August, 1909—Present: Aldermen Haddon and Skillicorne, Councillors Bendall, Gridley, King-Harman and Norton, (Councillor Bendall in the Chair).

1—Footpath in front of Brandon Terrace—Councillor Norton called attention to the condition of this footpath. Resolved, That provision be made for the paving of the same in next year's estimate, and that the Borough Surveyor be instructed to carry out any repairs immediately necessary.

2—Trees—Read, a letter from Councillor King-Harman on the subject of the removal or lopping of certain trees in the Borough. Resolved, That the letter be referred to the Trees Sub-Committee.

3—Hewlett and All Saints' Road Improvement—The Borough Surveyor reported that Mr. Toogood, the owner of Craig-y-Don, had agreed to the suggestion of the Committee that the land given up by him should remain part-of the footpath, the Corporation to pave and maintain the same. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to carry out the work.

JOHN D. BENDALL,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, the 30th August, 1909.—Present: Aldermen Haddon and Skillicorne, Councillors Baker, Haddock and King-Harman (Councillor Baker in the Chair).

4—Borough Surveyor's Monthly Report Re Highways—The Borough Surveyor reported that the work completed by the Highways Department from the 22nd July, to the 26th August, 1909 (both inclusive) had been as follows:--

Roads Repaired—Trafalgar Street (1,456 super yards), Royal Well Lane (587 super yards), Clarence Parade (1,089 super yards), Crescent Terrace (520 super yards), Christ Church Road (9,747 super yards).

Roads patched—Swindon Road, Pittville Circus, Sherborne Street, Selkirk Street, Swindon Street, St. George's Road, Lower High Street, and Moorend Street.

Footpaths repaired—Sherborne Street, St. James' Street, Wellington Street, High Street, Gloucester Road, Douro Road, Henrietta Street and Granville Street.

Footpath tar painted—Thirlestaine Road (2,280 square yards).

Roads tar painted—Albert Road (6,347 super yards), Swindon Road (17,840 super yards), St. Paul's Road (5,783 super yards), Rutland Street (1,248 super yards), St. Paul's Street, North (2,250 super yards), Dunalley Street (1,328 super yards), Dunalley Parade (1,742 super yards), Made Hill Parade (1,961 super yards), St. Margaret's Road (2,301 super yards), Queen's Road (10,132 super yards), Pittville Crescent (2,912 super yards).

Private improvement Works—Andover Road (completed), Victoria Place and Fairfield Parade (proceeding).

Kerb repaired—Christ Church Road. Gas Trenches repaired—Royal Well Place, Albion Street, Sherborne Street, Gt. Western Terrace and High Street.

Electricity Trenches repaired—York Passage, Lower High Street, Montpellier Walk, Glencairn Park Road, Hatherley Road, and Lansdown Place. Sewer Trenches repaired—Carlton Street and Sydenham Road.

Manhole covers refixed-5. Gullies renewed-3. Trees pruned—Monson Avenue, Tewkesbury Road, Ambrose Street and Gloucester Road. Stakes fixed to young trees—Alstone Avenue, Cemetery Road, Christ Church Road, Clarence Square, Eldorado Road, Eldorado Crescent, Evesham Road, Glencairn

Park Road, Leckhampton Road, Malvern Road, Moorend Park Road, Old Bath Road, Oriel Road and Wellington Road.

Tree guards fixed-83 in Old Bath Road. New kerb and channel fixed—Andover Road (174 lineal yards).

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Footpath gravelled—Christ Church Road (proceeding).

Ashes Collection and Disposal—During 6 weeks ended the 26th August, 1909, 1240 loads collected, 1,231 consumed, slimed, and 9 tipped away. Weight consumed, 1,126 tons 3 cwts.

Slab Factory—During 5 weeks ended the 19th August, 1909, 749 concrete blocks, or 2,247 lineal feet made.

5—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.

6—Fairfield Walk Private Improvement Works 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 Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1852, to the owners of the premises fronting, adjoining, or abutting upon the parts of the said street, requiring to be sewered, levelled, paved, metalled, flagged, channelled or made good ; requiring them to do the specified works within 28 days ; and that, if such 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.

7—Street Projections—Read, an application from Mr. J. Morris, of 4, Henrietta Street, for permission to place a fixed projection sign outside his premises. Resolved, That the application be not granted.

8—Selkirk Street Private Improvement Works—Read, letters from Major-General Shewell, Mr. A. C. Billings and Mr. F. H. Collins, owners of property abutting upon the footpath on the North side of Selkirk Street objecting to the carrying out of the private improvement works ordered there. Mr. A. C. Billings and Mr. R. J. Purnell (as agent for the owner of Northlands) attended this meeting in support of the objections made. Resolved, That the further consideration of the matter be adjourned.

9-313, High Street—Read, a letter from Mr. B. Gee, asking upon what terms the Corporation would let No. 313, High Street. Resolved, That Mr. Gee be informed that the Corporation are willing to let the property on a yearly tenancy at £30 per annum, the tenant paying all rates.

10—Seat near Naunton Nursery, Leckhampton Road—Read, a letter from Mr. H. T. Young, of Naunton Nursery, Leckhampton Road, asking that the seat in front of his premises be removed in consequence of the nuisance caused by persons using it. Resolved, That the Committee cannot see their way to comply with the request.

11—Refuse Destructor Loan—The Town Clerk reported that an Inquiry would be held by an Inspector of the Local Government Board on the 8th September, 1909, at 10.30 a.m., at the Town Hall on the application of the Council for sanction to a loan of £6,500 for the extension of the Refuse Destructor.

12—Granley Road—Read, a Memorial signed by Mr. C. Daft and other owners of property abutting upon Granley Road asking the Council to declare the road to be a public highway. Resolved, That the application be acceded to, and that the Town Clerk be instructed to give the necessary notice of such declaration, such declaration to be without prejudice to the exercise by the Corporation of the powers conferred on them by Section 44 of the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1852, to require the owners or occupiers of premises adjoining the said street to pave the footpaths when required by the Corporation, except such portions as have already been paved to their satisfaction.

WILLIAM A. BAKER,

Chairman.

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PLANS SUB-COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Sub-Committee held on Tuesday, the 10th August, 1909. Present:—Councillors Bendall, Hayward and King-Harman (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.
782	Palace Theatre Co.	Conversion of Victoria Rooms into Theatre (amended plans).
792	Debenham, Longman & Co.	Studio at rear of 33, Promenade (amended plans).
793	L. Stern	Additions to No. 11, Exmouth Street.
794	J. Fleming	Additions to New Court, Lansdown Place.
795	E. Scot Skirving	Detached house, Thirlestaine Road.
796	W. Long	New Bathroom, 11 Marle Hill Road.
797	G. A. Hawkins	Additions to 40, St. James' Street.

Resolved, That Plans Nos. 792, 793 and 795 be approved, that Plans Nos. 794 and 796 be approved, subject to*the drainage being carried out to the satisfaction of the Inspector of Nuisances, that Plans Nos. 797 be approved subject to the undertaking endorsed thereon as to one room being used as a workshop or store only, and that Plans Nos. 782 be disapproved.

JOHN D. BENDALL, Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Sub-Committee held on Friday, the 27th August, 1909. Present: Councillors Hayward and King-Harman (Councillor King-Harman 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
798	Engall Cox & Co.	New Harness Room and W.C., rear of Linden House, College Lawn.
799	Andrew Page	2 Cottages in Lane near Maud's Elm, Swindon Road.
800	C. H. James	Additions to No. 303 High Street.
801	M. H. Adcock	Addition to No. 5 Promenade (bringing forward ground floor).

Resolved, That Plans No. 799 and 800 be disapproved, and that Plan No. 798 be approved, subject to the drainage being carried out to the satisfaction of the Inspector of Nuisances, and that Plans Nos. 801 be approved subject to the drainage being carried out to the satisfaction of the Inspector of Nuisances and to the walls of the existing building if found defective being taken down or made good so far as may be necessary.

M. J. KING-HARMAN, Chairman.

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TOWN IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, the 23rd August, 1909. Present: The Mayor, Alderman Roger, Councillors Green, Hayward, Packer, Steel, and Stroud (The Mayor in the Chair).

1—Musical Afternoons—The Entertainments Sub-Committee submitted the following statement of the Income and Expenditure in respect of the Musical Afternoons for 1908-9 :—

INCOME.		EXPENDITURE.	
Subscriptions	£67 8 0	Orchestra	£614 0 0
Books of Tickets	£ 5 17 0	Vocalists	£ 26 13 0
Admissions ...	£268 0 6	Attendants (including commission)	£27 14 1
Hire of Balcony	£ 9 9 0	Electric Energy	£17 6 6
Refreshment Rights	£12 0 0	Advertising, Printing and Stationery	£23 12 8
Programme Rights	<u>£25 0 0</u>	Subscription for use of French Music	£ 3 3 0
	£587 14 6	Proportion of Insurance of Orchestra	£ 1 10 0
		Hire and removals	£ 7 15 3
		Hire of plants, etc. ...	£11 0 0
		Labour, moving chairs, etc.	
		(Town Hall and Winter Garden)	£12 5 11
		Miscellaneous	£[0] 8 0
Balance	£157 13 11		
	£745 8 5		£745 8 5

The Sub-Committee also submitted their proposals as to the concerts to be held during next winter. After discussion, it was Resolved,

- (1) That the Musical Afternoons for 1909-10 commence on the 11th October and end on the last Friday in March, the concerts to be from 3.15 to 5.15 on each week-day except Saturday in the Town Hall, or if the Town Hall is engaged in the Winter Garden.

- (2) That the terms of subscription and admission remain as last year, except that the charge for admission on Fridays be the same as for the other days of the week, viz., 6d.
- (3) That Mr. Teague be asked to provide a band of 17 performers, the band to be augmented to 21 performers on Fridays, at a cost of £24 per week, the Corporation to pay in addition 10s. 0d. one-third of the cost of the compensation insurance to be effected by Mr. Teague.
- (4) That the offer of Norman Bros., Ltd., to pay £25 for the sole right to publish and sell the programmes be accepted.
- (5) That the offer of the Oriental Cafe Co. of £23 10s. for the sole right to supply refreshments at the Concerts, their offer being the highest, be accepted.

2—Summer Concerts—The Entertainments Sub-Committee reported that they had arranged for the continuance of the concerts at Montpellier Gardens until the end of September.

3—Guide to Cheltenham—Read, a letter from Mr. E. J. Burrow stating that he would be shortly issuing a new edition of "Cheltenham, the Garden Town," and would supply the Council with 500 copies in wrappers without charge if the Council would allow him as in the past to issue the book with the official sanction of the Council. In view of the cost of publication, he should be glad if the Council would take the back inside cover for an advertisement of the town at a cost of £20 as on previous issues, or an inside page for £10 10s. 0d., such advertisement to appear in all copies issued for 2 years from date of publication. Resolved, That Mr. Burrow's offer be accepted, and that an advertisement of the Town be placed on the back of the cover at a cost of £20.

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4—Lease of Winter Garden—The Town Clerk reported that the base of the Winter Garden to Gillsmiths, Ltd., for 3 years from the 1st October next on the terms already approved by the Council had been sealed by the Lessees. Resolved, That the Corporate Seal be affixed to the counterpart.

J. T. AGG-GARDNER,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, the 31st August, 1909. Present:—Alderman Rogers, Councillors Baker, Green, Hayward, Steel and Stroud (Councillor Baker in the Chair). Councillor King-Harman also attended as a member of the Plans Sub-Committee.

5—Promenade Improvement No. 2—The plans submitted by Mr. C. H. James for the bringing forward of the ground floor of No. 5 Promenade were considered. Mr. Smithson, the architect, attended before the Committee. Resolved, That the further consideration of the matter be adjourned for Mr. James to submit amended plans in accordance with the suggestions now made by the Committee.

WILLIAM A. BAKER,

Chairman.

ELECTRICITY AND LIGHTING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, the 19th August, 1909 — Present: Alderman Norman, Councillors Green, Gridley, Rees Jones and Steel (Councillor Gridley in the chair).

1—Gas Examiner's Report—The Gas Examiner reported that he had tested the gas for illuminating power with the following result:-15 candles. His test 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—Contract for Maintenance of Exciter Battery—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that the 10 years' contract for the maintenance of the exciter battery by the Tudor Accumulator Co. (the makers) expired on the 1st June last. The Company were willing to enter into a new agreement for maintenance for a further period of 10 years upon payment of £65 per annum, the annual amount paid under the expired contract, and he recommended that this offer be accepted, subject to the terms of a contract to be approved by the Town Clerk and himself. Resolved, That the recommendation be approved and adopted. EDWARD GRIDLEY, Chairman.

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WATER COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Thursday, the 26th August, 1909 -Present: The Mayor, Alderman Norman, Councillors Green, Haddock, Margrett and Stroud (Councillor Margrett 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 24th August, 1909.	Average for corresponding period during last 3 years.
Hewletts Springs	130,000 gallons	120,000 gallons
Dowdeswell Springs	295,000 "	260,000 "
Leckhampton	43,000 "	29,000 "
Total	468,000 "	409,000 "

CONTENTS OF RESERVOIRS.

	August 24th, 1909.		August 24th, 1908.	
	Depth	Contents	Depth	Contents
Hewletts	....	11,231,000 gallons	...	8,975,000 gallons
Leckhampton	8ft. 0in.	1,080,000 "	8ft. 0in.	1,080,000 "
Dowdeswell	15ft. 0in.	27,162,000 "	9ft. 0in.	40,872,000 "
Total Storage		39,476,000 "		50,927,000 "

Pumping commenced at Tewkesbury for supply to Cheltenham on the 20th instant. A length of 130 yards of 3-inch main had been laid in School Road, Charlton Kings, for the supply of new property.

2—Water Supply—The Town Clerk reported that the Tewkesbury Rural District Council had accepted the terms offered " for the supply of water in bulk for Walton Cardiff, viz : 1s per thousand gallons, the District Council to lay their own supply main.

3—Appeals—The cases entered in 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 August, 1909. Present: The Mayor, Aldermen Rogers and Skillicorne, Councillors Gridley, Margrett and Stroud (The Mayor in tire Chair).

1—Diseases of Animals Acts—Supt. Hopkins reported that no further outbreak of disease amongst animals had occurred in the Borough since the last meeting of this Committee.

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

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3-Application for Licence for Taxi-Cab—Read, a letter from Mr. R. Staite, of Berkeley House Stables, Pittville, applying for a licence to ply for hire a taxi-cab, and offering to surrender one of the hackney carriage licences held by him. Resolved, That the further consideration of the application be adjourned to the next monthly meeting.

4—Use of Town Hall by Carnival Committee. Read, a letter from Messrs. Baring Bros. asking that a reduction should be made in the charge of £26 10s. 0d. made to the Carnival Committee for the use of rooms at the Town Hall for rehearsals and of the large ball for the Carnival Ball, as owing to the wet weather the Carnival had resulted in a loss to the Guarantors. Resolved, That in view of the special circumstances and of the benefit the Committee are of opinion the town derived from the Carnival, they recommend that the charge made be reduced to £13 5s. 0d.

J. T. AGG-GARDNER,

Chairman

MINERAL WATERS, BATHS AND RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Friday, the 20th August, 1909—Present: Councillors Davies, Hayward, Merrett and Stroud (Councillor Stroud in the Chair).

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

Resolved, That Receipts	£289 7 4
Rent of Shop	£ <u>12 0 0</u>
	£301 7 4

Payments ...	£295 12 9
Interest & Redemption (proportion of)	<u>£175 0 0</u>
	£470 12 9

The Borough Surveyor be instructed to proceed at once with the installation of the heating apparatus for the Swimming Bath at these Baths to enable the room to be used when the bath is covered in, and to advertise the room as to let.

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	£219 18 3
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Payments	£209 15 10
Interest Redemption (proportion of) ...	<u>£110 0 0</u>
	£319 15 10

Read, a letter from the Superintendent of Alstone Baths applying for the free use of the Alstone Swimming Bath for the evening of the 30th September on the occasion of an entertainment to be given for his benefit by the Swimming Club. Resolved, That the application be acceded to.

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Resolved, also, That the Swimming Bath be open for use by ladies on Wednesdays from 12 noon to 3 p.m. at a charge of 2d., and that the resolution to Minute No. 3 of this Committee of the 18th February, 1904, be amended accordingly.

3—Football at Agg-Gardner Recreation Ground—Read, a letter from the Hon. Sec. of the Gas Green Football Club applying for the use of the Agg-Gardner Recreation Ground for football next season. Resolved, That the Committee regret that in view of the number of similar applications already granted for next season they cannot accede to the same.

HERBERT STROUD,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Friday, the 27th August, 1909. Present:—Councillors Davies, Hayward, Merrett and Stroud (Councillor Stroud in the Chair).

4—Whaddon Lane Recreation Ground—The Committee visited the Whaddon Lane Recreation Ground, and considered a plan submitted by the Borough Surveyor for turfing a portion of the broad walk and the removal of the Fountain to the end of the walk. The cost of the removal of the fountain would not exceed k5, and the alteration of the walk could be carried out by the Superintendent. Resolved, That the plan be approved and the work carried out, and that the Borough Surveyor be instructed to provide three additional seats for the ground.

5—Trees—Agg-Gardner Recreation—Read, a Memorial signed by Miss Pyke and two other owners and occupiers of house's in Marle Hill Road, asking that some of the trees at the rear of their houses

should be cut down or some of the lower limbs removed on account of the obstruction caused to light and air. The Committee having inspected the trees, Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have some of the trees trimmed.

6—Clocks for Recreation Grounds—Resolved, That a clock be provided at the Whaddon Lane and Agg-Gardner Recreation Grounds.

HERBERT STROUD,

Chairman.

BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, the 27th August, 1909—Present: Alderman Haddon, Councillors King-Harman, Mann, Merrett and Steel (Alderman Haddon in the Chair).

1—Inspection of Cemetery—The Committee met at and inspected the Cemetery.

2—Theft from Graves—The Superintendent of the Cemetery reported that on the 18th instant two girls aged about 10 years were seen removing ribbons from wreaths on graves at the Cemetery. Resolved, That no proceedings be taken in this case but that the children be required to attend at the Municipal Offices to be reprimanded for their conduct.

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3—Superintendents Report—The Superintendent reported that he required some weed killer, and the window fastenings at the Cemetery Lodge required attention. Resolved, That 10 gallons of Eureka Weed Killer be purchased and that the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have the window fastenings put in order.

4—Heating of Chapels—The Borough Surveyor's Report as to improved heating arrangements for the chapels was further considered. Resolved, That the recommendations contained therein be approved and the work carried out, at a cost not exceeding £50, including the provision of a new boiler and of radiators in the Chapels and Vestries.

5—Cemetery Lodge--Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have a window placed in the W.C. and necessary repairs to the scullery roof carried out.

6—Designs—Resolved, That the following designs be approved, viz. :—Headstones to graves of George Pearce, Robert and Priscilla Stafford. Kerbing to grave of Ellen Harris. Memorial Crosses to graves of Charles Gritton, Francis William Fielding-Kane, and Catherine Helen Dalrymple Fergusson.

JOHN HADDON,

Chairman.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee; held on Tuesday, the 31st August. 1909. Present:—Alderman Skillicorne, Councillors Earengay, Hayward, Merrett, Rees Jones, Steel and Stroud (Councillor Stroud in the Chair).

1—General District Rate—The Report of the Borough Accountant, dated the 31st inst., on the collection of the first instalment of this Rate was read. Amount collected £20,001 16s. 0d. Leaving outstanding £3,411 13s. 11d.

2—Water Rate—The Report of the Borough Accountant dated the 31st inst., on the collection of this Rate for the half-year ending, 29th prop. was read. Amount received £10,620 9s. 5d. Leaving outstanding £2,444 5s. 1d.

3—Loans—The Borough Accountant reported that he had received the sum of £2,000 upon loan for a term of 3 years, interest to be at the rate of 3i [?] per cent. Resolved, That a Debenture be sealed and issued on account of 18,756 Electric Lighting Loan accordingly.

4—Officials' Guarantee Bonds—Resolved, That the amount of the Farms Manager's Guarantee Bond be increased from £300 to £1,000, and the bond of the Cemetery Superintendent be reduced from £250 to £100, and that the resolutions to Minute No. 31 of the Public Health Committee of the 17th February, 1902, and Minute No. 2 of the Burial Board Committee of the 23rd June, 1905, be varied accordingly.

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

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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 23rd July last	£15,710 11 7
Received since that date (including Loan on Debenture, £2,000)	£ <u>24,265 5 2</u>
	£ 39,975 16 9
Paid since that date (including Sinking Funds, invested with the Rhondda Urban District Council)	£6,940, <u>£19,532 10 10</u>
	In hand £20,443 5 11
Being General Accounts	£20,112 15 1
Sinking Funds	£ <u>330 10 10</u>
	£20,443 5 11

HERBERT STROUD,

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 6th September, 1909, at 3 p.m. Present:

THE MAYOR (JAMES TYNTE AGG-GARDNER, Esquire) in the chair. THE DEPUTY MAYOR (ALDERMAN JOHN WAGHORNE).

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

Councillors: WILLIAM ALFRED BAKER JOHN DAVID BENDALL EDWINSON CHARLES GREEN EDWARD GRIDLEY PERCY HADDOCK CHARLES HAYWARD MONTAGUE JOCELYN KING-HARMAN ALFRED MANN 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 30th 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—Death of Councillor Moses Davis—On the motion of the Mayor, seconded by Councillor Baker, it was unanimously Resolved, That this Council desire to express their deep regret at the death of Councillor Moses Davis and their sincere sympathy with his widow and family in their loss, and also to record their appreciation of the useful services to the town rendered by Councillor Davis as a member of this Council for nearly 15 years.

3—Congress of Royal Institute of Public Health — Read, a letter from the Secretary of the Royal Institute of Public Health, stating that at the recent Institute Congress at Leeds, a strong desire had been expressed to meet at Cheltenham in the year 1910, and asking whether the suggestion was agreeable to the Town Council, and if so whether an invitation could be extended to the Institute. Resolved, that the letter be referred to the General Purposes and Watch Committee for consideration.

4—Leslie Young Benefactions—Read, letters from Messrs. Winterbotham, Gurney & Co., setting out the proposed allocations under the Leslie Young Bene-factions, these including the sum of £1,000 for the Public Library and £1,000 for the Art Gallery and Museum, and the conditions upon which the same would be made. Resolved, That the letters be referred to the Public Library and Art Gallery and Museum Committees for consideration.

5—Public Health Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Public Health Committee, at their Meetings of the 30th July and 9th and 23rd August last be approved and confirmed.

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

8—Town Improvement Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Town Improvement Committee, at their Meetings of the 23rd and 31st August 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 August last be approved and confirmed.

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

11—General Purposes and Watch Committee — Resolved, That the proceedings of the General Purposes and Watch Committee, at their Meeting of the 24th August 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 Meetings of the 20th and 27th August last be approved and confirmed.

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

14—Finance Committee — Resolved, That the proceedings of the Finance Committee, at their Meeting of the 31st August last, be approved and con-firmed. Resolved, also, That an Order our 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 Margrett gave notice of his intention to move at the next monthly meeting of the Council :—" That during the summer months the Reservoirs at Dowdeswell and Hewletts be open to the Burgesses of the Borough."

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 4th October, 1909.

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 13th September, 1909. Present: The Mayor, Alderman Skillicorne, Councillors Hayward, Margrett and Rees Jones (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, and 2 of Diphtheria, and that 7 cases of Scarlet Fever and 1 case of Diphtheria had been sent into the Delancey Hospital.

2--Overcrowding at Nos. 1 and 4, Exmouth Court—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.

3-Houses without proper Ash Receptacles — The Inspector of Nuisances reported that the following houses had no proper ashpits or ash receptacles, viz :-1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7 Exmouth Court, 1, 2, 3, 4 5 and 6 Exmouth Terrace, 6, St. George's Avenue, 13, Kew Place, 50, Fairview Street, and 1, Coltham Fields—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, 1859, requiring them in each case to provide a moveable ash receptacle of such size, pattern, and construction as may be approved by the Inspector of Nuisances on behalf of the Corporation.

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4-Cleansing and Limewashing at Nos. 6, St. George's Avenue, 13, Kew Place, 31, Stoneville Street and 1 Coltham Fields—The Medical Officer of Health having certified under Section 46 of the Public Health Act, 1875, that the above-named dwelling-houses were in such a filthy and unwholesome condition that the health of the inmates was affected or endangered thereby. Resolved, That Notice be given to the owners under the said Section requiring the houses to be cleansed and limewashed.

5—Nuisances from Drains, etc., at Nos. 31, Stoneville Street, Elm Cottages, Swindon Road, 17 Sherborne Place & Castlemaine Villa, Ashford 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.

6—Insanitary Property—Nos. 50 Worcester Street, 3, Brandon Place, 6 & 8 St. George's Avenue, 14 & 17 New Place, 50 Fairview Street, and 30 and 31, Stoneville Street—The Medical Officer of Health reported that the above-mentioned premises were in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to the health of the inmates owing to defective roofs, walls, ceilings, floors, &c. Resolved, That the Council being satisfied that the said premises are in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to health, Notices under Section 94 of the Public Health Act, 1875, be served upon the owners requiring them to put the same into a healthy condition and for that purpose to carry out the works specified therein.

7—Dairies, Cowsheds and Milkshops Order—Read, an application from Mrs. Piff, of No. 8, St. Paul's Street North to be registered as a Purveyor of Milk. The Medical Officer pointed out that in his opinion the premises were not suitable for the sale of milk. Resolved, That this be pointed out to the applicant, and that she be informed that while registering the premises the Council cannot allow the same to be used for the sale of milk unless the regulations are complied with.

With reference to the Report of the Medical Officer of Health at the last meeting that the registered milkshop, kept by Mrs. Elliott, at 260, High Street, was in a dirty condition, and that there was risk of contamination of the milk kept there, and that the premises were quite unsuitable for the sale of

milk. Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to inform the occupier that the premises do not comply with the regulations, and that unless these are complied with the sale of milk must be discontinued.

8—Arle Outfall Sewer—The Town Clerk reported that he had received from Mr. J. G. Villar claims on behalf of Messrs. Godwin, Goodhall, Warren and Ivin for damage to fruit trees, crops, etc., at Hester's Way through the laying of the Arle Outfall Sewer. Resolved, That Mr. C. C. Castle be instructed to report upon the same.

W. NASH SKILLICORNE,

Chairman.

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At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, the 20th September, 1909—Present: Aldermen Norman and Skillicorne, and Councillor 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, 3 cases of Scarlet Fever, and 2 of Diphtheria. and that 2 cases of Scarlet Fever and 1 case of Diphtheria had been sent into the Delancey Hospital.

10—Houses without proper Ash Receptacles—The Inspector of Nuisances reported that the following houses had no proper ashpits or ash receptacles, viz : Nos. 21, 33, 39 and 50, Worcester Street, 47, Fairview Street, and Raymond Cottage, Worcester 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.

11—Overcrowding — Nos. 4, Upper Bath Street and 2, Little's Court, New 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 each of 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.

12 —Cleansing and Limewashing at Nos. 51, Fairview Street, 55 and 56 Worcester Street and 10 Elm Street. The Medical Officer of Health having certified under Section 46 of the Public Health Act, 1875, that the above-named dwelling-houses were in such a filthy and unwholesome condition that the health of the inmates was affected or endangered thereby. Resolved, That Notice be given to the owners under the said Section requiring the houses to be cleansed and limewashed.

13—Nuisances from Drains, etc., at Nos. 42 and 44, Brunswick Street, and 7, Wellington Square. — 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. 47, 49, 51 and 51a, Fairview Street, 8 and 11 New Place, 33, 38, 50 and 56 Worcester Street, and Raymond Cottage, Worcester Street—The Medical Officer of Health reported that the above-mentioned premises were in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to the health of the inmates owing to defective roofs, walls, ceilings, floors, etc. Resolved, That the Council being satisfied that the said premises are in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to health, Notices under Section 94 of the Public Health Act, 1875, be served upon the owners requiring them to put the same into a healthy condition, and for that purpose to carry out the works specified therein.

15—Destruction of Diseased Fish—The Medical Officer of Health reported that on the 18th inst. a consignment of cod fish (weight, 112 lbs.), found to be unfit for human food, was surrendered and destroyed.

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 yard pitching, drains, etc., which had been served, but not complied with. Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to take the necessary proceedings to compel compliance.

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17—Arle Outfall Sewer—The Town Clerk reported that Messrs. W. & S. Wood had claimed the sum of £93 10s. 0d. In addition to surveyor's fee, £5 5s. 0d., as compensation for damage to crops, etc., in consequence of the laying of the Arle Outfall Sewer. They had now agreed to accept £30 in settlement. This claim did not include anything for possible damage to pasture land, of which Messrs. Wood were owners and occupiers. Resolved, That the sum of £30 be paid.

W. NASH SKILLICORNE,

Chairman.

FARMS MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Friday, the 3rd September, 1909.—Present: Alderman Skillicorne, Councillors Green, Gridley, King-Harman, Margrett and Steel (Councillor Steel in the chair).

1—Purchase and Sale of Stock—The Committee considered the arrangements for the purchase and sale of cattle, etc., and conferred with the Farms Manager thereon. Resolved, That the Farms Manager be instructed to report from time to time to the Committee as to the purchase and sale of cattle, etc., recommended by him.

2—Chairman—Resolved, That Alderman Skillicorne be appointed Chairman of this Committee until the 9th November next.

ROBERT STEEL,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Friday, the 17th September, 1909. Present:—Alderman Councillors Green and Margrett (Alderman Skillicorne in the Chair).

3—Farms Manager's Report—Read, the Monthly Report of the Farms Manager. Since the last monthly meeting 2 head of cattle had been purchased for £24; 22 head of cattle had been sold for £379 7s. 0d., and 11 lambs for £13 4s. 0d. (Total sales, £392 11s. 0d.) The number of livestock on the Farms on the 17th inst. was 13 horses, 203 head of cattle, 58 sheep, and 3 pigs, all doing very well. 4 tons 4 cwt. 2 qrs. of hay had been delivered to the Central Depot. £2 1s. 7d. had been received for cauliflower and cabbage. 250 land drain pipes had been purchased for use at Hayden. He reported that some of the cottages at the farms required re-thatching and whitewashing. He recommended that notice be given to Mr. C. Stuckey to terminate his tenancy of a cottage at the Barn Farm at Christmas next, so that the cottage might be occupied by a farm employee. He submitted for approval his proposals as to purchases and sales of cattle, fodder, etc., during the ensuing month.

Resolved, That the recommendation of the Farms Manager be approved, but that the Committee visit the farms and inspect the cottages requiring rethatching, etc.

4—Sale of Fruit at Farms—Messrs. Castle & Bloss reported that the fruit on the farms had been sold by them by auction for £33 9s. 6d. after deducting commission, etc., and discount to buyers for cash.

W. NASH SKILLICORNE, Chairman

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At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, the 22nd September, 1909. Present:—Alderman Skillicorne, Councillors Green and Steel (Alderman Skillicorne in the Chair).

5—Inspection of Farms—The Committee visited the farms and inspected the stock and buildings. Resolved, That the yard at the Barn Farm be railed in as recommended by the Farms Manager, and that cottages occupied by Harper and Haggard be thatched and whitewashed, and those occupied by Mason and Hopkins whitewashed.

W. NASH SKILLICORNE,

Chairman.

STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, the 14th September, 1909—Present: Aldermen Haddon and Skillicorne, Councillors Baker, Bendall, and Haddock (Councillor Bendall in the Chair).

1—Street Projection—Read, a letter from Mr. E. L. Ward, applying for permission to place a glass pier case projecting 5 ½ inches on the pilaster of No. 139 High Street, the proposed case being smaller than those already fixed with the sanction of the Council outside his premises. Resolved, That the application be acceded to.

2—Roads on Fairfield Estate—Read, a letter from Mr. F. E. Jenkins, asking that the private improvement works required to the roads on the Fairfield Estate should be put in hand. Resolved,

That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to bring up plans, specifications and estimates of the works required to be carried out upon the estate by the abutting owners.

3—Pavement Light at No. 18 Colonnade—Read, an application from Messrs. E. Saunders & Son, for permission to place a Pavement Light in the footpath in front of No. 18 Colonnade. Resolved, That permission be given subject to an agreement of indemnity being entered into by the owner of the premises.

4—Trees in Promenade—Read a letter from Messrs. Dale, Forty & Co., asking that the trees in front of No. 5a Promenade Villas should be thinned. Resolved, That the request be referred to the Trees Sub-Committee for consideration.

5—Sale of Waste Paper—The Borough Surveyor reported that he had arranged with Messrs. James Russell & Co., of Lydney, to take all the waste paper and cardboard boxes collected in the Borough by the Corporation at 12s per ton, the paper, etc., to be collected and delivered in bags provided by the purchasers at the G.W.R. Station, Cheltenham. The arrangement was determinable upon 6 months notice by either side expiring on or after the 31st December, 1911. Resolved, That the arrangement be approved and adopted.

6—Advertisements Regulation Byelaws—Read, a letter from the Home Office with reference to the draft Byelaws under the Advertisements Regulation Act, 1907, submitted for the informal approval of the Secretary of State, suggesting certain modifications in such Byelaws and asking for further information as to the character of the streets and pleasure grounds named in the Byelaws. The Town Clerk submitted for approval draft letter in reply. Resolved, That the reply be approved and sent.

7—Locomotive Byelaws—Montpellier Street—The Town Clerk reported that the Local Government Board had confirmed the Byelaws made by the Council restricting the use of Locomotives in Montpellier Street. Resolved. That notice of such restriction be put up in or near Montpellier Street in positions to be fixed by the Borough Surveyor.

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8-Fence adjoining Road to Destructor—with reference to complaints received from the tenant of the land adjoining the road to the Destructor as to the condition of the fence, which the Corporation were liable to repair, the Borough Surveyor recommended that a strip of land containing about 433 square yards adjoining the fence should be purchased from Jesus College, so that provision could be made for the proper support of the fence. The Town Clerk reported that the College were willing to sell the land required for £30, the Corporation to pay the costs of conveyance, about £3. Resolved, That the land be purchased on the terms mentioned.

JOHN D. BENDALL, Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, the 27th September, 1909.—Present: Alderman Haddon, Councillors Baker, Bendall, Gridley, Haddock and Norton (Councillor Bendall in the Chair).

9—Borough Surveyor's Monthly Report Re Highways—The Borough Surveyor reported that the work completed by the Highways Department from the 27th August, to the 23rd September, 1909 (both inclusive) had been as follows:—

Roads Repaired--Regent Street (840 super yards).

Roads patched—Oriol Road, Hewlett Road, Albion Street, Moorend Street, Clarence Road, Townsend Street, Portland Square, Leamington Place, Sandford Road, Francis Street and Naunton Crescent.

Gas Trenches repaired—Gloucester Road.

Electricity Trenches repaired—Pittville Street, Sandford Road, College Road, Albion Street, Pittville Lawn, Suffolk Road, High Street, Hatherley Road and Lansdown Road.

Water Trenches repaired—Fairview Road and Thirlestaine Road. Sewer Trenches repaired—St. Luke's Road, Royal Well Lane and Union Street.

Paving repaired—Granville Street, High Street, Tivoli Street and College Road.

Channel repaired—Christ Church Road, Queen's Road, and Overton Road.

Private Improvement Works-Victoria Place (completed) Fairfield Parade and Cleeve View Road (proceeding).

Street Crossings repaired-7. Gateway crossings repaired-1. Manhole covers renewed-2. Gullies renewed-3.

Trees pruned—Malvern Road, Albion Street, Berkeley Street, Priory Street, Carlton Street, Portland Street; Douro Road, Christ Church Road, Malvern Place, Lansdown Parade and Lansdown Crescent.

Tree guards fixed—Eldorado Road and Crescent. Tree felled-1 lime in St. Philip's Terrace.

Ashes Collection and Disposal—During 4 weeks ended the 23rd September, 1909, 845 loads collected, 837 consumed, and 8 tipped away. Weight consumed, 777 tons 6 cwts. 3 qrs.

Slab Factory—During 4 weeks ended the 10th September, 1909, 249 square yards of slabs and 3,381 lineal feet of concrete blocks made.

10—View Meeting—The following members attended the View Meeting on Friday last:—Alderman Haddon, Councillors Baker, Bendall, Haddock and Norton.

11—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.

12—Alterations and Additions to Nos. 6 and 7, North Street—Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to take proceedings against Mr. T. H. Poynton for the penalties incurred in respect of breach of the byelaws relating to new streets and buildings, and also that notice be given to Mr. Poynton, requiring him to show cause why the work contravention of such Byelaws should not be removed, altered or pulled down. begun or done by him in

13—Street Projections—The Street Inspector reported that four small projecting signs had been placed outside No. 271, High Street, without the permission of the Council.

Read, a letter from Mr. F. M. Bartlett, the occupier of the shop, asking that the signs should be allowed to remain Resolved, That the application be not granted, and that notice be given to Mr. Bartlett requiring the removal of the signs.

Read, the following applications for permission to place projecting arc lamps:—

Drinkwater & Co., 332, High Street	1 lamp
W. H. Mack & Co., 333, High Street	1 lamp
The County Drug Co., 180, High Street	1 lamp
Messrs. Foster, 174, High Street ...	3 lamps

Resolved, That the applications be granted, subject to compliance with the usual conditions as to height, projection, &c.

Complaints having been received with reference to obstructions caused at No. 91, High Street, in the occupation of Mr. Brunskill, and at No. 92 and 92a High Street, occupied by Messrs. Hall & Sons, caused by goods placed upon the footpath. Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to write to Mr. Brunskill and Messrs. Hall requiring the removal of the obstructions.

14—Private Improvement Works—Cemetery Road—Read, a Memorial, signed by Messrs. Webb Bros., Ltd., and other owners of property abutting upon the footpath on the North side of Cemetery Road urging that instead of a paved footpath a tarred footpath with grass verge would be sufficient. Resolved, That in view of the representations made the works ordered be not carried out at present.

15—Millbrook Street Private Improvement Works—The Town Clerk submitted correspondence he had had with the Clerk to the Gas Company: with reference to the repayment by the Company of the cost of private improvement works carried out to the footpath in Millbrook Street abutting upon "The Shrubbery." Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to take proceedings if necessary for recovery of the amount due.

16—Trees—Read, letters from Miss Batt, Col. Cooch and Mr. R. J. Webb, asking for the removal or pruning of trees opposite their houses. Resolved, That the letters be referred to the Trees Sub-Committee for consideration.

17—Exmouth Court, Brunswick Terrace and St. Paul's Parade—Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to prepare and submit plans and specifications of the works required to be carried out in these streets by the abutting owners.

18—Land adjoining No. 1, St. George's Square—Read, a letter from Mr. A. Creese asking whether, if the owner of No. 1, St. George's Square was not entitled to access to Ambrose Street over the strip of land at the side of the house, the Corporation were willing to sell the land. Resolved, That Mr. Creese be informed that the Corporation do not propose to sell the land. referred to.

19—No. 313, High Street—The Committee having inspected this property, Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to have the same offered for sale by public auction subject to a condition as to the setting back of the premises to the line of No. 314, High Street.

20—Seat near Fauconberg House—Read, a letter from Miss Shewell asking that a seat near Fauconberg House should be remove]. Resolved, That consideration of the request be adjourned for the Committee to view.

JOHN D. BENDALL,

Chairman.

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PLANS SUB-COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Sub-Committee held on Tuesday, the 14th September, 1909. Present:—
Councillors Baker and Bendall (Councillor Bendall in the Chair).

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

No. of Plan.	Name	Description.
799	Andrew Page	2 Cottages in road, near Maud's Elm.
800	C. H. James	Additions to No. 5, Promenade (bringing forward ground floor).
802	E. Wood	2 Semi-detached houses, Rowanfield Road.
803	Scudamore Bros.	Additions to Hay and Corn Stores, No. 93, Upper Bath Road.
804	Mrs. C. S. Pates	Detached house, Hester's Way.
805	W. J. H. Piney	New bathroom, No. 5, Columbia Place.
806	C. Smith	Three new W.C.'s, Naunton Cottages, Naunton Lane.

Resolved, That Plans Nos. 802, 803, 804, 805 and 806 be approved, that Plans Nos. 800 be approved, subject to the Agreement of Indemnity as to pavement light, and to the proposed elevation being approved by the Town Improvement Committee, and that Plan Nos. 799 be disapproved.

JOHN D. BENDALL,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Sub-Committee held on Friday, the 24th September, 1909. Present: Councillors Baker, Bendall and Hayward (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
799	Andrew Page	2 Cottages, in lane near Maud's Elm.
807	T. H. Poynton	New Public Hall, rear of Nos. 6 and 7 North Street.
808	Webb Bros., Ltd.	Eight Houses, Harp Hill.
809	G. R. Klombies	Motor House, No. 10 Hatherley Road.

Resolved, That Plans No. 799 be approved subject to the houses being built so as to give a fall of 1 in 48 for the drainage, that Plan No. 808 and 809 be approved, and that Plans Nos. 807 be disapproved.

Nos. 6 and 7 North Street.—The Building Inspector reported that the work was proceeding at Nos. 6 and 7 North Street, although plans had only been deposited in respect of the same on the 22nd instant. Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to write to Mr. Poynton calling his attention to the matter.

Cotswold Potteries, Charlton Lane—The Building Inspector reported that a wooden building had been erected by the Cotswold Potteries Company in front of their offices in Charlton Lane, in contravention of the provisions of the Public Health (Buildings in Streets) Act, 1855, and of the Byelaws. Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to give notice to the Company requiring them to remove the same. JOHN D. BENDALL, Chairman.

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TOWN IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, the 20th September, 1909. Present: Alderman Winterbotham, Councillors Baker, Green, Steel, Stroud (Councillor Baker in the Chair).

1—Report of Entertainments Sub-Committee—on the report of the Entertainments Sub-Committee, Resolved, That the General Purposes Committee be recommended to grant the application of Mr. A. W. Newton for the free use of the Town Hall on the 7th prox. on the occasion of his Annual Benefit Concert, he paying cost of lighting.

2—Cheltenham Carnival—The Borough Accountant reported that he had received from the Hon. Treasurer of the Carnival Committee the sum of £70 18s. 11d., made up as follows:—

Percentage of gross receipts at Montpellier Gardens ...	£38 4 6
Making good damage, hire of Town Hall, Lighting, etc., etc.	£32 14 5

3—Tree near Cleaveland House, Evesham Road—Read, a letter from Col. Noake asking that a large elm tree which obstructed the access of light to the back of his house, Cleaveland House, should be removed. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have the branches of the tree overhanging Col. Noake's garden lopped.

4—Winter Garden—Mr. C. G. Smith attended this meeting and asked for a variation in the terms of the lease of the Winter Garden as regards the use of the building for Badminton. The lease required that not less than four suitable courts for Badminton should be provided from October to March in each year on three afternoons and one morning in each week at a charge of not exceeding 6d. per person, including admission to the building. In lieu of the use of 4 courts on three afternoons and one morning, Mr. Smith asked that the lessees should be allowed to substitute the exclusive use of the whole of the building (ten courts) for Badminton on Friday afternoon in each week. The accommodation suggested would be sufficient to meet all requirements this winter, as only one local club had applied for the use of the building. He also asked that the Corporation should have the inside woodwork of the windows painted.

Resolved, That the proposal to appropriate the whole of the building on Friday afternoons for Badminton in lieu of three afternoons and one morning be agreed to for the forthcoming winter, provided that the appropriation shall not be regarded as a letting of the building to prevent it being used for the Musical Afternoons if required

Resolved, also, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have the windows painted.

5—Pittville Park—Mr. W. L. Mellersh attended this meeting, and submitted a Report by Mr. Robinson, of Messrs. Heath & Son, prepared at the request of Sir William Thiselton Dyer, upon the trees and gardening at Pittville. Resolved, That the report be referred to the Borough Surveyor for consideration.

6—Promenade Improvement No. 2 —Plans relating to the bringing forward of No. 5 Promenade were further considered.

Read, a Memorial signed by owners and occupiers (or authorised. agents) of Nos. 1 to 6 and 8 to 13 Promenade, representing that a front elevation in stonework was unsuitable for business premises, and expressing a preference for hard wood. They also asked that the height of the elevation should be raised at least 12 inches above the present ceiling, and that the choice of material should be left to individual owners, having regard to the nature of each particular business. Resolved, That the further consideration of the matter be adjourned.

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7—Advertising—The Committee considered the following list of advertisements of the Town at present inserted or issued by the Council :—

		ANNUAL COST.		
		£	s.	d.
WEEKLY.	" Daily Telegraph," 1 line at 7s 6d ...	19	10	0
	" Times India," of Illustrated Weekly, 2 inches at 2s 6d	6	10	0
	Mail Edition, 2 inches at 2s "	5	4	0
	Times of Ceylon," 2 inches at 2s 6d	6	10	0
	"Manchester Courier," 1 line at 2s 6d	6	10	0
ANNUALS.	" Where to Stay " (Gordon Hotels,) 1 Page ...	9	9	0
	M. & S. W. Junction Railway. Views in Railway Carriages	3	3	0
	Grindlay's Handbook. Half-page ...	2	10	0
	" Times of India," Illustrated Article	1	11	6
	" Manchester Courier,"	3	0	0
Mineral Waters.				
	" Practitioner "	14	8	0
	Lancet " ...	15	12	0
	" British Medical Journal "	26	10	0
	Views for Midland Railway Carriages (150)	7	10	0
MISCELLANEOUS	Small Guide, 5,000 for £7 10s. Od., Blocks, Photos, &c., say £10 (3 years)	3	6	8
	Burrow's Guide, large (2 years £20)	10	0	0

	Wilts, Ltd., Photographs for G.W.R., £300 for 5 years Wills, Ltd., Printing and Exhibiting 5,000 Posters at Railway	*40	0	0
	Stations, etc., for 5 years	20	10	0
	Burrow's " Way about Cheltenham," 1908-9	3	3	0
		£204	17	2

* £20 next year.

Resolved, That the advertisements in the " Manchester Courier," " Where to Stay," Grindlay's Handbook, and " The Practitioner " be not renewed at expiration of current advertisements.

Read, a letter from Sir. B. J. Jarvis applying for the renewal of the advertisement in the " Times of Ceylon " Weekly Mail Edition for another year. Resolved, That the advertisement be renewed.

Read, a letter from the Associated Newspapers, Ltd., stating that they proposed to call special attention in a forthcoming issue of the " Daily Mail " to the subject of English Spas, and advertisements would appear on the same page relating to Spas mentioned in the article at a charge of £2 per inch. Resolved, That a one-inch advertisement of Cheltenham be inserted.

Read, a letter from the Midland Railway Company suggesting that an advertisement should be inserted in the Time-tables of the Company at a cost for a third of a page of £10. Resolved, That the offer be not accepted.

Read, a letter from the Secretary of the Japan-British Exhibition, to be held in 1910 at the White City, London, stating that pictures of Health Resorts would be received and exhibited at a charge of £49 for 12ft. 6in. in length by 12ft. in height, or £60 for 18ft. by 12ft. in height. The pictures to be provided by local authorities, and lighting to be paid for in addition. Resolved, That the offer be not accepted.

WILLIAM A. BAKER,

Chairman.

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At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, the 29th September, 1909. Present:—
Councillors Baker, Green, Hayward, and Steel (Councillor Baker in the Chair).

8—Promenade Improvement No. 2—An amended Plan submitted by Messrs. Chatters and Smithson of the elevation of the ground floor of No. 5, Promenade was considered. The front elevation was 12 inches higher than the plan first submitted, and would be of polished teak wood, finished by an ornamental iron railing. Resolved, That the plan be approved, subject to the owner of the premises entering into an undertaking not to allow the display of any trade name or description or any sign or advertisements on the iron railing or roof of the front elevation.

9—Winter Garden—The Borough Surveyor reported that Mr. C. G. Smith wished to enclose a portion of the vestibule on the East side of the Winter Garden for use by the Refreshment Caterers for boiling water, storage, etc. The Committee having visited the Winter Garden and interviewed Mr. Smith. Resolved, That the permission asked for be given, subject to the caterers at the "Musical Afternoons being allowed the use of the room when such concerts are held in the Winter Garden.

WILLIAM A. BAKER,

Chairman

ELECTRICITY AND LIGHTING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, the 16th September, 1909, at the Electricity Works, Arle. Present: Councillors Green, Merrett, Norton, Rees Jones and Steel (Councillor Steel in the chair).

1—Gas Examiner's Report—The Gas Examiner reported that on the 15th inst., he had tested the gas for illuminating power with the following result:-14.7 candles. The test for purity on the 11th and 15th inst. showed 37 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—Lighting of Kingscote Road, Hatherley—Read, a Memorial signed by Mr. C. H. Taudevin and other residents in Kingscote Road, Hatherley, calling attention to the fact that there was at present no public lighting in this road, and asking that the main should be extended down the road, and some lighting provided. Resolved, That the consideration of the application be adjourned for the Committee to view.

4—Boiler House Roof—The Borough Electrical Engineer having called attention to the bad state of repair of the boiler house roof, the Committee inspected the same. The Borough Surveyor reported that the cost of covering with corrugated iron the portion of the roof over the Railway Siding would be about £35. The cost of providing a new timber and slate roof over the boilers would be £100, or with corrugated iron, £50. Resolved, That the roof over the Railway Siding be covered with corrugated iron as proposed, and that consideration of what further repairs are necessary to the roof be adjourned to the next meeting.

ROBERT STEEL,

Chairman.

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WATER COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Thursday, the 23rd September, 1909—Present: Alderman Norman, Councillors Baker, Earengy, Green, Haddock, Margrett and Stroud (Councillor Margrett in the Chair).

1--Borough Engineers Report—The monthly report of the Borough Engineer was read:

DAILY YIELD OF SPRINGS.

	For 31 days, ended 21st Sept., 1909.	Average for corresponding period during last 3 years.
Hewletts Springs	100,000 gallons	132,000 gallons
Dowdeswell Springs	166,000 "	244,000 "
Leckhampton	30,000 "	20,000 "
Total	296,000 "	396,000 "

CONTENTS OF RESERVOIRS.

	Sept. 21st, 1909.		Sept. 21st, 1908.	
	Depth	Contents	Depth	Contents
Hewletts	...	10,972,000 gallons	...	9,520,000 gallons
Leckhampton	8ft. 0in.	1,050,000 "	5ft. 0in.	675,000 "
Dowdeswell	15ft. 7in.	29,023,000 "	18ft. 6in.	39,039,000 "
Total Storage		41,075,000 "		49,231,000 "

2—Sedimentation Basin, Dowdeswell—The Borough Engineer reported that the work of cleaning out the sedimentation basin at Dowdeswell would be completed about the end of the present month.

3--Lighting of Tewkesbury Works—The Borough Engineer suggested that the Tewkesbury Works should be lighted by gas in lieu of the present oil lamps. Resolved, That the further consideration of the recommendation be adjourned to the next monthly meeting of the Committee to be held at Tewkesbury on the 13th prox.

4—Appeals—The cases entered in 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 21st September, 1909. Present: Councillors Baker, Bendall, Margrett and Stroud (Councillor Baker in the Chair).

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

2-Potato Black Scab-Read, a circular letter from the Board of Agriculture stating that they considered it of great importance that all cases of Wart Disease or Black Scab of Potatoes should be reported to them during the present potato harvest and enclosing copies of a notice requiring such notification for distribution to farmers, allotment holders, etc., in the Borough. The Town Clerk reported that the request of the Board had been complied with.

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

4-Application for Licence for Taxi-Cab-The application from Mr. R. Staite, of Berkeley House Stables, Pittville, for a licence to ply for hire a taxi-cab was farther considered. Resolved, That the application be not granted.

5-Early Closing of Sub Post Offices-Read, a letter from the Postmaster of Cheltenham, stating that it was proposed to close the Hewlett Street, Moorend and St. Mark's Sub-offices on Wednesdays, at 2 p.m., and asking whether the Council had any objection to this. Telegrams now delivered from Moorend and St. Mark's would be delivered free from the Head Office within 3 miles, and beyond this distance at the ordinary charge of 3d. per mile. Resolved, That the Council have no objection to the proposed earlier closing.

6-Congress of Royal Institute of Public Health--The letter read at the last meeting of the Council from the Hon. Sec. of the Royal Institute of Public Health suggesting that the Institute should be invited to hold its Annual Congress in Cheltenham next year was considered. The Town Clerk and the Medical Officer of Health read correspondence they had had with the Institute and also with the Royal Sanitary Institute with reference to a suggestion that the two bodies should hold a joint congress in Cheltenham, in 1911, if it was not possible to arrange for such a meeting in 1910. Resolved, That the further consideration of the matter be adjourned to the next meeting of this Committee.

7-Leckhampton Reading Room-Read, a letter from Miss Geeves, Hon. Sec. of the Leckhampton Reading Room. Committee, stating that a number of the chairs at the Reading Room were unsafe and required repair or replacement. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to send 9 chairs from the Winter Garden to replace those which can be no longer used.

8-Public Health Acts Amendment Act, 1907-The Town Clerk reported that the Local Government Board, had issued an Order declaring Sections 16, 17, 19, 21, 22, 21, 27, 28, 29, 30, 32, 33, 31, 36, 37, 38, 41, 45, 46, 48, 49, 50 & 51, 53, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, GO, 61, 62, 63, 61, 65, 67 and 6S, and the whole of Part V. of the Public Health Acts Amendment Act, 1907, to be in force in the Borough, on and after the 26th October, 1909, subject to certain conditions and adaptations specified in the Order. The provisions of the Order had been advertised in the London Gazette and the local papers as required by the Board.

He suggested that notice of the provisions of Sections 63 and 64 (or to the use of public vehicles by persons suffering from infectious disease) be sent to all the local hackney carriage proprietors. Resolved, That notice be sent accordingly.

9-Town Hall-On the recommendation of the Town improvement Committee, Resolved, That the application of Sir. A. W. Newton for the free use of the Town Hall, on the afternoon of the 7th proximo, for his annual benefit concert be acceded to, Mr. Newton paying cost of lighting.

Read, an application from the Committee of the Wesleyan Brotherhood, St. George's Street, applying for the use of the Town Hall one Sunday Afternoon in each month, from October to March, both inclusive, for meetings of a strictly non-political and non-sectarian nature to be addressed by some prominent men. As the object was the improvement and well-being of the young men of the town, and the expense of speakers, advertising, &c., would be very great, the Committee hoped that

the lowest possible charge would be made for the building. Resolved, That a charge of £5 5s. 0d. to include lighting and heating be made for each afternoon.

10—Poisons and Pharmacy Act, 1908.—Read, an application from Mr. John James Broad, of No. 2, Harp Hill Villas, Cheltenham, Company Secretary, applying on behalf of Messrs. Powell, Gwinnell & Co., Ltd., of No. 34 Promenade, Merchants, for a licence for the sale of poisonous substances to which Section 2 of the above Act applies, for use exclusively in connection with Agriculture and Horticulture. Resolved, That the application be not granted.

11—Licences for Storage of Petroleum and Carbide of Calcium—On the report of the Inspector that the premises were satisfactory, Resolved, That licences for tile storage of petroleum and carbide of calcium be granted for 1 year from the 5th proximo, as follows:

NAME.	PLACE OF STORAGE.	QUANTITY.
Major Shewell	Cotswold	500 gallons
H. E. Steel, Ltd.	105 High Street	400 galls. (200 lbs. carbide)
E. A. Stretton	Million Works, Bath Road	250 galls. (168 lbs. carbide)
H. G. Norton & Co., Ltd.	Wellington Street	300 gallons
Do.	416, High Street	200 gallons
Do.	1 to 5 Bath Road	280 lbs. Carbide
A. R. Doxsey	Carriage Works, nr. St. James' Square...	120 gallons
J. Fisher & Sons, Ltd.	34 Winchcombe Street	100 gallons
Do.	2 Exchange Buildings, Bath Road	50 "
E. S. Holloway	3 St. Mark's Emporium	100 "
T. W. Harvey & Sons, Ltd.	180 & 181 High Street	100 "
J. Gapper	St. Bernard's Villa, Cleaveland Street	80 "
Sanders & Co.	22 Clarence Street	80 "
Jacobs, Smith & Co.	104 High Street	50 "
D. Davies	149 High Street	50 "
A. Lusty	7, 8 & 9 Larput Place (rear of)	50 "
M. Bellamy	251 High Street	40 "
T. A. Smith	33 Winchcombe Street	112 lbs. carbide
R. E. & C. Marshall, Ltd.	Works, St. James' Square	450 gallons
S. A. Sperry	264 High Street	40 "

Read, an application from Messrs. Haines & Strange, of 19 Albion Street, for a licence to store 250 gallons of petroleum at the premises mentioned. The Inspector having reported that the proposed place of storage was satisfactory. Resolved, That a licence be granted accordingly for one year from the 5th proximo.

WILLIAM A. BAKER,

Chairman.

ART GALLERY AND MUSEUM COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of Committee held on Wednesday, the 15th September, 1909—Present: Aldermen Haddon and Winterbotham, Councillors Green and Stroud (Alderman, Winterbotham in the chair).

1-Curator's Report- The Curator reported that 2,023 visits had been made to the Art Gallery and Museum since 15th June last.

In accordance with the Committee's instructions he had visited the Royal Academy for the purpose of selecting pictures for a Loan Exhibition, and had secured 49 pictures which had been hung in the Gallery. A catalogue had been issued, 96 copies of which had already been sold.

The Mayor had lent the casket and parchment presented to him on the occasion of his being made a Freeman of the Borough, and also an oil portrait of the Duke of Wellington, painted by Geo. Dawe in 1818.

Four additional table show cases similar to those obtained last year were required for specimens and objects at a cost of £14.

The picture of the Dutch Fleet by Van der velte required remounting at a cost not exceeding £3.

Resolved, That the 4 show cases be obtained, and the picture referred to remounted.

2—Leslie Young Benefactions—Read, a letter from Messrs. Winterbotham, Gurney & Co., enclosing a Memorandum of the proposed present allocations by the Trustees of the Leslie Young Benefactions, which included a grant of £1000 to the Corporation for the Art Gallery and Museum, the conditions of the grant being similar to those attached to the proposed grant for the Public Library. (See Minute of the Public Library Committee). Resolved, That the thanks of the Council be conveyed to the Trustees for their proposal, and that they be informed that the Council approve the conditions.

JAS. B. WINTERBOTHAM,

Chairman.

BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, the 24th September, 1909—Present: Alderman Haddon, Councillors Baker, Gridley, Mann, Merrett and Steel (Alderman Haddon in the Chair).

1---Designs---Resolved, That the following designs be approved, viz.:--Headstones to graves of Louisa and Lydia Baglin, Henrietta Theresa Gibbs ; William, Rebekah, William and Mary Gibbs. memorial Crosses to graves of John Martin Skarratt ; Walter Briscoe Barnes ; Willimine Octavia Jenour ; Charlotte Smithin and Elizabeth Herbert, . Kerbing to grave of Mary Ann Boulton and Fanny Fisher.

JOHN HADDON, Chairman.

PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 14th September, 1909,—Present: The Mayor, Alderman Rogers, Councillors Earengy, Green, Margrett, and Merrett ; Revs. J. Lloyd Davies and P. A. Nash; Messrs. A. Beckingsale, J. Candle, W. Cresswell, F. Parsons, and E. C. Rogers (Alderman Rogers in the Chair).

1—Librarian's Report—Read, the Monthly Report of the Librarian. Receipts, £5 3s. 11d. Presentations:—The Mayor 1 vol. ; Trustees of British Museum, 8 vols. ; Gloucestershire Education Committee, 2 vols. ; E. J. Burrow, 186 guides ; Agent General for South Australia, 1 vol. ; International Arbitration League, 1 vol. The number of volumes consulted in the Reference Department during the month was 1,459, an average increase of 7 per day, as compared with the corresponding period of last year. The issues from the Lending Department numbered 8,510, an average increase of 64 per day over last year.

2—Leslie Young Benefactions—Read, a letter from Messrs. Winterbotham, Gurney & Co., enclosing a Memorandum of the proposed present allocations by the Trustees of the Leslie Young Benefactions which included a grant of £1000 to the Corporation for the Public Library. The conditions upon which it was proposed to make the grant were as follows:

The money to be invested in the names of the Corporation and a nominee of the Executors in agreed securities somewhat enlarging the strict Trustee area of investment. The annual income to be applied for the benefit of the Public Free Library in some special manner to be agreed and with which the Testator's name may be identified. In case any circumstances should arise which in the opinion of the Corporation would render it desirable to apply all or any portion of the capital, the Trustees to be at liberty on a vote of the Council to apply all or any part of the invested fund for carrying out such purpose. Provided always that the purpose shall be one which it shall be possible permanently to identify with the name of the Testator." They would be glad to know whether the conditions were approved or any alteration or modification of them suggested by the Council.

Resolved, That the thanks of the Council be conveyed to the Trustees for the proposed grant, and that the Council accept the same on the conditions above specified.

3—Report of Sub-Committee—The Sub-Committee reported that they met on the 9th instant. Present: Alderman Rogers, (chairman), Councillors Green, Merrett, and the Rev. J. Lloyd-Davies).

The Sub-Committee recommended :

That the Librarian be authorised to attend the Annual Conference of the Library Association to be held at Sheffield from the 21st to 23rd September.

That the offer of Messrs. Boulton & Sons, to present two plaster casts of the War Memorials for Oxford and Cheltenham be not accepted, in view of the conditions mentioned in their letter of the 5th ultimo.

That the new Oliver Typewriter submitted, and offered at the price of £18 12s. 8d., with an allowance from the Company £4 12s. 8d., for the old in machine, making a cash payment of £14, be purchased.

That the offer of Miss T. Mills, to present " The Common Cause " as published be accepted.

Resolved, That the recommendations of the Sub-Committee be approved and adopted and that the offer of Miss Mills to provide a cover for the publication presented by her be also accepted.

4—Library Staff—The Sub-Committee reported that they had considered the question of the Library Staff in view of the resignation of the Chief Assistant. They recommended that the salaries of the present Assistants be increased as A. C. Dunn, from £1 per week to 25s each (4s of Mr. Pritchard's salary to be paid by follows C. H. Pritchard and the Art Gallery and Museum Committee); E. H. F. Yeend, from 8s to 10s per week, F. J. Tharme and F. W. Fry, from 6s to 7s per week. Resolved. That the recommendations be approved and adopted.

RICHARD ROGERS, Chairman.

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FINANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, the 28th September, 1909. Present:—Alderman Waghorne, Councillors Earengy, Hayward, Rees Jones and Steel (Alderman Waghorne in the Chair).

1—General District Rate—The Report of the Borough Accountant, dated the 28th inst., on the collection of the first instalment of this Rate was read. Amount collected £21,542 7s. 9d. Leaving outstanding £1,871 1s. 2d.

2—Water Rate—The Report of the Borough Accountant dated the 28th inst., on the collection of this Rate was read. Amount received £11,869 15s. 4d. Leaving outstanding, £1,212 2s. 6d.

3—Loans—The Borough Accountant reported that in accordance with instructions he had been in communication with a number of holders of Corporation debentures, many of whom had consented to the proposed reduction of interest from 3 $\frac{3}{4}$ to 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ per cent., while others had the matter under consideration. He had arranged for a loan of £450 at 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ per cent., £100 to be received on the 1st October next, and £350 on the 1st January next. Resolved, That Debentures for £100 and £350 be sealed and issued on account of sanctioned loans accordingly.

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 31st August last	£20,443 5 11
Received since that date	<u>£ 7,752 2 4</u>
	£28,195 8 3
Paid since that date	<u>£11,419 10 2</u>
In hand	£16,775 18 1

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Being General Accounts	£10,343 17 6
Sinking Funds	<u>£ 6,432 0 10</u>
	£16,775 18 1

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 4th October, 1909, at 3 p.m. Present:

THE MAYOR (JAMES TYNTE AGG-GARDNER, 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 RICHARD DAVIES WILLIAM GEORGE EARENGEY EDWINSON CHARLES GREEN EDWARD GRIDLEY PERCY HADDOCK CHARLES HAYWARD ALFRED MANN CHARLES HENRY MARGRETT WILLIE JOHN MERRETT HENRY GEORGE NORTON 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 6th 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-Death of Councillor M. Davis-Read, a letter from Mr. John Davis thanking the Council for their kind sympathy and their generous recognition of his late father's public work.

3—Election of Councillor for West Ward-The Town Clerk reported the Election on the 21st September, 1909, of Mr. Walter James Frederick Wood, of Arle Farm, Cheltenham, Farmer, to fill the casual vacancy in the office of Councillor for the West Ward, caused by the death of Councillor Moses Davis, and laid before the Council the declaration of acceptance of office.

4—Vacancies on Committees—Read, a letter from the Rev. J. Lochhead, resigning his membership of the Distress Committee for the Borough, in consequence of ill-health. Resolved, That Mr. Francis Frederick Handley, of Eslington, Cheltenham, be appointed a Member of the Distress Committee for the Borough, to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of the Rev. J. Lochhead.

Resolved, That Councillor Wood be appointed a member of the Public Health. Farms Management, Water, Education and Distress Committees, to fill vacancies caused by the death of Councillor M. Davis.

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

6—Farms Management Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Farms Management Committee, at their Meetings of the 3rd, 17th and 22nd September 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 14th and 27th September last, be approved and confirmed.

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8-Town Improvement Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Town - Improvement Committee, at their Meetings of the 20th and 29th September last be approved and confirmed, subject to the following amendment, viz :— That Minute No. 4 (Winter Garden) be referred back to the Committee for further consideration.

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

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

11—General Purposes and Watch Committee — Resolved, That the proceedings of the General Purposes and Watch Committee, at their Meeting of the 21st September 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 15th September last, be approved and confirmed.

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

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

15-Library Committee—Resolved, That Minute No. 2 (Leslie Young Benefactions) of the Public Library Committee, be approved and confirmed.

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16—Dowdeswell and Hewletts Reservoirs—Councillor Margrett having moved pursuant to notice :— " That during the summer months the Reservoirs tit Dowdeswell and Hewletts be open to the Burgesses of the Borough," as an amendment thereto, it was Resolved, That the motion be referred to the Water Committee for consideration.

Mayor.

Borough of Cheltenham.

MINUTES of the Committees of the Town Council to be submitted for approval at the Statutory Quarterly Meeting of the Council to be held on Tuesday the 9th November, 1909.

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 11th October, 1909. Present: Aldermen Norman and Skillicorne, Councillors Hayward, Margrett and Rees Jones (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, 1 of Enteric Fever, 2 cases of Erysipelas, and 5 of Diphtheria, and that 1 case of Scarlet Fever and 1 of Diphtheria had been sent into the Delancey Hospital.

2—Cleansing and Limewashing at Nos. 8, 9, 20, 29 and 49 Waterloo Street—The Medical Officer of Health having certified under Section 46 of the Public Health Act, 1875, that the above-named dwelling-houses were in such a filthy and unwholesome condition that the health of the inmates was affected or endangered thereby. Resolved, That Notice be given to the owners under the said Section requiring the houses to be cleansed and limewashed.

3—Nuisances from Drains, etc., at Nos. 5, Stoneville Street, and 6 and 7, Clarence Parade—The Inspector of Nuisances having made written application under Sec. 41 of the Public Health Act, 1875, stating that the drains, on or belonging to the above-named houses were in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to health. Resolved, That authority be given to the Inspector of Nuisances to open the ground, examine the drains, and report to the Committee.

4—Insanitary Property—Nos. 8, 9, 12, 13, 29 and 49, Waterloo Street, 37 Sun Street, and 1, Coltham Fields—The Medical Officer of Health reported that the above-mentioned premises were in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to 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, the 94 under Section 94 of 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, &c.—The Medical Officer of Health reported Ord since the last meeting the following had been surrendered and destroyed as unfit, for human food: —September 24th, 224 lbs. of haddock. September 25th, Carcase and offal of pork pig (weight 98lbs.) affected with tuberculosis; September 30th, 196 lbs. of herring September 30th, carcase and offal of bacon pig (weight 224 lbs) badly affected with tuberculosis. October 7th, carcase and offal of a sheep (weight 77 lbs.)

6—Houses without proper Ash Receptacles—The Inspector of Nuisances reported that the following houses proper ashpits or ash receptacles, viz:—Nos. 8, 11, 12, 13 & 33, Waterloo Street and 1,

Coltham Fields. 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 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—Assistant Inspector of Nuisances—Read, a letter from Mr. F. Hudson, resigning his appointment as Assistant Inspector of Nuisances as from the 30th instant, he having been appointed Assistant Inspector by the Burton-upon-Trent Corporation. Resolved, That an advertisement be inserted in the Sanitary Record, Local Government Chronicle, and the Local Government Officer, inviting applications for the appointment, the salary to be £65 per annum, and preference to be given to applicants holding the Certificate of the Sanitary Institute, or other recognised examining bodies.

W. NASH SKILLICORNE,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, the 18th October, 1909—Present: The Mayor, Alderman Skillicorne, Councillors Hayward, King-Harman, Margrett and Rees Jones (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, 2 cases of Scarlet Fever, and that the same had been sent into the Delancey Hospital.

9—Cleansing and Limewashing at Nos. 1, Durbin Cottages, Folly Lane, 9 and 9a Russell Place, 17 and 41 Sun Street, 7, Providence Square, and 2 Little's Court, New Street.—The Medical Officer of Health having certified under Section 46 of the Public Health Act, 1875, that the above named dwelling-houses were in such a filthy and unwholesome condition that the health of the inmates was affected or endangered thereby. Resolved, That Notice be given to the owners under the said Section requiring the houses to be cleansed and limewashed.

10—Nuisances from Drains, etc., at Nos. 26, Bennington Street, Thatched Cottage, Hewlett Road, 14, 15, 16 and 17, Kew Place, The Beaufort Arms, 1, 2 and 3 Beaufort Place, and two Cottages at Rear.—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.

11—Insanitary Property—Nos. 1, Exmouth Street, 8. Kew Place, 2, Red Lion Passage, New Street, 1, to 6, Spread Eagle Terrace, and The Spread Eagle Inn, 259, High Street, 2, Little's Court, New Street, and 1 and 2 Brunswick Terrace.—The Medical Officer of Health reported that the above-mentioned premises were in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to the health of the inmates owing to defective roofs, walls, coilin, 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 owners requiring them to put the same into a healthy condition, and for that purpose to carry out the works specified therein.

12—Houses without proper Ash Receptacles—The Inspector of Nuisances reported that the following houses had no proper ashpits or ash receptacles, viz : Nos. 8 St. Luke's Place, 1, 2, 3, 4, 6 and 7 Exmouth Court, 47 Fairview Street, 14 and 15 Clare Place and 2 Red Lion Passage, New Street.—Resolved, That the necessary Notices be given to the respective owners under Section 36 of the Public Health Act, 1875, and Section 27 of the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1889, requiring them in each case to provide a moveable ash receptacle of such size, pattern, and construction as may be approved by the Inspector of Nuisances on behalf of the Corporation.

13—Destruction of Unsound Fish,—The Medical Officer of Health reported that on the 13th instant, a box of codling (weight 196lbs.) found to be unsound and unfit for human food, was destroyed.

14—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 roofs, yard pitching, etc., which had been served, but not complied with. Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to take the necessary proceedings to compel compliance.

15—Treatment of Sewage on Messrs. Woods Land.—The Borough Surveyor reported that in order to continue the treatment of sewage on the lands occupied by Messrs. Wood, it would be necessary to construct a branch sewer or outlet from the new Arle Outfall Sewer, at an estimated cost of The Town Clerk reported that Messrs. Wood were willing that the treatment of sewage on their land should be continued on the following terms:—

(1) The lands to be leased to the Corporation for a term of 4 years as from the 24th June last, to the intent that the Corporation should be entitled to treat sewage thereon, so far as such treatment would not interfere with the ordinary cultivation of the land.

(2) The Corporation to have the right of terminating the lease at any time if it is found that the application of sewage to the land causes a nuisance, &c.

(3) Messrs. Wood to pay £40 a year for the manorial value of the sewage, and provide the labour for distributing the sewage as hitherto, and to waive any claim for compensation in respect of the laying of the new outfall sewer through the land No. 88 on the ordnance map, of which they are owners and occupiers, and also through the rick yard at Arle Court Farm in their occupation.

Resolved, That the terms be agreed to and the Common Seal be affixed to a lease embodying these terms and that the Borough Surveyor be authorised to have the branch sewer constructed.

16—Arle Outfall Sewer—Claims for compensation. Resolved, That the following payments be made for compensation for damage caused by laying this sewer, viz : Mr. Godwin £31, Mr. Warren £4 2s. 6d., Mr. Ivin £2 18s. 6d., Mrs. Pates £3, Mr. A. Goodhall £6, Mr. M. Betteridge £7 2s., Mr. J. Crisp £6, Mr. W. Butt 5s, Mr. H. Cousins £1 and Mr. J. Bliss £1 12s.

W. NASH SKILLICORNE, Chairman.

FARMS MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Friday, the 15th October, 1909. Present:—Alderman Skillicorne, Councillors Green, Gridley, Margrett and Steel (Alderman Skillicorne in the Chair).

1—Farms Manager's Report—Read, the Monthly Report of the Farms Manager. Since the last monthly meeting 106 sheep had been purchased for £155 14s. 0d., 4 bullocks for £41 and 1 bull for 16 15s. (Total purchases, £213 9s. 0d.) 26 sheep had been sold for £57 7s. 4d., and 25 head of cattle for £415 18s. 6d. (Total sales, £473 5s. 10d.) The number of live stock on the Farms on the 15th inst. was 13 horses, 183 head of cattle, 138 sheep, and 3 pigs, all doing very well. 4 tons 4 cwts. of hay had been delivered to the Central Depot. 11 cart loads of manure had been sold for £2 12s. 6d. 1 ton 10 cwts. of wheat straw had been purchased for thatching.

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The Farms Manager recommended purchase of a new chaff machine to replace the existing one, which was now beyond repair, an additional dung cart, 50 fencing posts and 2 tons of meal. He reported as to his intended sales and purchases of cattle before the next monthly meeting.

Resolved, That the recommendations of the Farms Manager be approved and adopted, that prices be obtained from local firms for the new chaff machine required, that the tender of Messrs. Cooke Sons, of Lincoln, for the supply of a dung cart at £16 10s. 0d. net be accepted, and that the Manager be authorised to obtain the other articles recommended by him.

W. NASH SKILLICORNE,

Chairman

STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, the 12th October, 1909—Present: Aldermen Haddon and Skillicorne, Councillors Baker, Bendall, Gridley and Norton (Councillor Bendall in the Chair).

1—Street Projections—Read, a letter from Mr. J. Wixey, applying for permission to fix a barber's pole, at present outside No. 2 Regent Place, Swindon Road, at No. 4 York Place, Swindon Road. Resolved, That the application be acceded to, subject to compliance with the usual conditions.

Read a letter from Messrs. Chatters & Smithson, applying for permission to place a projecting lamp in accordance with the design enclosed with their letter, outside the Royal Oak Inn, High Street, in place of one recently removed, which had a greater projection. Resolved, That the application be acceded to subject to compliance with the usual condition as to lighting.

2—Underground Telephone Wayleave—Market Street—Read a letter from the National Telephone Co., applying for permission to lay a telephone cable underneath Market Street, near the Railway Bridge, in the position shown on the plan now submitted. Resolved, That permission be granted upon the terms and conditions of the agreement entered into between the Company and the Corporation as to underground wayleaves.

3—Advertisement Hoarding, Queen's Road—With reference to an advertisement hoarding in course of erection in Queen's Road, along the parapet wall of the Midland Railway Company's bridge, the Town Clerk reported that he had seen Mr. Shenton, Billposter, and he was willing to give an undertaking that the hoarding should not be carried any further along the wall than already completed at the time of the Committee's inspection, and not to use the remaining portion of the

wall for advertising purposes. Resolved, That provided these terms are carried out. no further action be taken by the Council in the matter.

4—Tree in Glencairn Park Road—Read, a letter from Miss Norris of Carinthia, Glencairn Park Road, asking that the tree opposite her house should be removed and replaced by a smaller tree. Resolved, That the letter be referred to the Trees Sub-Committee for consideration and report.

5—Sale of 313 High Street—The Town Clerk submitted for approval conditions of sale of this house which included a condition that the purchaser shall within 6 months pull down and set back the premises to the line of frontage of Messrs. Higgins' premises adjoining, the Corporation undertaking to pave the land thrown into the public footpath. Resolved, That the conditions be approved.

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6—Surface Water Drainage, Hatherley Road—Read a letter from Mr. J. Swaine of Brooklands, Hatherley Road, asking that better provision should be made for carrying off the surface water in Hatherley Road. The Borough Surveyor reported that the cost of the necessary surface water drain would be about £100, but no provision had been made for this in the current year's estimates. Resolved, That provision be made for the same in the estimates for next year.

7—Whaddon Lane—Read a letter from Councillor Hayward calling attention to the condition of Whaddon Lane, and asking that some action should be taken by the Council as soon as possible with a view to its repair. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to bring up a plan and specification of the works required to be carried out by the abutting owners.

JOHN D. BENDALL, Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, the 25th October, 1909.—Present: Aldermen Haddon and Skillicorne, Councillors Baker, Bendall, Gridley, Haddock and Colonel King-Harman (Councillor Bendall in the Chair).

8—Borough Surveyor's Monthly Report Re Highways—The Borough Surveyor reported that the work completed by the Highways Department from the 24th September to the 21st October, 1909 (both inclusive) had been as follows:— Roads Patched—Gloucester Road, Townsend Street, Lansdown Road, Lansdown Place, Six Chimney Lane, Suffolk Road, Lypiatt Road, Market Street, Prestbury Road, Winchcombe Street and Princes Street. Water Trench repaired—St. George's Road. Gas Trenches repaired—Grove Street, Malvern Place, Montpellier Street. Sewer Trenches repaired—Sydenham Road and Tewkesbury Road.

Electricity Trenches repaired—Bath Road, Suffolk Square, St. George's Road, Suffolk Road, Promenade Terrace, Promenade, Bayshill Road, Clarence Street, High Street, Montpellier Avenue, Queen's Circus, Evesham Road, Royal Well Terrace. Paving repaired—Winchcomb Street, Clarence Square, Clarence Road. Selkirk Parade, Hewlett Road, Great Western Road, Suffolk Road, High Street, Fairview Road, Queen's Circus, Montpellier Street and All Saints' Road. Private Improvement Works— Fairfield Parade and Cleeve View Road (proceeding). Crossings Repaired—Clarence Road, Andover Road, and Gloucester Road. Gullies Renewed-2. Manhole cover renewed-1. Manhole paved round-1. Trees pruned—Wellington Road, Lansdown Road, Christ Church Road, Lansdown Place, Bath Road, Grafton Road, Painswick Road, Shurdington Road, Bayshill Road, Suffolk Square, Tivoli

Road, Park Place, Lansdown Terrace, Andover Road, Lansdown Crescent, St. Stephen's Road, Hatherley Road, Ashford Road, St. Philip's Terrace, Thirlestaine Road, Hatherley Street, St. George's Road, and Parabola Road.

Ashes Collection and Disposal—During 4 weeks ended the 21st October, 1909, 865 loads collected, 855 consumed, and 10 tipped away. Weight consumed, 913 tons 14 cwts. 1 qr.

Slab Factory—During 4 weeks ended the 11th October, 1909, 964 ½ square yards of slabs made.

9—View Meeting—The following members attended the View Meeting on Friday last:—Alderman Haddon and Skillicorne, Councillors Baker, Bendall, and Norton.

10—Report of Plans Sub-Committee—The Chairman reported the proceedings of the Plans Sub-Committee at their Meetings on the 12th and 22nd inst. Resolved, That the same be approved and adopted.

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11—Slab Factory—The Borough Surveyor submitted the following Revenue Account of the Slab Factory for the half-year ended 30th September, 1909.

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Surplus brought forward from 25th March, 1909	£486 0 6
Sale of Slabs, Kerbs, etc., for half-year	£1079 7 7
Less value of slabs and kerbs used for Promenade Impt. for which no charge is made	<u>£384 19 8</u>
	£694 7 11
Slabs in stock 30th Sept., 1909, cost price ...	£762 12 5
Kerbs in stock ditto ditto ...	£391 12 8
Value of cement and other materials in stock 30th September, 1909	<u>£ 61 12 11</u>
Total	£2396 6 5

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Slabs in stock 25th March, 1909, at cost price	£1,108 16 3
Kerbs in stock ditto ditto	£ 319 1 4
Value of cement and other materials in stock 25th March, 1909 ••• •••	£ 70 19 2
Wages and materials for half year •••	£559 4 4
Renewals of Plant ... •••	£ 48 4 2
Rates, Taxes and Insurance for Half-year ...	£ 12 15 0
Interest and Sinking Fund for Half-year (estimated)	£127 0 0
Surplus ... ••• ••• •	<u>£ 150 6 2</u>
Total	£2396 6 5

Value of slabs, etc., for Street improvements as above for which no charge is made	£384 19 8
Ditto previously	<u>£541 15 8</u>
	£926 15 4

12—Street Projections—Read, applications from Mr. E. L. Ward to place 4 projecting electric arc lamps outside Nos. 137 and 138 High Street, and from Messrs. Olive Olive to place a similar lamp outside their premises in the Colonnade. Resolved, That the applications be acceded to subject to compliance with the usual conditions.

13—Purchase of Horse—Resolved, That the offer of the Farms Management Committee to re-sell to the Highways Department the horse " Captain " for the sum of £10, the Department to pay in addition for hire up to the present time at the rate agreed, be accepted.

14—Apportionment of Private Improvement Expenses—Andover Road, Tivoli Cookery School Lane, and Painswick Road. The Borough Surveyor reported that the private improvement works ordered in these streets had been carried out by the Corporation at a cost of £78 5s. 0d., 2s. 8d., and £136 5s. 0d. respectively, and those amounts he had apportioned amongst the abutting owners according to frontage. Resolved, That the apportionments be approved and that notices thereof and of demand for repayment be served upon the abutting owners.

15—Fairhaven Street and Road at rear (between Fairhaven Street and Road) Fairhaven Road and Road rear (between Fairhaven Road and Naunton 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, that notices be given under Section 150 of the Public Health Act, 1875, to the owners of the premises fronting, adjoining, or abutting upon the parts of the said streets, requiring to be sewered, levelled, paved, metalled, flagged, channelled, or made good ; requiring them to do the specified Works within 28 days ; and that if such notices are not complied with, the Surveyor do proceed to execute the works mentioned or referred to therein ; and that the expenses thereof be recovered in the manner provided by the Act, and the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1889.

16—Lansdown Road, footpath from Glencairn to the Railway bridge.—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 notice be given under Section 44 of the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1852, to the owners of the premises fronting, adjoining, or abutting upon the parts of the said street, requiring to be drained, levelled, repaired, metalled, flagged, channelled or made good ; requiring them to do the specified works within 28 days ; and that, if such notice is not complied with, the Surveyor do proceed to execute the works mentioned or referred to therein ; and that the expenses thereof be recovered in the manner provided by the Act, and the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1889.

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17—Exmouth Court—Read a letter from Mr. P. Caudle on behalf of several abutting owners expressing the hope that the work to be executed in the road leading to Exmouth Court will be of a character which will enable the Council to take over the road as a highway when such works have

been completed. Resolved, That the letter be referred to the Borough Surveyor for consideration when preparing the specification for approval.

18—Town Planning—Read, a letter from the Secretary of the National Housing :Reform Council, stating that a Conference of representatives of local authorities and others would be held in London, on the 4th and 5th November, 1909, to consider the preliminary stages of the procedure under the Housing and Town Planning Bill in view of the expected early passing of that measure through Parliament. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be authorised to attend the Conference.

19—Seat near Fauconberg House—With reference to the request received for the removal of this seat, Resolved, That the Committee cannot recommend its removal.

20—Footpath in Parabola Road- —Read, letters from Col. Piers and Mr. C. S. Millard calling attention to the condition of the footpath in Parabola Road from Queen's Parade to the footpath leading to Lansdown Terrace. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to prepare and submit plan and specification of the works required to be carried out by the abutting owners.

21—Back Road between Portland Street and North Place. Resolved, that the Borough Surveyor be instructed to prepare and submit plan and specification of the works required to be done to this Street by the abutting owners.

22--Telegraph Pole, Winstonian Road—Read an application from the General Post Office, for permission to erect a telegraph pole in Winstonian Road near All Saints Road. Resolved, that permission be granted, the exact position to be approved by the Borough Surveyor.

23—Destructor Loan.—Read, a letter from the Local Government Board, enclosing sanction to a loan of £3,400 for the extension of the refuse destructor, the period allowed for repayment being 20 years. The Board had deducted 100 in respect of the additional cost of the larger boiler required by the Electricity Department as they considered that amount should be charged to electricity revenue. As to this deduction the Town Clerk was in communication with the Board.'

24—Destructor.—The Borough Surveyor submitted offers he had obtained for the purchase of tins received at the Destructor. Before, however, an offer could be accepted it would be necessary to purchase a crushing machine, which would also be available for crushing clinkers. He recommended the purchase of a crusher from Messrs. C. Whittaker & Co., of Accrington, for £95. Resolved, That the recommendation be approved, the machine to be sent on approval for 2 months.

25—Trees.—Read, letters from Col. King-Harman, making suggestions with regard to trees in several parts of the Borough, and from Miss Hone, of 2 Pittville Villas, asking that the tree opposite her house be removed. Resolved, That the letters be referred to the Trees Sub-Committee for consideration and report.

26—Report of Trees Sub- Committee.—The Trees Sub-Committee reported that they met on the 14th instant, (Present:—Alderman Skillicorne, Councillors Baker and Bendall). After inspecting the trees as to which letters had been received, and the localities in which it had been suggested trees should be planted, the Sub-Committee recommended as follows—

Promenade—Trees in front of Cambridge Villas, and Sa, Promenade Villas, to be pruned. Elm tree opposite No. 1, Cambridge Villas to be removed and white chestnut substituted. Sycamore in front of willow by Fountain, and diseased chestnut by Cavendish House to be removed and plane substituted for latter tree.

St. George's Road—Silver birch opposite Bayshill Road to be removed and replaced by another tree.

Bayshill Road—Two wych elms and two limes to be removed.

Queen's parade—Dead lime tree near lane to be removed. Silver birch leaning over road to be removed and replaced by another tree. Parabola Road—Two trees referred to in complaint received are not the property of the Corporation, and the Committee can take no action.

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Eldorado Crescent—Tree opposite gate of St. Florence not to be removed.

Christ Church Road—No thinning out to be done this year.

Eldorado Road—Damaged trees to be removed and other trees planted.

Andover Road—Row of acacias to be planted on house side from Lypiatt Street to St. Stephen's Road.

Tivoli Place—No trees to be planted.

Greville Terrace—Tree opposite No. 3 to be removed.

Montpellier Grove—No trees to be removed, but trees to be pruned.

Montpellier Drive—The 2nd, 4th and 6th trees from Bath Road to be removed and one plane tree to be planted.

Montpellier Spa Road—All trees at back of footpath adjoining Montpellier Gardens to be removed with the exception of 2 chestnuts and 1 lime.

Rodney Road—Two trees on the East side near the Chelt to be removed.

Sydenham Road South—No trees to be removed.

Sydenham Villas Road—Tree opposite Heronden to be pruned.

Selkirk Street—Eight trees (marked) to be removed.

Prestbury Road—Three limes in front of Leamington Place to be removed.

Wellington Road—Tree near Cleveland House to be removed.

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 12th October, 1909. Present: Councillors Baker, Bendall and Hayward (Councillor Bendall in the Chair.)

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

No. of Plan	Name	Description
810	G. A. Hawkins	Additions to rear of 3 Liverpool Place
811	W. Burcher	Three detached houses, Hatherley Road
812	F. E. Jenkins	Six Cottages, Fairfield Walk
813	Webb, Bros., Ltd.	New Road and Sewer, off Old Bath Road, Pilley
807	T. H. Poynton	New Public Hall, rear of Nos. 6 and 7 North St.

Resolved, That Plans No. 810 be approved that plans No. 807 be approved, subject to the W.C's proposed to be constructed in the basement being omitted, and that plans No. 811, 812, and 813 be disapproved.

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Alterations at No. 424 High Street.—The Building Inspector reported that he had inspected No. 424 High occupied by Messrs Turner & Co., in connection with alterations in progress there, and as a result Street of his examination he had recommended the owner on the ground of safety to have the entire front of the premises rebuilt and this the latter had agreed to do.

JOHN D. BENDALL, Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Sub-Committee held on Friday, the 22nd October, 1909. Present:—Councillors Baker, Bendall and Colonel King-Harman (Councillor Bendall in the Chair).

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

No. of Plan.	Name	..	Description.
811	W. Burcher	..	Three detached houses, Hatherley Road.
814	Mrs. Higgins	..	New Bathroom, 6 Promenade Terrace.
815	Mrs. Edwards	..	New Bay Window, "Broughton," College Road.
816	D. Thompson	..	Three new W.C.'s, No. 1, 2 and 3 Westfield Villas, Rowanfield Road.
817	H. Clifford	..	Additions to Royal Hotel, High Street.
813	Webb Bros., Ltd.	..	New Road and Sewer, off Old Bath Road, Pilley.

Resolved, That Plans Nos. 811, 813, 814, 815 and 817 be approved, and that Plan Nos. 816 be approved, subject to the drainage being carried out to the satisfaction of the Inspector of Nuisances.

JOHN D. BENDALL, Chairman.

TOWN IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, the 5th October, 1909. Present: Councillors Baker, Hayward, Steel, and Stroud (Councillor Baker in the Chair).

1—Winter Garden—The resolution of this Committee at its Meeting on the 26th ultimo on the subject of the use of the Winter Garden for Badminton referred back by the Council was further considered.

Mr. C. G. Smith attended this Meeting and informed the Committee that of the three Badminton Clubs playing last winter at the Winter Garden, one was now using the Drill Hall, one had been disbanded, and the gentleman representing the third Club agreed with the proposal that the building should be available on Friday Afternoons and that this would meet all requirements.

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Resolved, That the Committee re-affirm their previous resolution that the proposal to appropriate the whole of the building on Friday Afternoons for Badminton in lieu of four courts for three afternoons and one morning be agreed to for the forthcoming winter, Elle courts to be open to any member of the public wishing to play at a charge of 6d. including admission as provided in the lease, provided that the appropriation shall not be regarded as a letting of the building to prevent it being used for the Musical Afternoons if required.

Resolved also, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have the inside woodwork of the windows painted.

Mr. Smith submitted a plan of the proposed enclosure of a portion of the Eastern vestibule for use as a kitchen, and asked permission to put a roof over the cycle stand in front of the Winter Garden.

Resolved, That the plan submitted be approved, and that the Borough Surveyor be authorised to approve the proposed covering in of the cycle stand.

WILLIAM A. BAKER,

Chairman

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, the 18th October, 1909. Present:—The Mayor, Alderman Winterbotham, Councillors Baker, Green, Hayward, Packer and Steel (Councillor Baker in tire Chair).

2—Report of Entertainments Sub-Committee.—The Entertainments Sub-Committee recommended that without admitting any legal liability the sum of be paid to Mr. A. W. Newton in view of the fact that the Town Hall and Winter Garden were both engaged for the evening of the 16th ulto., and the Concert which could not be held at Montpellier owing to inclement weather had therefore to be abandoned. Resolved, That the recommendations be approved.

3—Promenade Improvement No. 2.—Read a letter from Mr. C. H. James, of No. 5 Promenade, stating that he was prepared to give an undertaking that no sign should be fixed on the railing provided all owners and occupiers were in agreement. He had already arranged for the fixing of a sign and asked permission to fix the same temporarily, undertaking to remove it and adopt any uniform style of railing finally and mutually determined upon. Resolved, That the Committee see no reason to depart from their previous resolution.

4—Trees near Lake View.—Read, a letter from Mr. R. B. Joyner, of Lake View, renewing his request that some of the trees near his house should be removed on account of their interference with light and air. Resolved, That the Committee cannot see their way to comply with the request.

5—Waterfowl at Pittville.—Read, a letter from Mr. R. B. Joyner, complaining of the disturbance caused to his family at night by the noise made by the waterfowl at Pittville. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to see if the noise complained of can be remedied.

WILLIAM A. BAKES,

Chairman.

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ELECTRICITY AND LIGHTING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, the 11th October, 1909. Present: Alderman Norman, Councillors Green, Gridley, Hayward, Merrett, Norton, Rees Jones and Steel (Councillor Gridley in the chair).

1—Gas Examiner's Report—The Gas Examiner reported that his test of the gas for purity on the 8th and 9th inst. showed 36 grains of sulphur per 100 cubic feet. The test for illuminating power showed 14.8 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—Public Lighting—Read, letters from the Bursar of Cheltenham College asking that a lamp be placed in College Baths Road, and from Mr. T. W. Smith again asking for lamps to be provided in Asquith and Churchill Roads, Resolved, That the further consideration of the applications be adjourned for the Committee to view, and that a meeting be held for this purpose on the 15th inst., at 6.30 p.m.

4—Promenade Fountain—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that he had agreed to recommend after careful consideration of the matter with the Borough Surveyor that the Electricity Department should supply the energy necessary for electrically-driven pumps to work the Promenade Fountain at a charge of ½ d. per 1,000 gallons of water used, the pumps and water meter to be supplied and fixed by the Water Department, but the Electricity Department to maintain the pumps in efficient working order. Resolved, That the recommendation be approved and adopted.

5—Extension of Main, Leckhampton Road--The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that he had from time to time received enquiries for electric supply from the occupiers of several houses in Leckhampton Road, but at present there was no cable along the road in front of such houses. In view of these enquiries and the large number of fair sized houses in the road and neighbourhood, he recommended that the low pressure cable be continued from its present termination near the Railway Bridge up to the Malvern Inn at a cost of £240. Resolved, That the extension be approved and carried out.

E. GRIDLEY,

Chairman.

WATER COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held at the Tewkesbury Waterworks, on Wednesday, the 13th October, 1909.—Present: Councillors Earengy, Green, Haddock and Margrett (Councillor Margrett in the Chair).

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

DAILY YIELD OF SPRINGS.

	For 20 days, ended 11th Oct., 1909.	Average for corresponding period during last 3 years.
Hewletts Springs	120,000 gallons	118,000 gallons
Dowdeswell Springs	921,000 "	481,000 "
Leckhampton	30,000 "	16,000 "
Total	1,071,000 "	618,000 "

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CONTENTS OF RESERVOIRS.

	Oct. 11th, 1909.		Oct. 11th, 1908.	
	Depth	Contents	Depth	Contents
Hewletts	...	10,702,000 gallons	...	8,937,000 gallons
Dowdeswell	16ft. 4in.	31,468,000 „	18ft. 10in.	40,261,000 “
Leckhampton	7ft. 10in.	1,058,000 “	1ft. 8in.	225,000 “
Total Storage		43,228,000 “		49,423,000 “

2—Land at Waterworks—Resolved, That the Borough Engineer be instructed to have the land purchased from the Mythe Bridge Trustees, fenced with posts and-rails along the boundary adjoining the Worcester Road.

3—Pumping Station—The Committee inspected the Works. Resolved, That the Borough Engineer be instructed to have a 9-inch partition wall erected in the coal store on the side adjoining the boiler house, which was necessary to prevent risk of the coal being overheated. Resolved, also, That the Borough Surveyor be authorised to inspect a new Sand-washing machine in use at Bexhill, which he thought might be suitable. Resolved, also, That the question of improving the lighting of the Works be adjourned for further consideration.

4—Water Supply to Promenade Fountain—The Borough Engineer reported that a record had been taken of the quantity of water used to supply the Fountain in the Promenade, and the working expenses of pumping and filtering the water amounted to about £104 per annum. If electrically-driven pumps were installed and the same water used again and again, the Electricity and Lighting Committee were willing, on the recommendation of the Borough Electrical Engineer, to provide the energy for the pumps, and maintain the pumps at a cost of W. per thousand gallons, which would on the present basis of use, amount to £26 per annum. The plant would cost about £130. Resolved, That electrically-driven pumps and a water-meter be provided, and the offer of the Electricity Department accepted.

5—Appeals—The cases entered in 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 19th October, 1909. Present: The Mayor, Aldermen Haddon, Norman, Waghorne and Winterbotham, Councillors Baker, Bendall, Gridley and Margrett (Alderman Norman in the Chair).

1—Diseases of Animals Acts—Supt. Hopkins reported an outbreak of swine fever on the 22nd ulto., at Hanover Gardens, St. Paul's. The 13 pigs upon the premises had been slaughtered by order by the Board of Agriculture. The premises were still in quarantine. The outbreak had not been accounted for.

2—Conveyance of Horses Order, 1909—Read, a letter from the Board of Agriculture and Fisheries, enclosing copies of an Order made by the Board prohibiting the conveyance by rail or water of horses if they cannot be so carried without unnecessary suffering. The Town Clerk reported that the order had been published as required by the Board.

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3—Tuberculosis Order, 1909—Read, a letter from the Board of Agriculture and Fisheries, stating that they had issued an order postponing until the 1st April, 1910, the date of the coming into operation of the Tuberculosis Order, 1909.

4—Report of Fire Brigade Captain—The Captain of the Fire Brigade reported that on the 3rd instant, the had had been called to a fire at Messrs. Collins & Godfrey's Workshops, Grosvenor Street. Damage about £500. Extinction Expenses, £6 12s. 0d. Cause of fire not apparent. Buildings and contents insured.

On the 5th inst. the Brigade was called to No. 7 Hatherley Street, a paraffin lamp had been upset there. Damage, trivial. Brigade Expenses 0d. Buildings, but not contents insured.

Brigade Surgeon—The Captain also reported that Dr. Mouat-Biggs had resigned his position as Hon. Surgeon to the Brigade upon appointment as Chief Medical Officer of the West Midland District of the Fire Brigades Union. Resolved, That the question of the appointment of his successor be referred to the Fire Brigade Sub-Committee for consideration and report.

Fire Engine Boiler—Read a Report from the National Boiler Insurance Co. upon their internal and external examination of the Fire Engine boiler. Resolved, That the suggestion of the Company that a gas jet should be kept burning in the firebox be referred to the Sub-Committee for consideration and report.

5—Hackney Carriage Drivers Licences—Read applications from Mr. Ernest Privett of .No. 8 Fairview Street, and Mr. Chas. Winters of Prospect Cottage for licences to drive hackney carriages. Resolved, That the applications be acceded to.

6—Breach of Hackney Carriage Byelaws--Read, a letter from Col. J. C. Griffith, calling attention to the bad condition and state of disrepair of one of the licensed hackney carriages. Resolved, That the complaint be referred to Supt. Hopkins to deal with.

7—Telephone for Medical Officer of Health—On the application of Dr. Garrett, Resolved, That a telephone connection be provided for his office at a cost of £1. 9s. 0d. per annum.

8—Public Health Acts Amendment Act, 1907—Servants' Registry Offices—The Town Clerk reported that the Secretary of State had issued an Order declaring Section 85 of the above Act to be in force in the Borough, The draft Byelaws previously submitted by the Committee to the Council were again considered. Resolved, That the same be approved and made by the Council and that application be made to the Secretary of State after due notice for confirmation of the same.

9—Bust of Sir John Dorington—Resolved, That the Mayor and Alderman Winterbotham be asked to select a suitable position for the bust of Sir John Dorington recently presented by him to the Council.

10—Street Hawking—Messrs. W. Hall, T. Morris, E. C. Daft and Mr. Sims attended this meeting representing the Cheltenham Retail Florists, Fruiterers, and Greengrocers' Society, to ask the Committee to make Byelaws or Regulations for licensing street hawkers. It was pointed out to the deputation that the Council had no power at present enabling them to do as suggested, but that a Bill giving such powers was being promoted by the Association of Municipal Corporations.

11—Annual Congress of British Esperanto Association—Read a letter from the Hon. Secretary of the Cheltenham Esperanto Society stating that they had invited the British Esperanto Association to hold their Annual 3 days' Congress in Cheltenham, in Juno next year, and asking whether they could have the use of the Town Hall for the Congress. Resolved, That the use of the Town Hall be granted for the use of the Congress upon payment of out of pocket expenses for lighting, etc.

12—Town Hall—Estimates for the provision of curtains for the doors of the Supper Room in the corridor of the Town Hall were considered, the provision of such curtains being recommended in order to prevent the interference caused by noise when meetings are proceeding simultaneously in the large Hall and Supper Room. Resolved, That the tender of Messrs. John Lance & Co., Ltd. to provide 2 pairs of plushette curtains complete with brass pole, rings and brackets for £5 5s. 0d. be accepted.

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13—Mineral Waters—Read a letter from Dr. Ward Humphreys asking that the option of a lease of the mineral water rights granted him by the Council should be extended for a further period of 12

months from the 1st December, the date of expiration of the present 9 months option. Resolved, That the request be acceded to, and the option extended for a further period of 9 months from the 1st December, 1909, upon the terms and conditions already approved by the Council.

14—Light Railway—Mr. McCormick attended the meeting and asked to be released from the agreement to run the Leckhampton Cars through to the G.W.R. Station. Through passengers to the G.W.R. Station could be transferred to another car at North Street. The running of the cars to the G.W.R. Station and back over the loop to North Street made an additional car mileage of 475 miles a week, but only an average of about 12 persons a day made use of the through run to the Station. The time occupied in sending these cars round the loop interfered with the efficiency of the service on the Leckhampton Route and involved delaying the cars at the Exmouth Arms. Resolved, That the consideration of the matter be adjourned to the next meeting and that in the meantime Mr. McCormick be asked to consider whether in the event of the Council agreeing to his request, satisfactory arrangements can be made to prevent the blocking of traffic at North Street.

GEO. NORMAN,

Chairman.

ART GALLERY AND MUSEUM COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, the 13th October, 1900—Present: The Mayor, Aldermen Haddon, Norman, Rogers, and Winterbotham, Councillor Davies, Dr. E. T. Wilson and Mr. G. Dimmer (Alderman Winterbotham in the chair.)

1—Curator's Report—The Curator reported that 1,128 visits had been made to the Art Gallery and Museum since September 15th last, and 382 catalogues of the special exhibition of Academy pictures had been sold. These pictures had to be returned at the end of November.

Mr. A. J. de Haviland Bushnell had lent a case of Ancient Glass.

The heating gratings in the de Ferrieres Gallery were defective and required attention, and he recommended that Messrs. Marshall be instructed to do what is necessary.

He recommended that instead of the purchase of the 4 show cases sanctioned at the last meeting, the wall cases in the Museum should be extended at a cost of £10 10s., the amount of Messrs. Collins & Godfrey's estimate. The accommodation thus provided would render unnecessary the purchase of any further table show cases for some time.

Resolved, That the recommendations be approved and adopted, and that the Curator be authorised to visit South Kensington with a view to the loan of suitable exhibits for the Art Gallery from the end of next month.

2—Wages of Caretaker—Read, an application from Mr. W. Addis, the Caretaker of the Public Library and Art Gallery and Museum, for an increase in the wages paid him in respect of the Art Gallery and Museum, in view of the additional work entailed by the Museum. Resolved, That this amount be increased from 4s to 6s per week.

JAS. B. WINTERBOTHAM, Chairman.

MINERAL WATERS, BATHS AND RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Friday, the 15th October, 1909—Present: Councillors Bendall, Davies, Hayward and Merrett (Councillor Merrett 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	£379 9 4	
Rent of Shop	<u>£24 0 0</u>	
	£403 9 4	
Payments		£394 15 6
Interest & Redemption (proportion of) ...		<u>£265 0 0</u>
		£659 15 6

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>£306 17 3</u>	
	£306 17 3	
Payments ...		£278 12 8
Interest & Redemption (proportion of) ...		<u>£167 14 0</u>
		£446 6 8

Read, a letter from the Secretary of the Education Committee stating that the Report of the Chairman of this Committee on the subject of instruction in swimming for elementary school children attending the Baths had been considered. The Education Committee suggested that a Conference should be held with this Committee to consider the matter before the commencement of next season. Resolved, That the suggestion be approved.

3—Football at Recreation Grounds—Read, letters from the Hon. Sec. of the Emmanuel United Association Football Club, applying for the use of the Naunton Park Recreation Ground during the present season, and from the Secretary of the Education Committee applying on behalf of the Managers of Trinity School for permission for the boys from that School to play football one afternoon each week at Whaddon Lane Recreation Ground. Resolved, That the applications be acceded to, subject to the usual conditions.

W. J. MERRETT, Chairman.

BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, the: 22nd October, 1909—Present: Aldermen Haddon and Rogers, Councillors Baker, King-Harman, Merrett and Steel (Alderman Haddon in the Chair).

1—Designs—Resolved, That the following designs be approved, viz. :—Headstones graves of Jane Cowley and to John Nichols. Memorial Crosses to graves of William Lawrence and Elizabeth Newman.

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2—Land adjoining Cemetery—Read, a letter from Mr. Frederick Wood, of Whaddon Farm, stating that he was willing to continue his tenancy of the land adjoining the Cemetery for another year from the 31st inst., and also to take the grass cut at the Cemetery for the same period on the same terms and conditions as at present. Resolved, That his offer be accepted.

JOHN HADDON,

Chairman.

PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 12th October, 1909.—Present: Alderman Rogers, Councillors Davies, Earengy, Hayward, Margrett, and Merrett ; Rev. P. A. Nash; Messrs. F. J. Caudle, W. Cresswell, G. Dimmer, F. Parsons, and E. C. Rogers (Alderman Rogers in the Chair).

1—Librarian's Report—Read, the Monthly Report of the Librarian. Receipts £5 4s. 10d. Presentations:—The Principal, Bristol Merchant Venturers' Technical College, 1 vol. ; Town Clerk, London, 1 vol. ; C. Braine Hartnell, 3 vols. ; J. Sawyer, 1 pamphlet ; E. J. Burrow, 76 pamphlets ; General Editor, London University Guide, 1 vol.

The number of volumes consulted in the Reference Department during the month was 1,330, an average increase of 18 per day, as compared with the corresponding period of last year. The issues from the Lending Department numbered 9,391, an average increase of 86 per day over last year.

2—Library Association Annual Conference—The Librarian read a summary of the proceedings at the Annual Conference of the Library Association held at Sheffield last month and attended by him. Resolved, That the thanks of the Committee be given to Mr. Jones for his able and interesting report.

3--Report of Sub-Committee—The Sub-Committee reported that they met on the 7th inst. (Present ; Alderman Rogers (Chairman), Councillors Davies, Green and Merrett, and the Rev. J. Lloyd Davies). They recommended:—

That a number of books entered in the Proposition Book be purchased at a cost of about £2 2s. 0d.

That a Supplementary Catalogue of the Lending and Reference Departments be published, and tenders for the printing of the same invited from the following firms: — The Gloucestershire Echo, Norman, Sawyer & Co., Ltd., G. F. Poole, Thos. Hailing, Norman Bros., and W. W. Bastin ; and that in order to reduce the cost advertisements be obtained to be placed at the end of the book.

That the Librarian be authorised to go to London to purchase new books to an amount not exceeding £25.

That the application from the National Telephone Company to install a Public Call Telephone at the Library be not acceded to.

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

RICHARD ROGERS,

Chairman.

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FINANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, the 26th October, 1909. Present:—The Mayor, Aldermen Skillicorne and Waghorne, Councillors Earengy, Merrett. Rees Jones, Steel and Stroud (Aldermen Waghorne in the Chair).

1—General District Rate—The final Report of the Borough Accountant, dated the 26th inst., on the collection of the first instalment of this Rate was read. Amount collected £21,616 13s. 9d. Voids, abatements, etc., £1,654 11s. 5d. Leaving outstanding £148 19s. 10d.

2—Water Rate —The Report of the Borough Accountant dated the 25th inst., on the collection of this Rate for the half year ending the 29th inst., was read. Amount received £11,951 17s. 8d. Voids, abatements, etc., £212 14s. 6d. Leaving outstanding, £2,408 5s. 1d.

3—Investment of Sinking Funds—The Borough Accountant reported that he had arranged subject to the approval of the Council for the continuance of the loan of £10,000 to the Tynemouth Corporation with interest reduced from 3 $\frac{3}{4}$ % to 3 $\frac{5}{8}$ %. Resolved, That the loan be continued on these terms.

4—Parliamentary Registration—The Town Clerk laid before the Council an account of the expenses of carrying into effect the provisions of the Acts for the Registration of Voters for the year 1909-10 amounting to £81 18s. 7d. Resolved, That the said sum be certified to be payable, and be apportioned between the parishes of Cheltenham and Charlton Kings as follows:—Cheltenham £70 4s. 11d., Charlton Kings £11 13s. 8d.

5—Accounts—The Financial Statement of the Receipts and Expenditure since the last meeting and the Bills and Accounts to be paid were examined, and the latter 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 September last	£16,775 18 1
Received since that date (including Loan on Debenture £100)	<u>£4,865 13 4</u>
	£21,641 11 5
Paid since that date	<u>£18,557 11 3</u>
	In hand, £3,051 0 2
Being General Accounts	£1,921 14 6
Sinking Funds	<u>£1,132 5 8</u>
	£3,054 0 2

JOHN WAGHORNE, Chairman.

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 Tuesday, the 9th November, 1909, at 12 noon. Present:

THE MAYOR (JAMES TYNTE AGG-GARDNER, 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 RICHARD DAVIES WILLIAM GEORGE EARENGEY EDWINSON CHARLES GREEN PERCY HADDOCK ALFRED MANN HERBERT STROUD WILLIE JOHN MERRETT HENRY GEORGE NORTON Tom HERBERT PACKER THOMAS REES JONES WILLIAM SAWYER ROBERT STEEL JAMES STEWART

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1—Election of Councillors—The Town Clerk reported the Election on the 1st instant of the following gentlemen as Councillors, viz :—Percy Haddock for the North Ward. Robert Steel for the Central Wald. William Sawyer for the East Ward. Herbert Stroud for the South Ward. Alfred Mann for the Middle Ward. James Stewart for the West Ward. and laid before the Council their Declarations of Acceptance of Office.

2—Death of Councillor Hayward—Resolved, That this Council desire to express their deep regret at the death of Councillor Hayward. and their sincere sympathy with his widow and family, and also to record their appreciation of his public services to his native town.

3—Election of Mayor—Resolved, unanimously, That Councillor Charles Henry Margrett be and he is hereby elected Mayor of this Borough for the ensuing year.

The newly-elected Mayor then made the Declaration of Acceptance of Office, and took the Oath of Allegiance and Judicial Oath. The Mayor thereupon took the chair.

4—Election of Aldermen—The members of the Council present entitled to vote and voting delivered to the Mayor papers signed by them, and the same having been openly produced and read, it appeared that the following burgesses had been voted for, and had received the number of votes set opposite their names, viz. :—

William Nash Skillicorne, 9, Queen's Parade, Cheltenham, Gentleman 19

John Waghorne, 3, Spring Grove Villas, Cheltenham, Solicitor 19

James Batten Winterbotham, Cranley Lodge, Cheltenham, Solicitor 19

The Mayor accordingly declared the said William Nash Skillicorne, John Waghorne and James Batten Winterbotham to be elected Aldermen to fill the vacancies caused by the retirement of the said William Nash Skillicorne, John Waghorne and James Batten Winterbotham.

The newly-elected Aldermen then made their Declarations of Acceptance of Office.

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5—Deputy Mayor--The Mayor signified in writing that he appointed Alderman John Waghorne to be his Deputy.

6—Assignment of Aldermen to Wards--Resolved, That the following Aldermen be assigned for the purposes of Ward Elections for the ensuing year to the several Wards opposite which their names are respectively set:—

Alderman Waghorne North Ward

“ Skillicorne.-.. Central Ward

“ Winterbotham East Ward

“ Norman.... South Ward

“ Rogers ●●●● Middle Ward

“ Haddon West Ward

7—Vote of Thanks to Retiring Mayor—Resolved, unanimously, That the warmest thanks of the Council be given to J. T. Agg-Gardner, Esquire, for the courteous, impartial and hospitable way in which he has fulfilled the duties of Mayor during the past year.

8—Minutes of Previous Meeting—Resolved, That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Council on the 4th October last having been printed and a copy sent to each Member of the Council, be taken as read, and that the same be adopted and confirmed.

9—Appointment and Duties of Committees—Public Health Committee—Resolved, That the following members of the Council do form the Public Health Committee for the ensuing year : The Mayor, Aldermen Norman and Skillicorne, Councillors Davies, Rees Jones, Stewart, Stroud and Wood, 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:—Public Health Acts, The Cheltenham Improvement Acts and Provisional Orders (Sanitary Provisions), Factory and Workshop Acts, Infectious Diseases (Notification) Act, 1899, Infectious Diseases (Prevention) Act, 1890, The Housing of the Working Classes Acts, 1890 to 1903, The Dairies, Cowsheds and Milkshops Orders.

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To have delegated to it the Powers of the Council under the following sections of the Public Health Act, 1875, namely 24, 25, 35, 36, 37, 38, 40, 41, 46, 47, 49 and 50, the sections relating to nuisances and unsound meat, also sections 62, 70, 120, 121, 123, 124, 126, 127, 128 and 129.

To examine and report upon all plans for new streets and buildings, including the enforcement of the byelaws made by the Council with regard thereto, so far only as drainage and other sanitary matters are concerned.

To deal with the repair and reconstruction of all sewers in the Borough and with the outfall sewers and sewage tanks and the control and treatment of the sewage before it is applied to the land.

To deal with the cleansing of watercourses and the enforcement of the provisions of the Rivers Pollution Prevention Acts.

Farms Management Committee—Resolved, That the following members of the Council do form the Farms Management Committee for the ensuing year :—The Mayor, Alderman Skillicorne, Councillors Green, Packer, Rees Jones, Sawyer, Steel and Wood, 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, Haddock, Merrett, Norton and Stewart, and that their powers and duties be as follows:—To regulate and manage all matters relating to the repair of the streets, including public and private streets and main and contribution roads, to examine and report upon all plans for new streets and buildings, including the enforcement of the byelaws made by the Council with regard thereto (with the exception of drainage and other sanitary matters), and to consider all proposed public street improvements. To consider and report upon any matters arising in connection with the Cheltenham and District Light Railway within the Borough or in connection with the byelaws made by the Council with reference thereto.

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To have the management of the Central Depot and the horses, materials and carts, 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 Acts, 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, Packer, Sawyer, Steel and Stewart, and that their powers and duties be as follows:—To have the control and management of the Montpellier Gardens, Pittville Park and Estate, the Promenade Long Garden and Winter Garden, and of any building in connection with such properties, and to enforce the provisions of the byelaws made by the Council with reference to

them. To manage and control any entertainments decided upon by the Council, and to consider and report upon all matters in connection with the advertising of the Town and the provision of a band.

Electricity and Lighting Committee—Resolved, That the following members of the Council do form the Electricity and Lighting Committee for the ensuing year :—Alderman Norman, Councillors Green, Haddock, Merrett, Mann, 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 :—The Mayor, Alderman Norman, Councillors Baker, Bendall, Earengy, Green, Haddock and Merrett, 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

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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 specifically referred to any other Committee. To discharge the duties of the Watch Committee under the Municipal Corporations Act, 1882, and to consider and report upon all matters arising in connection with the Petroleum Acts, and with reference to matters of the Police. To regulate and manage all matters relating to the licensing of Hackney Carriages, Drivers and Conductors, and to 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 in 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. To regulate and manage all matters in connection with the Fire Brigade and Fire Extinguishing Appliances.

Mineral Waters, Baths, and Recreation Grounds Committee—Resolved, That the following members of the Council do form the Mineral Waters, Baths and Recreation Grounds Committee for the ensuing year :—Councillors Baker, Bendall, Davies, Mann, Merrett, Packer, Stewart and Stroud, and that their powers and duties be as follows:—To regulate and manage the Alstone and Montpellier Baths, and any matters in connection with the supply of Mineral Waters, the property of the Corporation, and the Recreation Grounds and the Public Walks and Pleasure Grounds (except those specifically referred to other Committees), and the buildings thereon.

Burial Board Committee—Resolved, That the following members of the Council do form the Burial Board Committee for the ensuing year :—Aldermen Haddon and Rogers Councillors Baker, Mann,

Merrett, Rees-Jones, Steel and Stewart, and that their powers and duties be as follows:—To regulate and manage the Cheltenham Cemetery and all matters relating thereto.

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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, Haddock, 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, Mann, Merrett, Sawyer and Steel, together with Revs. J. Lloyd Davies and Percy Nash; Messrs. A. Beckingsale, F. J. Bennett, F. J. Caudle, J. R. Claridge, W. Cresswell, G. Dimmer, E. Gridley, J. N. Hobbs, Col. King-Harman, A. Miles, W. J. Moore, F. Parsons, and E. C. Rogers, and that their duties be as follows:--To regulate and manage, the Cheltenham Public Library and all matters relating thereto, subject to the proceedings of the Committee being submitted from time to time for confirmation by the Council.

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 ; Councillors Davies, Green and Stroud, with Mr. G. Dimmer and Dr. E. T. Wilson as Consulting Members, and that their powers and duties be as follows: To regulate and manage the Art Gallery and Museum, and all matters relating thereto.

10—Vacancies on Education Committee—Resolved, That the following members of the Council be appointed members of the Education Committee for the ensuing year :—The Mayor, Aldermen Norman, Rogers and Skillicorne ; and Councillors Baker, Earengy, Haddock, Mann, Merrett, Norton, Packer, Rees Jones, Steel, Stewart and Wood.

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11—Local Pension Committee-Resolved, That the Local Pension Committee for the Borough consist of all the members of the Council, that their term of office as members of such Committee expire on the 9th November, 1910, and that eight be a quorum the Committee.

12—Vacancies on Distress Committee—Resolved, That Alderman Waghorne and Councillors Bendall, Green, Mann, Sawyer, Steel and Stewart be appointed Members of the Distress Committee for the Borough.

13—Public Health Committee —Resolved, That the proceedings of the Public Health Committee, at their Meetings of the 11th and 18th October last be approved and confirmed.

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

15—Street and Highway Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Street and Highway Committee, at their Meetings of the 12th and 25th October last, be approved and confirmed.

16—Town Improvement Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Town Improvement Committee, at their Meetings of the 5th and 18th October last be approved and confirmed.

17—Electricity and Lighting Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Electricity and Lighting Committee, at their Meeting of the 14th October last be approved and confirmed.

18—Water Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Water Committee, at their Meeting of the 13th October last, be approved and confirmed.

19—General Purposes and Watch Committee — Resolved, That the proceedings of the General Purposes and Watch Committee. at their Meeting of the 19th October last be approved and confirmed and that licences be also granted to Messrs. Powell, Gwinnell & Co., Ltd. to store 200 gallons of Petroleum and 5 cwts. of Carbide of Calcium at No. 34, Promenade, Cheltenham.

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

21—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 October last be approved and confirmed.

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

23--Finance Committee- Resolved, That the proceedings of the Finance Committee, at their Meeting of the 26th 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 6th December, 1909.

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 15th November, 1909. Present: The Mayor, Alderman Skillicorne, Councillors Davies, Rees Jones, Stewart and Stroud (Alderman Skillicorne in the Chair).

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

2—Plans Sub-Committee—Resolved, That the Mayor and Councillor Stewart be appointed members of the Plans Sub-Committee as representing this Committee.

3—Delancey Hospital—Resolved, That Councillor Stewart be appointed a representative of the Committee upon the Management Committee of the Delancey Hospital in the place of Col. King-Harman.

4—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, 2 cases of Erysipelas, and 1 case of Diphtheria, and that 6 cases of Scarlet Fever had been sent into the Delancey Hospital.

5—Cleansing and Limewashing at Nos. 10 & 11 Elm Street, Folly Cottage, Folly Lane, 18 & 19 Waterloo Street and 27 Worcester Street.—The Medical Officer of Health having certified under Section 46 of the Public Health Act, 1875, that the above-named dwelling-houses were in such a filthy and unwholesome condition that the health of the inmates was affected or endangered thereby. Resolved, That Notice be given to the owners under the said Section requiring the houses to be cleansed and limewashed.

6—Houses without proper Ash Receptacles—The Inspector of Nuisances reported that the following houses had no proper ashpits or ash receptacles, viz:—Nos. 29 & 47 Fairview Street, 9 & 11 Elm Street, and 12 & 13 Worcester St. 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.

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7—Insanitary Property—Polly Cottage, Folly Lane, Nos. 18 and 19, Waterloo Street, 1, 2, 3 and 4 Hereford Court, 8, Hereford Place, 51a & 49 Fairview Street, Cumberland Villa, Grove Street, 37 Sun Street, and 9, 10 & 11 Elm 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.

8—Destruction of Unsound Meat, &c.—The Medical Officer of Health reported that on the 4th instant, the carcase with offal of a sheep (weight 35 lbs.) slaughtered at the Abattoir affected with wasting disease was surrendered and destroyed as unfit for human food.

9—Insufficient Water Closet Accommodation-1, 2, 3 & 4, Hereford Court and 8 Hereford Place. The Inspector of Nuisances reported that these houses were without sufficient water closet accommodation, there being one water closet only for the use of the persons (26 in number), inhabiting the 5 houses. Resolved, That notice be given to the owner under Section 36 of the Public Health Act, 1875, requiring the provision of one sufficient water closet for each of the houses mentioned.

10—Contravention of Byelaws as to Pig Keeping,—The Inspector of Nuisances reported that 14 pigs were kept on premises in Swindon Road within 150 feet of a dwelling house, contrary to the Byelaws in force within the Borough Resolved, That notice be given to the occupier of the premises requiring him to comply with the Byelaws and that in default the Town Clerk be instructed to take proceedings for the penalties incurred.

W. NASH SKILLICORNE,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, the 22nd November, 1909—Present: Aldermen Norman and Skillicorne, Councillors Davies, Rees Jones and Stewart (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, 2 cases of Scarlet Fever, and 1 case of Diphtheria, and the three cases had been sent into the Delancey Hospital.

12—Houses without proper Ash Receptacles--The Inspector of Nuisances reported that the following houses had no proper ashpits or ash receptacles, viz : Nos. 14 and 15 Clare Place, 9 Russell Place, and 8 and 52, Waterloo Street.—Resolved, That the necessary Notices be given to the respective owners under Section 36 of the Public Health Act, 1875, and Section 27 of the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1889, requiring them in each case to provide a moveable ash receptacle of such size, pattern, and construction as may be approved by the Inspector of Nuisances on behalf of the Corporation.

13—Cleansing and Limewashing at Nos. 6 Rosehill Terrace, 2, 8 and 10 Brunswick Terrace, 9 and 9a Russell Place, and 8 and 9 Waterloo Street.—The Medical Officer of Health having certified under Section 46 of the Public Health Act, 1875, that the above-named dwelling-houses were in such a filthy and unwholesome condition that the health of the inmates was affected or endangered thereby. Resolved, That Notice be given to the owners under the said Section requiring the houses to be cleansed and limewashed.

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14—Nuisances from Drains, etc., at Nos. 115 & 117 Fairview Road, and 31a & 32 Rose & Crown Passage.—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.

15—Insanitary Property—Nos. 1, 2, 8 and 10 Brunswick Terrace, and 8 and 9, Russell 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—Dairies, Cowsheds and Milkshops Order—Read, an application from Mr. Frank Brookes, of Major Cottage, Millbrook Street, to be registered as a purveyor of milk. Resolved, That the applicant be registered.

17—Assistant Inspector of Nuisances—The Town Clerk submitted the applications, 84 in number, received for the appointment of Junior Assistant Inspector of Nuisances. Resolved, That the Chairman, Councillors Davies, Rees Jones and Stewart, be appointed a Sub-Committee to select four candidates from a list of 12 to be selected by the Medical Officer of Health, for interview by the Committee on the 1st proximo.

W. NASH SKILLICORNE,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Wednesday, the 1st December, 1909—Present: Alderman Skillicorne, Councillors Davies. Rees Jones and Stewart (Alderman Skillicorne in the Chair).

18—Assistant Inspector of Nuisances—The following Candidates selected by the Sub-Committee for interview attended this meeting, viz :—Francis Arnold, aged 22 years, Clerk and Assistant Sanitary Inspector, Kidderminster ; Chas. W. Clifford, 30 years, 54 St. Paul's Street North, Cheltenham ; Ernest Groombridge, 23 years, Assistant Inspector of Nuisances, Reigate Corporation ; Edwin J. H. Upham, 29 years, 5 Talygarn Street, Cathay, Cardiff.

Resolved, That Mr. C. W. Clifford be appointed on the terms and conditions mentioned or referred to in the advertisement inviting applications.

19—Outfall Sewer—Claim for Compensation. Resolved, That the sum of £175 be paid to Mr. P. W. Brown, in full settlement of all claims for compensation in respect of the laying of the sewer through the land lying between the road at Tanner's Lane and the road by Arle Court Farm, both as owner and occupier of the land No. 150 on the Ordnance Map (1903 edition), and as owner of the land No. Pt. 136 and 153, in the occupation of Messrs. Wood and Mr. Cox, respectively.

W. NASH SKILLICORNE,

Chairman

FARMS MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Friday, the 19th November, 1909. Present:—The Mayor, Alderman Skillicorne, Councillors Green, Rees Jones, Sawyer and Steel (Alderman Skillicorne in the Chair).

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

2—Farms Manager's Report—Read, the Monthly Report of the Farms Manager. Since the last monthly meeting 11 bullocks had been purchased for £103 2s. 6d. 21 sheep had been sold for £36 1s. 7d., 3 cart horses for and 32 head of cattle for £485 17s. 9d. (Total Sales, £657 9s. 4d.) The number of live stock on the Farms on the 19th instant, was 10 horses, 162 head of cattle, 117 sheep and 3 pigs all doing very well. 4 tons, 6 cwts., 1 qr. of hay had been delivered to the Central Depot, and 50 second-hand railway sleepers had been purchased at 2s each.

He recommended that six neck straps for cart horses, and also 5 qrs. of maize and barley, and 1 ton of cake be purchased. Resolved, That the recommendations be approved and adopted.

3—New Chaff Machine—The Tenders (3 in number) for the new Chaff Machine required at the Barn Farm were considered. Resolved, That the Tender of Mr. W. O. King for a No. 63 Richmond & Chandler's Chaff Machine at £9 17s. 0d. (being the lowest) be accepted.

W. NASH SKILLICORNE,

Chairman.

STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, the 16th November, 1909—Present: Alderman Haddon, Councillors Baker, Bendall, Haddock, Merrett and Stewart (Councillor Bendall in the Chair).

1—Chairman—Resolved, That Councillor Bendall be appointed Chairman of this Committee for the ensuing year.

2—Appointment of Stores Sub-Committee—Resolved, That the Chairman, Alderman Haddon, Councillors Baker and Stewart be appointed the Stores Sub-Committee for the ensuing year.

3 —Appointment of Trees Sub-Committee—Resolved, That the Chairman, Aldermen Haddon and Skillicorne, Councillors Baker and Stewart be appointed the Trees Sub-Committee for the ensuing year.

4—Plans Sub-Committee--Resolved, That the Chairman and Councillor Baker be appointed members of the Plans Sub-Committee as representing this Committee.

5—Street Projections—Read, an applications from Mr. F. Hopkins, of No. 193 High Street, to place a projecting lamp outside his premises, and from the Golden Anchor Clothing Co. to place 3 projecting lamps outside No. 156 High Street, and also from Messrs. Wheway & Co., to place a projecting lamp outside their premises in Hewlett Street. Resolved, That the applications be acceded to subject to compliance with the usual conditions. Read, an application from Messrs. W. Hall & Sons, Ltd., for

permission to place 2 projecting lamps at No. 92 High Street, during Christmastide only. Resolved, That the application be granted subject to the lamps being erected to the satisfaction of the Street Inspector.

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6—Dangerous Area at No. 11 Tivoli Street—The Borough Surveyor reported that the front area of No. 11 Tivoli Street, was in a condition dangerous to persons using the street, the front fence having been removed and the area covered over with boards in a very insecure manner. Resolved, That notice be given to the owner of the premises under Section 30 of the Public Health Acts Amendment Act, 1907, requiring the protection or enclosure of the area so as to prevent danger therefrom, and that in default of compliance with such notice the Borough Surveyor be instructed to carry out such works as may be necessary, the expenses to be recovered from the owner as provided by the said Act.

7—Slab Factory—On the recommendation of the Borough Surveyor and the Borough Electrical Engineer, Resolved. That the offer of a second-hand motor suitable for driving the crushing machine be purchased for £44 10s. 0d.

8—Apportionment of Private Improvement Expenses—Victoria Place. The Borough Surveyor reported that the private improvement works ordered in this street had been carried out by the Corporation at a cost of £63 18s. 0d., which sum 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 for repayment be served upon the abutting owners.

9—Advertisement Regulation Byelaws—Read, a letter from the Home Office, stating that subject to consideration of any objections or representations received, the Secretary of State was prepared to confirm the Byelaws as to advertisements after due publication as now amended by him. Resolved, That byelaws be made accordingly and that the Town Clerk be instructed to make application, after advertisement and notice as required by the Home Office, for the confirmation of the same (a print of the Byelaws accompanies these Minutes.)

10—Underground Telephone Wayleave—Read, a letter from the National Telephone Co., asking for permission to extend their underground cable from Lansdown Road along Christ Church Road and Queen's Road, as shown on the plan sent by them. Resolved, That permission be granted upon the terms and conditions of the existing agreement between the Corporation and the Company³as to underground wayleaves.

JOHN D. BENDALL, Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, the 9th November, 1909.—Present: Alderman Haddon, Councillors Baker, Bendall, Merrett and Stewart (Councillor Bendall in the Chair).

11—Borough Surveyor's Monthly Report Re Highways—The Borough Surveyor reported that the work completed by the Highways Department from the Und October to the 25th November 1.900 (both inclusive) had been as follows:--

Roads Patched—Winchcomb Street, Sherborne Place, Grosvenor Terrace, Swindon Road, Larput Place, Sun Street, Queen Street, King Street, Tewkesbury Road, Naunton Crescent, Milsom Street, Ambrose Street, St. George's Place, St. James' Square, and Leckhampton Road.

Electricity Trenches repaired—Royal Parade, North Street, Bays Hill Terrace, Churchyard, Suffolk Road, Queen's Parade, St. George's Place, Bath Road, Imperial Square, Tivoli Road, High Street, Jersey Place, Winchcombe Street, Clarence Street, Leckhampton Road, St. Luke's Place and St. James' Square.

Sewer Trenches repaired—Clarence Parade, Trafalgar Street and High Street. Gas Trenches repaired—Albion Street.

Footpaths Gravelled—Hanover Street (40 super yards), Lane from Hanover Street to Hungerford Street (80 super yards), Naunton Crescent (84 super yards), East Drive to Pittville Pump Room (361 super yards), Old Bath Road (555 super yards), and Cemetery Road (proceeding).

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Paving repaired—Howlett Road, Sherborne Place, High Street, Tewkesbury Road, Leamington Place, Promenade, Imperial Square, North Place, Montpellier Drive, Roman Road, Tivoli Road, St. James' Street, Hanover Street, and Gloucester Road.

Channel Repaired—Winchcombe Street, Witcombe Place, High Street, Larput Place and Regent Street.

Private Improvement Works completed—Fairfield Parade and Cleeve View Road.

New Slab Paving laid—Hewlett Road (200 super yards), Queen's Road (124 super yards).

Kerb relaid—Hewlett Road (50 lineal feet). Crossings Repaired-3. Gateway Crossings repaired-2.

Manhole paved round-1. Gullies fixed-4. Gully Grates and Frames fixed-4.

Surface Water Drain laid-18 lineal yards in Arle Road.

Trees pruned—Lansdown Road, Lansdown Place, St. George's Road, Bayshill Lane, College Road, Sydenham Villas Road, Hatherley Road, Sydenham Road South, Gloucester Road, Eldorado Road and Crescent, The Park, Albert Road and Pittville Circus. Hedge Pruned—Hatherley Road.

Trees felled—Dagmar Road 11, Bayshill Road 5, Montpellier Drive 3, Montpellier Terrace 1, St. George's Road 1, Montpellier Spa Road 1, Albany Road 8, Gloucester Road 3, Parabola Road 3, Malvern Road 2, Promenade 1, Greville Terrace 1.

Trees planted at Leckhampton, Reservoir Nursery-200 Chestnuts given by Mrs. St. Clair Ford.

Ashes Collection and Disposal—During 5 weeks ended the 25th November, 1909, 1,125 loads collected, 6 tipped away and 1,119 consumed, Weight consumed, 1,291 tons, 4 cwts. 2 qrs.

Slab Factory—During 5 weeks ended the 18th November, 1909, 1009 square yards of slabs made.

9--Report of Plans Sub-Committee—The Chairman reported the proceedings of the Plans Sub-Committee at their Meeting on the 29th inst. Resolved, That the same be approved and adopted.

10—Underground Wayleave for Telegraphic Line—An application was received from the Telegraph Department of the Post Office for consent to an underground telegraphic line being laid from the Post Office along Royal Well Road, Montpellier Street and Lansdown Road to Gloucester Road, as shown on a plan submitted. Resolved, That the consent of the Corporation be given subject to the provisions of the Telegraph Acts and to the following conditions, namely: (1) The actual position of the line in the street to be decided by the Borough Surveyor. (2) The surface to be reinstated and maintained for a period of 6 months by the Corporation at the expense of the Post Office, such reinstatement to extend to such width as the Borough Surveyor may deem necessary and in case of asphalt or in site paving to extend to the full width of any footpath disturbed and in case of carriage ways the reinstatement is to include the provision of any necessary rubble foundation. (3) The Corporation to make good at the expense of the Post Office any damage whatever caused to electric cables, water mains, sewers, drains or other matters and things under the control of the Corporation. (4) The intended line to be kept clear as far as possible of the existing electric cables. (5) The Post Office to undertake that if at any future time the telegraphic line now to be laid interferes with the laying of any electric cables, sewers, drains or water pipes or other works of the Corporation, the Post Office will when called upon remove or alter the position of the line in such manner as may be required, pay off any additional cost of such works entailed by the existence of the Telegraphic Line.

11—Steam Road Rollers—The Borough Surveyor submitted a Report from the Boiler Insurance Co. of the unsatisfactory condition of the fire-box, tubes, &c., of one of the steam road rollers. He had obtained estimates as far as it was possible to do so of the cost of the repairs necessary, but having regard to the fact that the roller was 25 years old and extensive repairs were required he recommended, as the more economical course, that the roller should be sold and a new one purchased. He submitted offers obtained from several firms for the old roller and quotations for the supply of a new roller. Resolved, That the offer of Messrs. Bomford Evershed of £176 for the old roller & the tender of Messrs. Aveling & Porter, for the supply of a new 10 ton single cylinder roller fitted with and the tender of Messrs. Aveling scarifier at a cost of £433 be accepted.

12—Tins from Destructor—On the recommendation of the Borough Surveyor, Resolved, That the offer of Mr. Dobson, of Birmingham, for the purchase of the old tins at the Destructor at 12s 6d per ton, delivered into trucks on the Destructor siding be accepted.

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13—Destructor Loan—The Town Clerk reported that he had now received the sanction of the Government Board to a loan of £100, the balance of the amount for sanction to which application had been made.

14—Pillar Letter Boxes—Queen's and Gloucester Roads—Read a letter from the Postmaster asking for permission to remove the pillar letter box from opposite St. Mark's Emporium, Gloucester Road to a position in front of Queen's Buildings, Queen's Road and to erect a new pillar letter box opposite Lansdown Castle at the junction of Gloucester and Lansdown Roads. Resolved, That the permission

be granted, subject to the exact positions for the letter boxes being approved by the Borough Surveyor.

15—Trees—The Borough Surveyor reported that Mrs. St. Clair Ford had presented 200 horse chestnut trees to the Corporation and the same had been planted at the Leckhampton Reservoir Nursery. Resolved, that the thanks of the Council be conveyed to Mrs. St. Clair Ford.

16—Footpath—Moorend Road--Read a letter from Miss Davis calling attention to the condition of the footpath in Moorend Road. Resolved, That consideration of the complaint be adjourned for the Council to view.

JOHN D. BENDALL,

Chairman.

PLANS SUB-COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Sub-Committee held on Monday, the 29th November, 1909. Present: Councillors Baker, Bendall and Stewart (Councillor Bendall 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 submitted the following notices and plans of intended new buildings, viz. :—

No. of Plan	Name	Description
812	F. E. Jenkins	6 Cottages, Fairfield Walk (amended plans)
818	E. J. Cook	New bathroom. No. 1 Granley Villas, Gloucester Road.
819	W. Long	New bathroom. Lauriston, Marle Hill Road.
820	F. G. Fildes.	New Shed. No. 6, Rotunda. Terrace, Montpellier Street.
821	J. Bowie Evans	Roof over yard at rear of No. 20 Lansdown Place.
822	Conservative Benefit Society	Glass roof over yard at rear of No. 2 North Street.

Resolved, That Plans No. 812, 818, 819, 820 and 821 be approved, and that Plans No. 822 be disapproved.

JOHN D. BENDALL, Chairman.

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TOWN IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, the 17th November, 1909. Present: Alderman Rogers, Councillors Baker, Green, Sawyer, Steel, and Stewart (Councillor Baker in the Chair).

1—Chairman—Resolved, That Councillor Baker be appointed Chairman of this Committee for the ensuing year.

2—Appointment of Entertainment Sub-Committee—Resolved, That the Chairman, Alderman Rogers, Councillors Green, Packer and Sawyer, be appointed the Entertainments Sub-Committee for the ensuing year.

WILLIAM A. BAKER, Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, the 22nd November, 1909. Present:—Alderman Rogers, Councillors Baker, Packer, Sawyer, Steel and Stewart (Councillor Baker in the Chair).

3—Report of Entertainments Sub-Committee—The Entertainments Sub-Committee submitted the following account of the Income and Expenditure in connection with the Summer Concerts this year:—

EXPENDITURE.

To Value of Working Stock etc., on hand at Commencement (Borough Surveyor's Valuation)	£51 18 10
Artistes, Bands, etc. ...	£809 17 1
Attendants, etc. ..	£126 10 4
Advertising, Billposting, etc. ...	£146 1 8
Printing and Stationery ...	£ 81 5 10
Electric Energy	£19 15 10
Piano Hire, etc.	£ 8 10 0
Working Stock, Fittings and Sundry Labour ...	£17 8 1
Decorating Stage ...	£ 4 10 3
Manager's Share of Subscriptions	£46 1 9
Sundries ...	£ <u>3 10 6</u>
	£1263 11 4
Surplus	<u>166 8 2</u>
	£1481 18 4

INCOME.

By Takings at Gates, Chairs, etc....	£1239 16 4
„ Programme Rights	£ 50 0 0
„ Share of Subscriptions ..	£ <u>142 3 6</u>
	£1431 19 10
„ Valuation of Working Stock at close of Season (Surveyor's)	£ <u>49 18 6</u>
	£1481 18 4

They recommended (1) That Mr. A. W. Newton be appointed Manager of the Summer Concerts next year on the same terms as this year, viz:—Mr. Newton to receive 65 per cent. of the gate receipts and chair money and half the Sub-Committee's share of the garden subscriptions after deducting £50.

(2) That in compliance with an application received from Mr. Newton, the free use of the Montpellier Gardens be granted to him for benefit concerts on Friday, the 5th August next.

(3) That no alteration be made in the terms of subscriptions to the Montpellier and Pittville Gardens next year. Resolved, That the report and recommendations of the Sub-Committee be approved and adopted.

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4—Bowling Green at Winter Garden—Read, an application from the Cheltenham Bowling Club for the use of the Green at the Winter Garden next season on the same terms as last year, viz :—A rent of £10 include the use of a room for storage of the woods), the Club to keep the green in good order during the season and until the commencement of the following 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 at any time upon giving reasonable notice to the Club. The Club to pay at the usual rate for water used on the Green. Resolved, That the application be acceded to.

5—Japan-British Exhibition, London, 1910—Read, a letter from Mr. Chas. Kiralfy, calling attention to the Japan-British Exhibition to be held at the White City, London, next year under the auspices of the Japanese Government. In connection with the Exhibition there would be a Health and Pleasure Resorts Section and the charge for a view with a frontage of 12 ½ feet by 12 feet high had been fixed at £40 and for one of 18 feet by 12 feet, £60. Cheltenham would be free to select the artist to paint the panorama and to arrange as to lighting. Resolved, That the offer be not entertained.

WILLIAM A. BAKER, Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held at Pittville on Tuesday, the 30th November, 1909—Present: Alderman Col. Rogers, Councillors Baker, Green, Sawyer, Stewart and Steel (Councillor Baker in the chair).

6—Band on Boxing Day—Resolved, That the Cheltenham Rifle Band be engaged to play in the Promenade Band Stand on Boxing Day from 11 to 1 at a charge of £3.

7—Boats at Pittville—The Committee inspected the boats. No new boats had been purchased for over 10 years and the Committee found that three were beyond repair and several others were not likely to last much longer. Resolved, That the Council be recommended to purchase two out-rigger boats and two canoes at a cost of not exceeding £52 and that provision be made in next year's estimate for this expenditure.

8—Trees near Lake View—Mr. Joyner, of Lake View, interviewed the Committee and requested that five of the large trees near his house should be cut down. Resolved, That the Committee cannot agree to have the trees cut down, but that the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have them lopped.

9—Winter Garden—Mr. Joyner also informed the Committee that subject to the consent of the Corporation being obtained he had arranged with Mr. Smith to form a Figure Roller Skating Club to skate on Friday Afternoons. He did not think that the proposed Club would affect the Afternoon Concerts, as the rink would not be open to the public and the membership of the Club would be strictly limited to 50, except that it was proposed to issue non-skaters tickets (not transferable) to families of members at a charge of not less than 2s 6d each person for the season, and skating guests introduced by member's voucher would be admitted at a charge of 1s per person, or 1s 6d including hire of skates. Resolved, That permission be given to Gillsmith Ltd., for the rink to be used

by the proposed Club during the remaining Fridays of this season on condition that the terms as to membership of the Club and admission to the rink be strictly adhered to, and also on condition that the use of the building is to be given up by the Club when required for holding the Musical Afternoons.

10--Summer Concerts—Read, a letter from Mr. E. D. Williams asking the Corporation to grant him for a good term of years the sole licence to provide Summer Entertainments at Montpellier Gardens and Fire Work Displays at Pittville, and offering a rent of £50 per season and in addition to pay for electric energy for lighting, or in the alternative he offered to manage the entertainments on behalf of the Corporation for a half share of profits or to provide and manage the Entertainments for 62 ½ per cent. of the gross takings and in addition a share of the Committee's proportion of the Garden Subscriptions.

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11—Musical Afternoons—The Town Clerk reported that the Rotunda could be engaged for holding the Musical Afternoons during the Ball Season on the 3rd, 4th, 5th, 7th, 10th and 11th January at a charge of being 9s per day more than the charge for the Winter Garden under the terms of Mr. Smith's lease. Mr. Smith was willing to pay the Corporation £5 if the Concerts were transferred to the Rotunda on the dates mentioned. Resolved, That this offer be accepted and that the Rotunda be engaged on the terms mentioned. Resolved also, that the Musical Afternoon be transferred to the Rotunda for the Afternoon of December 31st, to permit of the Winter Garden being used for the Robins' Treat on that date.

WILLIAM A. BAKER,

Chairman.

ELECTRICITY AND LIGHTING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, the 18th November, 1909. Present: The Mayor, Alderman Norman, Councillors Green, Haddock, Mann, Merrett, and Steel (Councillor Merrett in the chair).

1—Chairman—Resolved, That Councillor Merrett be appointed Chairman of this Committee for the ensuing year.

2 —Gas Examiner's Report—The Gas Examiner reported that on the 17th inst., he had tested the gas for illuminating power with the following result, viz :-15.4 candles. The test for purity on the 8th and 9th inst showed 31 grains of sulphur per 100 cubic feet.

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—Loan for Probable Extensions of Mains, etc.—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that the sum of £2,484 for extension of mains, and provision of house services and meters, (included in the loan for £6,548 sanctioned by the Local Government Board on the 19th July, 1904) was now exhausted and he recommended that application be made for sanction to a further loan of £4,000,

made up as follows:—Extension of Mains, £2,000 ; House Services, £1,000 ; Meters, £1,000.
Resolved, That the recommendation be approved and application made to the Board accordingly.

5—Boiler House Roof—With reference to Minute No. 4 of this Committee's proceedings at their Meeting on the 16th September last, the Borough Surveyor reported that 3 out of the 6 bays of the glass roof of the Boiler House were dangerous and should be removed as soon as possible. The cost of doing this and substituting a slate roof with the necessary skylights would be about £75. This would be in addition to the portion to be covered with corrugated iron as previously authorised.
Resolved, That the recommendation of the Borough Surveyor be approved and that he be instructed to have the additional work carried out.

6—Tramway Pole in London Road—With reference to a complaint that a standard of the Light Railway Co. in London Road overshadowed the adjoining gas lamp, read a letter from the Company, offering to fix a bracket to their standard and provide and maintain electric lamps equivalent to 100 candle power, if the Corporation would pay £5 towards the cost of providing and fixing the bracket and lamps and contribute per annum for the maintenance of the lamps. Resolved, That the offer be accepted.

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7—Charges for Service Cable—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that he had carefully considered the scale of allowance for free service Cable and had obtained particulars of the Scale in force in a number of other towns. He found that 60ft measured inside or outside the consumer's boundary was allowed in many towns. He also pointed out that there was a reduction in the cost of services of about 20 to 25 per cent. as compared with the cost 4 or 5 years ago. He recommended the following amended Scale, viz :—That in every case the service cable be supplied free of charge for a distance of 60 feet, whether inside or outside the consumer's boundary, in addition to the cost of laying the service cable across the road where necessary and also that a further allowance be given of one foot of service cable inside the consumer's premises for every five 8 candle power lamps, included in the installation with a minimum inside the consumer's boundary of 10 feet.
Resolved, That the recommendation be approved and that the Resolution to Minute No. 6 of the Committee's proceedings of the 20th May last, be varied accordingly.

8—View Meeting re Public Lighting--Thu Committee met on the 15th ultimo (Present—Councillors Gridley, Merrett, Norton, Rees Jones and Steel) and after inspection of the localities as to the public lighting of which complaint had been received, they recommended as follows:—

Kingscote Road, Hatherley—That three new lamps be provided.

Hall Road—That an additional lamp be provided.

Asquith and Churchill Roads—That 2 new lamps be fixed and one lamp removed from Naunton Lane.

London Road—That no alteration be made but that the Light Railway be written to with reference to a standard which overshadows the adjoining gas lamp.

St. George's Road, Hatherley Road and College Baths Road—That no alteration or addition be made to the existing lighting in these roads. Resolved, That the recommendations be approved and adopted.

9—Lighting of Christ Church and Hatherley Roads—Read, letters from Mrs. Halford and Lieut.-Colonel North, complaining of the lighting of Christ Church Road and Hatherley Road respectively. Resolved, That these roads be inspected at the next view Meeting.

W. J. MERRETT,

Chairman.

WATER COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, the 23rd November, 1909- Present: Alderman Norman, Councillors Bendall, Green and Merrett.

1—Chairman—Resolved, That the Mayor be appointed Chairman of this Committee for the ensuing year.

R. OWEN SEACOME, Town Clerk

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At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Thursday, the 25th November, 1909.—Present: The Mayor, Councillors Baker, Bendall, Earengay, Green, Haddock and Merrett (The Mayor in the chair).

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

DAILY YIELD OF SPRINGS.

	For 20 days, ended 23rd Nov. 1909.	Average for corresponding period during last 3 years.
Hewletts Springs	302,000 gallons	264,000 gallons
Dowdeswell Springs	1,442,000 "	1,222,000 "
Leckhampton	60,000 "	36,009 "
Total	1,804,000 "	1,522,000 "

CONTENTS OF RESERVOIRS.

23rd, Nov. 1909.			23rd Nov, 1908.	
	Depth	Contents	Depth	Contents
Hewletts	...	24,115,000 galls	...	5,862,000 gallons
Dowdeswell	28ft. 0in.	79,684,000 "	18ft. 5in.	38,666,000 "
Leckhampton	11ft. 6in.	1,553,000 "	2ft. 9in.	236,000 "
Total Storage		105,352,000 "		44,761,000 "

Pumping from Tewkesbury to Cheltenham ceased on the 22nd instant.

3—Extension of Mains—The Borough Engineer reported that he had received an application for supply to the Withyolt Charlton Kings, to comply with which it would be necessary to extend the

main, at a cost of £36. The applicant was willing to pay the ordinary charges for three years, which would give the necessary return upon the outlay. He recommended that supply should be given but that the main should be further extended at an additional cost of £34 so as to avoid a dead end and connect with the mains in Charlton Kings, thus improving the circulation in Leckhampton and Charlton Kings generally. Resolved, That the recommendation be approved and adopted.

4—Water Trough near Cross Hands—Read, an application from the local branch of the Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, for the free supply of water at present given to the cattle trough near the Cross Hands to be continued to the new trough and fountain about to be fixed. Resolved, That the application be acceded to subject to the Society entering in an agreement to be prepared by the Town Clerk, authorising the Corporation to carry out at the cost of the Society, any repairs from time to time required to the three troughs outside the Borough to which a free supply is given.

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

CHAS. H. MARGRETT, Chairman.

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GENERAL PURPOSES AND WATCH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, the 23rd November, 1909. Present: Aldermen Haddon, Norman, and Rogers, Councillors Baker, Bendall, and Merrett (Alderman Norman in the Chair).

1—Chairman—Resolved, That Alderman Norman be appointed Chairman of this Committee for the ensuing year.

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

3—Markets and Fairs (Weighing of Cattle) Act, 1887—The Town Clerk reported that he had obtained from the Board of Agriculture and Fisheries, an Order providing that for a further period of 3 years from the 6th instant, the provisions of the Markets and Fairs (Weighing of Cattle) Act, 1887, Section 4 of which requires the provision in the Market Place of apparatus for the weighing of cattle, should not apply to the Cheltenham Market.

4—Report of Fire Brigade Captain—The Captain of the Fire Brigade reported that on the 21st instant, the Brigade was called to an outbreak of fire at No. 1 Bon Marche Place, caused by a defective grate. Damage £7. Brigade expenses £2 14s. 0d. Buildings and contents insured. On the 14th instant to a fire at No. 12 Gloucester Place, caused by a lamp explosion. Damage about £10. Brigade expenses £3 8s. 0d. Buildings, but not contents, insured. On the 23rd instant, to a fire at No. 5 Painswick Parade, caused by a gas explosion. Damage about £5.

5—Appointment of Fire Brigade Sub-Committee - Resolved, That the Chairman, Alderman Rogers, Councillors Baker and Merrett, be appointed the Fire Brigade Sub-Committee for the ensuing year.

6--Hackney Carriage Driver's Licences—Read, an application from Mr. William Trinder, of No. 21 North Place, for a licence to drive a hackney carriage. Resolved, That the application be granted.

7—Annual Congress of British Esperanto Association—Read, a letter from the Hon. Secretary of the Cheltenham Esperanto Society, thanking the Council for the facilities offered them, and stating that the Association, at its meeting on the 8th instant, had unanimously accepted the invitation of the Cheltenham Society to hold the next Congress in Cheltenham on the 4th, 5th and 6th June next.

8—Annual Congress of Royal Institute of Public Health—Read, a letter from the Hon. Secretary of the Royal Institute of Public Health, stating that the Institute had accepted for 1910 the invitation of the Corporation of Birkenhead, but that they would give most favourable consideration to an invitation from Cheltenham for the year 1911. Resolved, That the further consideration of the matter be adjourned.

10—Committee Fixtures for 1910—Resolved, That the Meetings of the Committees of the Council for 1910 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	3.45 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) (meet at Central Depot)	3.0 p.m.

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3rd Week.

Monday Street and Highway (second Meeting)	2.30 p.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 12.0 noon

GEO. NORMAN, Chairman.

ART GALLERY AND MUSEUM COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, the 17th November, 1909—Present:
Aldermen Norman, Rogers and Winterbotham, Councillors Davies, Green, and Stroud (Alderman Winterbotham in the chair.)

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

2—Curator's Report—The Curator reported that 1,143 visits had been made to the Art Gallery and Museum since October 11th, 1909.

As instructed he had visited the South Kensington Museum for the purpose of making a selection and arrangements for a loan for the Gallery. The only series available was the collection of Water Colour Drawings of Pompeii, by Bazzani, which would be sent on loan for three months from the beginning of December.

Mr. Algernon Strickland of Apperley Court, Tewkesbury, had presented about 70 cases of stuffed birds and two cabinets of shells to the Museum.

Twenty pictures had been received from Bays Hill House as a permanent loan, from the Rev. T. Sheepshanks, subject to the conditions mentioned in his letter.

Mr. Hugh Riviere had lent a large picture painted by himself, entitled, "A Libation to Olympus."

He recommended that a permanent light be placed in the vestibule, instead of the temporary one now carried from a lamp in the de Ferrieres Gallery, and that a notice board, directing to the Museum, be also placed there.

Resolved, That the recommendations of the Curator be approved and adopted and that the best thanks of the Council be conveyed to the donors and lenders of exhibits.

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3—Loan by the Rev. Thomas Sheepshanks—Read, a letter from the Rev. W. Sheepshanks on behalf of his father, the Rev. Thomas Sheepshanks, asking whether the Council would accept upon loan, a number of pictures left by the late Baron de Ferrieres to the Rev. Thomas Sheepshanks as heirlooms. The conditions of the loan were that the pictures should be properly hung and taken care of, and returned (any one or more of them) to him or his heirs, if and when required, each picture to be marked as belonging to the Sheepshanks Loan Collection. The loan would probably be a permanent one. The conditions should be embodied in an agreement to be entered into by the Council.

Resolved, That the cordial thanks of the Council be tendered to Mr. Sheepshanks for his offer which the Council gratefully accept and that the Common Seal be affixed to an agreement to be prepared by the Town Clerk embodying the conditions above mentioned.

JAS. B. WINTERBOTHAM,

Chairman.

MINERAL WATERS, BATHS AND RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 15th November, 1909—Present: Councillors Baker, Bendall, Davies, Mann, Stewart and Stroud (Councillor Stroud in the Chair).

1—Chairman—Resolved, That Councillor Stroud be appointed Chairman of this Committee for the ensuing year.

2—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	£393 16 9	Payments ...	£462 13 1
Rent of Shop	£ 24 0 0	Interest & Redemption (proportion of) ...	<u>£309 3 4</u>
	£417 16 9		£771 16 5

3 —Alstone Baths—The Borough Accountant reported that the receipts and payments at these Baths since the 31st March last, had been as follows

Receipts	£317 6 2
Payments ...	£305 17 7
Interest & Redemption (proportion of) ..	<u>£195 13 0</u>
	£501 10 7

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4—Appointment of Mineral Waters Sub-Committee—Resolved, That Councillors Davies, Merrett, Stewart and Stroud be appointed the Mineral Waters Sub-Committee for the ensuing year.

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 Stewart and Stroud. Alstone Baths—Councillors Baker and Packer.

Agg-Gardner Recreation Ground—Councillors Baker and Davies. Naunton Park—Councillors Bendall and Mann.

Whaddon Lane Recreation Ground—Councillors Merrett and Stewart. Grove Street Ground—Councillor Packer.

6—Naunton Park Recreation Ground—Read, a letter from the Secretary of the Education Committee, applying on behalf of the Managers of the St. Luke's Schools for permission for the girls attending that School to play at Naunton Park on Tuesday Afternoon's. Resolved, That permission be granted subject to the usual conditions.

HERBERT STROUD,

Chairman.

BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, the 23rd November, 1909. Present—Aldermen Haddon and Rogers, Councillors Merrett, Rees Jones, Steel and Stewart (Alderman Haddon in the chair).

1—Chairman—Resolved, That Alderman Haddon be appointed Chairman of this Committee for the ensuing year.

JOHN HADDON, Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, the 26th November, 1909—Present: Aldermen Haddon and Rogers, Councillors Baker, Mann, Merrett, Rees Jones, Steel and Stewart (Alderman Haddon in the Chair).

2—Designs—Resolved, That the following designs be approved, viz. :—Headstones to graves of James Bedwell and Mary Rosier, Ada Keen, Mary Ann, William and Ann Phillips, Emma Evans, Harry Theodore Vines, Fanny Maria Dinsdale and John Russell Tyler. Memorial Crosses to graves of Winnie Anderson, Kate and William Joseph Lott: Kerbing to graves of William and Georgina Bodley and Ann Giles.

JOHN HADDON, Chairman.

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PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 16th November, 1909.—Present; Alderman Rogers, Councillors Merrett, Sawyer and Steel. Messrs. A. Beckingsale, F. J. Caudle, W. Cresswell, J. Claridge, A. Miles, W. J. Moore, F. Parsons and E. C. Rogers, (Alderman Rogers in the chair).

1.—Chairman. Resolved, That Alderman Rogers be appointed Chairman of this Committee for the coming year.

2---Appointment of Sub.-Committee—Resolved, That the following members do form the Sub.-Committee for the ensuing year, viz :—The Chairman, Councillors Davies, Green and Merrett, Rev. J. Lloyd Davies, Col. King-Harman, Messrs. J. Bennett and G. Dimmer.

3.—Librarian's Report—Read, the Monthly Report of the Librarian. Receipts, £9 6s. 3d. Presentations:—Alderman Rogers, 47 vols., 10 pamphlets; W. Pocock, 12 vols. ; Mrs. C. A. Witchell, 4 vols. ; Rev. Canon Gardner, 23 vols.

The number of volumes consulted in the Reference Department during the month was 1,726, an average increase of 15 per day, as compared with the corresponding period of last year. The issues from the Lending Department numbered 11,970 an average increase of 66 per day, as compared with last year, an increase being recorded in all classes of books.

4—Supplementary Catalogue--The two tenders sent in for the printing of 1000 copies of the new Supplementary Catalogue of the Reference and Lending Departments, were as follows:—Messrs.

Norman, Sawyer & Co., Ltd., 6s 8d per page; advertisement pages, 3s 6d per page. G. F. Poole, 7s 9d per page. Resolved, That the tender of Messrs. Norman Sawyer Co., Ltd., be accepted.

5.—Repairs to Roof—The Librarian reported that some small repairs were required to the roof of the Library building over the Museum. Resolved, That Messrs. Billings be instructed to do what is necessary.

6.—Purchase of Lamps—Resolved, That the Librarian be authorised to purchase a gross of Kolloid Metal Filament Lamps, at a cost of 2s 9d each less 20 per cent. discount.

7.—Presentation—Read, a letter from Mrs. Earengy, offering to present " The Vote " weekly to the Library. Resolved, That the offer be accepted with thanks.

8.—Leckhampton Reading Room—Read, a letter from Miss Geeves, Hon. Sec. of the Leckhampton Reading Room Committee, asking whether the Council could make any further grant to the Committee. Resolved, That consideration of the application be adjourned.

RICHARD ROGERS, Chairman.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, the 23rd November, 1909. Present:—Councillors Merrett, Revs Jones and Steel.

1—Chairman—Resolved, That Alderman Waghorne be appointed Chairman of this Committee for the ensuing year.

E. OWEN SEACOME,

Town Clerk.

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At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, the 30th November, 1909. Present:—Aldermen Skillicorne and Waghorne, Councillors Earengy, Haddock, Merrett, Rees Jones, Steel and Stroud (Alderman Waghorne in the Chair).

2—General District Rate—The Report of the Borough Accountant, dated the 30th inst., on the collection of the second instalment of this Rate was read. Amount collected £4,741 5s. 1d. Leaving outstanding £18,600 13s. 6d.

3—Water Rate—The Report of the Borough Accountant dated the 30th inst., on the collection of this Rate for the half year ending the 25th March next, was read. Amount received £3,068 17s. 6d. Leaving outstanding, £9,087 2s. 11d.

4—Loans--The Borough Accountant reported that since the last monthly meeting he had arranged loans of £300 at 3 $\frac{5}{8}$ per cent. for a term of 3 years and afterwards subject to 6 months notice on either side, £1000 and £2,500 at 3 $\frac{5}{8}$ per cent. for a term of 3 or 5 years and afterwards subject to 6 months notice, and of £350 at 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ per cent., for a term of 3 years, and afterwards subject to 6

months' notice. Resolved, That the offers be accepted and debentures be sealed and issued on account of authorised loans accordingly.

Resolved also, That notice be given of intention to repay sums amounting to £12,465 at present bearing interest at 3 ¼ per cent. the lenders having declined to reduce the rate of interest.

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 26th October last	£3,054 0 2
Received since that date (including Loan on Debenture £1000)	<u>£17,320 5 5</u>
	£20,374 5 7
Paid since that date	<u>£ 9,819 0 4</u>
In hand	£10,555 5 3
Being General Accounts	£8,681 12 4
Sinking Funds	<u>£ 1,873 12 11</u>
	£10,555 5 3

JOHN WAGHORNE, Chairman.