

Borough of Cheltenham.

Municipal Offices, Cheltenham,

3rd December, 1914.

Sir,

You are hereby summoned to attend the **Monthly Meeting of the Council, to be held in the Town Hall, on Monday, the 7th day of December, 1914**, at Three o'clock in the Afternoon, at which Meeting the following business is proposed to be transacted, and any other business that may legally be transacted at such Meeting.

1. To read and sign the Minutes of the Statutory Quarterly Meeting.
2. Communications by the Mayor.
3. To approve or otherwise, the proceedings of

THE PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE

"STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE

"TOWN IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE

"ELECTRICITY AND LIGHTING COMMITTEE

"WATER COMMITTEE

"GENERAL PURPOSES AND WATCH COMMITTEE

"MUNICIPAL OFFICES SITES COMMITTEE

"ART GALLERY AND MUSEUM COMMITTEE

"MINERAL WATERS, BATHS AND RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE

THE BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE

"PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE

"FINANCE COMMITTEE

4. Notices of Motion.

5. Memorials, Applications, Complaints, &c.

Yours faithfully,

Town Clerk.

To each Member of the Council.

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, 1914, at 3 p.m. Present :

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

THE DEPUTY MAYOR (ALDERMAN CHARLES HENRY MARGRETT).

Aldermen: JOHN DAVID BENDALL RICHARD DAVIES JOHN WAGHORNE

Councillors: JOHN HENRY BLAKENEY FRANK CHARLES DODWELL EDWINSON CHARLES GREEN
STANLEY WYNDHAM JAMIESON ALFRED MANN WILLIE JOHN MERRETT THOMAS REES JONES
WILLIAM SAWYER EDWIN CHARLES SILK ROBERT STEEL JAMES STEWART PETER PHILIP TAYLOR
THOMAS WILKINS JAMES PERCIVAL WINTERBOTHAM WALTER JAMES FREDERICK WOOD

Apology.--An apology for non-attendance was received from Councillor Haddock.

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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, he 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 23rd November last, be approved and confirmed.

3—Street and Highway Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Street and Highway Committee, at their Meetings of the 10th and 30th November last, be approved and confirmed, subject to the following Amendment, viz., That Minute No. 7 (Lower High Street Wood Paving) be referred back to the Committee.

4—Town Improvement Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Town Improvement Committee, at their Meeting of the 25th November last, be approved and confirmed, subject to the following Amendment, viz., That the portion of Minute No. 2, relating to the Ticket Office at the Winter Garden, be referred back for further consideration.

5--Electricity and Lighting Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Electricity and Lighting Committee, at their Meeting of the 26th November last, be approved and confirmed.

6-Water Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Water Committee, at their Meeting of the 19th October last, be approved and confirmed, subject to the following Amendment, viz., That Minute No. 4 (Land at the Mythe, Tewkesbury) be referred back to the Committee for further consideration.

7—General Purposes and Watch Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the General Purposes and Watch Committee, at their Meeting of the 2-4th November last, be approved and confirmed.

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

9-Municipal Offices Sites Committee-Resolved, That the report of the Municipal Offices Sites Committee be approved and confirmed.

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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 20th November last, be approved and confirmed.

11—Public Library Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Public Library Committee, at their Meeting of the 17th November last, be approved and confirmed.

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

13—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 for payment 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—Notices of Motion—Councillor Jamieson gave notice of his intention to move at the next Monthly Meeting of the Council:—

(1) " That this Council consider the advisability of procuring suitable hats to be worn with robes on ceremonial occasions."

(2) That the Town Clerk be instructed to include in the Minutes of each Committee all matters discussed at any Meeting of a Committee, whether that matter appears on the Agenda or not.

15—Memorials, Applications, etc.—Resolved, That the following letters be referred to the undermentioned Committees, viz:-

Postmaster, Cheltenham, re Sunday Delivery in St. Mark's District.

Home Office re Christmas Closing.

To the General Purposes and Watch Committee.

E. T. Smith re Land at The Mythe.

To the Water Committee.

W. NASH SKILLICORNE, Mayor.

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Borough of Cheltenham.

MINUTES of the Committees of the Town Council to be submitted for approval at the Monthly Meeting of the Council to be held on Monday, the 4th January, 1915.

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, the 14th December, 1914: Present—The Mayor, Councillors Blakeney, Green, Rees Jones, Steel, Stewart and Wood (The Mayor in the chair).

1—Houses without proper Ash Receptacles —The Inspector of Nuisances reported that the following houses had no proper ashpits or ash receptacles, viz: - 17 and 18 Rosehill Street, 3 and 6 St. James' Place, Inglewood, Langdon Road, 9 and 11 Fairfield Avenue, 15, Fairview Street, 1 and 2 Moor's Place, 1 and 2 Elm Street, 23 and 45 Rosehill Street, 33, 31 and 35 Courtenay Street. Resolved, That the necessary Notices be given to the respective owners under Section 36 of the Public Health Act, 1875, and Section 27 of the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1889, requiring them in each case to provide a moveable ash receptacle of such size, pattern and construction as may be approved by the Inspector of Nuisances on behalf of the Corporation.

2-Overcrowding at 4 Vauxhall Place, Elm 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.

3 -- Cleansing and Whitewashing at 43 Upper Norwood Street, 2 Moor's Cottages, 2 Stansby Cottages, 23 Rosehill Street, 7 Springfield Place, 1 Llewellyn Cottages, 20 Worcester Street, 21 York Street, and 6 Mapledene Cottages' The Medical Officer of Health having certified under Section 46 of the Public Health Act, 1875, that the above-named dwelling-houses were in such a filthy and unwholesome condition that the health of the inmates was affected or endangered thereby, Resolved, That Notice be given to the owners under the said Section requiring the houses to be cleansed and limewashed.

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4-Nuisances from Drains, etc., at 8.5, Upper Bath Road, 19 and 43 Rosehill Street, Glarudene, and Cheverel, Western Road Westville, Wellington Square. The Inspector of Nuisances having made written application under Section 41 of the Public Health Act, 1875, stating that the drains, &c., on or belonging to the above-named houses were in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to health. Resolved, That authority be given to the Inspector of Nuisances to open the ground, examine the drains, and report to the Committee.

5--Insanitary Property—15 Fairview Street, 43 Upper Norwood Street, 12 Albert Street, St. Peter's, 1 and 2 Moor's Cottages, Elm Street, 10 Brecon Terrace, 2.5 All Saints' Road, and 6 Mapledene Cottages. The Medical Officer of Health reported that the above-mentioned premises were in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to the health of the inmates owing to defective roofs, walls, ceilings, floors, &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—Dairies, Cowsheds and Milkshops Order—Read, an application from Mrs. R. A. Lane, of 22, Sherborne Street, to be registered as a purveyor of milk. Resolved, That the applicant be informed that the Medical Officer of Health considers the premises unsuitable for the sale of milk.

7—Houses unfit for Human Habitation-47, 47b and 51 Duke Street—The Medical Officer of Health reported that these premises, in respect of which a Closing Order was made, had been made fit for human habitation. Resolved, That art Order be made determining the Closing Order.

8—Manure Receptacle—The Inspector of Nuisances reported that the stables at No. 1, Fairhaven Street, were without a proper Manure Receptacle. Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to take proceedings to compel compliance with bye-laws if the occupier did not at once provide a proper receptacle.

9—Common Lodging Houses—Read, an application from Mrs. Jackson, of Rowton House, Grove Street ; Mrs. Alice A. Evans, of Nelson Inn, Lower High Street ; and Mr. F. T. Agass, of 20 and 21, Stanhope Street, for renewal of their registration as keepers of Common Lodging Houses. Resolved, That the registration be renewed for one year from the 9th ultimo.

10—Destruction of Diseased Meat--The Medical Officer of Health reported the surrender and destruction of diseased meat as follows :—On the Est inst., the carcass and offal of a bacon pig ; on the 5th inst., the carcass and offal of a sheep ; and on the 8th inst., the carcass and offal of 2 pork pigs. (Total weight destroyed, 5 cwt. 3 qrs. 1 lb.)

11—Extension of Sewer, Gordon Road—The Borough Engineer reported that the extension of the sewer in Gordon Road to provide for the drainage of two houses to be erected by Mr. W. Smith, had been carried out at a cost of £12 7s. 11d., including compensation payable to adjoining owners. Resolved, That the sum of £7 12s. 1d., the balance of deposit made by Mr. Smith, be refunded to him.

12-Delancey Hospital—Nurses' Accommodation— The Chairman reported that on the 3rd inst. a Conference was held with the Trustees of the Delancey Hospital with reference to better nurses' accommodation being provided, and that it was decided to make the necessary alterations at a cost of £850, which would be provided out of moneys in the hands of the Trustees.

Scheme—The Town Clerk read a letter from the Local Government Board intimating that, subject to an undertaking being given by resolution by the three Local Authorities that they would proceed at once to provide a site and establish on it a Small-pox Hospital, the Board would be prepared to recommend to the Charity Commission the amendment of the draft Scheme so as to permit the use of the Small-pox block at the Delancey Hospital, if necessary, during a period limited to one year from the 1st January, 1915, with a proviso that this period might be extended for a further short period with the explicit sanction of the Board if they were satisfied that the best endeavours had been made to complete the Small-pox Hospital but a further extension of time was necessary.

Resolved, That subject to two years being substituted in the Scheme for the proposed period of one year, this Council undertake that steps shall be at once taken in conjunction with the Charlton Kings Urban District Council and the Cheltenham Rural District Council to provide a site and establish thereon a Small-pox Hospital for the use of the three Districts.

3—Report of Farms Sub-Committee—The Farms Sub-Committee reported that they met on the 14th inst. Present: Councillors Green, Rees Jones, Steel, Stewart and Wood (Councillor Wood in the chair).

Farms Manager's Report—Read, the Monthly Report of the Farms Manager. The number of livestock on the Farms On the 14th inst. was 16 horses (not including 5 at the Depot), 152 head of cattle (including 2 calves), 63 sheep, and 11 pigs, all doing very well. 21 calves had been purchased for £135 10s. A horse had been taken over from the Street and Highway Committee at £10. (Total purchases, £145 10s.). 2 calves and 6 pigs had been bred on the Farms. 32 head of cattle (including 2 calves) had been sold for £513 6s. 11d., and 41 sheep (including 29 lambs) for us, £86 11s. 1d., and 1 sow for £5 19s. 11d. (Total sales, £605 17s. 11d.) Resolved, That the Manager be authorised to purchase some fencing posts. Resolved, That the proceedings of the Sub-Committee be approved and adopted.

W. NASH SKILLICORNE,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, the 21st December, 1914: Present—The Mayor, Councillors Green, Rees Jones, Steel, Stewart and Wood (The Mayor in the chair).

14—Houses without proper Ash Receptacles—The Inspector of Nuisances reported that the following houses had no proper ashpits or ash receptacles, viz. :-3 St James' Place, 31 Portland Street, 6 and 21 All Saints' Road, 2 and 3 Warwick Buildings, and 1, 2 and 3 Cyprus Cottages. Resolved, That the necessary Notices be given to the respective owners under Section 36 of the Public Health Act, 1875, and Section 27 of the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1889, requiring them in each case to provide a moveable ash receptacle of such size, pattern and construction as may be approved by the Inspector of Nuisances on behalf of the Corporation.

15—Cleansing and Whitewashing at 20 Worcester Street, 31 Columbia Street, 18 Commercial Street, and 3 Granley cottages' The Medical Officer of Health having certified under Section 46 of the Public Health Act, 1875, that the above-named dwelling-houses were in such a filthy and unwholesome condition that the health of the inmates was affected or endangered thereby. Resolved, That Notice be given to the owners under the said Section requiring the houses to be cleansed and limewashed.

16- Nuisances from Drains, etc., at 3, 29, 31, and 32, Gloucester 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, Resolve^o That authority be given to the Inspector of Nuisances to open the ground, examine the drains, and report to the Committee.

17---insanitary Property -- 5 Belmont Terrace, Portland Square, 7 and 19 Worcester Street, 32 Gloucester Place 6 All Saints' Road, 2, 3, 5 and 6 Hill View Terrace.--The Medical Officer of Health reported that the 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 carry out the works specified therein.

18—Destruction of Diseased Meat—The Medical Officer of Health reported that on the 4th inst. the carcase and offal of a pig was surrendered and destroyed as unfit for food, and also on the 17th inst. the carcase and offal of a heifer. (Total weight destroyed, 9 cwt. 2 qrs. 5 lbs.)

19—Notices not Complied With—The Medical Officer of Health submitted a list of Notices requiring the abatement of nuisances caused by dirty ceilings and walls, defective roofs, ventilation, &c., and the provision of ash receptacles, which had been served but not complied with. Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to take the necessary proceedings to compel compliance.

20—Land adjoining the Chelt—Read, a letter from Mr. F. Forty, notifying that he desired to terminate his tenancy of the land adjoining the Chelt at Christmas, and also asking the Corporation to remove the wooden bridge erected by him across the river. Resolved, That the notice terminating the tenancy at Christmas be accepted, and that the Borough Surveyor be authorised to arrange with Mr. Forty for the removal of the bridge.

21—Sludge -The Borough Engineer recommended that additional sludge beds should be provided on Mr. Brown's field at a cost of about £20. Resolved, That the recommendation be approved and adopted.

W. NASH SKILLICORNE,

Chairman.

STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, the 11th December, 1914 : Present—Alderman Bendall, Councillors Mann, Merrett and Stewart (Alderman Bendall in the chair).

1—St. George's Place—Carriageway—Read a Memorial from Mr. W. Sutton Gardner, and occupiers in St. George's Place, protesting against the use of cement concrete slabs in St. George's Place as they considered that these would be very slippery for horse traffic and that excessive noise would be caused by vehicular traffic. Resolved. That the Borough Surveyor be authorised to have the portion of the roadway now excavated paved with concrete slabs, and that the same be tar painted, and that the question of continuing the paving be adjourned.

JOHN D. BENDALL,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, the 15th December, 1914 : Present—Alderman Baker, Councillors Mann Merrett, Stewart and Wilkins (Councillor Wilkins in the chair).

2 --Street Projections—Read an application from Messrs. W. Hall & Sons, Ltd., for permission to place two lamps outside No. 92, High Street during the Christmas season. Resolved, That the application be acceded to subject to the lamps being put up to the satisfaction of the Street Inspector.

3—Telegraph Poles, Vittoria Walk and Royal Well Place—Read further letters from the Superintending Engineer, Post Office Telegraphs with reference to the placing of four poles in Vittoria Walk and one pole in another position in Royal Well Place. Resolved, That consent be given for the erection of the poles, subject to painted poles being provided and to the exact positions of the poles being approved by the Borough Surveyor.

4—National Housing and Town Planning Conference.— Read a letter from the Secretary of the National Housing and Town Planning Council inviting the Council to appoint delegates to attend a Conference at Birmingham, on the 26th and 27th January, 1915, with reference to the administration of the Housing (No. 2) Act, 1914, during the period of the War. Resolved, That no delegates be appointed.

5--Crossing near Curtis' Hotel, Montpellier—Read a letter from Mr. T. Curtis with reference to the Crossings near his premises, and also to the Traction Engine Traffic. Resolved, That the Committee inspect the crossing at their next View Meeting.

THOMAS WILKINS,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, the 28th December, 1914: Present—Alderman Bendall, Councillors Mann, Merrett and Wilkins (Alderman Bendall in the chair).

6-Borough Surveyor's Monthly Report re Highways—The Borough Surveyor reported that the work done by the Highways Department from the 27th November to the 24th December, 1914 (both inclusive), had been as follows:—

Roads Repaired—Croft Street (923 sq. yards), Hatherley Road—Hatherley Lane to Shelburne Road—(7850 sq. yards).

Roads Paved with Mosaic Blocks—St. George's Place—portion—(180 sq. yards).

Roads Patched—Christ Church Road, Glencairn Park Road, Gloucester Place, Gloucester Road, North Street, Pittville Street, Portland Street, St. George's Place, Tewkesbury Road and the Park.

Footpath Paving Renewed—Albion Street (665 sq. yards), High Street—College Road to Priory Court—(285 sq. yards).

Footpath Paving Repaired—College Road. Footpaths Gravelled—Gloucester Road and Lansdown Road.

Footpaths Asphalted—New Street.

Crossings Paved with Mosaic Blocks— Three.

Kerbing Renewed—Albion Street (58 lineal yards), High Street—Upper. -(114 lineal yards).

Channelling Laid—High Street—Upper—(114 lineal yards). New Gullies Fixed—Seven.

Electricity Trenches Repaired—Albion Street, Andover Road, Arle Road, Bath Road, Bayshill Road, Cambray, Gloucester Road, Grosvenor Street, Hall Road, High Street, Lansdown Place, Leckhampton Road, Manchester Street, Millbrook Street, Naunton Lane, North Street, Oxford Street, Painswick Road, Queen's Road, Regent Street, St. Paul's Road, Sherborne Street and Winchcomb Street.

Gas Trenches Repaired—All Saints' Road, Cemetery Road, Hewlett Road, Pittville Circus Road and Prestbury Road.

Grass Verge Relaid—Lansdown Road (proceeding).

Trees Planted—Imperial Square (one birch), Orrisdale Terrace (one birch), Promenade (one lime).

Trees Pruned—Albert Road, Battledown Approach, Bayshill Road, London Road, Orrisdale Terrace, Parabola Road, Pittville Circus Road, Prestbury Road, Promenade and Tewkesbury Road.

Trees Felled—Bayshill Road (one wych elm, dead), Gloucester Road (one wych elm, dead), Orrisdale Terrace (one birch, dead), High Street (four planes, by Committee's order), Wellington Square (one elm, by Committee's order).

Ashes Collection and Disposal—During four weeks ended the 17th December, 1914-844 loads collected, 805 consumed and 39 tipped way. Weight consumed, 1,041 tons, 11 cwts., 2 qrs.

Steam Generated—Hourly average, 5,179 lbs. (estimated).

7—View Meeting—The following members attended the View Meeting on Wednesday last :— Aldermen Baker and Bendall, Councillors Stewart and Wilkins.

8—**Report of Plans Sub-Committee**—Councillor Wilkins reported the proceedings of the Plans Sub-Committee at their Meeting on the 15th instant. Resolved, That the same be approved and adopted.

9---Gloucester Road, opposite Alstone Lawn—The Borough Surveyor reported that Colonel La Terriere was willing to give up a strip of land in Gloucester Road, containing 435 square yards, opposite Alstone Lawn, for widening the road and footpath, as skews on the plan submitted, subject to the Corporation agreeing to (1) erect for a length of about 230 yards a wooden fence, at a cost of about 2s a yard, along the Gloucester Road frontage and take down the existing wall between the points marked A and B on the plan ; (2) provide a new kerb and make a new footpath to the new frontage line, the latter not to be appreciably raised above the level of the adjoining land ; (3) lay a course of bricks in cement on the wall adjoining Alstone Lane, and carry out any small repairs thereto, and (4) not to call upon Colonel La Terriere to pave the footpath for a period of at least five years. Resolved, That the offer be accepted, and that the Common Seal be affixed to an agreement embodying these terms.

The Borough Surveyor reported that the cost of the improvement would be about £130. Resolved, That application be made to the County Council for a grant for the cost of the improvement.

10—Tarspraying Machines--The Borough Surveyor recommended that two Tarspraying Machine should be provided at a cost of £73 each Resolved, That the recommendation be approved and adopted, the cost of one of the machines to be included in next year's estimate.

11—Cabmen's Shelter —Read a letter from Mr. H. Winters and others asking that the Cabmen's Shelter which was now in use at the Winter Garden should be placed for the use of cabmen near the side entrance to the Town Hall. Resolved, That the application be adjourned, and that the Borough Surveyor be instructed to report on the condition of the shelter.

12-Crossings near Curtis' Hotel, Montpellier—Resolved That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have the Crossings near Curtis' Hotel, Montpellier, repaired.

13--Wooden Buildings—Dunalley Parade—The Committee inspected the wooden building erected by Mr. Turrets on premises in Dunalley Parade without plans having been submitted. Resolved, That notice be given to Mr. Tarren requiring the removal of the building, and that the Town Clerk be instructed, if necessary, to take proceedings under the Bye-Laws.

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Valmarie, Lansdown Road—The Committee inspected the Motor Shed erected at Valmarie, Lansdown Road. Resolved That the same be allowed to remain as a temporary building subject to the usual undertaking being given to remove the building on three months' notice.

14—Footpath opposite Lansdown Station—Resolved, That the Committee inspect the footpath in Gloucester Road opposite the Lansdown Station at their next View Meeting.

JOHN D. BENDALL,

Chairman.

PLANS SUB-COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Sub-Committee held on Tuesday, the 15th December, 1914: Present—Councillors Merrett, Steel, Stewart and Wilkins (Councillor Wilkins in the chair).

1—Building Plans—The Borough Surveyor laid before the Sub-Committee the following Notice and Plans of an intended New Building, viz.:—

No. of Plan-	Name.	Description.
1302	J. D. Bendall & Sons	Detached House, Old Bath Road

Resolved, That the Plans be approved.

THOMAS WILKINS,

Chairman

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TOWN IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, the 22nd December, 1914 : Present—The Mayor, Aldermen Baker and Davies, Councillors Green, Rees Jones, Steel and Taylor (Alderman Baker in the chair).

1—Winter Garden—Ticket Office—The application from Mr. S. C. Field for the removal of the Ticket Office at the entrance to the Winter Garden was further considered. Resolved, That the application be adjourned pending the consideration of the question of removing the iron railings round the Winter Garden.

Read a letter from Mr. Field with reference to the condition of the interior of the building. Resolved, That the Committee inspect the building at their next meeting. Resolved also, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to make a schedule of the present state and condition of repair of the building, and the fixtures, etc., therein.

2—Pittville Estate—Trees—Read a letter from Colonel Noake renewing his application for the removal of the two elm trees at the corner of Wellington and Evesham Roads. Resolved, That the two trees be removed, and that the resolution of the Council of the 4th May, 1914, be rescinded.

3—Band—Resolved, That Mr. James' Band be engaged to play in the Promenade Band Stand on Boxing Day, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., at the usual charge of £3.

4—Subscriptions to Gardens—The suggestion of the Visitors' Accommodation Association that Visitors' Subscription Tickets should be issued to the Montpellier and Pittville Gardens was further considered. Resolved, That the Chairman, Alderman Davies, and Councillor Rees Jones be appointed to confer with representatives of the Visitors' Accommodation Association and Traders' Association with reference to the proposal and to report to this Committee.

WILLIAM A. BAKER,

Chairman.

ELECTRICITY AND LIGHTING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, the 16th December, 1914: Present—Councillors Haddock, Merrett, Rees Jones, and Taylor (Councillor Merrett in the chair).

1—Gas Examiner's Report—The Gas Examiner reported that he tested the gas on the 21st instant for illuminating power, with the following result, viz., 14.9 candles. The test on the sand instant for purity showed 22 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, and the same was approved.

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3—Electricity Accounts, 1913-1914—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that the accounts as audited showed that the amount standing to the Revenue Account on the 31st March, 1914 (including the balance of £300 brought forward from the previous year), after payment of the financial charges and the instalment in respect of the Deficit Loan was £1,887. Resolved, That £1,240 be transferred to the Renewals Fund, that £352 be transferred to the General District Fund in aid of the Rates, and that £295 be carried forward.

4—Public Lighting—Resolved, That the charge for public lighting per lamp, to cover cost of energy, maintenance, renewals, and cleaning, but not including financial charges for interest and sinking fund, be as follows :—

Arc Lamps, all night.. ..	£15 10 0 per lamp per annum		
“ half-night ...	6 0 0	“	“
Half-Watt Lamps, all night..	14 0 0	“	“
“ half-night	4 10 0	“	“
Small Lamps, all night ..	2 10 0	“	“
“ half-night ..	1 5 0	“	“

and that Minute No. 3 of this Committee's proceedings on the 26th March last be varied accordingly.

This will reduce the charge of £8,100 included in the Estimates for Public Street Lighting for the current year to approximately £7,600.

W. J. MERRETT,

Chairman.

WATER COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, the 9th December, 1914: Present—The Mayor, The Deputy Mayor, Aldermen Baker and Bendall, Councillors Green, Merrett, Sawyer and flood (The Deputy Mayor in the chair).

1—Water Supply to Leckhampton District—Read a letter from the Officer commanding the 10th Battalion, Gloucester. Regiment offering to undertake the excavation of the trench for the new 9 inch water main from College Road to Leckhampton Road. Resolved, That the offer be accepted, and that the Borough Engineer be instructed to arrange accordingly.

CHAS. H. MARGRETT, Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, the 17th December, 1914: Present—The Deputy Mayor, Aldermen Baker and Bendall, Councillors Green, Merrett and Wood (The Deputy Mayor in the chair).

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

DAILY YIELD OF SPRINGS.

	For 30 days, ended 14th December, 1914.	Average for corresponding period during last 3 years.
Hewletts Springs	430,000 gallons	522,000 gallons
Dowdeswell Springs	514,000 “	628,000 “
Leckhampton Springs	<u>27,000</u> “	<u>31,000</u> “
	Total 971,000 “	1,181,000 “

CONTENTS OF RESERVOIRS.

	Depth 14 th December 1914	Capacity	Depth Previous	Capacity
Hewletts	-	16,504,000 galls	22ft 0in	52,756,000 galls
Dowdeswell	10ft 6in	50,715,000 "	7ft 6in	1.013,000 "
Leckhampton	6ft 0in	810,000 "		
	Total	68.029,000 "		72,463,000

Pumping had been continued at Tewkesbury and Sandford.

3—Land at the Mythe—The Committee further considered the offer received for the tenancy of a piece of land containing 1 acre, 2 roods, 35 perches. Resolved, That the offer of Mr. J. Howell, of Oldbury Street, Tewkesbury, of £4 10s. 0d. per annum be accepted, subject to an agreement being entered into to be prepared by the Town Clerk.

4—Waste of Water —The Borough Engineer reported that the owner of 17, Rosehill Street had failed to comply with a notice to repair a broken stop cock and draw tap. Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to take proceedings for the penalty incurred unless the repairs are at once attended to.

5—Appeals—The cases entered in the Appeals 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, 1914: Present—The Mayor, The Deputy Mayor, Aldermen Baker, Bendall and Waghorne, Councillors Green, Haddock, Merrett, Rees Jones and Stewart (Alderman Waghorne: in the chair).

1—Chairman—Resolved, That Alderman Waghorne be appointed Chairman of this Committee for the ensuing year.

2-Diseases amongst Animals—Superintendent Hopkins reported that with the exception of the premises at Whaddon Lane Allotments in the occupation of Mr. J. Henley, and the premises at Farm Cottage, Lower Alstone, in the occupation of Mr. J. Belcher, which were still under quarantine, the Borough was free from Contagious Disease amongst Animals.

3—American Gooseberry Mildew Order, 1911—Read a letter from the Board of Agriculture forwarding a copy of a report by one of their Inspectors with reference to a contravention of the American Gooseberry Mildew Order 1911, by Mr. S. J. Wasley, of Benhall Gardens, and suggesting that proceedings should be taken against Mr. Wasley for such contravention. Resolved, That proceedings be taken against Mr. Wasley under Article 18 of the Order.

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

Fire Engine—Read a letter from Messrs. Merryweather and Sons offering to submit alternative schemes for (1) A new Motor Fire Engine complete, (2) Altering the existing Steam Fire Engine to Steam Propulsion, or (3) Providing Petrol Motor Chassis, &c., to existing Engine. Resolved, That the letter be referred to the Fire Brigade Sub-committee for consideration and report.

5—Montpellier Walk Cabstand—The Resolution of the Street and Highway Committee recommending the removal of the Cabstand near the Drew Fountain was considered. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have the Cabstand removed.

6—Shops' Act 1912—Drapers, Clothiers and Hosiers Shops' Closing Order—Read a Memorial from the proprietors of IN shops where the business of a Draper, Clothier or Hosier is carried on asking that an Order should be made requiring all Drapers, Clothiers and Hosiers Shops to be closed each weekday except Saturday at 7 o'clock in the Evening from October to March (both inclusive) and at 7.30 o'clock from April to September (both inclusive) and on Saturday at 10 p.m. except on the day fixed for the weekly half-holiday, provided that the fourteen days next preceding the 25th December and any day preceding a National holiday should be exempted from the provision of the Order. Resolved, That the Council being satisfied that a prima facie case is made out for making an Order, a Register of shops be prepared and that Notices be given of intention to make a Closing Order in the manner prescribed by the Regulations of the Home Office.

7—Light Railway—Bye-Laws—Read a letter from the Secretary of the Cheltenham and District Light Railway, forwarding in accordance with the Board of Trade requirements a copy of New Bye-Laws made by the Company, which had been provisionally approved by the Board of Trade. Car Service—Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to write to the Company pointing out that by Agreement. of 11th May, 1909, the Company covenanted to maintain a 7 ½ minute service of trams between North Street and Lansdown Castle, and asking that arrangements should at once be made by the Company to restore the service and accordance with this agreement.

8—Cinematograph Act, 1909—Read a letter from Mr. S. C. Field applying for the transfer of the Cinematograph Licence:: held by Mr. T. H. Poynton in respect of the North Street, Picture House, North Street, and a letter from Mr. Poynton was read assenting to the proposed transfer. Resolved, that the application be acceded to.

9—Weighbridge Attendant, &c.—The Committee considered the applications (19) received for the post of Attendant of the Tewkesbury Road Weighbridge and Collector of the Folly Lane Allotment Rents. Resolved, that Mr. A. H. Malvern of 2, Avenue Villas, Arle Road (aged 51), and Mr. J. Pounsett of 6, St. James' Terrace (aged 62), be asked to attend next Meeting of the Committee for interview.

10—St. Mark's District—Sunday Delivery of Letters—Read a letter from the Postmaster, Cheltenham, stating that application had been received for a Sunday delivery of letters in the St. Mark's District, and asking for the observation of the Council thereon. Resolved, That the Postmaster be informed that the Council support the application as they are satisfied that a Sunday morning delivery is desired by the residents in St. Mark's Parish.

J. WAGHORNE,

Chairman.

ART GALLERY AND MUSEUM COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, the 16th December, 1914: Present—Aldermen Davies and Waghorne, Councillors Green, Rees Jones and Steel and Mr. H. Stroud (Councillor Rees Jones, in the chair).

1—Curator's Report—The Curator reported that 857 visits had been made to the Art Gallery and Museum since the 12th ultimo, and that 44 Catalogues had been sold.

An oil portrait of Dr. Henry Salt, painted by Hoppner, and also a water colour portrait had been lent by Mr. James Baker of Ledbury.

A Case of Birds had been presented by Mrs. Wilkins.

The eight Paintings by Mr. Tom Mostyn, and lent by him, had been hung in the Gallery.

Resolved, That the thanks of the Council be conveyed to the donor and lenders.

2—Repair of Picture—Resolved, That the Curator be instructed to obtain an estimate for repairing the picture by "Teniers," belonging to the Sheepshanks Collection.

3—Typewriter—Resolved, That a second-hand Typewriter offered by the Barlock Typewriter Co. be purchased for £6.

T. REES JONES, Chairman.

MINERAL WATERS, BATHS AND RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, the 18th December, 1914: Present—Aldermen Bendall and Davies, Councillors Blakeney, Dodwell, Haddock, Merrett, Silk and Stewart (Councillor Haddock in the chair).

1—Montpellier Baths—The Borough Accountant reported that the Receipts and Payments in respect of these Baths from 1st April, to 30th Nov., 1914, were as follows :-

Receipts	£399 17 8	Expenses	£524 18 6
		Loans—Interest and Redemption	<u>357 6 8</u>
	£399 17		£882 5 2

2—Alstone Baths—The Borough Accountant reported that the Receipts and Payments in respect of these Baths from 1st April to 30th Nov., 1914 were as follows: -

Receipts	£350 16 5	Expenses	£397 15 10
		Loans—Interest and Redemption	<u>223 6 8</u>
	£350 16		£621 2 6

Life Saving Classes—The Superintendent of the Alstone Baths reported that 29 boys and 11 girls attending the Elementary Schools had passed the Life Saving Examination, and he also submitted a report with reference to the Children's Gala in September last. Resolved, That this Committee record their appreciation of the services of the Superintendent in connection with the teaching of swimming, etc., to the elementary school children attending the Baths.

3—Mineral Waters—The Borough Surveyor reported that the number of battles of Concentrated Water sold during November was 1,608 as compared with 234 for the corresponding month last year.. The number of glasses of Mineral Waters sold was 1,923 as compared with 803.

The Committee considered the question of providing a booklet containing an illustrated description of the town, etc., to be distributed by the United Chemists' Association, Ltd., with the bottles of water sold. The Town Clerk submitted a tender of Messrs. E. J. Burrow & Co. of £30 for printing 50,000 copies of an 8 page booklet, and reported that the United Chemists' Association, Ltd., were willing to take four pages of the booklet and pay half the cost of printing the same. Resolved, That the booklet be provided subject to the Company paying half the cost.

4— Central Spa Attendant—Read, a letter from Miss Burrows, the attendant at the Central Spa, resigning her appointment on 24th inst. An application was received from Miss Byard, of 69. St. George's Place, for the appointment. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to arrange for Miss Byard to undertake the duties temporarily, and that she be requested to attend the next Meeting of the Committee.

P. HADDOCK,

Chairman.

BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, the 23rd December, 1914: Present—Alderman Baker, Councillors Rees Jones, Steel and Stewart (Councillor Stewart in the chair).

1—Tree—The Borough Surveyor recommended that an oak tree near the Cemetery Lodge, which had been struck by lightning and was in a dying condition, should be removed. Resolved, That the recommendation be approved and adopted.

2—Grants of Grave Spaces—Resolved, That the Common Seal be affixed to Grants No. 4686 to 4691 (both inclusive) of the exclusive right of burial in the graves referred to therein which had been purchased.

3—Designs—Resolved, That the following designs be approved, viz : Memorial Crosses to graves of Bessie Downes and Nelson Anthony Hardwicke Carter. ; Headstone to graves of Jane Augusta Woodward. ; Kerbing to graves of George and Mary Ann Kibblewhite, John Joseph Eaton and Jesse Wilson.

J. STEWART,

Chairman.

PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, the 15th December, 1914 : Present—The Mayor, Alderman Davies, Councillors Blakeney, Green, Mann, Merrett, Steel and Wilkins, Messrs. E. Gridley and H. Stroud (Councillor Green in the chair).

1—Librarian's Report—Read, the Monthly Report of the Librarian. Receipts £2 7s. 4d. Presentations : Dr. J. R. Collins (1 vol.), Mrs. M. R. Conder (1 vol.)

The number of volumes consulted in the Reference Library from the 16th November to the 12th December (22 days) was 1,371 as compared with 1,636 last year. The number of volumes issued from the Lending Department Was 9,392 as compared with 10,333. 17 volumes of Books for the Blind had been issued since the 14th October last.

2—**Sub-Committee's Report**—The Sub-Committee reported that they met on the 10th instant. Present : Alderman Davies, Councillors Green and Wilkins, Messrs. F. J. Caudle and J. R. Claridge (Councillor Green in the chair). They recommended :—

That a selection of new books from the lists submitted be purchased at a cost of about £7 16s. and that £2 11s 6d. be charged to the Leslie Young Bequest.

That £30 be spent on replacements during the next six months. That the salary of Mr. A. C. Dunn be increased from 32s to 35s per week.

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

E. C. GREEN,

Chairman.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, the 29th December, 1914; present—Alderman Wag horse, Councillors Haddock, Rees Jones, Silk, Steel and Wilkins (Alderman Waghorne in the chair).

1—General District Rate—Read the Report of the Borough Accountant, dated the 29th instant, on the collection of the second instalment of this Rate. Amount collected £8,915 1s. 4d. Leaving outstanding £17,933 1s. 4d.

No. 8, Queen's Parade—An application was received for remission of the General District Rate on this house which was being used as a workroom for women who are out of employment owing to the War. Resolved, That the application be acceded to.

2-Water Rate—Read, the Report of the Borough Accountant, dated the 29th inst., on the collection of this Rate for the half year ending on the 25th March next Amount collected £47,27[?] 16s. 8d. Leaving outstanding £8,498 18s. 3d.

3—Loans—The Borough Accountant reported that he had received since the last Meeting £150, £150 and £55 on loan. Resolved, That Debentures be sealed and issued on account of duly authorised loans.

He also reported that he had arranged terms for the renewal of loans amounting to £10,794. Resolved, That the terms arranged be approved and that the Debentures be endorsed accordingly.

4—Investment of Sinking Funds—Resolved, That notice be given to the Middlesborough Corporation requiring the repayment of loans amounting to £9,000, advanced by the Cheltenham Corporation.

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 1st December last	£12,182 11 11
Received since that date (including Loans on Debenture £355	<u>10,532 15 0</u>
	£22,715 6 11
Paid since that date	<u>10,984 13 10</u>
	In hand £11,730 13 1
being General Accounts	£7,597 11 2
Sinking Fund Accounts	4,090 10 6
"Leslie Young Benefaction" Accounts	<u>42 11 5</u>
In hand	£11,730 13 1

J. WAGHORNE, Chairman.

Borough of Cheltenham

Municipal Offices, Cheltenham,
31st December, 1914.

Sir,

You are hereby summoned to attend **the Monthly Meeting of the Council, to be held in the Town Hall, on Monday, the 4th day of January, 1915**, at Three o'clock in the Afternoon, at which Meeting

the following business is proposed to be transacted, and any other business that may legally be transacted at such Meeting.

1. To read and sign the Minutes of the last Monthly Meeting.
2. Communications by the Mayor.
3. To approve or otherwise, the proceedings of

THE PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE

STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE

TOWN IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE and vary Resolution to Minute No. 18 re Trees near Cleaveland House, passed by the Council on the 4th May, 1914.

ELECTRICITY AND LIGHTING COMMITTEE and vary Resolution to Minute No. 3 of Committee's proceedings on the 26th March, 1914, re Charge for Public Lighting.

WATER COMMITTEE

GENERAL PURPOSES AND WATCH COMMITTEE

ART GALLERY AND MUSEUM COMMITTEE

MINERAL WATERS, BATHS AND RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE

THE BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE

PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE

FINANCE COMMITTEE

4. Councillor Jamieson to move :

(1) " That this Council consider the advisability of procuring suitable hats to be worn with robes on ceremonial occasions."

(2) " That the Town Clerk be instructed to include in the Minutes of each Committee all matters discussed at any Meeting of a Committee, whether that matter appears on the Agenda or not."

5. Notices of Motion.

6. Memorials, Applications, Complaints, &c.

To each Member of the Council.

Yours faithfully,

R. OWEN SEACOMB,

Town Clerk.

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, 1915, at 3 p.m. Present :

THE MAYOR (ALDERMAN WILLIAM NASH SKILLICORNE) in the chair. THE DEPUTY MAYOR (ALDERMAN CHARLES HENRY MARGRETT).

Aldermen : WILLIAM ALFRED BAKER JOHN DAVID BENDALL RICHARD DAVIES JOHN WAGHORNE

Councillors : JOHN HENRY BLAKENEY FRANK CHARLES DODWELL EDWINSON CHARLES GREEN PERCY HADDOCK ALFRED MANN WILLIE JOHN MERRETT THOMAS REES JONES EDWIN CHARLES SILK ROBERT STEEL PETER PHILIP TAYLOR THOMAS WILKINS WALTER JAMES FREDERICK WOOD

Apologies.--Apologies for non-attendance were received from Councillors Jamieson, Stewart and Sawyer.

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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—Absence of Councillor Jamieson—The Mayor reported that Councillor Jamieson had enlisted in the 9th Battalion of the Gloucester Regiment and had been promoted to the rank of Acting Quarter-Master-Sergeant. Resolved, That this be recorded on the Minutes and that the Council congratulate Councillor Jamieson on his promotion.

3—Cheltenham Traders' Association—Read, a letter from the Secretary of the Cheltenham Traders' Association, stating that it was proposed to form a Committee to manage the Information Bureau, recently established at the Town Hall, consisting of the following :—

Two Representatives of the Corporation,

“ “ “ Visitors' Accommodation Association,

The Chairman and Hon. Treasurer of the Traders' Association and Mr. E. Baring, and asking the Council to appoint two representatives. Resolved, That Alderman Davies and Councillor Steel be appointed Representatives of the Council to serve on the Committee.

4—Presentation of Badge—The Mayor reported that Mrs. Wethered had presented a gold and enamel badge to be worn by the Mayoress and her successors in office on ceremonial occasions. Resolved, That the thanks of the Council be conveyed to Mrs. Wethered for her kind gift.

5—Public Health Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Public Health, Committee, at their Meetings of the 14th and 21st December last, be approve,' and confirmed.

6—Street and Highway Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Street and Highway Committee, at their Meetings of the 11th, 15th and 28th December last, be approved and confirmed.

7—Town Improvement Committee Resolved, That the proceedings of the Town Improvement Committee, at their Meeting of the 22nd December last, be approved and confirmed, and that the Resolution of the Council with reference to the removal of two elm trees at the corner of Wellington and Evesham Roads, passed on the 4th May last, be rescinded.

8—Electricity and Lighting Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Electricity and Lighting Committee, at their Meeting of the 16th December last, be approved and confirmed, subject to the following Amendment, viz. :—

That the word "approximately" be inserted before the words as follows" in the second line of Minute No. 4, and that the following words be substituted for the last paragraph of such Minute, viz. :—"And that the charge for Public Street Electric Lighting for the current year do not exceed £7,600, instead of £8,100 the sum included in the Estimates."

9—Water Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Water Committee, at their Meetings of the 9th and 17th December last, 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 22nd December last, be approved and confirmed.

11—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.

12—Mineral Waters, Baths and Recreation Grounds Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Mineral Waters, Baths and Recreation Grounds Committee. at their Meeting of the 18th December last, be approved and confirmed.

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

14—Public Library Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Public Library Committee, at their Meeting of the 15th December last, be approved and confirmed.

13—Finance Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Finance Committee, at their Meeting of the 29th December instant, be approved and confirmed.

Resolved also, That an Order on the Borough Treasurer be signed accordingly for payment 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.

W. NASH SKILLICORNE,

Mayor.

Borough of Cheltenham

MINUTES of the Committees of the Town Council to be submitted for approval at the Quarterly Meeting of the Council to be held on Monday, the 1st February, 1915.

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 11th January, 1915 Present—The Mayor, The Deputy Mayor, Councillors-Green, Rees Jones, Steel, Stewart and wood (The Mayor in the chair).

1—Houses without proper Ash Receptacles --The Inspector of Nuisances reported that the following houses had no proper ashpits or ash receptacles, viz:- 14, 15 and 16 Casino Place, 310 High Street, 23 Tivoli Street, 23 Naunton Crescent, 219 and 220 High Street. Resolved, That the necessary Notices be given to the respective owners under Section 36 of the Public Health Act, 1875, and Section 27 of the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1889, requiring them in each case to provide a moveable ash receptacle of such size, pattern and construction as may be approved by the Inspector of Nuisances on behalf of the Corporation.

2-Overcrowding at 1 Providence Place—The Medical Officer of Health reported that these premises were so over-crowded as to be dangerous or injurious to the health of the inmates. Resolved, That the Committee being satisfied of the existence of a nuisance on the said premises, Notice under Section 94 of the Public Health Act, 1875, be served on the occupiers thereof requiring them to abate the same.

3—Cleansing and Whitewashing at 3, 6, 10 and 14 Casino Place, 6 Mapledene Cottages, 23 Tivoli Street, 35 Francis 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 1 Croft Street, Field Cottage, Croft Street, 24 Exmouth Street, 1, 2 and 3 Lacey's Cottages. The Inspector of Nuisances having made written application under Section 41 of the Public Health Act, 1875, stating that the drains, &c., on or belonging to the above-named houses were in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to health. Resolved, That authority be given to the Inspector of Nuisances to open the ground, examine the drains, and report to the Committee.

5—Insanitary Property-11,12 and 13 Clare Place, 3, 6, 8, 10, 15 and 16 Casino Place, 6, Mapledene Cottages, 23 Tivoli 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—Houses unfit for Human Habitation-56 Worcester Street—The Medical Officer of Health made a representation that these premises were in a state so dangerous to health as to be unfit for human habitation and he recommended that the house should be closed. Resolved, That the further consideration of the matter be adjourned to the next Meeting and that in the meantime notice be given to the Owner of the intention of the Council to make a Closing Order.

7—Destruction of Diseased Meat—The Medical Officer of Health reported the surrender and destruction of diseased meat as follows :—On the 23rd ultimo., the carcase and offal of a pork pig ; on the 6th inst., the carcase and offal of a pork pig ; and on the 8th inst., the two forequarters of a heifer. (Total weight destroyed, 7 cwt. 1 qr.)

5—Milk and Dairies Act, 1914—Read a letter from the Local Government Board enclosing copy of an Order appointing the 1st October next as the date on which the Milk and Dairies Act shall come into operation. The Board stated that an explanatory Circular, setting forth the principal duties of Local Authorities and their Officers under the Act, would be issued prior to the Act coming into force.

9—Cottages at Farms—Provisional Valuation—The Town Clerk laid before the Committee the provisional valuation made by the Inland Revenue Commissioners of the Cottages at Hayden under the Finance Act, 1909-10, as follows:—Cottage occupied by Mrs. Hopkins—Original Assessable Site Value £11, Gross Value £80. Cottage occupied by Mr. Haggard £6 and £55 respectively. Cottage occupied by Mr. Harper £6 and £55 respectively.

10—**Report of Farms Sub-Committee**—The Farms sub-Committee reported that they met on the 55th inst. Present: The Mayor, Councillors Green, Rees Jones, Steel, Stewart and Wood (Councillor Wood in the chair).

Farms Manager's Report— Read, the Monthly Report of the Farms Manager. The number of livestock on the Farms on the 11th inst. was 55 horses (not including 5 at the Depot), 140 head of cattle, 53 sheep, and In pigs, all doing very well. 12 (including 2 calves) head of cattle had been sold for £221 11s. 6d., sheep for £25, and Cart Horse for £66. Total sales £312 11s. 6d.

Resolved, That the Manager be authorised to obtain 5 tons of Blue Stone for repairing the carriage entrance to Hayden Knoll.

Resolved also, That the tender of Messrs. Tinkler & Co., of Cheltenham, to purchase the crop of Osiers at 1s 1d per bundle, to be cut by the Corporation (with a 38 inch tie), be accepted.

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

W. NASH SKILLICORNE,

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, the 18th January, 1915 Present—Alderman Margrett, Councillors Blakeney, Green, Rees Jones, Steel, Stewart and Wood (Councillor Rees Jones in the chair).

11-Houses without proper Ash Receptacles--The Inspector of Nuisances reported that the following houses had no 1-roper ashpits or ash receptacles, viz. :-11, 12 and 13 Casino Place, 1, 2 and 3 Albion Square, 1.5 and 38 Rosehill Street, 6 Union Street, 3 Queen's Retreat, 35 Hatherly Street, 17 Commercial Street, and 20 Upper Bath Road, Resolved, That the necessary Notices be given to the respective owners under Section 36 of the Public Health Act, 1875, and Section 27 of the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1889, requiring them in each case to provide a moveable ash receptacle of such size, pattern and construction as may be approved by the Inspector of Nuisances on behalf of the Corporation.

12-Overcrowding at 12 Commercial 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.

13— -Cleansing and Whitewashing at 6, 7, 12, 14, 20, 22, 5, 12a, 13, and Cottage at rear of No. 12 Commercial Street, 1 Lamb's Cottages, Commercial Street, 30 Upper Park Street, and 35 Hatherley 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 Lea House, Dunalley Street, 85 Upper Bath Road, and 12 York Street. The Inspector of Nuisances having made written application under Section 41 of the Public Health Act, 1875, stating that the drains, &c., on or belonging to the above-named houses were in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to health, Resolved, That authority be given to the Inspector of Nuisances to open the ground, examine the drains, and report to the Committee.

15-- Insanitary Property-35 Hatherley Street, 1 Fairhaven Street, 6, 7, 12, 13, 14, 19, 20 and 22 Commercial 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 unfit, for Human Habitation-56 Worcester Street—With reference to the representation made by the Medical Officer of Health at the last Meeting, Mr. J. Bradbury, the Owner, attended the Meeting and admitted that the premises were unfit for habitation. Resolved, That it appearing to the Council that the above mentioned dwelling house is in a state so dangerous and injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation, an Order be now made pursuant to Sec. 17 (2) of the Housing Town Planning, etc. Act, 1909, prohibiting the use of the said house for human habitation until the same has been rendered fit for that purpose, and that the Common Seal be affixed to the said Order, and that Notice of such Order be given to the Owner.

17—Notices not Complied With—The Medical Officer of Health submitted a list of Notices requiring the abatement of nuisances caused by dirty ceilings and walls, defective roofs, ventilation, &c., and

the provision of ash receptacles, which had been served but not complied with. Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to take the necessary proceedings to compel compliance.

18—Destruction of Diseased Meat—The Medical Officer of Health reported the surrender and destruction on the 13th inst., of the carcase and offal of a pig, and on the 15th inst. the carcase and offal of a sheep as unfit for human food. (Total weight destroyed, 3 cwt. 0 qrs. 3 lbs.)

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19—Housing, Town Planning, etc., Act, 1909-- Underground Sleeping Rooms—Read a letter from the Local Government Board returning the draft Regulations with respect to underground sleeping rooms, provisionally approved as altered by the Board. Resolved, That the regulations as now submitted be prescribed under Sec. 17 (7) of the Housing, Town Planning, etc., Act, 1909, in respect of rooms habitually used as a sleeping place, the surface of the floor of which is more than 3 feet below the surface of the part of the street adjoining or nearest to the room, and that the Common Seal be authorised to be affixed to such regulations.

Resolved also, that application be made to the Local Government Board for their consent to the regulations and that notice be given of such application by advertisement in a local newspaper.

20- Cottage at Farms--Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to give notice to Mrs. Hopkins terminating her tenancy of the cottage occupied by her at Hayden, and which is now required for one of the employees at the Farms.

21-Sewage Disposal—Flooding—Mr. G. Mcllquham attended the Meeting with reference to the flooding of certain roads in the Staverton Parish. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to meet Mr. Mcllquham to inspect the roads, etc., in question.

T. REES JONES,

Chairman.

STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, the 12th January, 1915 : Present—The Mayor, The Deputy Mayor, Alderman Bendall, Councillors Mann, Stewart and Wilkins (Alderman Bendall in the chair).

1- Street Projection—Read, an application from Mrs. Sharp for permission to place a sign outside the King's Head Hotel. Resolved, That the applicant be required to remove the sign already erected but that permission be given for a fixed sign projecting 3 feet, subject to the same not being less than 15 feet from the ground.

2-Horse, " Jolly "—Resolved, That the horse, "Jolly," now unfit for work in the Highways Department, be handed over to the Farms' Sub-Committee.

3— Tree opposite Strathcona, Keynsham Road—Read, a letter from Mr. F. C. Dodwell, asking for the removal of a large tree opposite Strathcona, Keynsham Road. Resolved, That the letter be referred to the Trees Sub-Committee.

4—Royal Crescent—Read, an application from Messrs. Williams and Manning, on behalf of the Owners in Royal Crescent, asking the Corporation to carry out the necessary repairs to the carriageway in Royal Crescent. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to bring up a Plan and Estimate of the work to be done by the abutting Owners.

5-- Bloomsbury Place—The Town Clerk reported that the Certificate of the Justices for the stopping up and diversion of the footpath from Bloomsbury Street to Stoneville Street had been enrolled. Resolved, That the Borough Survey be instructed to proceed with the formation of the new footpath, the cost of such work to be repaid by the Gloucester Co-operative Society in accordance with the terms of the Agreement.

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6— Wages of Casual Labourers—Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to pay for all casual labour required for more than a week at the rate of 11s. per week, and for all casual labour required for less than a week at the standard rate of wages.

7—Wooden Building—Dunalley Parade--Read, a letter from Mr. R. Tarren, asking to be allowed two months within which to remove the temporary building erected by him on premises in Dunalley Parade. Resolved, That the application be acceded to subject to an undertaking being signed by Mr. Tarren.

JOHN D. BENDALL,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, the 25th January, 1915 : Present—Alderman Baker and Bendall, Councillors Mann, Merrett, Stewart and Wilkins (Alderman Bendall in the chair).

8---Borough Surveyor's Monthly Report re Highways—The Borough Surveyor reported that the work done by the Highways Department from the 25th December, 1914, to the 21st January, 1915 (both inclusive), had been as follows :—

Roads Patched—Clarence Square, Crescent Terrace, Fairview Road, Hatherley Lane, Montpellier Street, North Place, St. George's Place, Sherborne Street, The Park, and Victoria Place (Fairview).

Road Improvement—Ade Road by Midland Railway Bridge (proceeding).

Electricity Trenches Repaired—Ashford Road, Bayshill Road, High Street, Lansdown Place, Millbrook Street, Oxford Street, Pittville Circus Road, Portland Street, Rodney Road, St. George's Road, St. Luke's Road, and Western Road.

Gas Trenches Repaired—Prestbury Road. Channelling Repaired—St. George's Road.

New Slab Paving Laid—Montpellier Parade, 266 sq. yds.

Footpath Margins Gravelled—Montpellier Parade and St. George's Road. Footpath Paving Patched—Bayshill Road and High Street.

Gateway Crossings Repaired—Two. Gateway Crossings Renewed—Three. Gullies Renewed—Two.

Trees Planted—Andover Road (2 acacias), Bayshill Road 1 sycamore), Christ Church Road (1 plane), Clarence Road (1 lime) Gloucester Road (1 lime), Gloucester Road (1 plane), Lansdown Place (1 lime), Leckhampton Road (2 sycamores), Parabola Road (5 acacias), Pittville Lawn (1 beech), Suffolk Road (1 acacia), Wellington Square (1 beech).

Trees Pruned. -Alstone Avenue and Parabola Road.

Trees Felled by Committee's Order—Andover Road (1 acacia, dead), Parabola Road (2 limes, 1 birch, 1 ash, 1 sycamore), St. George's Road (1 sycamore), Wellington Road (1 elm). Princes Road (1 lime, 1 birch).

Ashes Collection and Disposal—During four weeks ended the 14th January, 1915-823 loads collected, 764 consumed and 59 tipped way. Weight consumed, 1,068 tons, 0 cwts., 2 qrs.

Steam Generated—Hourly average, 5,823 lbs. (estimated).

9—Street Projections—The Inspector reported the obstruction of the footpaths by several tradesmen placing goods outside their premises. Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to write warning them that if the obstruction is continued proceedings will be taken for the penalties incurred.

10—Minnow Ditch—The Borough Surveyor reported that the Minnow Ditch culvert in a private road off Great Norwood Street was in a defective condition, a portion of the Culvert having collapsed. Resolved, That the attention of the adjoining owners be called to the matter and that they be asked to carry out the necessary repairs.

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11—Rowanfield Road—Read, a letter from Mr. Chas. F. Gill calling attention to the flooding of Rowanfield Road. Resolved, That the matter be adjourned to the next Meeting.

12—Cabmen's Shelter—Resolved, That the memorial received from Mr. H. Winters and others, asking that the Shelter at present in use at the Winter Garden should be placed near the side entrance to the Town Hall, be referred to the General Purposes Committee for consideration.

JOHN- D. BENDALL.

TOWN IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held at the Town Hall, on Wednesday, the 20th January, 1915:
Baker and Davies, Councillors Green, Rees Jones, Steel and Taylor (Alderman Baker in the chair).

1—Montpellier Gardens—Archery Ground—Read an application from Miss Legh, Honorary Secretary of the Cheltenham Archery Club for the use of the Archery Ground at Montpellier Gardens next season. Resolved, That the use of the ground be granted to the Club from 1st April to the 31st October next on the same terms as last year, viz.: at a charge of £12 12s. including the services of a man to put up and take down the targets.

2- Summer Concerts—Read a letter from Mr. A. W. Newton stating that owing to the War he had sustained a considerable loss in connection with the Summer Concerts at the Montpellier Gardens,

and asking the Council to make him an allowance from the rent (£250) which had been paid. Mr. Newton attended the Meeting. Resolved, That a rebate of £50 be made to Mr. Newton in respect of the rent for the past season.

3—Weather Reports—Read, a letter from the Meteorological Office complaining of irregularity in sending in the monthly weather reports. A letter was read from Mr. A. C. Saxby (Borough Meteorologist) stating that this was due to several of his assistants having joined the army, but that the reports had now been forwarded to the Meteorological Office and would be sent regularly in future. Resolved, That the Meteorological Office be so informed.

4-- Winter Garden—The Committee inspected the Winter Garden. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to bring up an estimate of the cost of colouring, &c., required to be done to the premises, for consideration at the next Meeting.

WILLIAM A. BAKER,

Chairman.

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ELECTRICITY AND LIGHTING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, the 13th January, 1915: Present—Councillors Green, Haddock, Merrett, Mann, Rees Jones, Smith and Taylor (Councillor Merrett in the chair).

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

2-Contract for Meters--The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that the type of meter for which a tender was accepted last year had now been approved by the Board of Trade.

3—Fixtures at New Offices—The Borough Electrical Engineer submitted a list of the shelves and cupboards required in the Electric Light Department at the New Offices, and the Committee inspected the fixtures, etc. at the present Offices. Resolved, That the Borough Electrical Engineer be authorised to arrange for the removal and refixing of the existing cupboards, etc., and the provision of the new shelving required, at a cost of not exceeding 420.

W. J. MERRETT,

Chairman.

WATER COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, the 14th January, 1915 : Present—The Mayor, The Deputy Mayor, Alderman Bendall, Councillors Green, Merrett, Sawyer and Wood (The Deputy Mayor in the chair). 1—Borough Engineer's Report—The monthly report of the Borough Engineer was read :

DAILY YIELD OF SPRINGS.

For 30 days, ended 11th January, 1915.		Average for corresponding period during last 3 years.
Hewletts Springs	510,000 gallons	530,000 gallons
Dowdeswell Springs	2,198,000 "	1,807,000 "
Leckhampton Springs	<u>128,000</u> "	<u>121,000</u> "
Total	2,836,000 "	2,458,000

CONTENTS OF RESERVOIRS.

Depth		Contents	Depth		Contents
		11th January, 1915.			11th January, 1914
Hewletts		30,061,000 gallons			17,384,000 gallons
Dowdeswell	32ft. 0in.	100,000,000 "	21ft. 0in.		46,674,000 "
Leckhampton	12ft. 6in.	<u>1,688,000</u> "	6ft. 6in.		<u>675,000</u> "
Total Storage		131,749,000			64,733,000 "

Pumping at Tewkesbury was discontinued on the 19th ultimo, and at Sandford on the 16th ultimo.

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2—Aston, Pamington and Fiddington Water Supply-- Resolved That application be made to the Tewkesbury Rural District Council to furnish a statement, certified by their Engineer, giving particulars of cost, etc., of the mains laid, and also to provide a plan of the mains, etc., in accordance with the terms of the Agreement.

5—Appeals—The cases entered in the Appeals 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, 1915 Present—The Mayor, The Deputy Mayor, Aldermen Baker, Bendall and Waghorne, Councillors Green, Haddock, Merrett, Rees Jones and Stewart (Alderman Waghorne in the chair).

1—Diseases amongst Animals—Supt Hopkins reported that with the exception of the premises in the occupation of Mr. John Belcher at Farm Cottage, Alstone, and Mr. James Henley at the Whaddon Lane Allotments, which were still in quarantine, the Borough was free from contagious disease amongst animals.

2 —American Gooseberry Mildew Order, 1911—The Local Inspector (Mr. Evans) of the Board of Agriculture reported the contravention of the American Gooseberry Mildew Order, 1911, by Mr. W. A. Cooke, in respect of the garden in his occupation at Arle. Resolved, That proceedings be taken under Article 18 of the Order unless the notice served upon Mr. Wasley is at once complied with.

3--Fire Brigade— The Captain of the Fire Brigade reported that the Brigade had not been called to any outbreak of fire since the last meeting.

4--Weighbridge Attendant, etc.—The following applicants selected for interview attended before the Committee, Viz., Mr. A. H. Malvern, of 2, Avenue Villas, Arle Road (aged 51), and Mr. J. Pounsett, of 6, St. James' Terrace (aged 62). Resolved, That Mr. J. Pounsett be appointed Weighbridge Attendant at 16s 6d per week and Collector of the Folly Lane Allotment Rents on a commission of 5 per cent, on the amount collected, the appointment to be determinable by one months' notice on either side.

5-Light Railway-Car Service-Read. letter: dated the 28th December last, from Mr. H. J. McCormick, General Manager of the Cheltenham and District Light Railway, stating that the 7 ½ minute service of trims between North Street and Lansdown Castle had been maintained for over a week, and that the Company would endeavour to still further improve the service.

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6—**Fruit Market—The Sub-Committee** appointed on the 24th November last to consider and report with reference to the Fruit Market, reported that they met on the 15th inst. Present :--The Mayor, Aldermen Bendall, Margrett and Waghorne (The Mayor in the chair). After interviewing Mr. C. C. Castle and Mr. F. W. May, the Sub-Committee asked them to have a further conference together and to report to the Sub-Committee on what points they were in agreement so that the Sub-Committee might consider and deal with any points of difference which might remain. Resolved, That the report be approved and adopted.

J. WAGHORNE,

Chairman.

MUNICIPAL OFFICES SITES COMMITTEE.

Report of the Special Committee appointed on the 5th day of December, 1910, to consider the question of Municipal Offices.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, the 7th instant : Present—The Mayor, The Deputy Mayor, Alderman Bendall, Councillors Dodwell, Merrett, and Rees Jones (The Deputy Mayor in the chair).

1—Tenancy of Offices—It was Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to arrange for the tenancy of the present offices to be continued until the 25th March next.

2—National Telephone—It was Resolved, That notice be given terminating the existing Telephone Agreement, and that the Borough Electrical Engineer be authorised to arrange for the installation of the Post Office Telephone at the new offices.

3—Door Furniture—The architects submitted a schedule of the new locks and door furniture required, and it was Resolved, That the Chairman and Councillor Bendall be appointed to go through and approve the same.

4—Colouring of Walls—It was Resolved, That all the walls and staircases on the ground and first floors be painted with a dado of darker colour in distemper up to a height of about 4 feet 6 inches. A Meeting of the Committee was also held at the New Offices on Friday. the 22nd instant ; Present—The Mayor, The Deputy Mayor, Aldermen Baker, Bendall and Waghorne, Councillors Dodwell, Rees Jones, Silk, Stewart and Taylor (The Deputy Mayor in the chair).

5—Fixtures, Fittings, etc.—It was Resolved, That the Council be recommended to empower this Committee to consider and arrange for the fixtures, fittings and furniture required for the Offices, and that this Committee be also authorised to accept a satisfactory tender. It was also Resolved, That the Mayor, The Deputy Mayor, Aldermen Baker, Bendall and Waghorne, Councillors Merrett, Rees Jones and Taylor be appointed a Sub-Committee to consider what fittings, etc., are required, and report to the Committee.

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6—Clinic—Councillor Haddock (Chairman of the **Medical Sub-Committee**) and Mr. J. W. Betteridge attended the Meeting and the Committee considered the fittings, etc., required for the Clinic. It was Resolved, That the list of fittings, etc., submitted by the Medical Officer of Health at a cost of £22 12s. 6d., be approved and adopted.

7—Council Chamber—It was Resolved, That the woodwork of the Council Chamber be painted with white enamel and the walls with light green duresco.

CHAS. H. MARGRETT,

Chairman.

ART GALLERY AND MUSEUM COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, the 13th January, 1915: Present—Alderman Davies, Councillors Green, Rees Jones and Steel, and Messrs. G. Dimmer and H. Stroud (Councillor Rees Jones in the chair).

1—Curator's Report—The Curator reported that 815 visits had been made to the Art Gallery and Museum since December 14th.

The Autumn Exhibition was closed on the 31st December, and the pictures had been returned to the respective artists. The Exhibition was visited by 3,057 people, and 457 Catalogues were sold.

Mr. Claude Walker, London, who was an old Cheltonian, had offered to the Gallery the four pictures which he contributed to the late Exhibition. Mr. Walker had also presented a Brass Spoon of the Stuart Period and a Polished and Chipped Neolithic Flint Celt.

The 39 Paleolithic Flints, presented by Sir Hercules Read, of the British Museum, had been mounted, labelled and placed in Case 1.

The Large Gallery now contained the Permanent Pictures and the 8 Oil Paintings lent by Mr. Tom Mostyn.

Mr. J. Fletcher had finished classifying and naming his beautiful and comprehensive Herbarium.

Resolved, That the thanks of the Council be conveyed to Mr. Claude Walker for his valuable gift.

2---Repair of Picture—The Curator submitted an estimate from Messrs. W. Powers, Ltd., of London, for repairing the picture by Teniers belonging to the Sheepshanks' Collection, as follows : For restoring the picture, £5, and for transferring the picture from panel and placing it on canvas, £7 7s. Resolved, That the picture be restored at a cost of £5.

T. REES JONES,

Chairman.

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MINERAL WATERS, BATHS AND RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, the 15th January, 1915: Present—Aldermen Bendall and Davies, Councillors Blakeney, Dodwell, Merrett, Silk and Stewart (Alderman Kendall in the chair).

1—Montpellier Baths—The Borough Accountant reported that the Receipts and Payments in respect of these Baths from 1st April, to 31st Dec., 1914, were as follows :—

	£ s. d.		£ s. d.
Receipts	412 5 2	Expenses	626 5 2
		Loans—Interest and Redemption	<u>402 0 0</u>
	£412 5 2		£1028 5 2

Medical Baths—Read, a letter from the Secretary of the Cheltenham Traders' Association making the following suggestions with reference to the Medical Baths, viz., (1) that a skilled Masseur and Masseuse in uniform should be appointed, (2) that the Baths should be obtainable on each weekday and also by arrangement on Sunday ; all appointments for Baths to be made with the Attendant, and (3) that the Radiant Light and Heat Baths should be provided. Messrs. IN Welstead and E. Whitbread attended the Committee. Resolved, That the Chairman of this Committee (Councillor Haddock), Alderman Davies and Councillor Merrett be appointed a Sub-Committee to confer with representatives of the Association with reference to the suggestions made, and to report to this Committee.

2—Alstone Baths—The Borough Accountant reported that the Receipts and Payments in respect of these Baths from 1st April to 31st Dec., 1914 were as follows :-

Receipts	£354 0 8	Expenses	£467 9 7
		Loans—Interest and Redemption	<u>251 5 0</u>
	£354 0 8		£718 14 7

3—Central Spa—Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be authorised to purchase a clock at a cost not exceeding 43 and also to provide new table cloths at the Spa.

Attendant—Read, applications from Miss Byard, of 69, St. George's Place, and Miss Astachson, of 2, Oxford Place, for the post of Attendant at the Central Spa. A letter was also read from the Secretary of the Traders' Association recommending the appointment of Miss Byard. Resolved, That Miss Byard be appointed Attendant at the Central Spa at 12s 6d per week, the appointment to be determined by one week's notice on either side.

4—Mineral Waters—The Borough Surveyor reported that the number of bottles of Mineral Waters sold during December last was 800 as compared with 276 for the month of December, 1913. The number of glasses of water sold was 1,680 as compared with 689.

The Medical Officer of Health submitted an analysis, made by Dr. J. C. Thresh of London, of the water from the Fieldholm Well. Resolved, That a copy of the analysis be forwarded to the Traders' Association and also to the United Chemists' Association.

JOHN D. BENDALL,

Chairman.

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BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held at the Cemetery on Friday, the 22nd January Present Rees Jones, Steel, Stewart and Silk (Councillor Stewart in the chair).

1—Tree overhanging Grave—Read, letters from Mrs. Lillingston asking for the removal of the tree over-hanging the grave of the late Col. Lillingston. The Committee inspected the tree. Resolved, That the application be acceded to.

2—Repair of Roads—Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to include in next year's estimates the cost of repairing the cross roads near the chapels.

3—Grants of Grave Spaces--Resolved, That the Common Seal be affixed to Grants No. 4692 to 4701 (both inclusive) of the exclusive right of burial in the graves referred to therein which had been purchased.

4—Designs—Resolved, That the following designs be approved, viz : Headstone to graves of Janet Gowanlock and Henry and Rebecca Dean ; Kerbing to grave of Alfred Odell.

J. STEWART.

Chairman

PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, the 12th January, 1915: Present—The Mayor, Alderman Green, Mann, Merrett, Steel and Sawyer and Messrs. J. R. Claridge, W. J. Moore and E. C. Rogers the chair).

1—Librarian's Report—Read, the Monthly Report of the Librarian. Receipts £3 6s. 1d. Presentations: The Durham University (5 vol.), Borough Accountant (Annual Accounts), Carter Jepson Publishing Co.. University Tutorial Press (1 vol.)

The number of volumes consulted in the Reference Library from the 14th December to the 9th January (both inclusive) 20 days, was 1,335 as compared with 1,831 for 26 days last year. The number of volumes issued from the Lending 8,981 as compared with 12,035.

2— **Sub-Committee's Report**—The Sub-Committee reported that they met on the 7th instant. Present : Alderman Davies Councillors Green, Merrett and Wilkins, Messrs. F. J. Caudle and J. R. Claridge (Councillor Green in the chair). They recommended:-

That a selection of books from those sent on approval be purchased at a cost of £3 11s. 3d. Resolved, That the recommendation of the Sub-Committee be approved and adopted.

E. C. GREEN,

Chairman.

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FINANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, the 26th January, 1915 Present—The Mayor, Councillors Haddock, Rees Jones, Steel and Wilkins (Councillor Steel in the chair).

1—General District Rate—Read the Report of the Borough Accountant, dated the 26th instant, on the collection of the second instalment of this Rate. Amount collected £16,909 7s. 2d. Leaving outstanding £9,939 5s. 8d.

2—Water Rate—Read, the Report of the Borough Accountant, dated the 26th inst., on the collection of this Rate for the half year ending on the 25th March next Amount collected £8,138 19s. 0d. Leaving outstanding £5,150 10s. 7d.

3—Loans—The Borough Accountant reported that he had arranged for the renewal of loans amounting to £33,449. Resolved, That the terms arranged be approved and that the Debentures be endorsed accordingly,

4—Investment of Sinking Funds—The Borough Accountant reported that the Tynemouth Corporation were willing to continue the loan of £10,000 advanced by the Cheltenham Corporation for a further term of 10 years at 4 per cent. subject to either party being at liberty to terminate at the end of 5 or 7 years on six months' notice. Resolved, That the loan be continued on the terms mentioned and that the Debenture be endorsed accordingly.

5—Mineral Waters—Provisional Order—The Town Clerk submitted draft Provisional Order for amending the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1889, and the Cheltenham Orders of 1892 and 1898, authorising the Corporation by agreement to grant, assign or lease sole and exclusive rights to any person in regard to the use, manufacture and sale of the water from any of the mineral water wells belonging to the Corporation or in which they may have an interest, and empowering the

Corporation to borrow for the purposes of the said Act and Orders such further sums as may from time to time be sanctioned by the Local Government Board. Resolved, That the draft Order be approved.

6—Employees on Active Service—In view of the number of employees of the Corporation who wish to join or have joined various branches of His Majesty's forces, including Kitchener's Army, Engineer Corps, Army Medical Corps, Army Service Corps and National Reserves, the Committee have further considered the payments to be made to such employees.

When the matter was previously considered by the Committee, the cases before them were those of nits' who had joined Kitchener's Army in which it was understood the pay would be 7s 7d per week, out of which a compulsory allotment of 3s 6d a week would have to be made by a married man towards his wife's maintenance, leaving 4s 1d for himself. The intention of the Committee's recommendation was that the Corporation should make up the difference between the Army maintenance allowance, including allotment, and the wages previously received, thus providing the wife with the full amount of her husband's wages for the upkeep of the home and leaving the husband 4s 1d for his personal expenses. In some of the other branches of the service, in which since the Committee's decision other employees have enlisted, the pay is considerably higher than in Kitchener's Army, being in some cases 3s 2d per day, and allotment towards the wife's maintenance is not compulsory in all cases. To meet these circumstances it was Resolved, That the Council be recommended to vary the minute of this Committee, approved by the Council at its meeting on the 5th October last, as follows:—

That with regard to employees with dependents who have joined His Majesty's Forces, the Corporation will pay the difference (if any) between the amount of the employee's regular wages for his ordinary employment under the Corporation plus 4s 11 for personal expenses, and the total amount received by the employee for Army pay plus the allowance received by his wife or dependents, and will pay to all employees without dependents the difference (if any) between their Army pay and their regular wages for their ordinary employment under the Corporation.

That the foregoing shall only apply to employees wishing to join who have been in the service of the Corporation for not less than six months and receive permission to enlist and whose wages do not exceed 30s per week, and that the cases of all employees receiving more than 30s per week be considered as they arise by this Committee.

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 December last	£11,730 13 1
Received since that date:	<u>21,235 0 4</u>
	£32,965 13 5
Paid since that date	<u>17,701 2 8</u>

		In hand	£15,264 10 9
being General Accounts	£7,227 6 7		
Sinking Fund Accounts	7,981 2 3		
"Leslie Young Benefaction" Accounts	<u>56 1 11</u>		
	In hand	£15,264 10 9	

ROBT. STEEL,

Chairman.

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Borough of Cheltenham.

Municipal Offices, Cheltenham,

28th January, 1915.

Sir,

You are hereby summoned to attend the **Quarterly Meeting of the Council, to be held in the Town Hall, on Monday, the 1st day of February, 1915**, at Three o'clock in the Afternoon, at which Meeting the following business is proposed to be transacted, and any other business that may legally be transacted at such Meeting.

1. To read and sign the Minutes of the last Monthly Meeting.
2. Communications by the Mayor.
3. To approve or otherwise, the proceedings of

THE PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE

" STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE

" TOWN IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE

" ELECTRICITY AND LIGHTING COMMITTEE

" WATER COMMITTEE

"GENERAL PURPOSES AND WATCH COMMITTEE

"MUNICIPAL OFFICES SITES COMMITTEE

" ART GALLERY AND MUSEUM COMMITTEE

"MINERAL WATERS, BATHS AND RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE

THE BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE

" PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE

FINANCE COMMITTEE and vary Resolution to Minute No. 6 re Employees on Active Service of this Committee's proceedings on the 29th September last.

4. Notices of Motion.

5. Memorials, Applications, Complaints, &c.

Yours faithfully,

R. OWEN SEACOMBE,

Town Clerk.

To each Member of the Council.

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, 1915, at 3 p.m. Present :

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

THE DEPUTY MAYOR (ALDERMAN CHARLES HENRY MARGRETT).

Aldermen: WILLIAM ALFRED BAKER JOHN DAVID BENDALL RICHARD DAVIES JOHN WAGHORNE

Councillors: JOHN HENRY BLAKENEY FRANK CHARLES DODWELL EDWINSON CHARLES GREEN PERCY HADDOCK ALFRED MANN WILLIE JOHN MERRETT THOMAS REES JONES WILLIAM SAWYER EDWIN CHARLES SILK ROBERT STEEL JAMES STEWART PETER PHILIP TAYLOR THOMAS WILKINS WALTER JAMES FREDERICK WOOD

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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 Officers' Guild—The Mayor reported that the amount of the monthly subscriptions by the members of the Municipal Officers' Guild and the Corporation workmen since October was now over £110, and that this sum had been placed at his disposal to be applied for any purpose the Local Representative Committee may from time to time think fit. Resolved, That this be recorded on the Minutes of the Council.

3—Public Health Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Public Health Committee, at their Meetings of the 11th and 18th January last, be approved and confirmed.

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

5—Town Improvement Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Town Improvement Committee, at their Meeting of the 20th January 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 14th January last, be approved and confirmed.

7—Water Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Water Committee, at their Meeting of the 14th January last, be approved and confirmed.

8—General Purposes and 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.

9—Municipal Offices Sites Committee—Resolved, That the report of the Municipal Offices Sites Committee be approved and confirmed, and that the Committee be empowered to consider and arrange for the fittings, furniture and fixtures required for the Offices, and to accept, a satisfactory tender.

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10—Art Gallery and Museum Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Art Gallery and Museum Committee, at their Meeting of the 13th January last, be approved and confirmed, subject to the following Amendment, viz., That Minute No. 2 (Repair of picture) be referred back for further consideration.

11—Mineral Waters, Baths and Recreation Grounds Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Mineral Waters, Baths and Recreation Grounds Committee, at their Meeting of the 15th January last, be approved and confirmed.

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

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

14—Finance Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Finance Committee, at their Meeting of the 26th January last, be approved and confirmed, and that the Resolution to Minute No. 6 of this Committee's proceedings on the 29th September last be varied accordingly. Resolved also, That an Order on the Borough Treasurer be signed accordingly for payment 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 Merrett gave notice of his intention to move at the next Monthly Meeting of the Council :—

That it be an instruction to the Town Improvement Committee, and the Mineral Waters, Baths and Recreation Grounds Committee, to bring up a scheme to this Council at its next Meeting for the purpose of concentrating the dispensing of the Mineral Waters, and the Summer and Winter Concerts in the Winter Garden and grounds adjoining.

Mayor.

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Borough of Cheltenham.

MINUTES of the Committees of the Town Council to be submitted for approval at the Monthly Meeting of the Council to be held on Monday, the 1st March, 1915.

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, the 8th February, 1915 : Present—The Mayor, The Deputy Mayor, Councillors Blakeney, Green, Rees Jones, Steel, Stewart and Wood (The Mayor in the chair)

1—Houses without proper Ash Receptacles —The Inspector of Nuisances reported that the following houses had no proper ashpits or ash receptacles, viz.:—30 and 51 Upper Park Street, 15 Rosehill Street, 95 and 97 Tewkesbury Road, 219 and 220 High Street, 32 Gloucester Place, 10, 11, 12 and 14, and Vine Tree Cottage, Upper Bath Street, 6 Union Street, Upper Bath 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.

2-Overcrowding at 11 Rosehill Street—The Medical Officer of Health reported that these premises were so over-crowded as to be dangerous or injurious to the health of the inmates. Resolved, That the Committee being satisfied of the existence of a nuisance on the said premises, Notice under Section 94 of the Public Health Act, 1875, be served on the occupiers thereof requiring them to abate the same.

3—Cleansing and Whitewashing at 2, 3 and 15 Upper Bath Street, 3 Portman Terrace, 3 Chard Lane, and Haval Cottage, Upper Bath Street—The Medical Officer of Health having certified under Section 46 of the Public Health Act, 1875, that the above-named dwelling-houses were in such a filthy and unwholesome condition that the health of the inmates was affected or endangered thereby, Resolved, That Notice be given to the owners under the said Section requiring the houses to be cleansed and limewashed.

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4—Nuisances from Drains, etc., at 10 New Street, 1 to 10 (inclusive) Springfield Place, Lamb and Flag In-n, Union Street, and 4 Union Street—The Inspector of Nuisances having made written application under Section 41 of the Public Health Act, 1875, stating that the drains, &c., on or belonging to the above-named houses were in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to health. Resolved, That authority be given to the Inspector of Nuisances to open the ground, examine the drains, and report to the Committee.

5--Insanitary Property—4, 10, 12, 15, 20, 23, 34, 35 and 40 Bloomsbury Street—The Medical Officer of Health reported that the above-mentioned premises were in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to the health of the inmates owing to defective roofs, walls, ceilings, floors, &c. Resolved, That the Council being satisfied that the said premises are in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to health, Notices under Section 94 of the Public Health Act, 1875, be served upon the

owners requiring them to put the same into a healthy condition, and for that purpose to carry out the works specified therein.

6—Houses unfit for Human Habitation-47a Duke Street—The Medical Officer of Health reported that these premises, in respect of which a Closing Order was made, had been made fit for human habitation. Resolved, That an Order be made determining the Closing Order.

7—Destruction of Diseased Meat--The Medical Officer of Health reported the surrender and destruction of diseased meat as follows :—On the 20th ultimo the carcase and offal of a sheep and one box of Rock salmon ; on the 22nd ultimo the carcase and offal of a heifer ; and on the and inst. the carcase and offal of a pig. (Total weight destroyed, 10 cwts. 1qr. 12 lbs.)

8 —Sewage Disposal Works—Storm Water—The Borough Engineer submitted a report with reference to the disposal of the storm water at Hayden, and recommended that the land known as "Great Stockings" should be underdrained at a cost of about 400. Resolved, That consideration of the matter be adjourned.

9—Tivoli Road Sewer—The Borough Engineer reported that the sewer in Tivoli Road had collapsed and that the sewer was being renewed and a manhole provided. The cost of the work would be charged to the South-Eastern and Tivoli District Sewers Loan. Resolved, That the action of the Borough Engineer be approved.

to—**Report of Farms Sub-Committee**—The Farms Sub-Committee reported that they met on the 8th inst. Present : Councillors Rees Jones, Steel, Stewart and Wood (Councillor Steel in the chair). Farms Manager's Report—Read, the Monthly Report of the Farms Manager. The number of livestock on the Farms on the 8th inst. was 16 horses (not including 5 at the Depot), 128 head of cattle (including 2 calves), 53 sheep, and 35 pigs, all doing very well. 3 calves and 24 pigs had been bred on the Farms. 15 head of cattle (including 1 calf) had been sold for £286 4s. 11d. Resolved, That the Manager be authorised to have the repairs to two cottages at Hayden and Barn Farms carried out. Resolved, That the proceedings of the Sub-Committee be approved and adopted.

W. NASH SKILLICORNE,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, the 15th February, 1915 Present—The Mayor, Councillors Blakeney, Green, Rees Jones. Steel, Stewart and Wood (The Mayor in the chair).

11—Houses without proper Ash Receptacles—The Inspector of Nuisances reported that the following houses had no proper ashpits or ash receptacles, viz. :-15 Albion Street, 10 Bloomsbury Street, Royal Hotel Vaults, 10, 11, 12 and 11 Upper Bath Street, 3 Wakefield Cottages, Vine Tree Cottage, and 6 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.

2-Overcrowding at 8 Upper Bath 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.

13—Cleansing and Disinfecting at 3 Nash Cottages, Hayward's Lane—The Medical Officer of Health having certified that the cleansing, disinfecting and purifying of this house or parts thereof would tend to prevent or check infectious disease, Resolved, That the Council being of this opinion, Notice be served on the owner and occupier to cleanse and disinfect the house or parts thereof within the time specified in such Notice.

14--Cleansing and Whitewashing at 4, 10, 11, 12, 15, 16, 23 and 26 Bloomsbury Street, 91 Tewkesbury Road, 2 Exmouth Court, 4 Upper Bath Street, and 7 Portman 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.

15—Nuisances from Drains, etc., at 17 and 18 Sandford Street, 1, 1a, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 71, 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12 Winchcomb Street. The Inspector of Nuisances having made written application under Section 41 of the Public Health Act, 1875, stating that the drains, &c., on or belonging to the above-named houses were in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to health, Resolved, That authority be given to the Inspector of Nuisances to open the ground, examine the drains, and report to the Committee.

16—Insanitary Property-91 Tewkesbury Road, 4, 7, 15 and 16 Upper Bath Street, 44 Upper Norwood Street, 1 Union Street, Vine Tree Cottage, Commercial Street, .5 Providence Cottages, Upper Bath 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.

17—Destruction of Diseased Meat—The Medical Officer of Health reported the surrender and destruction of diseased meat as follows:—On the 8th inst. 15 pieces of unsound beef ; on the 9th inst. the carcass and offal of a bacon pig and the carcass and offal of a sheep ; and on the 11th inst. the carcasses and offal of 2 sheep and 3 pigs.

18—Notices not Complied With—The Medical Officer of Health submitted a list of Notices requiring the abatement of nuisances caused by defective floors, ventilation, paving, dirty walls and ceilings, &c., and the provision of ash receptacles, which had been served but not complied with. Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to take the necessary proceedings to compel compliance.

19—Delancey Hospital—Scheme—Read, a letter from the Local Government Board stating that they were prepared to recommend to the Charity Commissioners amendment of the Scheme so as to permit the use of the Delancey Hospital for the treatment of small pox, if necessary, for a period of 2 years from the 1st ulto., subject to an undertaking being given by the Town Council that the site and buildings of the proposed new small pox hospital shall be approved by the Board. Resolved, That the Council undertake to submit the site and buildings for the approval of the Board.

W. NASH SKILLICORNE,

Chairman.

STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, the 9th February, 1915 : Present — Aldermen Baker and Bendall, Councillors Mann, Merrett, Rees Jones, Stewart and Wilkins (Alderman Bendall in the chair).

1—Street Projections—Read, an application from the Gas Company for permission to place a lamp outside No. 11, Winchcomb Street. Resolved, That the application be acceded to subject to the usual conditions.

Read, an application from Messrs. Poole and Shenton for permission to place an electric sign outside the Picture Palace, High Street. Resolved. That the application be acceded to subject to the usual conditions.

2—Annual Tenders—Resolved, That a Meeting of the **Stores Sub-Committee be held on Friday, the 19th inst.**, to consider the Annual Tenders.

3—Gloucester Road (from Hope Villa to Lansdown Castle)—Private Improvement Expenses—Read, a letter from Mr. E. Biggen with reference to the Private Improvement Expenses in Gloucester Road. The Town Clerk submitted a copy of his reply thereto. Resolved, That the same be approved.

4—Russell Place (East Side)—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 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.

5—Gloucester Road (opposite Alstone Lawn)—The Town Clerk submitted draft Agreement with the Owners of Alstone Lawn Estate with reference to the piece of land to be given up by them for widening Gloucester Road. Resolved, That the same as revised on behalf of the Owners be approved and that the Common Seal be affixed thereto.

JOHN D. BENDALL, Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, the 22nd February, 1915: Present--The Mayor, Councillors Mann, Merrett, Stewart and Wilkins (Councillor Merrett in the chair).

6- Borough Surveyor's Monthly Report re. Highways—The Borough Surveyor reported that the work done by the Highways Department from the 22nd January to the 18th February, 1915 (both dates inclusive), had been as follows:—

Roads Coated—Waterloo Street (5,270 sq. yards).

Roads Patched—Albion Street, Andover Road, Berkeley Street, Gloucester Road, Lower High Street, Oxford Street, St. Anne's Road, Victoria Place (Fairview), Winchcomb Street and Winstonian Road.

Road Improvement —Arle Road (proceeding).

Paving Repaired—Bayshill Road, Parabola Road, St. George's Place and Winstonian Road.

New Kerbing—Clarence Road (proceeding).

Electricity Trenches Repaired—Clarence Square, Gloucester Road, High Street, Lansdown Crescent, Millbrook Street, Portland Street, Prestbury Road, St. Paul's Road, Swindon Road and Western Road.

New Gullies Fixed-3.

Trees Pruned—Clarence Square, College Road, Hewlett Road, Imperial Square, Montpellier Parade, Northfield Terrace, Orrisdale Terrace, The Park, Pittville Circus Road, Pittville Crescent, Promenade, Sandford Road and Sydenham Villas Road.

Trees Felled—Clarence Road, 1 lime (blown down), 1 chestnut and 1 elm (by Committee's orders), High Street, 1 lime (by Committee's orders), Wellington Road. 1 elm (by Committee's orders). Total, 5 trees. Ashes Collection and Disposal—During four weeks ended the 15th February, 1915-851 loads collected, 794 consumed and 57 tipped way. Weight consumed, 1,078 tons, 0 cwts., 2 qrs.

Steam Generated—Hourly average, 5,759 lbs.

7—**Plans Sub-Committee**—The Chairman reported the proceedings of the Plans Sub-Committee at their Meetings on the 9th and 22nd instant. Resolved. That the same be approved and adopted.

8—**Report of Stores Sub-Committee**—The Stores Sub-Committee reported that they met on the 19th instant—(Present Alderman Baker (in the chair), Councillors Stewart and Wilkins)—and considered the tenders (155 in number) for the supply of materials, etc., for the twelve months ending the 31st March, 1916. They recommended the acceptance of the schedule of prices from the following for the supply of goods required by the Corporation :—

Cement—The Oxford Portland Cement and Lime Co., Ltd. (30s 6d per ton).

Disinfectants—Adcocks, Ltd., London ; The United Alkali Co., Ltd., Liverpool.

Stoneware Pipes—Messrs. Jas. Oakes and Co. (nr. Alfreton).

Uniforms, etc.—A. N. Cole, C. Watts, F. W. Golesworthy.

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

Household Goods and Sundries—Cheltenham and Gloucestershire Society for the Blind, T. W. Harvey and Sons, Ltd., J. Fisher and Sons, Ltd., E. L. Ward, London Supply Co., Harvey and Healing, Boardman Bros. (Manchester), J. Jackson, Johns and Son (Gloucester), W. H. Mack, E. Joyner and Son.

Wrought Iron, Steel Files, etc.—Peace and Sons (Sheffield), Seager and Hall (Sheffield), Stringer Bros.

Tools—D. Davies.

Lead Piping, Fittings, etc.—Geo. Bence and Sons, Ltd.

Ironmongery—T. W. Harvey and Sons, Ltd., Jno. Fisher and Sons, Ltd., Sharpe and Fisher, Ltd.

White Lead, Oils and Colours—Geo. Bence and Sons, Ltd., D. Davies, Middleton Bros. (London), J. Fisher and Sons, Ltd., Dee Oil Co., Ltd., Vacuum Oil Co., Ltd.

Forge---W. J. Oldacre, Son and Co.

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Wheelbarrows—F. Hodkinson and Co.

Macadam—Left to Borough Surveyor to order from schedule as required.

Electric Light Fittings—No tender accepted. Work to be carried out by contractors owing to electrician being on active service. Resolved, That the recommendations of the Sub-Committee be approved and adopted.

9—Street Projections—Read, an application from Mr. A. L. Robinson for permission to place a shelf 9 inches wide outside his shop, No. 3, Pittville Street. Resolved, That the application be acceded to subject to the following conditions—

(1) That the goods placed on the shelf shall not project beyond the width of the shelf.

(2) That customers shall not be served from the shelf, and

(3) The Corporation reserve a right to withdraw the permission if the foregoing conditions are not complied with, or in the event of any nuisance being caused to pedestrians.

10—Corporation Workmen, &c.—Read, a memorial from the Corporation workmen calling attention to the increased cost of living owing to the war and asking that their wages should be increased by 4s per week. Hired Team Labour—Read a memorial from Messrs. Mark Williams & Co., and others and also a letter from Mr. J. Townsend asking that the price for hired team labour should be increased. Resolved, That the applications be considered at the next meeting of the Committee.

11—Underground Telegraphic Line— Read, a letter from the Superintending Engineer, Post Office Telegraphs, for permission to place an underground telegraphic line from the manhole shown on the plan accompanying the application, along the footpath to the new Municipal Offices. Resolved, That

the application be acceded to subject to the excavation and re-instatement of the road and footpath being carried out to the satisfaction of the Borough Engineer.

12—Gloucester Road opposite to Alstone Lawn—Read a letter from the Clerk to the County Council stating that subject to the improvement being carried out to the satisfaction of the County Council, the Highways Committee would make a of £50 towards the cost of the improvement.

13— College Road Tip—Read, an application from Lieut.-Col. Pritchard for the use of the College Road Tip by the 10th Batt. Gloucester Regiment for trench work. The Borough Surveyor reported that the tenant of the grazing raised no objection to the proposal subject to any damage which may be done being made good by the Corporation. Resolved, That the application be acceded to.

14—Keynsham Road—Trees—Read, a further letter from Miss Woodard asking that the trees opposite Aberfoyle, Keynsham Road, should be removed. Resolved, That the letter be referred to the Trees Sub-Committee for inspection at their next Meeting.

15—Gloucester Road (Hope Villa to Lansdown Castle)—Private Improvement Expenses--Read, a letter from Mr. H. A. Butler, of 3, Denmark Terrace, Gloucester Road, objecting to the private improvement expenses opposite his premises.

W. J. MERRETT,

Chairman.

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PLANS SUB-COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Sub-Committee held on Tuesday, the 9th February, 1915: Present—Alderman Bendall, Councillors Merrett, Rees Jones, Steel, Stewart and Wilkins (Alderman Bendall in the chair).

1—New Buildings—The Borough Surveyor submitted the following Notices and Plans of intended New Buildings, viz.:—

No. of Plan	Name.	Description.
1303	E. Eager.	Temporary Shed adjoining No. 119, Fairview Road.
1304	J. Fisher.	Additions to No. 2, Brunswick Place.
1305	J. N. Bellamy.	Additions to House, Arle Road.

Resolved, That Plans No. 1304 and 1305 be approved subject to the drainage being carried out to the satisfaction **of the** Sanitary Inspector, and that Plan No. 1303 be approved as a temporary building subject to the usual undertaking to remove the same on 3 months' notice being entered into.

JOHN D. BENDALL,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Sub-Committee held on Monday, the 22nd February, 1915.

Present—Councillors Merrett, Rees-Jones, Steel, Stewart and Wilkins (Councillor Steel 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.
1306	Miss L. Giles.	Bringing forward of shop front, &c., 18, Upper Bath Road.
1307	The Trustees, Delancey Hospital.	New wing at Delancey Hospital.
1308	Gloucester Co-operative Society, Ltd.	New stables, milk depot, &c., Market Street.
1309	Miss R. Maisey.	Additions and alterations to No. 42, Carlton Street.
1310	Mr. T. Curtis.	Additions to Curtis's Hotel, Parabola Road.

Resolved, That Plans No. 1310 be approved. That Plans 1307 and 0308 be approved subject to the drainage being carried out to the satisfaction of the Sanitary Inspector. That Plans No. 1309 be approved subject to the new bedroom averaging 8 feet in height and to the sanitary work being carried out to the satisfaction of the Sanitary Inspector, and that Plans 1306 be approved subject to the strip of land (3 feet wide), between the existing boundary and the proposed new frontage line, being given up to form part of the public footpath, such strip of land to be paved by the Corporation.

ROBT. STEEL,
Chairman.

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TOWN IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held at the Town Hall, on Monday, the 1st February, 1915:

Present—Alderman Baker, Councillors Green, Rees Jones, Sawyer, Steel and Taylor (Alderman Baker in the chair).

1—Pittville Lake—Catchpit—The Borough Engineer recommended that the Catchpit at Pittville should be cleaned out, the cost of which was included in the current estimates. He reported that Messrs. Holliday and Page, Ltd., were willing to allow the material to be deposited on their land, and submitted a tender from Messrs. Mark Williams and Co. for carrying out the work at 2s 3d a yard.

Resolved, That the tender of Messrs. Mark Williams and Co. be accepted, and that the Borough Engineer be instructed to begin the work at once.

WILLIAM A. BAKER,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, the 17th February, 1915: Present—Alderman Baker, Councillors Rees Jones, Steel and Taylor (Alderman Baker in the chair).

2—Pittville Lake—Catchpit—The Borough Surveyor reported that the cleaning out of the catchment basin at Pittville Park had been commenced and that it was found that a quantity of mud had escaped into the Lake, and he recommended that this should be removed at the same time by the contractors. Resolved, That the recommendation be approved and adopted.

3—Winter Garden—Repairs—The Borough Surveyor reported that he estimated that the cost of the repairs at the Winter Garden asked for by the Lessee when the Committee inspected the building would be £55. The Lessee had since asked for some additional items which would cost another £43. Resolved, That the sum of £55 be included in next year's estimates for carrying out the repairs agreed to by the Committee on their inspection.

Roof-- With reference to the damage done to the glass roof of the Winter Garden by snow falling from the dome, the Borough Surveyor reported that the damage caused in this way was restricted to a certain number of Panes, and he recommended that these should be replaced by reinforced glass and protected with expanded metal at a cost of about £20. Resolved, That the recommendation be approved and that the Borough Surveyor be authorised to have the work carried out.

Railings—The Committee further considered the question of removing the iron railings round the Winter Garden. Resolved, That the Council be recommended to remove the railings subject to a satisfactory offer for the railings being received.

4—Admission to Public Gardens—The Sub-Committee appointed to confer with representatives of the Traders' Association and Visitors' Accommodation Association reported that they met on Wednesday, the 3rd instant : Present—Aldermen Baker and Davies, and Councillor Rees Jones (representatives of the Town Improvement Committee), Messrs. J. H. Boulter, H. M. Simmons and J. P. Pates (representatives of the Traders' Association), Messrs. T. Curtis, A. H. Hyett and W. J. Manning (representatives of the Visitors' Accommodation Association), and discussed the question of the admission of visitors to the public gardens, &c. It was decided to suggest (1) That the Montpellier Gardens be open free to the public each week-day up to 1.30 p.m.; (2) That a number of tennis courts at the Montpellier Gardens should be available to be let by the hour for visitors wishing to play; (3) That a board should be placed outside the Winter Garden indicating that the gardens round the Winter Garden are open free to the public.

Resolved, That the Montpellier Gardens be open free to the public each week-day up to 1.30 p.m., and that the other suggestions be adjourned to the next Meeting.

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5—Band—Read, a letter from the Traders' Association with reference to the engagement of a Band during the summer season. Resolved, That the matter be considered at a Special Meeting of the Committee to be held on the 24th instant at 6 p.m. and that a deputation from the Traders' Association be invited to attend the Meeting.

WILLIAM A. BAKER, Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, the 23rd February, 1915: Present — Aldermen Baker and Davies, Councillors Green, Rees Jones, Sawyer, Steel and Taylor (Alderman Baker in the chair).

6—Band—Read, a letter from the Traders' Association enclosing a copy of the following resolution which was unanimously passed at a meeting of the Association on the 15th instant, viz.:—"That the Traders' Association are prepared to entertain the engagement of a Band of 14 performers and a conductor, for a three months' season, at a cost of £25, provided the Corporation will undertake to pay half that sum." Messrs. E. Marfell, H. Miller, H. R. Sims, W. Jeremy Thomas, W. Welstead and E. Whitbread (representatives of the Traders' Association) attended the meeting and stated (1) That Mr. Horace Teague was willing to provide a Band for three months for the sum named, and that the Association were willing to contribute £162 10s (half the cost), such sum to be payable to the Corporation by monthly instalments in advance; (2) That the Band should be appointed by and be under the entire control of the Council ; and the Deputation suggested that two representatives of the Association should be appointed to act as advisory members with the Town Improvement Committee.

They also suggested that the Band should play during the months of June, July and August for two hours each morning and afternoon in the grounds in front of the Winter Garden, that Chairs should be provided by the Corporation, and that a charge should be made for the use of the same, such charges to be taken by the Corporation.

If the proposal of the Association was adopted by the Council, it was intended that the Orchestra at present playing at the Central Spa from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. should play earlier in the morning.

Resolved, That the further consideration of the matter be adjourned to the next Meeting, and that the Borough Surveyor be instructed to bring up an alternative estimate (1) for removing the Band Stand in the Marle Hill Annexe and placing the same in the Winter Garden grounds and (2) for providing a New Band Stand.

7—Montpellier Garden—Summer Concerts—Read, a letter from Mr. A. W. Newton thanking the Council for the rebate of £50 allowed to him from last year's rent of the Montpellier Gardens, and asking that a similar allowance should be made in respect of the rent for the coming season. Resolved, That Mr. Newton be informed that the Committee will consider his application at the end of the season.

WILLIAM A. BAKER,

Chairman.

ELECTRICITY AND LIGHTING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, the 18th February, 1915: Present—Councillors Green, Mann, Merrett, Rees Jones, Taylor and Wood (Councillor Merrett in the chair).

1—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.

2—Application for Supply—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that he had received an application from Mr. Bendall, jun., for a supply to Penrith House, St. George's Square. The cost of

extending the main was £16, and Mr. Bendall was willing to give the usual guarantee for three years. Resolved, That the extension be made.

3—Arc Lamps—The Borough Electrical Engineer submitted a report with reference to the private Arc Lamps. Resolved, That the charge for the maintenance and trimming of the private Arc Lamps be reduced from £1 10s to £1 per annum, as from the 25th December last.

4—Sale of Scrap Material—Resolved, That the Borough Electrical Engineer be instructed to sell the scrap metal at the Works each year.

5—New Municipal Offices—Show Room—Resolved, That the Borough Electrical Engineer be authorised to purchase new appliances to the value of £20 for exhibition in the Show Room at the new Offices.

6—Main Switchboard—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that the present switchboard was becoming too small to control safely the increasing output from the Works, and that it was necessary to consider the provision of a new switchboard. Resolved, That a Special Meeting of the Committee be held at the Works on Wednesday next at 5 p.m. to consider the matter.

7—Lighting of Arle Road, &c.—Read, letters from Mr. A. Dix and the Secretary of the Education Committee with reference to the lighting of Arle Road and the lane near St. John's Schools. Resolved, That the application be adjourned for the Committee to view.

8—View Meeting—Resolved, That a View Meeting be held on Monday next at 7 p.m.

9—Electric Light Arrears—The Town Clerk submitted a list of the Electric Light Arrears for the September Quarter. Resolved, That proceedings be taken for the recovery of the same.

W. J. MERRETT,

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, the 24th February, 1915. Present—Councillors Green, Merrett, Rees Jones, and Taylor. (Councillor Merrett in the chair).

10—View Meeting re Public Lighting —The Chairman reported that the Committee met on the 22nd instant. Present—Councillors Mann, Rees-Jones, Taylor, Wood and himself. They visited the localities from which complaints had been received and recommended as follows:—

Road from Montpellier Terrace to Suffolk Square—That an additional Electric Lamp of 100 candle-power be placed near Dr. Affleck's house.

Montpellier Terrace (Road at back), Moorend Street, Near entrance to Delancey Hospital, Sydenham Villas Road, Windsor Street.—That no alteration or addition be made to the lighting in these streets.

Lane at side of St. John's Schools—That the request for a lamp to be placed in this thoroughfare be further considered at the next meeting of the Committee.

Whaddon Lane (junction with Prestbury Road)—That the positions of the two electric lamps in the Prestbury Road near the corner of Whaddon Lane be altered as suggested by the Borough Electrical Engineer.

Halland Road—That no addition be made at present to the lighting in this street.

London Road (near Holy Apostles' Church)—That an additional lamp with a red globe be fixed to the Tramway Standard near the Borough Boundary.

Arle Road (near Bridge)—That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to prepare a plan showing the position of an additional lamp to be placed near the Railway Bridge.

Resolved, That the recommendations be approved and adopted.

11—Lane near St. John's Schools—Read, a letter from the correspondent of St. John's Schools again asking that a lamp should be placed in the Lane near St. John's Schools, and stating that the Managers of the Schools would contribute £1 per annum towards the cost of the lamp. Resolved, That an electric lamp be placed in this lane subject to the payment of £1 per annum by the Managers towards the cost of the same.

12—Main Switchboard—The Committee met at the Electricity Works and inspected the Main Switchboard now in use. Resolved, That the recommendation of the Borough Electrical Engineer that a new Switchboard be provided be approved and adopted, that the cost of the same be paid for out of the Reserve Fund, and that the Borough Accountant be instructed to make the necessary financial arrangements for such payment. Resolved also, That the Borough Electrical Engineer be instructed to prepare plans and specification for the new Switch-board and to obtain tenders therefor for the consideration of the Committee.

W. J. MERRETT,

Chairman.

WATER COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, the 11th February, 1915: Present—Councillors Green, Merrett, Sawyer and Wood (Councillor Green in the chair).

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

DAILY YIELD OF SPRINGS.		
For 30 days, ended		Average for corresponding period
8th February, 1915.		during last 3 years.
Hewletts Springs	512,000 gallons	540,000 gallons
Dowdeswell Springs	2,206,000 “	1,890,000 “
Leckhampton Springs	<u>130,000</u> “	<u>124,000</u> “
Total	2,848,000 “	2,554,000

CONTENTS OF RESERVOIRS.

	Depth	Contents	Depth	Contents
		8th February, 1915.		8th February, 1914
Hewletts		31,124,000 gallons		18,441,000 gallons
Dowdeswell	32ft. 0in.	100,000,000 "	19ft. 0in.	40,872,000 "
Leckhampton	11ft. 0in.	<u>1,485,000</u> "	6ft. 0in.	<u>810,000</u> "
		Total Storage 132,609,000		60,123,000 "

2—Water Supply to Leckhampton District—The Borough Engineer reported that the excavation for the new trunk main to Leckhampton had been carried out by the 10th Batt. Gloucester Regt., except about 200 yards, and that this was being completed by the Water Department.

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

E. C. GREEN,

Chairman.

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GENERAL PURPOSES AND WATCH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, the 16th February, 1915: Present—The Mayor, The Deputy Mayor, Aldermen Baker and Waghorne, Councillors Green, Haddock, Merrett, Rees Jones and Stewart (Alderman Waghorne in the chair).

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

2—Fire Brigade- The Captain of the Fire Brigade reported that the Brigade had not been called to any outbreak of fire since the last meeting.

3—Hackney Carriage Drivers' Licences—Read, applications from A. Devereux, of 5, Lypiatt Street, A. Salter, of 77, Keighley Terrace, Brunswick Street, and F. J. Lane, of 4, York Terrace, for licences to drive Taxi Cabs. Resolved, That licences be granted.

4—Postal Collections—Read, a letter from the Postmaster, dated the 2nd inst., stating that from the 8th inst. the collections made from the Town Letter Boxes and Town Sub-Offices at 1s a.m. and 2 p.m. would be discontinued, and at the same time the two collections at 5-30 and 6-30 p.m. would be replaced by one collection to be made at various times between 5-30 and 6-15 p.m. The actual times of collection would be shown on each Letter Box.

5—St. Mark's Sub Post office—Read, a letter from the Postmaster renewing his application for the consent of the Council to the closing of St. Mark's Sub Post Office on Wednesdays at 1 p.m. Resolved, That the Postmaster be informed that the Committee are still of opinion that the earlier

closing of the St. Mark's Office will cause inconvenience to the inhabitants of the District, but they consent to this during the period of the War on the understanding that the matter shall be reconsidered at the end of that time.

6—Earlier Closing of Sub Post Offices -Read, a letter from the Postmaster with reference to the closing of Keynsham Street Sub Post Office at 7 p.m. on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays, and also a memorial to the Postmaster, signed by 11 Postmasters, asking that their Branch Offices might also be closed at 7 p.m. Resolved, That consideration of the application be adjourned pending the receipt of a memorial which it is understood will be presented by Ratepayers affected by the proposal expressing their views as to such earlier closing.

7--Contributions to Local Charities and Public Institutions — Resolved, That in pursuance of the provisions of the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1889, and the Cheltenham Order, 1905, the following Subscriptions be made to the following Institutions in lieu of the General District Rate, viz. :-

	£ s. d.
General Hospital and Branch Dispensary	31 12 0
Female Refuge	3 16 2
Female Orphan Asylum	4 11 5
Blind Asylum	4 11 5
Nazareth House	31 4 5
Coburg Society, Bath Street • •	4 5 1
Victoria Home for Nurses • •	12 18 11
Provident Dispensary...	4 11 5
Eye, Ear and Throat Hospital	12 3 8
Boys' Orphan Asylum...	3 0 11
Home for Sick Children • •	9 2 9
Association for Care of Friendless Girls	6 12 2
Home for Aged Pensioners (1, Monson Terrace) ••	<u>1 17 6</u>
	£130 7 10

8—Shops Act, 1912-- Printers, Stationers, Booksellers and Fancy Goods Shops—Read, a Memorial from the Proprietors of 34 shops where the business of a Printer, Stationer, Bookseller or Fancy Goods Seller is carried on, asking that an Order should be made requiring all Printers, Stationers, Booksellers and Fancy Goods Shops to be closed each week-day, except Saturday, at 7 p.m. and on Saturday at 9 p.m., except on the day fixed for the weekly half-holiday, provided that the month of December and any week-day preceding a Bank Holiday shall be excluded from the provisions of the Order. Resolved, That the Council being satisfied that a prima facie case is made out for making an Order, a Register of shops be prepared, and that Notice be given of intention to make a Closing Order in the manner prescribed by the Regulations of the Home Office.

9—Fruit Market—Read, a letter from Mr. G. W. Restall, Chairman of a Meeting of Market Gardeners, stating that the Market Gardeners regretted that terms had not been arranged with the Provisional

Co-operative Market and Mr. Castle, and urging that an arrangement should be made as soon as possible.

10—Tewkesbury Road Weighbridge—Read, a letter from Mr. J. H. Pounsett, the Weighbridge attendant, recommending that the hours during which the Weighbridge Office should be open be as follows :—February 14 to September 30, from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. ; October 1 to February 14, from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. ; except that the Office should close at 2 p.m. on Saturdays and should be closed on other days between 1 and 2 p.m. Resolved, That the recommendation be approved and adopted and that a Notice be put up at the Office.

11—Bye-Laws re Juvenile Employment—Read, a letter from the Education Committee recommending the Council to adopt the draft bye-laws suggested by the Advisory Committee for Juvenile Employment, a copy of which accompanied the letter. Resolved, That consideration of the bye-laws be adjourned to the next Meeting.

12—Cabmen's Shelter—Read, a Memorial from Mr. H. Winters and others asking that the Cabmen's Shelter now in use at the Winter Garden should be placed near the entrance to the Town Hall. Resolved, That the request be not complied with, having regard to the fact that the Shelters had to be removed from the streets owing to the complaint of the Medical Officer of Health of the nuisance caused by their misuse, and after giving the cab proprietors ample opportunity to make arrangements for keeping them in decent order.

J. WAGHORNE,

Chairman.

MUNICIPAL OFFICES SITES COMMITTEE.

Report of the Special Committee appointed on the 5th day of December, 1910, to consider the question of Municipal Offices.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, the 16th instant : Present—The Mayor, The Deputy Mayor, Aldermen Baker and Waghorne, Councillors Dodwell, Merrett, Rees Jones, Stewart and Taylor (The Deputy Mayor in the chair),

1—**Report of Furnishing Sub-Committee**—The Furnishing Sub-Committee reported that they had held two Meetings on the 29th ultimo and 5th instant. They recommended—

(1) Clinic—That the Tender of Messrs. Billings of £57 13s. 4d. for paving the yard of the Clinic, and for fixing vermin destroyer, &c., be accepted.

(2) Linoleum and Blinds—That Tenders be invited by advertisement for the linoleum and blinds, in accordance with the specification settled by the Sub-Committee.

(3) Fixtures and Fittings—That Tenders be invited by advertisement for the fixtures and fittings required, including the removal from the present Offices and refixing in the new Offices of any

existing fittings, and that a deposit of £1 1s be required from applicants for the schedule, &c., prepared by the architects, such deposit to be returned on receipt of a bona fide tender.

(4) Post Office Telephones—That the Town Clerk be authorised to sign the agreement submitted to the Sub-Committee for the installation of the Post Office telephones.

It was Resolved, That the recommendations of the Sub-Committee be approved and adopted, and that Tenders be also invited for supplying and laying in the Council Chamber a Velvet Pile Carpet at not exceeding 6s a yard.

2—Inter-communication System of Telephones—It was Resolved, That the Tender of Messrs. H. G. Norton & Co, of £92 3s. 7d. (the only one received) for the junction boxes and instruments required in connection with the inter-communication system of telephones, be accepted.

3—Outside Painting—It was Resolved, That the outside painting of the building be deferred until August.

CHAS. H. MARGRETT,

Chairman.

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ART GALLERY AND MUSEUM COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, the 10th February, 1915: Present—Aldermen Davies and Margrett, Councillors Green, Rees Jones, Steel and Taylor and Mr. G. Dimmer (Councillor Rees Jones in the chair).

1—Curator's Report—The Curator reported that 613 visits had been made to the Art Gallery and Museum since the 15th January last.

Major J. F. Villar had lent to the Museum four heads of animals shot by him in South Africa, viz., 2 Koodoos, Reitbuck, and Duiker.

Resolved, That the thanks of the Committee be conveyed to Major Villar.

2—Repair of Picture—The Committee further considered the question of repairing the picture by Teniers belonging to the Sheepshanks Collection. Resolved, That the matter be adjourned, and that the Town Clerk be instructed to communicate with Mr. J. Sheepshanks thereon.

T. REES JONES,

Chairman.

MINERAL WATERS, BATHS AND RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, the 12th February, 1915 Present—The Mayor, Aldermen Bendall and Davies, Councillors Dodwell, Haddock, Merrett, Silk and Stewart (Councillor Haddock in the chair).

1—Montpellier Baths—The Borough Accountant reported that the Receipts and Payments in respect of these Baths from 1st April to 30th January, 1915, were as follows :—

	£ s. d.		£ s. d.
Receipts	425 6 9	Expenses (including Rates, &c.)	671 19 3
		Loans—Interest and Redemption	<u>446 13 4</u>
	£425 6 9		£1118 12 7

The Sub-Committee appointed at the last Meeting reported the result of a Conference held on the 10th inst. with representatives of the Traders' Association with reference to the suggestions of the Association as to the appointment of a qualified Masseur and Masseuse, &c. Resolved, That the matter be further considered at the next Meeting.

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2 —Alstone Baths —The Borough Accountant reported that the Receipts and Payments in respect of these Baths from 1st April to 31st January, 1915, were as follows :—

	£ s. d.		£ s. d.
Receipts	359 11 4	Expenses (including Rates, &c.)	498 8 10
		Loans—Interest and Redemption	<u>279 3 4</u>
	£359 11 4		£777 12 2

3—Mineral Waters—The Borough Surveyor reported that the number of glasses of Mineral Waters sold during January last (4 weeks) was 1,476 as compared with 689 for the month of January, 1914 (5 weeks). The number of bottles of concentrated water sold was 1,524 as compared with 198.

P. HADDOCK,

Chairman.

BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, the 19th February, 1915: Present—Alderman Baker, Councillors Dodwell, Mann, Rees Jones, Silk, Steel and Stewart (Councillor Stewart in the chair).

1—Superintendent's Report--The Superintendent reported that one of the employees at the Cemetery (W. Aylward) had enlisted in the Army, and that he had temporarily filled the vacancy. Resolved, That the action of the Superintendent be approved. On the recommendation of the Superintendent, Resolved, That he be authorised to expend the sum of £1 for flower seeds, and also to obtain 6 loads of manure from the Farms for the flower beds at the Cemetery.

2—Grants of Grave Spaces—Resolved, That the Common Seal be affixed to Grants No. 4702 to 4713 (both inclusive) of the exclusive right of burial in the graves referred to therein, which had been purchased.

3---Designs—Resolved, That the following Designs be approved, viz.: Headstones to graves of William and Margaret Murray, Memorial Crosses to graves of Alfred Odell and Mary Eleanor Elwell and Claude Cecil and Alice Thornton, Kerbing to grave of Elizabeth Edwards.

J. STEWART,

Chairman.

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PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, the 9th February, 1915: Present—Alderman Davies, Councillors Blakeney, Green, Mann, Merrett and Steel, and Messrs. F. J. Caudle, J. R. Claridge and A. Miles (Councillor Green in the chair).

1—Librarian's Report—Read, the Monthly Report of the Librarian. Receipts £5 19s. 3d. Presentations: Mrs. Swaine (50 vols.), Dr. E. T. Wilson (20 pamphlets), L. Richardson (2 vols.), University Tutorial Press (1 vol.) The number of volumes consulted in the Reference Library from the 11th January to the 6th February was 1,429 as compared with 1,635 for the corresponding period last year. The number of volumes issued from the Lending Library was 9,564 as compared with 10,308.

2— **Sub-Committee's Report**—The Sub-Committee reported that they met on the 4th instant. Present: Alderman Davies, Councillors Green, Merrett and Wilkins, Messrs. F. J. Caudle and J. R. Claridge (Councillor Green in the chair).

They recommended—

(1) That the tender of Messrs. J. J. Banks and Son (the only one received) for the supply of new literature for the year commencing the 1st April next, be accepted.

(2) That a number of duplicate books from the volumes presented by Mrs. Swaine be sent to the Leckhampton Reading Room.

(3) That the offer to present as published the following periodicals be accepted:—"Holy Apostles' Magazine," by Rev. H. A. Corke. "Life of Faith," by Mrs. Daniel. Resolved, That the recommendation of the Sub-Committee be approved and adopted.

E. C. GREEN,

Chairman.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, the 23rd February, 1915 Present—Alderman Waghorne, Councillors Haddock, Rees Jones, Silk, Steel and Wilkins (Alderman Waghorne in the chair).

1—General District Rate—Read the Report of the Borough Accountant, dated the 23rd instant, on the collection of the second instalment of this Rate. Amount collected £23,005 8s. 7d. Leaving outstanding £3,843 4s. 3d.

2—Water Rate—Read, the Report of the Borough Accountant, dated the 23rd inst., on the collection of this Rate for the half year ending on the 25th March next Amount collected £10,844 9s. 4d. Leaving outstanding £2,445 0s. 5d.

3—Loans—The Borough Accountant reported that he had arranged for the renewal of a loan of £288 advanced on account of the Recreation Grounds £588 loan. Resolved, That the action of the Borough Accountant be approved and that the Debenture be endorsed accordingly,

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4—Investment of Sinking Funds —The Borough Accountant reported that the Southend-on-Sea Corporation desired to borrow £1,950 and £1,700 at 4 ½ per cent., repayable by half-yearly instalments of principal and interest combined within a period of so years, but they were willing for the balance of the loans to be repayable at the option of either party at any time after five years on six months' notice. Resolved, That subject to the security offered being approved by the Town Clerk, the sum of £1,950 and £1,700 be advanced to the Southend-on-Sea Corporation out of the Sinking Funds upon the terms mentioned.

He also reported that the Monmouthshire County Council desired to borrow £2,573 at 4 ½ per cent. interest, repayable by half-yearly instalments within 20 years, with a proviso enabling repayment of the balance remaining unpaid to be required at the end of five years or any subsequent period of five years by either party on giving six months' notice. Resolved, That subject to the security offered being approved by the Town Clerk, the sum of £2,573 be advanced to the Monmouthshire County Council on the terms mentioned.

5—Town Hall and Municipal Offices Loans--The Borough Accountant reported that he had purchased £595 4s 6d. and £167 12s. 2d. Consols at 68 ½ per cent. for the investment of the Sinking Funds for these loans.

6—Accounts--The Financial Statement of the Receipts and Expenditure since the last Meeting and the Bills and Accounts to be paid were examined, and the latter ordered to be paid by the Borough Treasurer. The Treasurer's Accounts at the Bank were examined, and the balances found to be correct. The following was the General Statement:—

In hand on the 26th January last		£15,264 10 9
Received since that date		<u>26,826 9 7</u>
		£42,091 0 4
Paid since that date (including Loan repaid, £300)		<u>12,470 10 7</u>
	In hand	£29,620 9 9
being General Accounts	£17,435 16 3	
Sinking Fund Accounts	12,129 9 7	
"Leslie Young Benefaction" Accounts	<u>55 3 11</u>	
	In hand	£29,620 9 9

J. WAGHORNE, Chairman.

Borough of Cheltenham

Municipal Offices, Cheltenham,

25th February, 1915.

Sir,

You are hereby summoned to attend **the Monthly Meeting of the Council, to be held in the Town Hag on Monday, the 1st day of March, 1915**, at Three o'clock in the Afternoon, at which Meeting the following business is proposed to be transacted, and any other business that may legally be transacted at such Meeting.

1. To read and sign the Minutes of the last Quarterly Meeting.
2. Communications by the Mayor.
3. Appoint Overseers of the Poor for the Parish of Cheltenham for the year ending 31st March, 1916.
4. To approve or otherwise, the proceedings of

THE PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE

"STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE

"TOWN IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE

"ELECTRICITY AND LIGHTING COMMITTEE

"WATER COMMITTEE

"GENERAL PURPOSES AND WATCH COMMITTEE

"MUNICIPAL OFFICES SITES COMMITTEE

"ART GALLERY AND MUSEUM COMMITTEE

"MINERAL WATERS, BATHS AND RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE

THE BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE

"PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE

"FINANCE COMMITTEE

5. Councillor Merrett to move "That it be an instruction to the Town Improvement Committee, and the Mineral Waters, Baths and Recreation Grounds Committee, to bring up a scheme to this Council at its next Meeting for the purpose of concentrating the dispensing of the Mineral Waters, and the Summer and Winter Concerts in the Winter Garden and grounds adjoining."

6. Notices of Motion.

7. Memorials, Applications, Complaints, &c.

To each Member of the Council.

Yours faithfully,

Town Clerk.

To each Member of the Council.

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, of Mon day, the 1st March, 1915, at 3 p.m. Present :

THE MAYOR (ALDERMAN WILLIAM NASH SKILLICORNE) in the chair. THE DEPUTY MAYOR (ALDERMAN CHARLES HENRY MARGRETT).

Aldermen: WILLIAM ALFRED BAKER RICHARD DAVIES JOHN WAGHORNE

Councillors: JOHN HENRY BLAKENEY FRANK CHARLES DODWELL EDWINSON CHARLES GREEN PERCY HADDOCK ALFRED MANN WILLIE JOHN MERRETT THOMAS REES JONES WILLIAM SAWYER EDWIN CHARLES SILK THOMAS WILLIAM SMITH ROBERT STEEL PETER PHILIP TAYLOR THOMAS WILKINS WALTER JAMES FREDERICK WOOD

Apologies.--Apologies for non-attendance were received from Alderman Bendall and Councillor Stewart.

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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—Appointment of Overseers—It was Resolved, That William Alfred Baker, of 60, Marle Hill Parade, Cheltenham, John David Bendall, of Trowscoed Lodge, Cheltenham, Martin Benjamin Ricketts, of Wortley, Leckhampton Road, Cheltenham, and Robert Steel, of 1, Oriel Terrace, Cheltenham, be appointed Overseers of the Poor for the Parish of Cheltenham for the ensuing year.

3—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.

4—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.

5—Town Improvement Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Town Improvement Committee, at their Meetings of the 1st, 17th and 23rd February last, be approved and confirmed.

6—Electricity and Lighting Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Electricity and Lighting Committee, at their Meetings of the 18th and 24th February last, be approved and confirmed, subject to the following Amendment, viz., That all the words after the word "lane" in the Resolution to Minute No. 11 of the proceedings of the Committee be omitted.

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

8—General Purposes and 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.

9—Municipal Offices Sites Committee—Resolved, That the report of the Municipal Offices Sites Committee be approved and confirmed

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10—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.

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 12th February last, be approved and confirmed.

12—Burial Board Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Burial Board Committee, at their Meeting of the 19th February last, be approved and confirmed.

13—Public Library Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Public Library Committee, at their Meeting of the 9th February last, be approved and confirmed.

14—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 for payment 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—Winter Garden—Councillor Merrett moved, in accordance with the notice given at the last Quarterly Meeting of the Council, and it was Resolved, That it be an instruction to the Town Improvement Committee, and the Mineral Waters, Baths and Recreation Grounds Committee, to bring up a scheme to this Council at its next Meeting for the purpose of concentrating the dispensing of the Mineral Waters and the Summer and Winter Concerts in the Winter Garden and grounds adjoining.

W. NASH SKILLICORNE,

Mayor.

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Borough of Cheltenham.

MINUTES of the Committees of the Town Council to be submitted for approval at the Monthly Meeting of the Council to be held on Tuesday, the 6th April, 1915.

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, the 8th March, 1915 Present—Alderman Margrett, Councillors Blakeney, Green, Rees Jones, Steel, Stewart and Wood (The Deputy Mayor in the chair).

1—Houses without proper Ash Receptacles --The Inspector of Nuisances reported that the following houses had no proper ashpits or ash receptacles, viz.:--31 and 31a Burton Street, Spread Eagle Inn, High Street, 31 Park Street, 264 High Street, 1, 2, 3 and 5 Spread Eagle Terrace, 261 and 264 High Street, Albion Gardens, 29, 30, 34 and 35 Lansdown Crescent and 10 Windsor Street. Resolved, That the necessary Notices be given to the respective owners under Section 36 of the Public Health Act, 1875, and Section 27 of the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1889, requiring them in each case to provide a moveable ash receptacle of such size, pattern and construction as may be approved by the Inspector Nuisances on behalf of the Corporation.

2-Cleansing and Whitewashing at 3 Little Bayshill Terrace, 17 Worcester Street, 5, 7, 8, 9 and 10 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 was affected or endangered thereby, Resolved, That Notice be given to the owners under the said requiring the houses to be cleansed and limewashed.

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3--Nuisances from Drains, etc., at 12 Norwood Terrace, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30 and 31 Naunton Crescent—The Inspector of Nuisances having made written application under Section 45 of the Public Health Act, 1875, stating that the drains, &c., on or belonging to the above-named houses were in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to health. Resolved, That authority be given to the Inspector of Nuisances to open the ground, examine the drains, and report to the Committee.

17 Sandford Street—The Inspector of Nuisances reported that he had examined the drains, etc., on or belonging to the above premises and found the same to be defective and to require amendment and alteration. He submitted specifications of works required to be done. Resolved, That the same be approved and that Notice 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 21 days.

4—Insanitary Property-26 Hatherley Street, 1 Bath Street, 3 Little Bayshill Terrace, 17 Worcester Street, 5, 7, 8, 9 and 10 Waterloo Street, 32 and 33 Cleveland 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, he served upon the owners requiring them to put the same into a healthy condition, and for that purpose to carry out the works specified therein.

5—Houses unfit for Human Habitation-1 and 2 Orchard Cottages, Swindon Road—The Medical Officer of Health made a representation that these premises were in a state so dangerous to health as to be unfit for human habitation and he recommended that the houses should be closed.

Resolved, That the further consideration of the matter be adjourned to the next Meeting and that in the meantime notice be given to the Owner of the intention of the Council to make a Closing Order.

6—Destruction of Diseased Meat—The Medical Officer of Health reported the surrender and destruction of diseased meat as follows :—On the 17th ultimo the carcase and offal of 2 pork pigs, on the 22nd inst. a small quantity of unsound tripe, and 4 legs and 1 saddle of mutton, on the 3rd inst. the carcase and offal of a heifer and the carcasses and offal of 8 pigs, on the 4th Inst. the carcase and offal of 2 pigs, and on the 5th inst. the carcase and offal of 4 pigs. (Total weight destroyed, 14 cwts. 1 qr. 20 lbs.)

7—Staff in Health Department—The Medical Officer of Health reported that Mr. Attwood, who was appointed temporary clerk, had enlisted in the Army Aviation Corps. Resolved, That the Medical Officer of Health be authorised to engage a temporary clerk at not exceeding 25s per week.

8—Annual Report of Medical Officer of Health—The Medical Officer of Health presented his Annual Report. Resolved, That he be authorised to obtain and accept a satisfactory tender for printing 250 Copies of the Report.

9—Public Health (Shell Fish) Regulations—Read a letter from the Local Government Board forwarding a print of the Regulations made by the Board with reference to Shell Fish.

10—Sanatoria—Read a letter from the Local Government Board forwarding a revised list of the Sanatoria and other Residential Institutions approved by the Board under the National Insurance Act, 1911, for the treatment of persons suffering from tuberculosis and resident in England (excluding Monmouthshire).

11—**Report of Farms Sub-Committee**—The Farms Sub-Committee reported that they met on the 8th inst. Present: Councillors Green, Rees Jones, Steel, Stewart and Wood (Councillor Wood in the chair). Farms Manager's Report—Read, the Monthly Report of the Farms Manager. The number of livestock on the Farms on the 8th inst. was 16 horses (not including 5 at the Depot), 524 head of cattle (including 2 calves), 101 sheep (including so lambs) and 29 pigs, all doing fairly well. 3 head of cattle had been purchased for £54. 7 head of cattle had been sold for £143 12s. 9d., 6 pigs for £6, and 2 sheep skins for 12s (Total Sales £150 4s. 9d.)

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Resolved, That 20 to 30 tons of hay be offered to the Street and Highway Committee at £3 15s. 0d. a ton, and that the Farms Manager be authorised to obtain tenders for a new plough for the Hayden Farm.

Wages of Workmen.- —Read an application from the Employees at the Farms for an increase of wages. Resolved, That their wages be increased 1s per week.

Annual Stocktaking and Valuation—Resolved, That the Sub-Committee meet at the Farms on Wednesday, the 7th proximo, for the Annual Stocktaking and Valuation.

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

CHAS. H. MARGRETT, Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, the 22nd March, 1915 : Present- -The Mayor, The Deputy Mayor, Councillors Blakeney, Green, Rees Jones, Steel and Stewart (The Mayor in the chair).

12-Houses without proper Ash Receptacles—The Inspector of Nuisances reported that the following houses had no proper ashpits or ash receptacles, viz. :-8 and 15 Whitehart Street, 17 Roman Road, 46 St. James' Street, 1, 8, 13, 18 and 21 Sandford Street, Victoria Cottage, Sandford Street, 4 and 6 Mitre 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 Whitewashing at 9, 10 and 12 Whitehart Street, 27 Brunswick Street, and 6 Sandford 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 36 Sherborne Street, Brightonville, Gloucester Road, and Delancey Hospital. The Inspector of Nuisances having made written application under Section 41 of the Public Health Act, 1875, stating that the drains, &c., on or belonging to the above-named houses were in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to health, Resolved, That authority be given to the Inspector of Nuisances to open the ground, examine the drains, and report to the Committee.

15 -Insanitary Property--7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 13, 13 and 16 Whitehart Street, 27 Brunswick Street, and 4 Mitre 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 unfit for Human Habitation—1 and 2 Orchard Cottages, Swindon Road—With reference to the representation of the Medical Officer of Health, an application was received from the owner of the premises, asking that the question of making a Closing Order should be adjourned for one month. Resolved, That this be agreed to.

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17—Notices not Complied With—The Medical Officer of Health submitted a list of Notices requiring the abatement of nuisances caused by dirty walls and ceilings, defective W.C's and sinks, &c., and the provision of ash receptacles, which had been served but not complied with. Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to take the necessary proceedings to compel compliance.

18—Destruction of Diseased Meat—The Medical Officer of Health reported the surrender and destruction on the 9th instant of the carcase and offal of a pork pig, and on the 16th instant the carcase and offal of a calf, as unfit for human food. (Total weight destroyed 1 cwt. 2 lbs.)

19—Defective Sewer, Evesham Road—The Borough Surveyor recommended that a portion of the sewer in Evesham Road at the rear of the houses from Clarefield to Edenholme, which was defective, should be reconstructed at a cost of £100. Resolved. That the recommendation be approved and adopted.

20-Barn Farm Outfall Sewer—The Borough Surveyor reported that the Barn Farm Outfall Sewer had been cleaned out, and he recommended that this should be done in future each year. Resolved, That the recommendation be approved.

W. NASH SKILLICORNE,

Chairman.

STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, the 9th March, 1915 : Present — The Mayor, Alderman Bendall, Councillors Mann, Merrett, Stewart and Wilkins (Alderman Bendall in the chair).

1—Mechanical Tractor—The Borough Surveyor submitted a report with reference to the provision of a mechanical tractor and a letter was read from the Borough Electrical Engineer stating that the Wolseley Motors Ltd. were prepared to supply a motor vehicle for demonstration purposes for 14 days subject to payment of their out-of-pocket expenses. Resolved, That the offer be accepted and that the question of hiring or purchasing a tractor be adjourned.

2-Annual Tenders—Read letters from Messrs. Powell Gwinnell & Co. Limited, Sharpe & Fisher Limited, and Stringer Bros. withdrawing their tender for bricks, ironmongery and wrought iron respectively. Resolved, That the following tenders be accepted, viz :—Ironmongery, Messrs. Harvey & Sons Limited and John Fisher & Sons; Bricks, Messrs. Bence & Sons Limited; Wrought Iron, Messrs. Harvey & Sons Limited.

Macadam, &c.—The Borough Surveyor reported that the cost of the macadam had been increased 1s per ton for large material and 1s 9d per ton for smaller sizes. These advances together with the increase in the cost of general stores would mean an increase of between £600 and £700.

Hay—Resolved, That the offer of the Farms Manager to supply 20 to 30 tons of hay at £3 15s. 0d. per ton be accepted.

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3—Screen for Clinker—The Borough Surveyor recommended that a small mechanical screen should be provided at the destructor for screening the clinker at a cost of £16. The clinker sold during the past 12 months had realized £210. Resolved, That the recommendation be approved and adopted.

4—**Trees Sub-Committee**--Resolved, That a Meeting of the Trees Sub-Committee be held on the 8th proximo at 3 p.m.

5—Advertisements Regulation Bye-Laws—Read a letter from the Home Office forwarding an extract from a letter received from Mrs. Mills of Lowmandale, Leckhampton Road; with reference to the

Advertisements Regulation Bye-laws adopted by the Council. The Town Clerk submitted a copy of his reply thereto. Resolved, That the same be approved.

Resolved, That the Street Inspector (Mr. Holbourn) be instructed to submit a report as to the hoardings erected prior to the passing of the Bye-laws which were exempt for a period of 5 years, and which exemption has recently expired,

JOHN D. BENDALL,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, the 29th March, 1915 : Present—The Mayor, The Deputy Mayor, Aldermen Baker and Bendall, Councillors Mann, Merrett, Stewart and Wilkins (Alderman Bendall in the chair).

6--Borough Surveyor's Monthly Report re Highways—The Borough Surveyor reported that the work done by the Highways Department from the 19th February to the 25th March, 1915 (both dates inclusive), had been as follows:—

Roads Repaired—Albert Place (1,085 sq. yards), Clarence Road (1,615 sq. yards), Lypiatt Road (proceeding), Portland Square (222 sq. yards), Sherborne Street (1,620 sq. yards).

Roads Patched—Bath Road, Great Western Road, High Street, Knapp Road, London Road, Montpellier Terrace, Naunton Lane, New Street, Oxford Parade, Oxford Street, and St. James' Square.

Road Improvement—Arle Road Bridge (proceeding).

Electricity Trenches Repaired—Clarence Square, Gloucester Road, Imperial Square, Montpellier Street, Park Place, Queens Road, St. George's Road, and Suffolk Square.

Gas Trenches Repaired—Bayshill Road, Casino Place, Clarence Street, Malvern Road, Marle Hill Parade, Montpellier Spa Road, and Swindon Road.

Water Trenches Repaired--College Lawn, Montpellier Spa Road, Naunton Lane, and Sandford Road.

Footpath Paving Repaired—Clarence Road, Sherborne Street, and Suffolk Road.

New Kerbing Fixed—Clarence Road (264 lineal yards).

New Gullies Fixed-5. Street Crossings Repaired-1.

Trees Planted—Wellington Square (a copper beech).

Trees Pruned—Gloucester Road, Keynsham Road, Montpellier Spa Road, Oriel Road, Parabola Road, Promenade and St. George's Road.

Ashes Collection and Disposal—During five weeks ended the 18th March, 1915-- 1,064 loads collected, 1,026 consumed and 38 tipped way. Weight consumed, 1,404 tons, 14 cwts., 2 qrs.

Steam Generated—Hourly average, 6,027 lbs.

7—**Report of Plans Sub-Committee**—The Chairman reported the proceedings of the Plans Sub-Committee at their Meetings on the 9th and 26th instant. Resolved, That the same be approved and adopted.

8—View Meeting The following members attended the View Meeting on Friday last :—Councillors Mann, Merrett, Stewart and Wilkins.

9—Street Projection—Read, an application from the Cheltenham Gas Company for permission to place a projecting lamp outside 321, High Street. Resolved, That the application be acceded to subject to the usual conditions.

10—Corporation Workmen— The Committee further considered the memorial from Corporation workmen applying for an increase of wages. A letter from Mr. J. W. Betteridge, District Secretary of the Cheltenham Branch of the Amalgamated Society of Gas Workers, Brickmakers and General Labourers, was also received. Resolved, That in view of the present conditions the following increase of wages be made to the employees under the direction of this Committee:

Leading Ashmen	(5)	from 24s to 25s
Asphalt Worker	(1)	“ 24s to 25s
Leading Road Repairers	(2)	“ 23s to 24s
Horsekeepers	(2)	“ 22s 6d to 23s
Ashmen	(11)	“ 22s to 23s
Blacksmith's Striker	(1)	“ 23s to 24s
Chauffeur, Leading Path Repairers, Slab Makers and Labourer ..	(6)	“ 22s to 23s
Horsedriviers	(21)	“ 21s 6d to 22s 6d
Roller Brushmen	(6)	“ 21s 3d to 22s 6d
Labourers and Asphalt Makers	(51)	“ 21s to 23s
Sweepers	(22)	“ 20s to 21s
Do. (with trucks)	(20)	“ 20s to 21s 6d
Labourers (elderly)	(4)	“ 20s to 21s
Sweepers do. ..	(8)	“ 10s to 19s 6d

11 —Hired Team Labour—The Committee further considered the memorial and letters from Messrs. Mark Williams and Co. and others asking for an increase in the price paid for hired team labour. Resolved, That the present price of 6s 6d per day for general hauling and 6s for ashes collection be increased to 7s 6d per day for horse and cart and man and 7s day for horse and man for general hauling, and 7s 6d per day for ashes collection, subject to the Contractor providing a satisfactory horse and to the driver being paid at the same rate as the Corporation employees.

12—Organisation of Labour—A circular letter of the 11th March instant from the Local Government Board was read, out that in view of the need of recruiting and of the demand for labour for the manufacture of war materials and the production and transport of the necessary supplies for the population, it was of the utmost importance that male labour of high physical quality should be

released as far as possible from other occupations and substituted by men more advanced years or, where the conditions allow, by women workers. The letter urged that only men indispensable for the work of the Local Authority should be refused permission to enlist, and that artisans who belong to trades needed in the arsenals, dockyards and armament factories should be released and encouraged to find employment there. Letters were also read from the Divisional Officer of the Labour Exchange (South-Western Division) stating the employees were required to replace employees released for service in connection with the war, he would be ready assist in providing the same.

13—Stable Manure—The Borough Surveyor reported that he had advertised for tenders for the stable manure, and that he had accepted the tender of Mrs. E. H. Hands (the only one received) of 7s per ton for the year ending the 31st March,

Resolved, That the action of the Borough Surveyor be approved.

14—Coal Plate at No. 17, All Saints' Road—Read, an application from Mr. H. Eager for permission to place a coal plate in the footpath in front of No. 17, All Saints' Road. Resolved, That the application be acceded to subject to the coal plate being approved by the Borough Surveyor and to the usual Agreement of Indemnity being entered into.

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15—Arle Road Private Improvement Expenses—The Borough Surveyor reported that the Private Improvement Works ordered in this street had been carried out by the Corporation at a cost, including supervision, of £156 9s. 6d., and that this sum he had apportioned amongst the Abutting Owners according to frontage. Resolved, That the apportionment be approved and that notice of the same and of demand of repayment be served upon the Abutting Owners.

16—Damage to Trees—The Town Clerk submitted a report of the Police of the damage done by three boys to trees in King's Road. Resolved, That proceedings be taken against the offenders.

17—**Stores Sub-Committee**—Resolved, That the Stores Sub-Committee meet at the Depot on the 14th instant, at 2.30 p.m., for the Annual Stocktaking.

JOHN D. BENDALL,

Chairman.

PLANS SUB-COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Sub-Committee held on Tuesday, the 9th March, 1915 : Present—Alderman Bendall, Councillors Merrett, Rees Jones, Steel, Stewart and Wilkins (Alderman Bendall in the chair).

1—New Buildings—The Borough Surveyor submitted the following Notice and Plans of intended New Buildings, viz.:—

No. of Plan	Name.	Description.
1311	G. H. Roberts	New Sculleries, Alexandra Villas, Hewlett Road.

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

JOHN D. BENDALL,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Sub-Committee held on Friday, the 26th March, 1915. Present—Alderman Bendall, Councillors Merrett, Rees-Jones, Steel, Stewart and Wilkins (Alderman 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.
1312	Harrington Hulton	Conversion of Stables into 2 Dwelling Houses, Polefield, Hatherley Road.
1313	Col. Vaughan	Additions to St. Paul's Vicarage.

Resolved, That Plan No. 1312 be approved subject to the drainage being carried out to the satisfaction of the Sanitary Inspector, and that Plan No. 1313 be approved.

JOHN D. BENDALL,

Chairman.

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TOWN IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, the 24th March, 1915 Present—The Mayor, Alderman Davies, Councillors Green, Rees Jones, Steel and Taylor (Councillor Steel in the chair).

1—Advertising—Mr. E. J. Burrow attended the Meeting and submitted the following Scheme of Advertising for the year ending the 31st March, 1915 :--

Daily Telegraph-1 line weekly at 7s 6d .	£19 10 0
Times of India-2 inches fortnightly ..	13 0 0
Royal Automobile Club Year Book—1/2 page ..	5 5 0
Daily Mail—Leader Column inch intermittently at 25s per insertion	32 10 0
The Times-2 inches with illustration once weekly at 28s per insertion	18 4 0
Bystander-1 inch at top of reading matter on first page 13 insertions at 21s	13 13 0
Advertisements in Papers circulating in places on the North East and East Coasts.	<u>10 18 0</u>
	£113 0 0

This would be in addition to the advertising arranged by Messrs. Wills, Ltd., viz. :—

Views in G.W.R. Carriages, etc.	£60 0 0
G.W.R. Quad Royal Posters.. ..	20 10 0
Views supplied for M. & M.S.W.J.R. Carriages.	<u>5 0 0</u>
	£85 10 0

Resolved, That the Scheme be approved and adopted.

2-Band-The Committee further considered the offer of the Traders' Association to contribute half the cost of a Band to play in the Winter Garden grounds for 2 hours in the mornings and afternoons during the months of June, July and August, and Mr. Teague attended the Meeting.

The Borough Surveyor reported that the cost of removing the Bandstand in the Marle Hill Annexe would be about £150, but he thought that this could not be removed without considerable risk. He also submitted a design of a new Bandstand which would cost, including fixing, painting, etc., £350.

Read, a letter from Mr. H. Livingstone, of 104, Hanworth Road, Hounslow, stating that he would be prepared to make an offer for the right to provide chairs at the said Concerts.

A letter was also received from Mr. Augustus Greco, Musical Director at the Hippodrome, offering to supply a Band.

Resolved, That a Meeting of the Committee be held on Monday next to further consider the matter, and that the representatives of the Traders' Association be invited to attend.

3— Band on Easter Monday—Resolved, That Mr. James' Band be engaged to play in the Promenade Bandstand on Easter Monday, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., at the usual charge.

4—Winter Garden—Railings—Read, a letter from Mr. F. Brandt protesting against the removal of the iron railings round the Winter Garden.

5—Clarence Square—Read, a letter from Mr. E. Parker, calling attention to the condition of the grass verges in Clarence Square. Resolved, That the Committee inspect the same at their next View Meeting.

ROBT. STEEL,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, the 29th March, 1915: Present—Alderman Baker, Councillors Green, Rees Jones, Sawyer and Steel (Alderman Baker in the chair).

6—Band—Messrs. E. Marfell, W. Jeremy Thomas, W. Welstead and H. R. Sims (Representatives of the Traders' Association) attended the Meeting, and the Committee further considered the recommendation of the Association that a Band should be engaged to play each day, in the morning and afternoon, during the months of June, July and August.

Mr. A. W. Newton (Lessee of the Montpellier Gardens) and Mr. S. C. Field (Lessee of the Winter Garden) also attended the Meeting and objected to the engagement of a Band as they considered that this would be detrimental to their business. Resolved, That the further consideration of the matter be adjourned to a Special Meeting to be held on Wednesday next at 11.30 a.m. Resolved also, That Mr. Teague be asked to send in a quotation for providing a Band to play in the mornings only for consideration at the Meeting.

WILLIAM A. BAKER,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, the 31st March, 1915 : Present—The Mayor, Alderman Davies, Councillors Green, Rees Jones, Sawyer, Steel and Taylor (Councillor Steel in the chair).

7—Band--Messrs. E. Martell, W. Jeremy Thomas and H. R. Sims (representatives of the Traders' Association) the Meeting.

Read, a letter from Mr. Horace Teague offering to supply a Band of 14 performers (including himself as Conductor) to play from 11 to 1 each morning during the months of June, July and August for £22 10s per week. He also submitted an alternative offer to provide a Band of 16 performers (including himself as Conductor) for £25 per week. The charge in each case included the hire of 2 pianos and the use of his portable bandstand, and he was also willing to give without further charge 6 Band Concerts in the months of June and July in one of the public Recreation Grounds.

The Committee inspected the portable bandstand and considered that this would provide sufficient accommodation for the Band if a small extension were made thereto.

A letter was also received from Mr. S. C. Field stating that he considered the engagement of a Band to play in the Winter Garden Grounds would compete with his entertainments, but he wished to meet the wishes of the Committee, and made the following proposals in regard to the engagement of a Band to give morning performances, namely: That he should take all receipts for sale of chair tickets, in return for which he would allow the Concert to be given in the north transept of the Winter Garden in case of wet weather, and also provide the necessary staff for witting, etc. If this proposal were agreed to it would be necessary to make another entrance into the transept. There were spare doors available for this and he had ascertained that the cost would not exceed £10. The Corporation would as° have to provide all chairs required, and he suggested that some deck chairs with canopies should be provided. The cost of 100 of these chairs would be about £30).

Resolved, That Mr. Teague's offer to provide a Band of 16 performers (including himself as conductor) for £25 per week for 13 weeks be accepted subject to half the cost being contributed by the Traders' Association.

Resolved also, That Mr. Field's offer be accepted subject to a formal agreement being entered into to be prepared by the Town Clerk, the charge for the chairs to be two pence for canopy chairs and one penny for other chairs.

ROBT. STEEL,

Chairman.

(JOINT MEETING).

At a Joint Meeting of these Committees held on Tuesday, the 16th March, 1915: Present—The Mayor, Alderman Davies, Councillors Blakeney, Dodwell, Green, Haddock, Merrett, Silk, Steel and Taylor (Councillor Haddock in the chair).

1—Winter Garden— The Committee considered the following Resolution passed at the last Meeting of the Council, viz.:—

" That it be an instruction to the Town Improvement Committee and the Mineral Waters, Baths and Recreation Grounds Committee, to bring up a scheme to this Council at its next meeting for the purpose of concentrating the dispensing of the Mineral Waters and the Summer and Winter Concerts in the Winter Garden and Grounds adjoining."

Resolved, That this Committee is of opinion that a scheme on the lines indicated cannot be carried into effect without involving a considerable immediate loss of income and the expenditure of a large amount of capital, and this Committee do not see their way to recommend a scheme for adoption by the Council.

P. HADDOCK,

Chairman.

ELECTRICITY AND LIGHTING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, the 25th March, 1915: Present—Councillors Green, Haddock, Mann, Merrett, Rees Jones and Wood (Councillor Merrett in the chair).

1—Gas Examiner's Report—The Gas Examiner reported that he tested the gas on the 12th and 23rd instant for illuminating power, with the following results, viz., 14.8 and 14.3 candles respectively. The test for purity on the 6th and 16th instant showed 18 and 23 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—Applications for Supply—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that he had received applications for a supply to two houses in Oakland Avenue. The cost of extending the main would be £12, and two other houses would also shortly take a supply. Resolved, That the extension be made. He also reported that he had received an application for a supply to Bedford Lodge, St. Luke's. The cost of extending the main would be £30 and the owner was willing to give the usual guarantee for 3 years. Resolved, That the extension be made.

4—Contract for Meters—Resolved. That the offer of the Electrical Apparatus Co. to continue the supply of Meters required during the year ending the 31st May 1916, at an increase of 1s 6d per meter above their present contract price be accepted, subject to a formal contract being entered into to be prepared by the Town Clerk.

5—Main Switchboard—Resolved, That a Special Meeting of the Committee be held on Thursday next at 2.30 p.m. to open the Tenders received for supplying and fixing a new Main Switchboard.

6—Incorporated Municipal Electrical Association—Read a letter from the Secretary of the Incorporated Municipal Electrical Association stating that the Annual Business Meeting of the Association would be held in London on the 17th and 18th June next, and inviting the Council to appoint representatives to attend the Meeting. Resolved, That the Chairman of this Committee and the Borough Electrical Engineer be appointed to attend.

7—Wages of Stokers—Read a letter from Mr. J. W. Betteridge, District Secretary of the Amalgamated Society of Gasworkers, Brickmakers and General Labourers, making application on behalf of the men employed in the Power House at the Electricity Works for an increase of wages of one penny per hour, and also for all overtime to be paid at the rate of time-and-a-quarter for the first two hours and time-and-a-half for every hour afterwards. Resolved, That consideration of the application be adjourned to the next Meeting.

8--Public Lighting—Arle Road—The Borough Electrical Engineer submitted a plan showing the proposed position of an additional lamp to be placed on the Arle Road Bridge. Resolved, That the matter be adjourned until the completion of the new bridge.

America Passage, &c.—Read a letter from Mrs. Malleson, Hon. Secretary of the Gloucestershire Branch of the National Vigilance Association, asking that additional lighting should be provided in America Passage and the pathways by the Chelt. Resolved, That the Committee cannot recommend the Council to entertain the application at the present time.

W. J. MERRETT,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, the 1st April, 1915: Present—Councillors Green, Merrett, Rees Jones, Taylor and Wood (Councillor Merrett in the chair).

9—Tenders for Main Switchboard—The Committee opened the tenders (7) received for supplying and erecting a Main Switchboard. Resolved, That the same be referred to the Borough Electrical Engineer for consideration and report at the next Meeting, and that the Council be recommended to authorise this Committee to accept a satisfactory tender.

W. J. MERRETT,

Chairman.

WATER COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, the 18th March, 1915: Present—The Deputy Mayor, Councillors Green Merrett and Wood (The Deputy Mayor in the chair).

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

DAILY YIELD OF SPRINGS.

	For 30 days, ended 15th March, 1915.	Average for corresponding period during last 3 years.
Hewletts Springs	507,000 gallons	534,000 gallons
Dowdeswell Springs	2,184,000 "	1,893,000 "
Leckhampton Springs	<u>129,000</u> "	<u>123,000</u> "
Total	2,820,000 "	2,550,000

CONTENTS OF RESERVOIRS.

	Depth	Contents	Depth	Contents
	15th March, 1915.		15th March, 1914	
Hewletts		31,154,000 gallons		16,405,000 gallons
Dowdeswell	32ft. 0in.	100,000,000 "	26ft. 0in.	70,238,000 "
Leckhampton	12ft. 0in.	<u>1,621,000</u> "	6ft. 0in.	<u>810,000</u> "
Total Storage		132,795,000		87,452,000 "

A length of about 142 yards of 4 inch main had been laid in the Minnow Ditch to couple up two dead ends.

2 —Tewkesbury Works—The Borough Engineer reported that a considerable economy in labour had been effected by the use of the new pre-filters at the Tewkesbury Pumping Station. During the pumping season from the 25th June to 31st December, 1914, a quantity of 99,068,000 gallons of water had been pumped, and the cost of the labour on the slow sand filters, including sand-washing was £11 1s. 10d., as against an average of about £130 before the installation of the new filters.

3—Water supply to Leckhampton District—The Borough Engineer reported that the new 9 inch main from College Road to Leckhampton Road, a distance of 1,588 yards, had been completed. About 1,400 yards of the trench had been excavated by the 10th Battalion Gloucester Regiment. The Town Clerk reported that Colonel Pritchard had intimated he would be pleased to accept a set of portable field telephones for the use of the Battalion in recognition of the services rendered. The Borough Electrical Engineer had ascertained that this could be obtained for about £47. Resolved, That the sum required to provide a set of portable field telephones be paid to Colonel Pritchard.

3—Appeals—The cases entered in the Appeals 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 Friday, the 12th March, 1915. Present, The Mayor, The Deputy Mayor, Alderman Waghorne, Councillors Green, Merrett, Rees Jones and Stewart (Alderman Waghorne in the chair).

1—Enemy Aircraft—Read, a letter from Mr. M. W. Colchester Wemyss from which it appeared that the Military Authorities considered it desirable under existing circumstances that a reduction should be made in outside lighting and that the use of brilliant lamps likely to assist aircraft in identifying places should be avoided. Resolved, That the Mayor be requested to issue a Notice in the form settled by the Committee.

2—Municipal Election Papers—The Town Clerk reported that there was an accumulation of election papers which he suggested should now be destroyed. Resolved, That he be authorised to have all such papers more than two years old burnt at the Destructor.

J. WAGHORNE,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, the 23rd March, 1915: Present—The Mayor, Aldermen Bendall and Waghorne, Councillors Green, Haddock, Merrett, Rees Jones and Stewart (Alderman Waghorne in the chair).

3—Diseases amongst Animals—Supt. Hopkins reported an outbreak of Swine Fever on the 10th instant at Holliday's Allotments. 2 pigs had died and 1 had been slaughtered by order of the Board of Agriculture. With the exception of these premises and of premises in Whaddon Lane in the occupation of Mr. James Hedley, which were still under quarantine, the Borough was free from contagious diseases amongst animals.

4—Parasitic Mange Order, 1911 — Read, a letter from the Board of Agriculture forwarding a copy of an Order made by the Board, revoking as from the 28th instant the Order made in August last suspending the operation of part of the Parasitic Mange Order, 1911. The Town Clerk reported that public notice of the Order had been given as requested by the Board.

5—Fire Brigade—The Captain of the Fire Brigade reported that on the 8th instant the Brigade was called to an outbreak of fire at The Knapp, Charlton Kings. Brigade Expenses, £7 9s.

6—Motor Cab Licences—Read, an application from the Bristol Tramways and Carriage Co., Ltd., applying for two additional Motor Cab Licences and stating that they would give up 3 horse-carriage licences therefor. Resolved, That 2 motor cab licences be granted subject to the vehicles being approved and also subject to 3 horse-carriage licences being given up.

7—Shops Act, 1912—Drapers', Clothiers' and Hosiers' Shops Closing Order—An objection to the Order was received from the Gloucester Co-operative and Industrial Society, of 50, High Street, who suggested that the hours of closing on Fridays and Saturdays should be 8 p.m. and 9 p.m. respectively instead of 7 p.m. and 10 p.m. as proposed. Resolved, That an Order in the terms of the Draft Order now submitted be made, the Council being satisfied it expedient to make the Order and that the occupiers of at least two thirds in number of the shops affected by the Order approve of the

same, and that the Town Clerk be instructed to submit the Order for the confirmation of the Secretary of State.

8—Fruit Market--Read, a further letter from Mr. F. May with reference to the tenancy of the Fruit Market. Resolved, That the letter be referred to the Sub-Committee for consideration and report.

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9--Cinematograph Act, 1909—Read, applications from Messrs. Gillsmith, Ltd., Poole & Shenton and Mr. S. C. Field for permission to give Cinematograph Exhibitions on Good Friday in the Hippodrome, Victoria Rooms, Winter Garden and North Street Picture House respectively. Resolved, That the applications be acceded to subject to the same conditions as in previous years, viz., that only suitable pictures are exhibited and that no variety turns are given.

10—Education Committee—Resolved, That the Council be recommended to re-appoint Miss Geddes and Mr. E. Bourne members of the Education Committee, and to appoint the Rev. P. M. C. Johnstone a member of the Committee in the place of the Rev. Fairlie Clarke who has resigned, their term of office to be 3 years from the 6th April, 1915. A letter was received from the Clerk of the Grammar School Governors nominating Mr. Walter Gerald Gurney and Mr. William T. Boone for selection, to fill the vacancy which would occur on the 5th proximo by the expiration of Mr. Gurney's term of office. Resolved, That the Council be recommended to re-appoint Mr. W. G. Gurney.

11—Bye-laws re Juvenile Employment—Resolved, That consideration of the Draft Bye-laws suggested by the Advisory Committee for Juvenile Employment be adjourned.

12 —Employment of Children Act, 1903—Resolved, That the School Attendance Officers be appointed Inspectors for the enforcement of the Bye-laws made by the Council under the Employment of Children Act, 1903, such officers to act under the direction of the Education Committee.

13—Licences to Store Petroleum and Carbide of Calcium—Read, an application from the Bristol Tramways and Carriage Co. for licences to store 1 cwt. of Carbide of Calcium at Messrs. Strettons Garage, Bath Road, and 2,250 gallons of Petroleum and 1 cwt of Carbide of Calcium at their new garage, Spa Road. The Inspector reported that the proposed places of storage were satisfactory. Resolved, That the application be acceded to.

14—Cheltenham Market—Read, a letter from Messrs. Castle & Bloss offering to purchase a quantity of sheep pens at the Market which were not now used. Resolved, That 30 pens be sold to Messrs. Castle & Bloss at £1 per pen.

15—New Municipal Offices—Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to provide a Notice Board at the main entrance to the new offices, and also to provide notices indicating the various departments.

16—Earlier Closing of Sub-Post Offices—The Committee further considered the application for permission to close the Keynsham Street Sub-Post Office at 7 p.m. on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays, and also the Memorial to the Postmaster signed by ix Sub-Postmasters asking that their Branch Offices might also be closed at 7 p.m. A Memorial was also received signed by 108 residents

in the neighbourhood of Keynsham Street Post Office in favour of the proposed earlier closing.
 Resolved, That the Postmaster be informed that the Council raise no objection to the closing of the Sub-Post Offices at 7 p.m.

J. WAGHORNE,

Chairman.

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MUNICIPAL OFFICES SITES COMMITTEE.

Report of the Special Committee appointed on the 5th day of December, 1910, to consider the question of Municipal Offices.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, the 2nd instant; Present—The Deputy Mayor, Aldermen Baker and Waghorne, Councillors Dodwell, Merrett, Rees Jones and Silk (The Deputy Mayor in the chair).

1—Tenders for Fittings and Fixtures —The following tenders were received for the new fixtures and fittings required and for removing and refixing the present fittings, viz.:—

Messrs. A. C. Billings & Sons, Ltd.	£477 0 0
Cavendish House Co., Ltd. ..	£479 0 0

Resolved, That the tender of Messrs. A. C. Billings & Sons, Ltd., be accepted.

2-Tenders for Linoleum, etc.—The following tenders were received for the linoleum mentioned in the specification, viz.:—

	Cavendish House Co. For Linoleum manufactured by Messrs. Williamson (Lancaster).	Lance & Co. £ s. d.	Dicks & Sons. For Linoleum manufactured by Linoleum Co. £ s. d.	Shirer & Haddon. £ s. d.
Linoleum of 1st quality	122 14 0	107 10 0	129 1 0	-
Linoleum of C quality	23 9 0	28 10 0	-	34 5 0
Removing and re-laying linoleum from present offices and altering and relaying matting from Education Offices	4 4 0	6 0 0		144 15 0 2 8 0 (withdrawn)

Resolved, That the tender of Messrs. Lance & Co., Ltd., of £107 10s. be accepted for supplying and laying the 1st quality linoleum, and that the tender of Cavendish House Co., Ltd., of £23 9s. be accepted for supplying and laying the C quality linoleum, and that the tender of Cavendish House Co., Ltd., of £4 4s. be also accepted for removing and relaying the old linoleum and matting.

3—Tenders for Blinds—The following tenders were received for supplying and fixing ecru holland blinds and fittings complete, viz.:—

Mr. G. L. Stephens ..	£40 6 8
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Messrs. Shirer & Haddon	£ 29 18 6
Cavendish House Co., Ltd.	24 10 0
Messrs. Dicks & Sons, Ltd.	23 17 6
Messrs. Lance & Co., Ltd.	19 15 0

Resolved, That the tender of Messrs. Lance & Co., Ltd., be accepted.

At a Meeting of the Committee held at the New Offices on Wednesday, the 3rd instant : Present—The Mayor, The Deputy Mayor, Alderman Bendall, Councillors Dodwell, Merrett, Rees Jones and Taylor (The Deputy Mayor in the chair.)

4—Tenders for Carpet—The Committee considered the tenders received for supplying a velvet pile carpet for the Council Chamber and inspected the samples of carpet submitted. The tenders ranged from £40 9s. 6d. up to £62 15s.; Resolved, That the tender of Cavendish House Co., Ltd., of £53 be accepted for supplying and laying a carpet in accordance with the sample submitted. Resolved also, that a cedar felt be provided under the carpet at a cost £1 12s. 6d.

At a Meeting of the Committee held on Thursday, the 11th instant: Present—The Mayor. The Deputy Mayor, Councillors Dodwell, Merrett, Rees Jones, Silk and Stewart (The Deputy Mayor in the chair).

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5—Tenancy of Offices—Read, a letter from Mr. E. E. H. Brydges stating that the landlords wished to have possession of the present offices on the 25th instant.

6—Linoleum—A representative of Messrs. Lance & Co., Ltd., attended the Meeting and stated that the makers would not be able to deliver the linoleum of the pattern selected until May and submitted patterns of linoleum of the same quality which could be delivered at once. Resolved, That the pattern marked A 9 (green) be accepted. Resolved also, That linoleum of 2nd quality (terra cotta pattern) instead of rot quality be laid on the corridor of the second floor so as to match the linoleum to be laid in the rooms on that floor subject to an allowance of 6 ½d. per square yard being made from Messrs. Lance & Co.'s tender.

7—Safes—The Borough Accountant recommended that an additional safe should be provided for the books in his department. He reported that Messrs. Barnby Bendall & Co. had two large second-hand safes which they were willing to sell to the Corporation for £30 and £27 10s. respectively or £45 for the two. Resolved, That the Borough Accountant be authorised to purchase the safe offered for £30.

CHAS. H. MARGRETT,

Chairman.

ART GALLERY AND MUSEUM COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, the 10th March, 1915: Present—The Mayor. Alderman Davies, Councillor Rees Jones, Messrs. H. Stroud and G. Dimmer (Councillor Rees Jones in the chair).

1—Curator's Report—The Curator reported that 733 visits had been made to the Art Gallery and Museum since the 8th February last.

Through the good offices of Dr. E. T. Wilson, the Trustees of the British Museum (Natural History) had presented through Professor Smith Woodward a plaster cast of the Piltdown Skull for exhibition in the Museum.

The following gifts have also been received during the month:—

1. Mrs. Griffiths. Mounted Specimens of Mosses.
2. Mrs. Brooke Pigot. A number of Shells and Minerals.

Resolved, That the thanks of the Committee be conveyed to the British Museum and the other donors for their gifts. Resolved also, That the best thanks of the Committee be tendered to Dr. Wilson for obtaining the gift from the British Museum.

Resolved also, That the Curator be authorised to arrange for the loan from the South Kensington Museum to be continued for another month and that he be authorised to go to London to make another selection of objects for exhibition in the Museum.

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2—Repair of Picture—The Committee further considered the question of repairing the picture by Teniers belonging to the Sheepshanks Collection and a letter was read from Mr. W. Sheepshanks stating, that he had obtained some expert advice on the question of transferring the picture from the panel to canvas, and was informed that the process could not be carried out at all, unless the original panel was prepared with a chalk or lead surface before being painted on. Assuming this to be the case in the present instance the operation was evidently a very delicate one involving great risk to the picture, and the statement in the circular of Messrs. W. M. Power, Ltd., undertaking 'to transfer pictures painted on oak panels to canvas without the slightest injury' appeared to be over confident, but if they still adhered to this, after again seeing the picture, and if there is no other way of preserving the picture, he was willing that the work should be carried out at the cost of the Committee and he would hold them exempt from any damage to the picture. He hoped that the work would not be undertaken, unless the Committee were thoroughly satisfied of its desirability. Resolved, That the offer of Messrs. W. M. Power, Ltd., to transfer the picture to canvas at a cost of £7 7s. 00. be accepted provided that they are satisfied on further inspection of the picture that this can be safely carried out and will give an undertaking to do so without injury to the picture in accordance with the terms of their letter.

T. REES JONES,

Chairman.

MINERAL WATERS, BATHS AND RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, the 19th March, 1915. Present—Aldermen Bendall and Davies, Blakeney, Merrett, Silk and Stewart (Alderman Bendall in the chair).

1—Montpellier Baths—The Borough Accountant reported that the Receipts and Payments in respect of these Baths from 1st April to 28th February, 1915, were as follows:-

Receipts	£435 0 6	Expenses (including Rates, &c.)	£716 5 4
		Loans—Interest and Redemption	<u>£491 6 8</u>
	£435 0 6		£1207 12 0

Medical Baths —Drs. G. Arthur Cardew and E. A. Dent and Messrs. Clark, Marfell, Simmons, Welstead and Whitbread attended the Meeting with reference to the following suggestions made by the Traders' Association, viz. : (1) That a skilled Masseur and Masseuse in uniform should be appointed, (2) that the Baths should be obtainable on each weekday and also by arrangement on Sunday, all appointments for Baths to be made with the Attendant, (3) that a Visitor to the Baths be appointed, preferably a member of the Medical Profession, and (4) that Radiant Light and Heat Baths should be provided. The Deputation also suggested that Ionic Medication Baths should also be provided. Resolved That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to bring up an estimate of the cost of providing Radiant Light and Heat and Ionic Medication Baths, and also to report as to provision of accommodation for the same.

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Swimming Baths—Read, an application from Miss Welch, of St. Mary's Hall, for the exclusive use of the Swimming Bath on Thursday afternoons, from 2.30 to 4.30 as in previous years, subject to the purchase of So tickets for each occasion. Resolved, That the application be granted.

2—Alstone Baths—The Borough Accountant reported that the Receipts and Payments in respect of these Baths from 1st April to 28th February, 1915, were as follows :-

Receipts	£364 19 7	Expenses (including Rates, &c.)	£531 8 2
		Loans—Interest and Redemption	<u>307 1 8</u>
	£364 19 7		£838 9 10

Badminton—Read, a letter from Lt.-Col. Swete, Hon. Treasurer of the Alstone Baths Badminton Club, stating that during the past season, owing to the war, their membership had diminished, and asking for a reduction in the rent payable by the Club, viz., £60, Resolved, That the application be not acceded to.

3—"Royal Cheltenham Spa"—Read, a letter from Mr. F. Forty, suggesting that the name of the Borough should be changed to "Royal Cheltenham Spa." Resolved, That consideration of the matter be adjourned to the next meeting.

4—Mineral Waters—The Borough Surveyor reported that the number of glasses of Mineral Waters sold during February last was 1,670 as compared with 765 for the month of February, 1914. The number of bottles of concentrated water sold was 1,380 as compared with 210.

JOHN D. BENDALL,

Chairman.

BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, the 26th March, 1915: Present—The Mayor, Alderman Baker, Councillors Dodwell, Mann, Rees Jones, Silk, Steel and Stewart (Councillor Stewart in the chair).

1—Grants of Grave Spaces—Resolved, That the Common Seal be affixed to Grants No. 4714 to 4729 (both inclusive) of the exclusive right of burial in the graves referred to therein, which had been purchased.

2—Designs— Resolved, That the following Designs be approved, viz.: Kerbing to graves of George and Jane Elizabeth Poole, William Clee, Florence Emily Coles, Isaac Beames, Albert Lusty, James Hirons, George Brown and Charles Plumer. Headstones to graves of Annie Hallett and Elizabeth Eliza Eager. Memorial Crosses to graves of Mabel Edith Cory, Frances Sarah Dearden, Mary Madaleine Gordone, and Emily Jane Lemon. Memorial to grave of William Henry Ireland.

J. STEWART,

Chairman.

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PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE,

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, the 16th March, 1915: Present Alderman Davies, Councillors Blake-m) Green, Merrett and Steel, and Messrs. F. J. Caudle, J. R. Claridge, A. Al ilea, F. C. Rogers and H. Stroud (Councillor Green in the chair),

1—Librarian's Report—Read, the Monthly Report (if the Librarian. Receipts £5 12s. 11d.

The number of volumes consulted in the Reference Library from the 8th February to the 13th March instant (27 ½ days) was 1,638 as compared with 1,834. The issue from the Lending Library numbered 12,430 as compared with 13,065.

10 Volumes of Books for the Blind had been issued since January last.

2-**Sub-Committee's Report** —The Sub-Committee reported that they met on the 11th instant. Present : Councillors Merrett and Wilkins. and Mr. J. R. Claridge (Councillor Green in the chair).

They recommended—

That the four books relating to the European War, sent on approval, be purchased at a cost of 5s 6d.

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

E. C. GREEN,

Chairman.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, the 30th March, 1915: Present—The Mayor, Alderman Waghorne, Councillors Haddock, Rees Jones, Silk, Steel and Wilkins (Alderman Waghorne in the chair).

1—General District Rate—Read the Report of the Borough Accountant, dated the 30th instant, on the collection of the second instalment of this Rate. Amount collected £24,568 5s. 8d. Leaving outstanding £2,280 7s 2d.

2 —Water Rate—Read, the Report of the Borough Accountant, dated the 30th inst., on the collection of this Rate for the half year ended the 25th instant. Amount collected £11,596 17s. 9d. Leaving outstanding £1,620 1s. 5d.

3—Loans--The Borough Accountant reported that he had received since the last Meeting £450, £200 and £550 on loan. Resolved, That Debentures be sealed and jotted on account of duly authorised loans. He also reported that he had arranged for the continuance of loans of £10,000, £10,000, £1,500, £880, £480 and £1,160, the terms for which would shortly expire. Resolved, That the Debentures be endorsed accordingly.

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4—Cancellation of Corporation Stock.—The Borough Accountant reported that in pursuance of the instructions given him he had purchased £600 Corporation Stock at 73 ½ per cent. Resolved, That the sum of £600 Cheltenham Corporation Stock purchased by means of the Loans Fund of the Cheltenham Town Council and which now stands in the name of the Mayor, Alderman and Burgesses of the Borough of Cheltenham, be extinguished and that the National Provincial Bank of England, Limited, the Registrars of the said Stock be and they are hereby authorised and requested to cancel and extinguish the same in the books kept by them relating to the said Stock and that the Common Seal be affixed to a duplicate of this Order and that such duplicate be forwarded to the said Registrars.

5—Type-Writer for Rate Department—Read a letter from Mr. F. H. Harris, Assistant Overseer and Collector asking that a Type Writer should be provided for use in the Rates Department and submitting an offer from Messrs. H. E. Steel, Ltd., to provide a second-hand rebuilt Yost Type-Writer for to 10s. 0d. The Overseers were willing to pay one third of the cost. Resolved, That the application be acceded to.

6—Accounts—The Financial Statement of the Receipts and Expenditure since the last Meeting and the Bills and Accounts to be paid were examined, and the latter 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	£29,620 9 9
Received since that date (including Loans on Debenture, £650)	<u>11,067 18 7</u>
	£40,688 8 4
Paid since that date (including Investments of Sinking Funds, £6,746 12s. 9d.)	<u>29,077 14 4</u>
	In hand £11,610 14 0

being General Accounts	£4,483 8 10
Sinking Fund Accounts	7,060 1 8
"Leslie Young Benefaction" Accounts	<u>67 3 6</u>
In hand	£11,610 14 0

J. WAGHORNE,

Chairman.

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Borough of Cheltenham.

Municipal Offices, Cheltenham,

1st April, 1915.

Sir,

You are hereby summoned to attend the **Monthly Meeting of the Council, to be held in the Town Hag on Tuesday, the 6th day of April, 1915**, at Three o'clock in the Afternoon, at which Meeting the following business is proposed to be transacted, and any other business that may legally be transacted at such Meeting.

1. To read and sign the Minutes of the last Monthly Meeting.
2. Communications by the Mayor.
3. To approve or otherwise, the proceedings of

THE PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE

"STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE

" TOWN IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE

"TOWN IMPROVEMENT AND MINERAL WATERS, BATHS AND RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEES (JOINT MEETING)

"ELECTRICITY AND LIGHTING COMMITTEE and accept a tender for the supply and erection of a Main Switchboard.

" WATER COMMITTEE

"GENERAL PURPOSES AND WATCH COMMITTEE and appoint Members of Education Committee to fill vacancies.

"MUNICIPAL OFFICES SITES COMMITTEE

"ART GALLERY AND MUSEUM COMMITTEE

THE MINERAL WATERS, BATHS AND RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE

“BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE

“PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE

“FINANCE COMMITTEE

4. Notices of Motion.

5. Memorials, Applications, Complaints, &c.

Yours faithfully,

Town Clerk.

To each Member of the Council.

Borough of Cheltenham.

At a Monthly Meeting of the Town Council of the Borough of Cheltenham, duly convened and held in the Town Hall, in the said Borough, on Tuesday, the 6th April, 1915, at 3 p.m. Present :

THE MAYOR (ALDERMAN WILLIAM NASH SKILLICORNE) in the chair. THE DEPUTY MAYOR (ALDERMAN CHARLES HENRY MARGRETT).

Aldermen : WILLIAM ALFRED BAKER JOHN DAVID BENDALL JOHN WAGHORNE

Councillors : FRANK CHARLES DODWELL EDWINSON CHARLES GREEN WILLIE JOHN MERRETT THOMAS REES JONES WILLIAM SAWYER EDWIN CHARLES SILK THOMAS WILLIAM SMITH ROBERT STEEL JAMES STEWART PETER PHILIP TAYLOR THOMAS WILKINS WALTER JAMES FREDERICK WOOD

Apologies. --Apologies for non-attendance were received from Alderman Davies and Councillors Blakeney and Mann.

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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—Public Health Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Public Health Committee, at their Meetings of the 8th and 22nd March last, be approved and confirmed.

3—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.

4—Town Improvement Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Town Improvement Committee, at their Meetings of the 24th, 29th and 31st March last, be approved and confirmed, subject to the following Amendments, viz. :—

(a) That the portion of Minute No. 1 relating to a Scheme of Advertising at a cost of £113 be referred back to the Committee for further consideration.

(b) That the word "not" be inserted after the word "be" in the second Resolution to Minute No. 7, and that all the words after the word "accepted" be omitted.

5—Town Improvement and Mineral Waters, Baths and Recreation Grounds Committees—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Town Improvement and Mineral Waters, Baths and Recreation Grounds Committees, at their Joint Meeting of the 16th March last, be approved and confirmed.

6--Electricity and Lighting Committee-Resolved, That the proceedings of the Electricity and Lighting Committee, at their Meetings of the 25th March last and the 1st April instant, be approved and confirmed, and that the Committee be authorised to accept a satisfactory tender for the supply and erection of a Main Switchboard.

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

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8—General Purposes and Watch Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the General Purposes and Watch Committee, at their Meetings of the 12th and 23rd March last, be approved and confirmed.

9—Vacancies on Education Committee—Resolved, That Miss Geddes and Messrs. E. Bourne and W. G. Gurney be reappointed members of the Education Committee, their term of office to be 3 years from the 6th instant Resolved also, That the Rev. P. M. C. Johnstone be appointed a member of the Education Committee to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of the Rev. Fairlie Clarke.

10—Municipal Offices Sites Committee—Resolved, That the report of the Municipal Offices Sites Committee be approved and confirmed

11—Art Gallery and Museum Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Art Gallery and Museum Committee, at their Meeting of the 10th March last, be approved and confirmed.

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

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

14—Public Library Committee--Resolved, That the proceedings of the Public Library Committee, at their Meeting of the 16th March last, be approved and confirmed.

15—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 for payment to the several Corporations, Companies and Persons mentioned in the Schedule of Accounts, the sum of money set opposite their respective names upon production of a cheque signed by the Borough Accountant.

16—Notice of Motion—Councillor Green gave notice of his intention to move at the next Quarterly Meeting of the Council: "That the Resolution to Minute No. 3 of the Town Improvement Committee, at their Meeting on the 17th February last, with reference to the removal of the Railings round the Winter Garden, and which was approved by the Council on the 1st March last, be rescinded."

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, 1915.

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, the 12th April, 1915: Present—The Mayor, Councillors Green, Rees Jones, Steel, Stewart and Wood (The Mayor in the chair).

1—Houses without proper Ash Receptacles —The Inspector of Nuisances reported that the following houses had no proper ashpits or ash receptacles, viz.:—8, 25, 26, 37, 38, 46, 46, 56 and Dovercliffe, St. James' Street, 31 and 31a Burton Street, Spread Eagle Inn, 1 and 2 St. George's Retreat, 1, 2, 3 and 5 Spread Eagle Terrace, 263 High Street, Albion Gardens, 29, 30, 31 and 34 Lansdown Crescent.

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.

2—Overcrowding at 15 St. Paul's Street—The Medical Officer of Health reported that these premises were so over-crowded as to be dangerous or injurious to the health of the inmates. Resolved, That the Committee being satisfied of the existence of a nuisance on the said premises, Notice under Section 94 of the Public Health Act, 1875, be served on the occupiers thereof requiring them to abate the same.

3—Cleansing and Whitewashing at 8, 10, 15, 17, 23, 25, 28, 52 and Dovercliffe, St. James' 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 28, 31, 32 and 60 St. James' Street—The Inspector of Nuisances having made written application under Section 41 of the Public Health Act, 1875, stating that the drains, &c., on or belonging to the above-named houses were in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to health. Resolved, That authority be given to the Inspector of Nuisances to open the ground, examine the drains, and report to the Committee.

5--Insanitary Property-10 New Street, 8, 9, 10, 11, 15, 17, 23, 24, 37, 28, 30, 43, 45, 50, 52 and 60 St. James' Street—The Medical Officer of Health reported that the above-mentioned premises were in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to the health of the inmates owing to defective roofs, walls, ceilings, floors, &c. Resolved, That the Council being satisfied that the said premises are in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to health, Notices under Section 94 of the Public Health Act, 1875, be served upon the owners requiring them to put the same into a healthy condition, and for that purpose to carry out the works specified therein.

6—Houses unfit for Human Habitation-2 Crump's Court, Hewlett Street—The Medical Officer of Health made a representation that these premises were in a state so dangerous to health as to be unfit for human habitation and he recommended that the house should be closed. Resolved, That the further consideration of the matter be adjourned to the next Meeting and that in the meantime notice be given to the Owners of the intention of the Council to make a Closing Order.

7—Destruction of Diseased Meat—The Medical Officer of Health reported the surrender and destruction of diseased meat as follows :—On the 10th ultimo the carcase and offal of a pork pig, on the 24th ultimo the carcase and offal of a cow, on the 7th inst. the carcase and offal of a pig, and on the 8th inst. the carcase and offal of a sheep and 2 pork pigs. (Total weight destroyed to cwts. 3 qrs. 5 lbs.)

8—**Report of Farms Sub-Committee**—The Farms Sub-Committee reported that they met at the Farms on the 7th instant for the Annual Stocktaking and Valuation. Present : The Mayor, Councillors Rees Jones, Steel, Stewart and Wood (Councillor Wood in the chair). They submitted the following summary :

	£	s.	d.
Live Stock	2721	11	3
Hay, Straw, Mangolds, Manure, &c.	355	1	0
Acts of Husbandry .. .	98	5	0
Implements, Harness, &c. .	446	0	5
Shedding, &c...	<u>141</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>6</u>
	£3762	16	2

The Sub-Committee also met on the 12th instant. Present : The Mayor, Councillors Green, Rees Jones, Steel, Stewart and Wood (Councillor Wood in the chair).

Farms Manager's Report—Read, the Monthly Report of the Farms Manager. The number of stock on the Farms on the 12th inst. was 15 horses (not including 4 at the Depot), 125 head of cattle (including 1 calf), 118 sheep (including 70 lambs) and 29 pigs, all doing very well. 6 head of cattle had been purchased for £90 10s., 13 head of cattle (including 5 calves) had been sold for £171 11s. 3d., 3 sheep for £10 18s., and 3 cart horses for £50. (Total Sales £232 9s. 3d.)

Plough—The Farms Manager submitted tenders (3) for supplying a new plough. Resolved. That the tender of Messrs. Meats & Co. to supply a Howard's plough at 11i per cent. off the Catalogue price be accepted.

Resolved also, That the Manager be authorised to obtain and accept a satisfactory tender for supplying a field gates and rails,

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

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9—Sewage Disposal Works -Read, a letter from the Clerk to the Tewkesbury Assessment Committee, stating that the Sewage Filter Beds, &c., had been assessed as follows: Gross £700, Rateable £560, and that the supplemental Valuation List would be considered on the 5th May next. Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to attend the Assessment Committee.

W. NASH SKILLICORNE,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, the 19th April, 1915 : Present- -The Deputy Mayor, Councillors Green, Rees Jones, Steel, Stewart and Wood (Councillor Rees Jones in the chair).

10—Houses without proper Ash Receptacles—The Inspector of Nuisances reported that the following houses had no proper ashpits or ash receptacles, viz. -74 Fairview Road, 11, 12, 13 and 14 Casino Place, 5 Winchcomb Street, and 4 Queen Street. Resolved, That the necessary Notices be given to the respective owners under Section 36 of the Public Health Act, 1875, and Section 27 of the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1889, requiring them in each case to provide a moveable ash receptacle of such size, pattern and construction as may be approved by the Inspector of Nuisances on behalf of the Corporation.

11—Overcrowding at 44 Fairview 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.

12— Cleansing and Whitewashing at 14 Casino Place, 3 and 4 Stoneville Street, 4 Queen Street, 19 York Street, Roydon Cottage, Albion 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 7 and 8, Upper Bath Street, 1, 3 and 5 Victoria Terrace. The Inspector of Nuisances having made written application under Section 41 of the Public Health Act, 1875, stating that the drains, &c., on or belonging to the above-named houses were in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to health, Resolved, That authority be given to the Inspector of Nuisances to open the ground, examine the drains, and report to the Committee.

14--Insanitary Property-1 Stoneville Street, 4 Queen Street, 7 Waterloo Street, Roydon Cottage, Albion Street, 1 to 6 Exmouth Court, 7 and 8 Upper Bath 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, ceilings, floors, &c. Resolved, That the Council being satisfied that the said premises are in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to health, Notices under Section 94 of the Public Health Act, 1875, be served upon the owners requiring them to put the same into a healthy condition, and for that purpose to carry out the works specified therein.

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15—Houses unfit for Human Habitation —2 Crump's Court, Hewlett Road—With reference to the representation made by the Medical Officer of Health that this house should be closed, the Town Clerk reported that he had given notice to Messrs. Engall, Cox & Co. on behalf of the owners. Resolved, That it appearing to the Council that the above mentioned house is in a state so dangerous and injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation, an Order he now made pursuant to Sec. 17 (2) of the Housing, Town Planning, etc. Act, 1909, prohibiting the use of the said house for human habitation until the same has been rendered fit for that purpose, and that the Common Seal be affixed to the said Order, and that Notice of such Order be given to the Owners.

16—Notices not Complied With—The Medical Officer of Health submitted a list of Notices requiring the abatement of nuisances caused by dirty walls and ceilings, defective floors, etc., which had been served but not complied with. Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to take the necessary proceedings to compel compliance.

17—Destruction of Diseased Meat—The Medical Officer of Health reported the surrender and destruction of diseased meat as follows :--On the 10th instant the carcase and offal of a pork pig, on the 13th instant one hind-quarter of beef, and on the 15th instant two fore-quarters of beef and the carcasses of 2 lambs. (Total weight destroyed 5 cwt. 2 qrs. 22 lbs.)

18—Delancey Hospital Scheme—Read, a letter from the Local Government Board, stating that the Board had informed the Charity Commissioners that they were prepared to agree to an amendment of the scheme so as to permit the use of the hospital for the treatment of small pox cases for a period of two years from the 1st January, 1915, and for such further period as the Board may expressly authorise. The Board would, however, only authorise an extension if they were fully satisfied that it had been impossible to provide the separate hospital within the two years.

19—Compulsory Notification of Measles—Read, a letter from the Local Government Board, stating that the Board had had under consideration the question of the measures which might be taken for controlling the spread of measles, German measles (rubeola), and whooping cough, and for reducing the mortality from these diseases. The Board had in the past approved orders made by a number of Sanitary Authorities extending the provisions of the Infectious Diseases (Notification) Act, 1889, to these diseases, but in several instances the authorities had subsequently rescinded the Order, as the system of notification under the Act, which required notification of every case, had not proved to be of a value commensurate with the expense involved under the circumstances of administration hitherto adopted. In view of representations which had been made by some Local Authorities, the Board were willing to comply with an application from any Sanitary Authority for an Order requiring the notification to the Medical Officer of Health of the first case in a household attended by a medical practitioner and of each case in the household by the parents of the patient. Resolved, That no action be taken at present.

20-Sewage Works—Hayden and Hayden Green Lanes—The Town Clerk reported that he had given notice to the Cheltenham and Tewkesbury Rural District Councils, terminating the agreements for the maintenance of the Hayden Lane and Hayden Green Lane respectively.

21 —Cottage at Hester's Way—Resolved, That the Common Seal be affixed to an agreement with Mr. C. Clare to lay a service pipe to a cottage at Hester's Way in the occupation of Mr. Howell, and to provide a free supply of water thereto for domestic purposes for a period of 10 years.

T. REES JONES,

Chairman.

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STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, the 13th April, 1915 : Present — Aldermen Baker and Bendall, Councillors Mann, Merrett, Stewart and Wilkins (Alderman Bendall in the chair).

1—Street Projections—The Street Inspector reported that Mr. G. Bliss, of No. 6, Grosvenor Street, and Mr. J. W. Griffin, of 100, Albion Street, continued to obstruct the footpath by placing goods outside their premises. Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to take proceedings for the penalty incurred.

2—Gloucester Road--opposite Lansdown Station--The Borough Surveyor submitted an estimate of the cost of paving the footpath in Gloucester Road opposite the Lansdown Station. Resolved, That the matter be adjourned.

3—Gloucester Road (Hope Villa to Lansdown Castle) Private Improvement Expenses—Messrs. Biggin, Page and Wilson attended the Meeting on behalf of the owners of property in Gloucester Road and objected to the private improvement expenses being apportioned according to the degree of benefit derived and asked for a reduction in the charges made. Resolved, That the Committee do not see their way to make any reduction.

4—**Report of Trees Sub-Committee**—The Trees Sub-Committee reported that they met on the 8th inst. Present —The Mayor, Alderman Bendall and Councillor Stewart (Alderman Bendall in the chair). After inspecting the trees in respect of which complaint had been received, they recommended as follows:—

Selkirk Street—That the elm tree near Torquay Villas, which is unsafe, be removed and another tree planted in the Autumn.

Promenade—That the partly dead elm trees (2) near Nos. 2 and 13, Promenade be removed and two other trees planted in the Autumn.

Promenade-That the fourth tree from Crescent Terrace, on the West side, opposite Ormond Terrace, be removed in the Autumn.

Promenade Villas—That the elm tree near No. 11 be again inspected in the Autumn.

Promenade Terrace—That the partly dead large elm tree near Tate's Hotel be removed in the Autumn and another tree planted.

Queen's Road—That the tree near Stanley Villa be not removed.

Queen's Road- That the limb of the tree pointed out by the Committee be removed in the Autumn.

Gloucester Road—That the tree near the Wesleyan Chapel be not removed.

Oriel Terrace—That the tree near No. 2 be not removed.

College Road—That the tree near Gainsboro' Villa be thinned in the autumn.

Keynsham Road—That the trees near Strathcona and Aberfoyle be again inspected in the Autumn.

High Street—That the tree near Ravenscote be lopped in the Autumn.

Gloucester Road—That 20 lime and plane trees be planted adjoining Alstone Lawn to continue the line of existing trees.

Resolved, That the elm tree near Tate's Hotel be not removed, and that with this exception 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 26th April, 1915. Present—The Mayor, Alderman Bendall, Councillors Mann, Merrett, Stewart and Wilkins (Alderman Bendall in the chair),

5--Borough Surveyor's Monthly Report re Highways—The Borough Surveyor reported that the work done by the Highways Department from the 26th March to the 22nd April, 1915 (both dates inclusive), had been as follows :---

Roads Repaired—Gloucester Road and Lypiatt Road (proceeding).

Roads Patched--Ambrose Street, Bayshill Road, Granville Street, Hewlett Street, King Street, St. George's Place, St. George's Street, Shelburne Road, Swindon Road, Tewkesbury Road, Tivoli Road and Townsend Street.

Road Improvements proceeding—Arle Road Bridge and Gloucester Road by Alstone Lawn.

Electricity Trenches Repaired—College Road, Lansdown Road and Sydenham Villas Road.

Gas Trench Repaired—Prestbury Road. Channelling Repaired—Bayshill Road.

Footpaths Paving Repaired—All Saints' Road, Bath Street, Cambray, Clarence Road, Gloucester Road, Mitre Street, North Street, Pittville Circus and Sandford Street.

Gateway Crossings Repaired—Two. Gullies Fixed—Five.

Trees Pruned—Albert Road, Ambrose Street, Andover Road, Cemetery Road, Clarence Square, Gloucester Road, Hewlett Road, Lansdown Road, London Road, Montpellier Spa Road, Montpellier Terrace, Painswick Road, Pittville Circus Road, Pittville Crescent, St. George's Road, Shurdington Road, Tivoli Road, Tivoli Place (Lane to Lypiatt Road), Vittoria Walk, Wellington Road and Wellington Square.

Trees Felled—Selkirk Street (wych elm) (by Committee's order).

Ashes Collection and Disposal—During four weeks ended the 15th April, 1915-821 loads collected, 797 consumed and 24 tipped way. Weight consumed, 1,096 tons, 54 cwts.

Steam Generated—Hourly average, 6,163 lbs.

6—Advertisements Regulation Bye-Laws—The Street Inspector submitted a report with reference to the hoardings erected prior to the passing of the Advertisements Regulation Bye-Laws, which were exempt for a period of five years and which exemption had now expired. Resolved, That the Committee inspect the hoardings at their next View Meeting.

7—Telephone Poles—Read, an application from the Superintending Engineer, Post Office Telegraphs, for consent to the erection of an overhead line in the lane off Parabola Road, in the cul-de-sac off Bayshill Road, and in the lane at rear of Parabola Road. Resolved, That consent be given in respect of the lane off Parabola Road and the lane at the rear of Parabola Road subject to creosoted poles with 6 feet of painted lagging being provided and to the exact positions of the poles being approved by the Borough Surveyor, but that it be pointed out that the cul-de-sac off Bayshill Road is not a public highway.

8--Central Depot--Read an application from the Cheltenham Rifle Association for permission to use the Central Depot Yard for drilling purposes. Resolved, That the application be acceded to.

9—Scrap Metal--The Borough Surveyor reported that the Contractors taking the Scrap Metal from the Destructor had, owing to the War, closed down their works, and submitted an offer from Mr. S. Davis, of Teignmouth of 2s a ton for the Scrap Metal. Resolved, That the offer be accepted.

10—Mechanical Tractor—Read a letter from the Wolsley Motors Limited, stating that as their vehicles were now required by the War Office, they would be unable to send a Motor Vehicle for demonstration purposes as arranged.

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11—Slab Factory— The Borough Surveyor submitted the following statement of account for the half year ended the 25th March last—

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Surplus brought forward from 24th Sept.,	140 5 6
Sale of Slabs and Kerbs for half-year ended 25th March, 1915—	
Corporation Departments..	£284 1 8
Private Improvement Works	51 8 9
Private Customers..	<u>264 15 8</u>

£600 6 1

Value of Cement, etc., transferred to other	
Departments .. • • ..	£ 8 13 4
Slabs in Stock, 25th March, 1915, at under cost price	849 5 11
Kerbs and Channels do. do. ..	464 14 0
Value of Cement and other materials in stock, 25th March, 1915 • • • • ..	<u>22 19 0</u>
	£2086 3 10

Dr.

Slabs in Stock, 24th Sept., 1914, at under cost price ..	£1190 6 10
Kerbs and Channels do. do. ..	404 2 8
Value of Cement and other materials in stock 24th September, 1915 .. • .	21 8 3
Wages and Materials for half-year ending 25th March, 1915 .. • • ..	225 16 11
Rates, Taxes and Insurance do. do. (estimated)	12 3 9
Interest and Sinking Fund do. do. do.	120 17 6
Surplus .. • ..	<u>111 7 1</u>
	£2086 3 10

Note.—Value of slabs, &c., for street improvements, &c., supplied free of charge up to date £1418 13s. 8d.

12—Munitions of War—The Borough Surveyor reported that Mr. A. G. Drury, an Inspector of the Local Government Board, had had an interview with the Mayor, the Town Clerk, the Borough Electrical Engineer, and himself with reference to the release of Corporation Employees for service in making Munitions of War. He asked the Corporation to release as many men as possible, both skilled and unskilled, and urged that men should be released even if it caused inconvenience and loss of efficiency to the Municipal Service. The Borough Surveyor submitted a list of 58 men who he suggested might be released. If the services of these employees were requisitioned it would entail the closing down of the Destructor and the reduction to some extent of street sweeping, watering and road making, and some reduction in the upkeep of the public gardens.

Read, a letter from Mr. E. L. Baylis stating that he was willing to allow the Folly Lane Brickfields to be used as a tip while the Destructor was closed down on account of the War on the following terms:—

1. Folly Lane and the portion of the road from Craven Cottage to the Brick Pits to be put and left in a better condition than they are at present, and any damage done to his property made good.
2. The place of the deposit of the refuse to be agreed upon with him.
3. All possible care to be taken that refuse should be so dealt with that it should not become distributed over his land, or become insanitary, or a nuisance to the neighbourhood, and that any pecuniary loss which he might suffer owing to neglect of this condition should be made good by the Corporation.

Resolved, That the Local Government Board be informed that the Corporation will release the employees mentioned in the list forwarded to the Board, and that the offer of Mr. Bayliss be accepted subject to an agreement being entered into, to be prepared by the Town Clerk.

13—Shelburne Road Tip—The Borough Surveyor reported that the material deposited at the Shelburne Road Tip was slipping towards the brook-course and that it would ultimately be necessary to extend the culvert passing under the roadway for about 76 yards. The estimated cost of the extension was £304, and the Dean Close School Committee were willing to make a contribution of half the cost (but not exceeding £150). He recommended that the culvert should be at once extended for about 43 yards at a cost of £172. Resolved, That the recommendation be approved and adopted and that an agreement, to be prepared by the Town Clerk, be entered into with the Dean Close School Committee.

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14—St. George's Day Appeal—Read a letter from the Managing Editor of the "Daily Telegraph" calling attention to the appeal to Employers of Labour to give preference in filling up positions after the War to those who have served their Country under Arms or in making munitions of War. Resolved, That the Council be recommended in filling up positions after the War to give preference to men who have been on active service.

15—Bye-Laws with respect to New Streets and Buildings—Resolved, That Alderman Bendall and Councillors Merrett and Wilkins be appointed, with three representatives of the Public Health Committee, a Sub-Committee to revise the Bye-Laws with respect to new Streets and Buildings.

JOHN D. BENDALL, Chairman

PLANS SUB-COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Sub-Committee held on Monday, the 26th April, 1915 Present—Alderman Bendall, Councillors Merrett, Rees Jones, Steel, Stewart and Wilkins (Alderman Bendall in the chair).

1—Bye-Laws as to New Streets and Buildings—Resolved, That the Street and Highway Committee be recommended to appoint a Sub-Committee to revise the Bye-Laws with respect to New Streets and Buildings.

JOHN D. BENDALL,

Chairman.

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TOWN IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, the 21st April, 1915: Present—The Mayor, Alderman Baker, Councillors Green, Rees Jones, Steel and Taylor (Alderman Baker in the chair).

1—Advertising—Mr. E. J. Burrow attended the Meeting and submitted a statement in support of the Advertising Scheme recommended by him at the last Meeting, which was referred back by the

Council. On further consideration, Mr. E. J. Burrow recommended that the " Queen " newspaper should be substituted for the " Bystander." Resolved, That the following Scheme be approved :—

Daily Telegraph-1 line weekly at 7s 6d .	£19 10 0
Times of India-2 inches fortnightly ..	13 0 0
Royal Automobile Club Year Book [...] page ..	5 5 0
Daily Mail—Leader Column : inch intermittently at 25s per insertion	32 10 0
The Times-2 inches with illustration once weekly at 28s per insertion	18 4 0
The Queen (in place of Bystander)-1 inch top of reading matter on first page. 13 insertions at 21s	13 13 0
CIO 18s. (making up the amount to the sum allotted for advertising in previous years) to be applied for Special Notices of Cheltenham as may from time to time be approved ..	<u>10 18 0</u>
	£113 0 0

2—Musical Afternoons—The Borough Accountant submitted the following Statement of the Receipts and Expenditure in connection with the Musical Afternoons :—

12TH OCTOBER, 1914, TO 12TH MARCH, 1915.

Expenditure.

Orchestra ..	£440 0 0
Vocalists and Artistes	47 19 0
Attendants ..	18 19 6
Advertising, Printing and Stationery	41 16 10
Piano Hire, etc.	8 7 0
Electric Energy	21 5 6
Hire of Plants .	3 0 0
Use of Copyright Music ..	8 8 0
Insurance of Band (proportion) ..	4 2 6
Sundry Labour and Expenses .	<u>3 6 4</u>
	£597 4 8

Income.

Subscriptions

181 at 10s 6d, Single ..	£95 0 6
5 " £1 11s. 6d., Family ..	7 17 6
4 " 5s, Children	1 0 0
5 " 10s 6d, Extra (Reserved)	<u>2 12 0</u>
	£106 10 6
13 at 6s, Books of Tickets	£ 3 18 0
Takings at Doors ..	195 9 6
29 Reserved Seats at 6d. ..	<u>14 6</u>
	£196 4 0

Refreshment Rights..	7 10 0
Programme Rights ..	<u>15 0 0</u>
	£329 2 6
Balance	<u>£268 2 2</u>
	£597 4 8

Under the arrangement made with Mr. Teague, the amount to be contributed by him towards the loss was £23 12s Resolved, That application be made to Mr. Teague for this amount.

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3—Band--Read. a letter from the Secretary of the Traders' Association, stating that the Association were not prepared to accept the proposal adopted by the Committee at their last Meeting as they considered that it was essential that the Band should play both in the morning and afternoon.

Messrs. W. Jeremy Thomas. W. Welstead, H. Whitbread, T. W. Waite and H. R. Sims (Representatives of the Association attended. and after discussing the matter it was decided that the Traders' Association should be asked to reconsider their decision.

Resolved. That a Meeting of the Committee be held on Wednesday next, at 11 a.m., to further consider the matter.

4—Illustrated Guide—Read, a letter from Miss Haynes, stating that she had obtained an offer from a firm of publishers to issue a new Illustrated Guide to Cheltenham and to supply 15,000 copies free of charge, if the Guide was officially recognized as the Town Guide. Resolved, That the Committee are unable to entertain this offer as an Official Guide is already published by the Corporation.

WILLIAM A. BAKER,

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, the 28th April, 1915 Present—The Mayor, Aldermen Baker and Davies., Councillors Green, Rees Jones, Sawyer, Steel and Taylor (Alderman Baker in the chair).

5—Band—Messrs. H. Sims, T. W. Waite, W. Welstead and E. Whitbread (Representatives of the Traders' Association, attended the Meeting and submitted the following proposals with reference to the engagement of a Band:

1—The Traders' Association to provide and pay all the expenses of a Band consisting of 5 performers (similar Band at present playing at the Central Spa), to play in the Drawing Room at the Town Hall, from the 1st June to the 31st August next, during the following hours, viz. :

Morning ..	7.30 to 9.0 a.m.
	11 to 12.45 a.m.
Afternoon	3.30 to 5.30 p.m.

2—The Corporation to grant the use of the Large Hall in the afternoon for tea and light refreshments, and also to use the Terrace for serving Mineral Waters and Tea.

3--The Spa Attendant to be in attendance during the above mentioned hours.

4—The Corporation to provide Seats on the Terrace and also some floral decorations.

5—The Association hope that there will be no interruption to interfere with the continuity of the Band Performances but should the room be required for any other engagement, due notice to be given to the Association.

6—The Traders' Association to pay to the Corporation for the use of the Hall £50 for the 13 weeks June to and to have the option of continuing the Band, &c.. for a further period of four weeks if desired.

Resolved, That the Committee approve of the proposals and that the General Purposes Committee be recommended to allow the use of the large Hall and Drawing Room by the Traders' Association when not otherwise engaged subject to a payment of £50. Resolved also, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to provide some of the chairs at the Town Hall and Central Depot for use on the Terrace, and also some floral decorations.

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6—Advertising—Posters—The Deputation also submitted an offer from the Midland Railway Co. to provide 3,000 illustrated posters for exhibition at their Stations during a period of three years for £30, payable by yearly instalments of £10. Resolved, That the offer be accepted.

7--Promenade Long Garden—The Borough Surveyor submitted a plan showing the position of an entrance through the space allotted for a Band Stand in the Promenade Long Garden, Resolved, That the same be approved and the work carried out at an estimated cost of £20.

8—Winter Garden—Read, a letter from Mr. F. W. Billings, of Gloucester Lodge, Promenade, complaining of the number of advertisement boards outside the Winter Garden. Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to write to the Lessee requiring the removal of all the boards placed by him outside the Winter Garden other than those allowed by the terms of the lease.

WILLIAM A. BAKER,

Chairman.

ELECTRICITY AND LIGHTING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held at the Electricity Works, on Thursday, the 22nd April, 1915:

Present—Councillors Green, Mann, Merrett, Rees Jones, Smith and Wood (Councillor Merrett in the chair).

1—Gas Examiner's Report—The Gas Examiner reported that he tested the gas on the 14th and 21st instant for illuminating power, with the following results, viz., 13.8 and 14 candles respectively. The test for purity on the 8th and 17th instant showed 45 and 47 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—Application for Supply—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that he had received an application for a supply to Glenrise, Battledown. The cost of extending the main would be £25, and

the Owner was willing to give the usual guarantee for three years. Resolved, That the extension be made.

4—Tenders for Main Switchboard —The Borough Electrical Engineer submitted a report with reference to the Tenders (7) received for supplying and erecting a Main Switchboard. Resolved, That the Tender of Messrs. The Switchgear and Cowans, Limited, of Manchester, of £682 10s. (the lowest) be accepted, subject to the final details to be submitted by them being approved by the Borough Electrical Engineer, and to a contract being entered into to be prepared by the Town Clerk.

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5—Wages of Workmen—A deputation on behalf of the Employees at the Works attended the Meeting in support of their application for an increase of Wages. Resolved, That a Special Meeting of the Committee be held on the 28th inst. to further consider the matter.

W. J. MERRETT,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, the 28th April, 1915: Present—Councillors Green, Haddock, Mann, Merrett, Rees Jones, Taylor and Wood (Councillor Merrett in the chair).

6—Wages of Workmen—The Committee further considered the application from the employees for an increase of wages. Resolved, That their wages be increased as follows :—

Employees receiving up to 25s per week.. ..	2s 1d per week
“ “ from 25s 1d to 30s per week	1s 7d “
“ “ over 30s per week ..	1s 1d “

Charge Engineers—Resolved, That the wages of the Charge Engineers be increased by 2s 6d per week, and that the maximum wages be 50s instead of 42s 6d per week.

Resolved also, That all such increases of wages date as from the week ending the 1st April, 1915.

7—Munitions of War—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that, as arranged at an interview on the 22nd instant with Mr. A. G. Drury, an Inspector of the Local Government Board, he had forwarded to the Board a list of is men who could be released for service in making munitions of war. If the services of these men were requisitioned, it would involve some restriction of the work of the Department, and it would be necessary to replace some of the employees by older or less experienced men. Resolved, That the action of the Borough Electrical Engineer be approved.

W. J. MERRETT,

Chairman.

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WATER COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, the 15th April, 1915: Present—The Mayor, The Deputy Mayor, Aldermen Baker and Bendall, Councillors Green, Merrett and Wood (The Deputy Mayor in the chair)

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

DAILY YIELD OF SPRINGS.

	For 30 days, ended 15th April, 1915.	Average for corresponding period during last 3 years.
Hewletts Springs	487,000 gallons	553,000 gallons
Dowdeswell Springs	2,098,000 “	1,943,000 “
Leckhampton Springs	<u>127,000</u> “	<u>124,000</u> “
Total	2,712,000 “	2,620,000

CONTENTS OF RESERVOIRS.

	Depth	Contents	Depth	Contents
		15th April, 1915.		15th April, 1914
Hewletts		29,249,000 gallons		21,818,000 gallons
Dowdeswell	31ft. 6in.	97,390,000 “	32ft. 0in.	100,000,000 “
Leckhampton	12ft. 6in.	<u>1,688,000</u> “	3ft. 0in.	<u>405,000</u> “
Total Storage		128,327,000		122,223,000 “

1—Appeals—The cases entered in the Appeals 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 20th April, 1915: Present—The Deputy Mayor, Aldermen Baker, Bendall and Waghorne, Councillors Green, Merrett, Haddock, Rees Jones and Stewart (Alderman Waghorne in the chair).

1—Diseases amongst Animals—Supt. Hopkins reported that with the exception of the premises at Holliday's Allotments, Old Bath Road, in the occupation of Mr. Ernest John Lee, and also the premises at the Whaddon Lane Allotments in the occupation of Mr. John Jackson, which were still under quarantine, the Borough was free from contagious Disease amongst Animals.

2—Sheep Dipping (England and South Wales) Order, 1915—Read a letter from the Board of Agriculture forwarding copies of the Sheep Dipping (England and South Wales) Order, 1915. The Order, which revoked the Sheep Dipping (England) Order, 1908, and the Sheep Dipping (South Wales and Monmouth) Order, 1908, combined in one Dipping Area the two Areas included in the two

previous Orders and required the general periodical dipping of sheep throughout the Country, etc. The Town Clerk reported that he had given Public Notice of the Order as required by the Board.

3—Motor-Cab Licence—Read an application from Mr. E. Bishop, of Portland Mews for a Motor-Cab Licence and offering to give up two existing Horse Carriage Licences therefor. Resolved, That a Licence be granted subject to the Motor Cab being approved, and to two existing Horse Carriage Licences being given up.

4—Hackney Carriage Driver's Licence—Read a letter from Mr. S. Holman, of the Queen's Hotel, applying for a Licence for Arthur Beavan, of 19, Grosvenor Terrace, to drive a Motor-Cab. Resolved, That a Licence be granted.

5—Annual Inspection and Licensing of Hackney Carriages—Resolved, That the Annual Inspection of Hackney Carriages be held at the Central Depot, on Friday, the 4th of June, at 9.30 a.m., and the Annual Licensing Meeting of the Council, at the Depot, on Friday, the 11th June at 10.30 a.m.

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

Report of Sub-Committee—The Sub-Committee reported that they met on the 9th instant : Present—The Mayor, Alderman Baker, Councillors Green, Merrett and Stewart.

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

Resignation of Captain—Read, a letter from Mr. S. J. Such, resigning his appointment as Captain of the Brigade, such resignation to take effect on the 30th June next. Resolved, That the resignation be accepted and that applications for the appointment be invited by advertisement; the salary to be the same as now paid. viz., £30 per annum and fees for attending fires outside the Borough in accordance with the scale adopted by the Council.

Resolved, That this Committee place on record their appreciation of the valuable and efficient service rendered by Mr. Such as Captain of the Brigade for the past twenty-one years and as a member of the Brigade for ten years previously, and that he be appointed an Honorary Member of the Brigade but without any control or authority over the Brigade.

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

7 -Town Hall—Resolved, That the portraits in the Drawing Room at the Town Hall be removed to the new Council Chamber.

8—Royal Cheltenham Spa—Read, a letter from Mr. F. Forty, suggesting that the name of the Town should be altered to "Royal Cheltenham Spa" and enclosing a memorandum giving the dates, etc., of Royal Visits to Cheltenham. Resolved. That consideration of the matter be adjourned.

9—Shops' Act, 1912—Printers, Stationers, Booksellers and Fancy Goods Shops' Closing Order—The Town Clerk reported that he had given public notice of the intention of the Council to make an Order

requiring all Printers, Stationers, Booksellers and Fancy Goods Shops to be closed on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday at 7 p.m., and on Saturday at 9 p.m., except on the early closing day, and that a Register of Shops had been prepared. Read, a Memorial signed by 26 shopkeepers objecting to the proposed Order. Resolved, That the Order be not proceeded with as it does not appear to be supported by the requisite two-thirds majority of the Shops affected.

J. WAGHORNE,

Chairman.

MUNICIPAL OFFICES SITES COMMITTEE.

Report of the Special Committee appointed on the 5th day of December, 1910, to consider the question of Municipal Offices.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, the 16th April: Present—The Deputy Mayor, Alderman Bendall, Councillors Dodwell, Merrett, Rees Jones, Silk and Stewart (The Deputy Mayor in the chair).

1—Pictures—The Town Clerk reported that there were several pictures at the Art Gallery which could be spared for the Council Chamber and Committee Room, etc. Resolved, That the Curator of the Art Gallery be asked to have these pictures hung in suitable positions at the new offices.

2—Furniture —Read, letters from the Borough Accountant and Mr. Harris (Rate Collector) asking for some tables and chairs to be provided for their offices. Resolved, That consideration of the applications be adjourned until the offices are completed. At a Meeting of the Committee held on Friday, the 23rd April Present—The Mayor, The Deputy Mayor, Alderman Baker, councillors Dodwell, Merrett, Rees Jones, Silk and Stewart (The Deputy Mayor in the chair).

3—Electric Clocks—Read, a letter from Messrs. Waite & Son, suggesting that the Synchronome System of Electric Clocks should be adopted for the new offices, and offering to present an electrically-driven Master Clock which would act as an electric time transmitter. The value of the Master Clock would be £10 17s. 6d., and the only immediate expense the Corporation would have to incur would be the cost of wiring, the supply of current and dry batteries, and the conversion of the existing key-wound clocks. Additional electric impulse dials could be added for a small cost at any time as required. Resolved, That Messrs. Waite & Son be thanked for their offer and informed that the Council are unable to entertain their proposal at present.

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4—Stores Clerks' Offices—Resolved, That the Street and Highways Committee be recommended to consider the question of transferring the work at Present done by the Stores Clerks under the direction of the Borough Surveyor to the Borough Accountant's Department.

5—Corridors, Main Staircase, etc.—Resolved, That the walls of the corridors and Staircases be painted with a dado of chocolate colour (as approved by the Committee), with a border line of darker colour, and that the iron balustrade of the Main Staircase be painted in dead black and gold.

6—Store Rooms—Resolved, That the Woodwork of the Storerooms at 23 and 25 Promenade, on the corridor side, be painted at a cost of about to complete the painting on the third floor,

7--Lift—Resolved, That the Council be recommended to install an automatic Electric Lift up to the second floor in accordance with the specification submitted by the architects at a cost of £375.

8—Mats—Resolved, That tenders be invited for supplying four cocoa mats to be placed in the wells at the main entrance and the entrance to the Rates Office.

CHAS. H. MARGRETT,

ART GALLERY AND MUSEUM COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, the 14th April, 1915 : Present—Councillors Green, Rees Jones and Steel, and Mr. G. Dimmer (Councillor Rees Jones in the chair),

1—Curator's Report--The Curator reported that 747 visits had been made to the Art Gallery and Museum since March pith.

The articles from the Pit Dwelling on Cleeve Hill were being examined, classified and relabelled.

Mr. L. Richardson had presented Specimens from the Shipton Moyne Borehole, 1914-15.

Mr. A. J. de Havilland Bushnell had lent the following objects to the Museum :—

Roman Beads from a Breton Dolmen at Carnac,

Ground and Polished Celt found at Caesar's Battlefield, Carnac.

Dagger of typical Danish type.

Alabastron, or Perfume Jar, found in Egypt.

Quaint Glass Vase, of bird shape, with four feet, Venetian, 18th century.

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Several Flints and Water-Worn Pebbles had been placed in the Museum by Mr. Bushnell and the Curator.

The Curator had also presented two very rare Polishing or Rubbing Stones, from Brockhampton and Shab Hill.

The Victoria and Albert Museum had exchanged the objects in the four cases for the following : French Bronzes, Persian Tiles and Pottery, Ironwork, and Lace. They had also sent on loan 10 Oil Paintings.

Resolved, That the thanks of the Committee be conveyed to the Donors and Lenders.

2—Annual Cleaning—Resolved, That the Art Gallery and Museum be closed for the week commencing the 19th instant for the Annual Cleaning.

T. REES JONES,

Chairman.

MINERAL WATERS, BATHS AND RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, the 16th April, 1915: Present—Aldermen Bendall, Councillors Dodwell, Haddock, Merrett, Silk and Stewart (Councillor Haddock in the chair).

1--Montpellier Baths—The Borough Accountant reported that the Receipts and Payments in respect of these Baths from 1st April, 1914, to 31st March, 1915, were as follows

Receipts	£451 16 3	Expenses (including Rates, &c.)	£794 13 0
		Loans—Interest and Redemption	<u>535 13 4</u>
	£451 16 3		£1330 6 4

Medical Baths—The Borough Surveyor submitted a report with reference to the provision of a Radiant Light and Heat Bath and apparatus for Ionic Medication at the Montpellier Baths.

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Read, a letter from Mr. F. Ruck, of the Cambray Spa, stating that Electric Baths were already provided by him and that if there was an increased demand he would provide more appliances.

Resolved, That a Meeting of the Committee be held on the 28th instant to further consider the matter.

Resolved, That the free use of the Medical Baths be granted to Wounded Soldiers requiring the Baths under medical advice.

2-Alstone Baths—The Borough Accountant reported that the Receipts and Payments in respect of these Baths from 1st April, 1914, to 31st March, 1915, were as follows :—

Receipts	<u>£425 6 6</u>	Expenses (including Rates, &c.)	£565 13 8
	£425 6 6	Loans—Interest and Redemption	<u>£332 7 1</u>
			£898 0 9

Swimming Bath—Resolved, That a reduced charge of 1d. be made to soldiers using the Swimming Bath, this charge not to include the use of a bathing costume.

3—Mineral Waters—Central Spa—Read, a letter from the Secretary of the Traders' Association, expressing the appreciation of the Association of the services rendered by the Borough Surveyor and his staff in connection with the Central Spa.

Evaporating Pan—Read, a letter from Mr. H. Miller, on behalf of the United Chemists' Association, Limited, offering the sum of £25 for the Evaporating Pan at the Alstone Baths, which is not now required. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be authorised to sell the Pan for £30.

Sales—The Borough Surveyor reported that the number of glasses of Mineral Waters sold during March last was 1,976 as compared with 877 for the month of March last year. The number of bottles of Concentrated Water sold was 1,530 as compared with 132.

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At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, the 28th April, 1915: Present—Aldermen Bendall and Davies, Councillors Dodwell, Haddock, Merrett and Stewart (Councillor Haddock in the chair).

4—Medical Baths—The Report of the Borough Engineer was further considered. He recommended that, if it was decided to install Radiant Heat Baths, the proprietary apparatus of the Dowsing Radiant Heat Co. should be obtained. This was in use at all the other principal Spas and many other Towns, and was being used in the treatment of soldiers for cases of stiff joints, rheumatism, sciatica, frost-bite and the like. He had obtained particulars of the apparatus from the Company and had had an interview at the Baths with their representative. The most suitable place for installing the apparatus would be in one of the "special" private bathrooms. There would be no initial capital outlay beyond about £5 for connecting the electric current. The Radiant Heat Bed with all necessary apparatus would be supplied by the Company at a rental of £25 per annum. This charge included cost of upkeep by the Company for fair wear and tear. As an alternative, £10 per annum could be paid with 25 per cent. of the receipts.

With regard to the Ionic Medication Treatment, this could be given by the aid of an ordinary electric battery which could be purchased for about £10, but the use of a battery did not appear to be satisfactory, and he recommended that a "Multostat" should be obtained from the Dowsing Radiant Heat Co. The cost of this was £32, but it could be hired for £10 per annum with an option to purchase in the first year for £37.

The Town Clerk reported that he had ascertained that Miss Addis, of 3, Tavistock Place, Cheltenham, Certificated Masseuse, was willing to undertake administration of these Baths on sharing terms. Miss Addis attended and was interviewed by the Committee.

Resolved, That the Council be recommended to enter into an agreement with the Dowsing Radiant Heat Co. to supply a Radiant Heat Bed and Apparatus at a rental of £25 per annum, and also a Multostat at a rental of £10 per annum with option to purchase.

Resolved also, That the Council be recommended to authorise this Committee to engage Miss Addis to undertake the super-vision and administration of the Medical Baths, including the Radiant Heat Baths and Ionic Medication Treatment, on the terms of taking half the fees earned.

5—Recreation Grounds—Read, a letter from the Hon. Secretary of the Cheltenham Rifle Association, asking for permission to use the Recreation Grounds for drilling purposes. Resolved, That the application be acceded to.

6—Shop adjoining Montpellier Baths—Resolved, That the next Meeting of the Committee be held at the Montpellier Baths and that the Committee inspect the Shop adjoining.

P. HADDOCK, Chairman.

BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, the 23rd April, 1915: Present- Alderman Baker, Councillors Dodwell, Rees Jones, Silk, Steel and Stewart (Councillor Stewart in the chair).

1— Salary of Superintendent- Read, a letter from the Superintendent (Mr. A. C. Amery) asking that his salary should be increased from £80 to £90, and afterwards by £5 per annum up to £100. Resolved, That his salary be increased to £90 per annum.

2 — Grants of Grave Spaces—Resolved. That the Common Seal be affixed to Grants No. 4730 to 4737 (both inclusive) of the exclusive right of burial in the graves referred to therein, which had been purchased.

3—Designs—Resolved. That the following Designs be approved. viz.: Kerbing to graves of William and Mary Ann Newer. George Shrives and Rebecca Sims ; Monument to grave of Henry *William Holliday ; Headstone to grave of John Frederick Jones Rowlands: Memorial Cross to grave of Henry George Workman.

J. STEWART, Chairman

PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, the 13th April, 1915 : Present—The Mayor. Councillors Green, Mann, Merrett, Steel and Sawyer, and Messrs. F. J. Caudle, J. R. Claridge, A. Miles and E. C. Rogers (Councillor Green in the chair).

1—Librarian's Report---Read, the Monthly Report of the librarian. Receipts : £4 11s. 2d. The number of volumes consulted in the Reference Library from the 15th March to the 10th April was 1,129 as compared with 1,339 for the corresponding period last vest. The number of volumes issued from the Lending Library was 9,427 as compared with 10,665.

2—**Sub-Committee's Report** —The Sub-Committee reported that they met on the 8th instant. Present : Councillors Green, Merrett and Wilkins, and Mr. F. J. Caudle (Councillor Green in the chair). They recommended—

(1) That the wages of A. H. Johnson, Junior Assistant be increased from 6s to 8s per week.

(2) That the Librarian be authorised to obtain and accept a satisfactory tender for printing 300 copies of his Annual Report. Resolved, That the recommendations of the Sub-Committee be approved and adopted.

3—Leckhampton Reading Room—Read, a letter from the Hon. Treasurer of the Leckhampton Reading Room asking for a renewal of the grant of £4 towards their expenses. Resolved, That the grant be made.

E. C. GREEN, Chairman.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, the 26th April, 1915: Present—The Mayor, Alderman Waghorne, Councillors Haddock, Rees Jones, Silk, Steel and Wilkins (Alderman Waghorne in the chair).

1—Estimates for Rates—The Estimates for the Borough and District Rates were considered. Resolved, That the same as now settled be approved and submitted to the Council at the Quarterly Meeting on the 3rd proximo and if the same are then approved that a Meeting of the Council be held on the 11th proximo to make the General District Rate and Order for the Borough Rate accordingly.

J. WAGHORNE,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, the 27th April, 1915: Present—The Mayor, Alderman Waghorne, Councillors Haddock, Rees Jones, Steel, Silk and Wilkins (Alderman Waghorne in the chair).

2—General District Rate—Read the Report of the Borough Accountant, dated the 27th instant, on the collection of the second instalment of the General District Rate made on the 6th May, 1914. Amount collected £26,896 10s. 8d. Voids, legally excused, allowances, &c., £2,160 1s. 6d. Leaving outstanding £154 1s. 8d. Tyrol, Malvern Road—Read an application from the Wounded Allies Relief Committee for remission of the General District Rate on this House, which had been offered rent free for a home for disabled soldiers. Resolved, That the application be acceded to.

3—Water Rate—Read, the Report of the Borough Accountant, dated the 27th inst., on the collection of this Rate for the half year ended the 25th March last. Amount collected £12,048 6s. 11d. Abatements, voids, &c., £193 9s 11d. Leaving outstanding £2,574 10s. 2d.

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4—Loans—The Borough Accountant reported that he had arranged for the renewal of loans of £300 and £400, Resolved, That the terms arranged be approved and that the Debentures be endorsed accordingly.

5--Accounts—The Financial Statement of the Receipts and Expenditure since the last Meeting and the Bills and Accounts to be paid were examined, and the latter ordered to be paid by the Borough Treasurer. The Treasurer's Accounts at the Bank were examined, and the balances found to be correct. The following was the General Statement :—

In hand on the 30th March last	£11,600 14 0
Received since that date	<u>2,923 12 10</u>
	£14,534 6 10
Paid since that date	<u>9,198 2 3</u>
	In hand £5,336 4 7
being Sinking Fund Accounts	£7,141 19 5
"Leslie Young Benefaction" Accounts	<u>66 2 6</u>

In hand	£7,208 1 11
less General Accounts—Overdrawn	<u>1,871 17 4</u>
In hand	£5,336 4 7

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J. WAGHORNE, Chairman.

Borough of Cheltenham.

Municipal Offices, Cheltenham,

29th Aril, 1915.

Sir,

You are hereby summoned to attend the **Quarterly Meeting of the Council, to be held in the Town Hall, on Monday, the 3rd day of May, 1915**, at Three o'clock in the Afternoon, at which Meeting the following business is proposed to be transacted, and any other business that may legally be transacted at such Meeting.

1. To read and sign the Minutes of the last Monthly Meeting.
2. Communications by the Mayor.
3. Appoint 11 Representative Trustees of the Delancey Hospital Trust.
4. To approve or otherwise, the proceedings of

THE PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE

“STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE

“TOWN IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE

“ELECTRICITY AND LIGHTING COMMITTEE

“WATER COMMITTEE

“GENERAL PURPOSES AND WATCH COMMITTEE

“MUNICIPAL OFFICES SITES COMMITTEE

“ART GALLERY AND MUSEUM COMMITTEE

THE MINERAL WATERS, BATHS AND RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE

“BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE

“PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE

“FINANCE COMMITTEE and make Estimates for Borough and General District Rates.

5. Councillor Green to move :—

" That the Resolution to Minute No. 3 of the Town Improvement Committee, at their Meeting on the 17th February last, with reference to the removal of the Railings round the Winter Gardens, and which was approved by the Council on the 1st, March last, be rescinded."

6. Notices of Motion.

7. Memorials, Applications, Complaints, &c.

Yours faithfully,

Town Clerk.

To each Member of the Council.

Borough of Cheltenham.

Municipal Offices, Cheltenham, 6th May, 1915.

Sir,

You are hereby summoned to attend a **Special Meeting of the Council, to be held in the Town Hall on Tuesday the 11th day of May, 1915**, at Three o'clock in the Afternoon, at which Meeting the following business is proposed to be transacted, and any other business that may legally be transacted at such Meeting.

1. To make Order for Borough Rate of £32,500.

2. To make General District Rate at 3s 6d in the £.

3. Appoint 11 Representative Trustees of Delancey Hospital. 4. Notices of Motion.

Yours faithfully,

Town Clerk.

To each Member of the Council.

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, 1915, at 3 p.m. Present :

THE MAYOR (ALDERMAN WILLIAM NASH SKILLICORNE) in the chair. THE DEPUTY MAYOR (ALDERMAN CHARLES HENRY MARGRETT).

Aldermen: WILLIAM ALFRED BAKER JOHN DAVID BENDALL RICHARD DAVIES JOHN WAGHORNE

Councillors : FRANK CHARLES DODWELL WILLIAM SAWYER EDWINSON CHARLES GREEN EDWIN CHARLES SILK PERCY HADDOCK THOMAS WILLIAM SMITH ALFRED MANN ROBERT STEEL WILLIE

JOHN MERRETT PETER PHILIP TAYLOR THOMAS REES JONES THOMAS WILKINS WALTER JAMES
FREDERICK WOOD

Apology--An apology for non-attendance was received from Councillor Stewart.

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

2-10th Batt. Gloucester Regiment—Read, a letter from Lt.-Col. Pritchard, Commanding the 10th Battalion Gloucester Regiment, thanking the Council for the set of portable field telephones presented for the use of the Battalion in recognition of the services rendered by them in excavating the trench for the water main to Leckhampton.

3—Public Health Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Public Health Committee, at their Meetings of the 12th and 19th 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 21st and 28th April last, be approved and confirmed.

6-Electricity and Lighting Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Electricity and Lighting Committee, at their Meetings of the 22nd and 26th April last, be approved and confirmed.

7—Water Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Water Committee, at their Meeting of the 15th April last, be approved and confirmed.

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

9—Municipal Offices Sites Committee—Resolved, That the report of the Municipal Offices Sites Committee be approved and confirmed

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 Meetings of the 16th and 28th 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—Public Library Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Public Library Committee, at their Meeting of the 13th April last, be approved and confirmed.

14—Finance Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Finance Committee, at their Meetings of the 26th and 27th April last, 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. Resolved also, That an Order on the Borough Treasurer be signed accordingly for payment 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 Green gave notice of his intention to move at the next Monthly Meeting of the Council: "That the Resolution to Minute No. 3 of the Town Improvement Committee, at their Meeting on the 17th February last, with reference to the removal of the Railings round the Winter Garden, and which was approved by the Council on the 1st March last, be rescinded."

Mayor.

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Borough of Cheltenham.

At a Special Meeting of the Town Council of the Borough of Cheltenham, duly convened and held in the Town Hall, in the said Borough on, Tuesday, the 11th May, 1915, at 3 p.m. Present :

THE MAYOR (ALDERMAN WILLIAM NASH SKILLICORNE) in the chair. THE DEPUTY MAYOR (ALDERMAN CHARLES HENRY MARGRETT).

Aldermen : RICHARD DAVIES JOHN WAGHORNE WILLIAM ALFRED BAKER JOHN DAVID BENDALL

Councillors : THOMAS REES JONES WILLIAM SAWYER EDWIN CHARLES SILK ROBERT STEEL THOMAS WILKINS FRANK CHARLES DODWELL EDWINSON CHARLES GREEN STANLEY WYNDHAM JAMIESON ALFRED MANN WILLIE JOHN MERRETT WALTER JAMES FREDERICK WOOD

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1—Borough Rate—Resolved, That it appearing to the Council that the Borough Fund of the 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 Thirty-two Thousand Five Hundred Pounds 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 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 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 Thirty-two Thousand Five Hundred Pounds, 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 Rate 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., the sum of Four Thousand Pounds forthwith, Four Thousand Two Hundred and Fifty Pounds on or before the first day of June next, Four Thousand Pounds on or before the first day of July next, Four Thousand Pounds on or before the first day of September next, Four Thousand Pounds on or before the first day of November next, Four Thousand Two Hundred and Fifty Pounds on or before the first day of December next, Four Thousand Pounds on or before the first day of January next, and Four Thousand Pounds on or before the first day of March next, to the Treasurer of the said Borough, at Lloyds Bank, Cheltenham. And it is further Ordered that if such Overseers shall neglect or refuse to pay the said sum, then the said Treasurer shall forthwith take or cause to be taken such further proceedings as the law directs.

2—General District Rate—Resolved, That a General District Rate under the Public Health Act, 1875, and the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1889, of Three Shillings and Sixpence in the pound on the property assessable thereto be now made, and ordered to commence and be payable at the times following, that is to say, one moiety or half part thereof forthwith, and the other moiety or half part thereof to commence and be payable on the first day of October next, and that the same be collected accordingly, and that the Town Clerk do publish such rate according to law.

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3—Delancey Hospital—Resolved, That the following be appointed Representative Trustees of the Delancey Hospital, vii.: Aldermen Davies, Margrett and Waghorne, Councillors Green, Rees Jones, Stewart, Steel and Wood, Dr. G. A. Cardew, Dr. B. Kirkland and Mr. W. G. Gurney.

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 7th June, 1915.

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, the 10th May, 1915 Present—The Mayor, The Deputy Mayor, Councillors Green, Rees Jones, Steel and Wood (The Mayor in the chair).

1—Houses without proper Ash Receptacles —The Inspector of Nuisances reported that the following houses had no proper ashpits or ash receptacles, viz.:—2, 3, 7, 8 and 9 Wilford Terrace, 5 and 6 Woodbine Cottages, and 4 Hewlett Road. Resolved, That the necessary Notices be given to the respective owners under Section 36 of the Public Health Act, 1875, and Section 27 of the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1889, requiring them in each case to provide a moveable ash receptacle of such size, pattern and construction as may be approved by the Inspector of Nuisances on behalf of the Corporation.

2—Cleansing and Whitewashing at 5, 7, 9, 10 and 14 Stoneville Street, and 27 Brunswick 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 Alpha Villa, 2, 3, 29, 31 and 32 Gloucester 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.

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4—Insanitary Property-4 Hewlett Road, 1 to 4 Kingsditch Cottages, Kingsditch Lane, 27 Brunswick Street, 4 and 29 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.

5—Insufficient W.C. Accommodation-147 High Street—The Inspector of Nuisances reported that these premises were without sufficient w.c. accommodation Resolved, That Notice be given to the owner under Section 36 of the Public Health Act, 1875, requiring the provision of a sufficient water closet.

6—Houses unfit for Human Habitation-1 and 2 Orchard Cottages, Swindon Road—With reference to the representation made by the Medical Officer of Health, Mr. Boroughs, the owner, attended the Meeting and admitted that the premises were unfit for human habitation. Resolved, That it appearing to the Council that the above mentioned houses are in a state so dangerous and injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation, an Order he now made pursuant to Sec. 17 (2) of the Housing, Town Planning, etc. Act, 1909, prohibiting the use of the said houses for human habitation until the same have been rendered fit for that purpose, and that the Common Seal be affixed to the said Order, and that Notice of such Order be given to the Owners.

7—Destruction of Diseased Meat—The Medical Officer of Health reported the surrender and destruction of diseased meat as follows :—On the 22nd ultimo 34 lbs. of unsound meat, on the 23rd ultimo the carcase and offal of 5 pork pigs, on the 27th ultimo the carcase and offal of a calf, on the 6th inst. the carcase and offal of a heifer, and on the 7th inst. the carcase and offal of a sheep. (Total weight destroyed 11 cwts. 3 qrs.)

8—**Report of Farms Sub-Committee**—The Farms Sub-Committee reported that they met on the 10th instant. Present : The Mayor, Councillors Green, Rees Jones, Steel and Wood (Councillor Wood in the chair).

Farms Manager's Report—Read, the Monthly Report of the Farms Manager. The number of stock on the Farms on the 10th inst. was 13 horses (not including 4 at the Depot), 169 head of cattle

(including 1 calf), 117 sheep (including 70 lambs) and 5 pigs, all doing well. Since the last Meeting 48 head of cattle had been purchased for £678 3s. 0d. and 4 calves had been bred on the Farms. 7 head of cattle (including 3 calves) had been sold for £84 10s. 9d., 1 ewe for £3, 24 pigs for £26 8s., and 1 cart horse for £71. (Total Sales £584 18s. 9d.) Resolved, That the Manager be authorised to obtain tenders for obtaining a portable forge and anvil for shoeing horses, for consideration at the next Meeting. Resolved, That the proceedings of the Farms Sub-Committee be approved and adopted.

9---Sewage Disposal Works—The Town Clerk reported that he attended the Tewkesbury Assessment Committee on the 5th instant, and that the Assessment of the Sewage Filters, Beds, etc., included in the Supplemental Valuation List had been reduced from £700 gross and £560 rateable to £550 gross and £440 rateable. The assessment of the Sewage Farms had also been reduced from £450 gross and £318 rateable to £415 gross and £288 rateable.

10--Bye-laws as to New Streets and Buildings—Resolved, That Councillors Rees Jones, Steel and Stewart be appointed with the 3 representatives appointed by the Street and Highway Committee, a Sub-Committee to revise the Bye-laws with respect to New Streets and Buildings.

W. NASH SKILLICORNE,

Chairman.

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At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, the 26th May, 1915 : Present- -The Mayor, The Deputy Mayor, Councillors Green, Rees Jones, Steel and Wood (The Mayor in the chair).

11—Houses without proper Ash Receptacles—The Inspector of Nuisances reported that the following houses had no proper ashpits or ash receptacles, viz. :-74 Fairview Road, 2, 6, 7, 10, 11 and 13 Northfield 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.

12--Cleansing and Whitewashing at 6, 11 and 12 Waterloo Street, Formosa House, North Place, 8, 11, 12 and 15 Northfield 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.

13—Nuisances from Drains, etc., at 1 Northfield Terrace, 11 and 12 Portland Street, 1 and 2 Sussex Villas, and Terry Lawn. 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—Formosa House. North Place, 7, 8, 9, 10,11, 12 and 16 Northfield Terrace, 3 and 12 Waterloo Street. The Medical Officer of Health reported that the above-mentioned premises were in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to the health of the inmates owing to defective roofs, walls, ceilings, floors, &c. Resolved, That the Council being satisfied that the said premises are in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to health, Notices under Section 94 of the Public Health Act, 1875, be served upon the owners requiring them to put the same into a healthy condition, and for that purpose to carry out the works specified therein.

15—Destruction of Diseased Meat—The Medical Officer of Health reported that on the 22nd instant the carcase and offal of a pork pig were surrendered and destroyed as unfit for food. (Weight, 66 lbs.)

16—Flies---On the recommendation of the Medical Officer of Health, Resolved, That he be authorised to obtain for distribution 5,000 handbills calling attention to the danger of the conveyance of disease germs by flies.

17—Elmstone Hardwick Inclosure—The Town Clerk reported that he attended an Inquiry held on the 30th ultimo by Mr. T. C. R. Dill, the Assistant Commissioner appointed by the Board of Agriculture, and Mr. Hone, the Valuer, to hear the objections made to the claim of the Corporation that 34a. Or. 14p. of their land in the Common Fields had been enclosed for more than 20 years, and must therefore be treated as Ancient Inclosures. He had since heard that the claim had been allowed. This left 14a. 2r. 18p. of land in the Common Fields which would be dealt with by the inclosure award.

18—Slaughter of Animals—Read, a circular letter from the Board of Agriculture stating that representations had been made to the Board that immature stock and female animals suitable for breeding (and in some cases carrying young) had recently been slaughtered in unusual numbers, with the result that the herds and flocks were being depleted and the future supply of meat endangered, and asking for a return of the number of animals slaughtered from January, 1913, to May, 1915, in the Public Abattoir, and also for a monthly return to be forwarded to the Board. Resolved, That the required returns be furnished to the Board.

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19—Sewage Works—Distributors—The Borough Engineer reported that it was advisable that the distributors should be tested under all conditions of weather, and that he had arranged with the makers to extend the maintenance period until December next, and also for the retention money (£968) to be retained until that time, subject to the Corporation paying 5 per cent. interest thereon. Resolved, That this arrangement be approved and adopted.

W. NASH SKILLICORNE,

Chairman.

STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, the 24th May, 1915: Present—The Mayor, Aldermen Baker and Bendall, Councillors Mann, Merrett and Wilkins (Alderman Bendall in the chair).

1—Midland Railway Goods Yard—The Borough Surveyor reported that notice had been given to terminate the agreement with the Midland Railway Company for the place of storage at the Tewkesbury Road Goods Yard, as this was not now required.

2—Tenders for Coal—Resolved, That a Meeting of the **Stores Sub-Committee** be held on Friday, the 28th instant, to open the tenders for the supply of coal.

3—Telephone Wire—Read, an application from Messrs. Dicks and Sons, Ltd., for consent to the erection of a telephone wire across High Street from No. 173, High Street to their Warehouse. Resolved, That the application be acceded to subject to the wire being placed at a height approved by the Borough Surveyor and to Messrs. Dicks and Sons, Ltd., undertaking to remove same at any time on one month's notice from the Corporation.

4--Land in Naunton Lane--Read, a letter from Mr. F. Palmer, of Chillingworth, London Road, offering to sell to the Corporation a piece of land, with a frontage of 220 feet to Naunton Park, for £85, and also the adjoining piece of land, with a frontage of 40 feet to Naunton Park Road, for £95. Resolved, That the offer be not entertained.

5—Stores Clerks --The Resolution of the Municipal Offices Sites Committee with reference to transferring the work at present done by the Stores Clerks under the direction of the Borough Surveyor to the Borough Accountant's Department, was considered. Resolved, That the matter be referred to the Finance Committee for consideration and that the Borough Accountant be asked to submit a report thereon.

6—Tree near Glenlee, Malvern Road—Read, an application from Mr. C. L. Hardcastle for the removal of an elm tree in the footpath opposite the land adjoining Glenlee. Resolved, That the application be not acceded to.

JOHN D. BENDALL,

Chairman.

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At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, the 31st May, 1915 Present—Alderman Bendall, Councillors Merrett and Wilkins (Alderman Bendall in the chair).

7—Borough Surveyor's Monthly Report re Highways—The Borough Surveyor reported that the work done by the Highways Department from the 23rd April to the 27th May, 1915 (both dates inclusive), had been as follows :--

Roads Repaired—Arle Road (1,220 sq. yards), Gloucester Road (1,140 sq. yards), Hewlett Street (3,658 sq. yards), Lypiatt Road (4,512 sq. yards).

Roads Patched—Gloucester Road, Lansdown Place, Leckhampton Road, Portland Street, Suffolk Lawn, Swindon Road.

Roads Tarpainted—Clarence Road (2,576 sq. yards), Clarence and Wellington Squares (front of) (2,696 sq. yards), Dunalley Street (1,328 sq. yards), Evesham Road (7,170 sq. yards), Gloucester Road

to Bendall Farm (3,885 sq. yards), Henrietta Street (1,410 sq. yards), Lansdown Place and wide opening (9,422 sq. yards), Marle Hill Parade (1,961 sq. yards), Marle Hill Road (1496 sq. yards), Portland Street (3,540 sq. yards), Queen's Road (10,132 sq. yards), Warwick Place (part of) (400 sq. yards).

Sewers Renewed— "Saxham," back of.

Paving Repaired—All Saints' Road, Berkeley Place, Prestbury Road, Regent Street.

Channelling Repaired—Regent Street.

New Kerbing—Arle Road (180 lineal yards).

New Concrete Slab Paving—Arle Road (220 super yards).

Gas Trenches Repaired—Gloucester Road, Hayward's Road, Imperial Lane, Imperial Square.

Electricity Trenches Repaired—King's Road.

Private Trees Pruned—Lypiatt Lawn, Parabola Road (rear of), Rodney Road.

Trees Pruned—Albert Road, Cemetery Road, Evelyn Road, Eldorado Road, Gloucester Road, Grafton Road, Langdon Road, Leckhampton Nursery, Leckhampton Road, Overton Road, Pittville Crescent, Pittville Lawn, Promenade, Queen's Road, St. George's Road.

Ashes Collection and Disposal—During five weeks ended the 20th May, 1915-1,057 loads collected, 1,031 consumed and 26 tipped way. Weight consumed, 1,366 tons 3 cwts. 2 qrs.

Steam Generated—Hourly average, 5,420 lbs.

8—Report of Plans Sub-Committee— The Chairman reported the proceedings of the Plans Sub-Committee at their Meetings on the 11th and 28th instant. Resolved, That the same be approved and adopted.

9—Street Projections—The Town Clerk reported that he had taken proceedings against Mr. G. Bliss of 6, Grosvenor Street, and Mr. J. W. Griffin of 100, Albion Street, for obstructing the footpath by placing goods outside their premises. A fine of 1s only was imposed, but the Magistrates intimated that if other cases were brought before them they would be dealt with more severely.

Read, an application from Messrs. Bliss and Griffin asking for permission to place shelves outside their premises. Resolved, That the application be not acceded to. Resolved also, That the permission given to place a shelf outside No. 3, Pittville Street be withdrawn and that notice be given requiring the removal of the shelf.

10—Pillar Letter Box—Read, an application from the Postmaster to place a Pillar Letter Box on the footpath opposite No. 15, Gloucester Crescent. Resolved, That the application be acceded to subject to the exact position of the box being approved by the Borough Surveyor.

11—Overhead Telegraphic Line—Read, an application from the Superintending Engineer Post Office Telegraphs for consent to the erection of an overhead line in the cul-de-sac off Bayshill Road.

Resolved, That consent be given subject to creosoted poles, with 6 feet of painted lagging, being provided, and to the exact position of the poles being approved by the Borough Surveyor.

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12— Institution of Municipal and County Engineers—Read, a letter from the Institution of Municipal and County Engineers the Council to appoint delegates to attend the Annual Conference to be held in London from the 24th to the 26th .utes: Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be authorised to attend,

13—Munitions of War—Read, a letter from the Local Government Board stating that in response to the appeal of Lord Kitchener the names of a large number of men whose services might be made available had been supplied. The lists of men had been sent the War Office and arrangements had been made for an Official of the Board of Trade, as occasion demands, to arrange with the Council as to the engagement of suitable men. Resolved, That all employees whose services are requisitioned in making Munitions of War be provided with employment on their return.

14 - Corporation Workmen—Read, a letter from Mr. J. W. Betteridge, District Secretary of the Amalgamated Society of Gasworkers, Brickmakers and General Labourers, stating that the increase of 2s a week to the General Labourers had beret accepted, but asking that the increase granted to the other employee% should be reconsidered with a view to an all-sound increase of 2s a week being given. Resolved, That the Committee are unable to accede to the application.

15— Tenders for Coal.---The **Stores Sub-Committee** reported that they met on Friday, the 28th instant (Present: Alderman Baker and Bendall, and Councillor Wilkins), and considered the tenders (12) received for the supply of coal for the year ending the 30th June, 1916. They recommended that the following tenders be accepted subject to formal contracts, to be prepared by the Town Clerk, being entered into, viz. :—

A. G. Stockwell—For House Coal at 28s 6d per ton for Alstone Baths, Central Depot, Destructor, Electric Light Offices, Fire Station, Municipal Offices, Montpellier Baths, Pittville Pump Room, Sandford Pumping Station, Cemetery Lodge (29s 6d), Dowdeswell Reservoir (31s 6d), Sewage Farms (27s, delivered at Station), and for Baker's Nuts at 28s per ton for the Abattoir.

A. H. Nott—For Smith's Coal at 31s per ton for the Central Depot.

Webb Bros., Ltd.—Best Steam Coal at 45s per ton for Fire Engine.

Cleeves Western Valley Collieries Ltd. (London)—For 350 tons of Cannock Slack Coal at 17s 5d per ton, delivered as required in truck loads to the Central Depot

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

16—Scrap Metal—Read, a letter from Messrs. Goodricke, Colman & Co., Chartered Accountants, on behalf of the London Electron Works Co., Ltd., the contractors taking the scrap metal from the destructor, stating that owing to the War the works were closed on the 24th March last and a Receiver had been appointed on behalf of the Debenture Holders, who were willing to pay for all material supplied up to the 25th March, provided the Creditors assigned their debts to them and released the Company from any further obligations under the contract. Resolved. That the Common

Seal be affixed to a Deed of Assignment and that the contract be cancelled as from the 25th March last.

JOHN D. BENDALL,

Chairman.

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PLANS SUB-COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Sub-Committee held on Tuesday, 11th May, 1915; Present Alderman Bendall, Councillors Merrett, Rees Jones, Steel and Wilkins (Alderman Bendall the chair).

1—New Buildings—The Borough Surveyor submitted the following Notices and Plasm of intended New Buildings, viz. :—

No. of Plan	Name.	Description.
1314	J. H. Waddon	New W.C., Rathbone, house, Bath Road.
1313	R. C. Cleaver	Alterations and Additions to No. 27, Promenade.
1316	J. Barlow	Temporary Motor House, Fleetwood, Arle Road.
1317	Mrs. Parker	New Conservatory, Ringshaw, Leckhampton Road.

Resolved. That Plan No. 1317 be approved, that Plans No. 1314 and 1315 be approved subject to the drainage and other sanitary work being carried out to the satisfaction of the Sanitary Inspector, and that Plan No. 1316 be disapproved.

JOHN D. BENDALL,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Sub-Committee held on Friday, the 28th May, 1915. Present—Alderman Bendall, Councillors Merrett, Roes-Jones, Steel and Wilkins (Alderman Bendall in the chair).

2—New Buildings—The Borough Surveyor submitted the following Notice and Plans of intended New Buildings, viz.:—No. of Plan Name. Description. 1318 Rev. M. Marsden. Greenhouse at Holy Trinity Vicarage. Resolved, That the Plans be approved subject to the same being submitted for the approval of the Town Improvement Committee.

JOHN D. BENDALL,

Chairman.

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TOWN IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, the 26th May, 1915: Present --The Mayor, Alderman Davies, Councillors Green, Rees Jones, Sawyer, Steel and Taylor (Councillor Rees Jones in the chair).

1 Winter Garden—Read a letter from Mr. S. C. Field asking for the use of the Lawn in front of the Winter Garden, which was now used as a Tennis Court, and also for permission to make an entrance through one the Windows into the North transept. Mr. Field attended the Meeting and stated that he proposed to provide a band to play each morning and afternoon from June to September, and to provide chairs for which a charge would be made, and also to provide teas and light refreshments, and offered £5 5s. for the use of the lawn. Resolved. That subject to arrangements being made with the tenants of the Tennis Court, the use of the lawn in front of the Winter Garden near the New Club be granted to Mr. Field for Band Concerts each day (except Sunday) up to 7 p.m. from June to September at a rent of £5 5s., subject to the following conditions, viz. : (1) That no entertainments shall be given other than Band performances, (2) That no erection shall be placed on the lawn, (3) That the lawn shall not be enclosed, and (4) That any damage done to the turf shall be made good by Mr. Field.

Resolved also, That Mr. Field be allowed to make a pathway through the flower bed between the transept and the tennis court, and also to make an entrance through one of the windows into the transept, subject to the work being carried out to the satisfaction of the Borough Surveyor.

2-Historic Houses—Read a letter from Mr. A. L. Chapman, Hon. Sec. of the Cheltenham Rambling Club, suggesting that tablets should be placed on the houses in Cheltenham which have been occupied by distinguished persons and also that a list of the houses should be placed at the Central Spa, &c. A letter was also read from Mr. E. J. Burrow stating that he held the copyright of an article written by the late Mr. John Sawyer on the Historic Houses in Cheltenham from which a list could be compiled. Resolved, That Mr. Burrow be asked to give an estimate for printing a List of the Historic Houses in Cheltenham, and that the suggestion to place tablets on the houses be adjourned.

3—Advertising—Read a letter from the Traders' Association submitting offers received by the Association for additional advertising, which included the exhibition of posters on the Midland and Great Western Railways and the distribution of Guides, the publication by the Midland Railway Co. of a new guide and time table and a series of newspaper advertisements. The total cost was about £180 and the Association were prepared to entertain the offers if the Corporation would share the cost. Resolved, That the Association be informed that the Corporation have already adopted a scheme of advertising for the year and are unable to contribute towards the cost of the proposed scheme.

T. REES JONES,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, the 2nd June, 1915 Present—The Mayor, Alderman Davies, Councillors Green and Rees Jones (Councillor Rees Jones in the chair).

4— Winter Garden—Messrs. E. Marfell, T. W. Waite, W. Welstead and E. Whitbread (Representatives of the Traders' Association) attended the Meeting and urged that the proposal to grant permission to Mr. Field for a Band to play on the lawn in front of the Winter Garden each morning and afternoon during June, July and August would be detrimental to the success of the

arrangements made by the Traders' Association for providing a Band to play in the Town Hall during the same period. Resolved, That the Committee see no reason to alter their previous decision.

T. REES JONES,

Chairman.

ELECTRICITY AND LIGHTING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, the 27th May, 1915 : Present—Councillors Green, Haddock, Mann, Merrett, Rees Jones, Taylor and Wood (Councillor Merrett in the chair).

1—Gas Examiner's Report—The Gas Examiner reported that he tested the gas on the 16th instant for illuminating power, with the following result, viz., 14.6 candles respectively. The test for purity on the 18th instant 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—Application for Supply—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that he had received an application for a supply to the Racecourse Hospital. The Red Cross Authorities were willing to pay the whole of the cost of the extension which would be £124. Resolved, That the extension be made.

4—Main Switchboard—The Borough Electrical Engineer recommended that the building work which would be necessary in connection with the erection of the new switchboard should be carried out by the Borough Surveyor's Department. Resolved, That the recommendation be approved and adopted.

5—Public Gas Lighting—Resolved, That a Meeting of the Committee be held on Monday next to inspect the Public Gas Lighting. Resolved also, That the Council be recommended to empower this Committee to give Notice to the Gas Co. requiring the removal of any gas lamps which on inspection may be found unnecessary.

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6—Wages of Workmen—Read, a letter from Mr. W. J. Betteridge, District Secretary of the Amalgamated Society of Gasworkers, Brickmakers and General Labourers, asking that the increase of wages granted at the last Meeting of this Committee to the employees should be made up in all cases to 2s per week. Resolved, That the application be not acceded to.

W. J. MERRETT,

Chairman.

WATER COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, the 20th May, 1915 : Present—The Mayor, The Deputy Mayor, Councillors Green, Merrett, Sawyer and Wood (The Deputy Mayor in the chair).

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

DAILY YIELD OF SPRINGS.

	For 30 days, ended 20 th May, 1915.	Average for corresponding period during last 3 years.
Hewletts Springs	467,000 gallons	512,000 gallons
Dowdeswell Springs	1,978,000 "	1,867,000 "
Leckhampton Springs	<u>125,000</u> "	<u>119,000</u> "
Total	2,570,000 "	2,620,000

CONTENTS OF RESERVOIRS.

	Depth	Contents	Depth	Contents
	20 th May, 1915.		20 th May, 1914	
Hewletts		22,812,000 gallons		21,075,000 gallons
Dowdeswell	29ft. 9in.	88,349,000 "	30ft. 0in.	89,612,000 "
Leckhampton	12ft. 0in.	<u>1,621,000</u> "	11ft. 0in.	<u>1,486,000</u> "
Total Storage		122,782,000		112,173,000 "

2—Appeals----The cases entered in the Appeals 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 25th May, 1915: Present—The Mayor, The Deputy Mayor, Aldermen Baker, Bendall and Waghorne, Councillors Green, Merrett and Rees Jones (Alderman Waghorne in the chair).

1—Diseases amongst Animals—Supt. Hopkins reported an outbreak of Swine Fever on the 4th instant on premises at the Folly Lane Allotments in the occupation of P. Little ; 1 pig had died and 10 had been slaughtered by order of the Board of Agriculture. Also on the 5th instant an outbreak at Holliday's Allotments, Bath Road, in the occupation of Robert Smith ; 1 pig had died and 1 had been slaughtered. Also on the 9th instant an outbreak on premises in Hatherley Road in the occupation of A. Hathaway ; 1 pig had died and 1 had been slaughtered. With these exceptions the Borough was free from contagious disease amongst animals.

2—American Gooseberry Mildew (Fruit) Order, 1915—Read, a letter from the Board of Agriculture enclosing copies of the American Gooseberry Mildew (Fruit) Order, 1915. The Order, which revoked the Order of 1914, prohibited the sale or exposure for sale of diseased gooseberries, and provided for the destruction of such fruit and the cleansing of packages, &c. Article 14 of the Order also required each Local Authority to enforce the Order within their district and for this purpose to appoint such Inspectors as might be necessary. Resolved, That Supt. Hopkins and Sergt. Charles

Robinson be appointed Inspectors to inspect the fruit gardens, and that the Chief and Assistant Inspectors of Nuisances be appointed Inspectors to inspect the fruit shops. Resolved also, That the Town Clerk be instructed to publish the Order by means of posters and handbills as directed by the Board.

3—Fire Brigade—Report of Captain—The Captain of the Brigade reported that since the last Meeting the Brigade had been called out as follows, viz.: On the 6th instant to an outbreak of fire at the Western Leaded Light Works, Wellesley Road. Damage about £50. Brigade expenses, £2 1s. 6d. On the 12th instant to an outbreak at Sunningend Works, St. Mark's. Damage not yet known. Brigade expenses, £4 19s. 0d. On the 17th instant to an outbreak at the Electricity Offices, Manchester Street. Damage, 2s 6d. Brigade expenses, £1 14s. 0d. On the 24th instant to an outbreak at Rosenhoe, Moorend Road. Damage, £200. Brigade expenses, £6 3s. 6d. In each case the property was insured.

Appointment of Captain—The Committee considered the following applications received for the post of Captain of the Brigade, viz.: Walter Cowley, of 2, Chapel Place, aged 46, Builder ; Edward Eager, of 119, Fairview Road, aged 42, Builder ; John L. Such, of Caledonian House, King Street, aged 43, Engineer; and H. Harris, of 1, Osborne Terrace, aged 54.

Resolved, That Mr. John L. Such be appointed Captain of the Brigade at the salary and on the terms set out in the advertisement inviting applications, the appointment to be determinable by one month's notice on either side.

4—Motor-Cab Licence—Read, an application from Mr. A. Webb, of Hewlett Road, for a Motor-Cab Licence, and offering to give up 2 horse carriage licences therefor. Resolved, That the application be considered at the Annual Licensing Meeting on the 11th proximo.

5—Poisons and Pharmacy Act, 1908 Read, applications from Messrs. Cypher and Sons, P. A. and P. S. Wiggall, Yates and Sons, and G. E. Pates for renewal of licences granted to them under the above Act. Resolved, That the licences be renewed for one year as from the 7th proximo.

6—Cinematograph Act, 1909—Read, an application from Messrs. Poole and Shenton for renewal of their Cinematograph Licence in respect of the Victoria Rooms. Resolved, That the licence be renewed for one year as from the 11th proximo subject to the same conditions as last year.

7—Municipal Offices—Read, a letter from Mr. E. E. H. Brydges, on behalf of the owners of the late Municipal Offices, agreeing to accept £75 in settlement of their claim for dilapidations of these premises. Resolved, That this amount be paid.

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8- Re-numbering of Clarence Street—Read, a letter from Mr. E. H. Mason, of 9, Clarence Street, with reference to the re-numbering of Clarence Street. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be asked to report upon the matter at the next Meeting.

9-Employment of Children Act, 1903—Read, a letter from the Secretary of the Cheltenham Advisory Committee for Juvenile Employment asking that the Police should enforce such provisions of the Employment of Children Act, 1903, and the Bye-laws made by the Council thereunder, as do not

come within the scope of the School Attendance Officers. Resolved, That the Police be instructed to caution the boys engaged in street trading contrary to the Act and Bye-laws and to report the result of their action to the next Meeting.

10-Fruit Market—**The Fruit Market Sub-Committee** reported that as Mr. Castle and the Market Gardeners' Committee had not been able to come to any satisfactory terms, they had submitted the following proposals to both parties :—

1. The Corporation to keep the Market in their own hands, and to appoint an Auctioneer to conduct the sales.
2. Mr. Castle to be appointed Auctioneer, such appointment to be determinable on the 31st December in any year by 6 months' notice.
3. Mr. Castle to be allowed to charge a commission of 7 ½ per cent., to be reduced to 5 per cent. on lots realising £5 and upwards.
4. Mr. Castle to allow 10 per cent. of his gross commission for the use of the Market, with a minimum payment of £40 per annum.
5. Mr. Castle to provide the necessary clerks and other employees for the proper conduct of the Market, and to make an arrangement with the Corporation as to provision of the necessary pots.
6. Mr. Castle to pay over to the Corporation out of his commission 2 ½ per cent. on the amount of all sales over and above an annual turnover of £7,000, to be applied for the improvement and development of the Market.
7. A Farmers', Fruit Growers' and Market Gardeners' Association to be formed, by whom an Advisory Committee shall be appointed to look after the interests of the Growers and to consult with the Corporation as to the application of the Development Fund and generally in regard to the Market.
8. The Corporation to frame Rules for the management of the Market in consultation with the Advisory Committee.

Mr. Castle had expressed his willingness to accept these proposals, but the Market Gardeners' Committee had suggested that the following modifications should be made therein :—

- a. That Mr. Castle's commission of 7 ½ per cent. should be reduced to 5 per cent. on all produce sold between the 25th December and the 24th June on lots totalling 1a and upwards, and to 5 per cent. on all produce sold between the 24th June and 25th December, but that produce belonging to non-members of the Association and foreign produce should be charged at 10 per cent., and the difference between such rate and the rate chargeable to members should be applied to a Development and Bonus Fund.
- b. That the 10 per cent. of Mr. Castle's commission to be paid to the Corporation should be applied first in payment of 440 for use of the Market, secondly in payment of a fair rate of interest for money spent by the Corporation in providing additional sheds and accommodation, and thirdly in augmentation of the Development and Bonus Fund.

c. That the 2 ½ per cent. commission on the turnover exceeding £7,000, together with the additions mentioned in "a" and "b," should be applied as to one half for the improvement of the Market, and as to the other half by way of a bonus to be distributed amongst the members of the Association. The Market Gardeners' Committee were not willing that membership of their Association should be open to Farmers and the larger Growers but desired that it should be limited to Market Gardeners. They also asked that if the Corporation found it impracticable practicable to provide additional sheds and accommodation forthwith, they would endeavour to provide shelters of a temporary character for the forthcoming busy season. Resolved, That this Committee approve of the proposals made by the Market Sub-Committee.

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11—Royal Cheltenham Spa—The letter from Mr. F. Forty suggesting that the name of the Borough should be altered to " Royal Cheltenham Spa " was further considered. The Town Clerk reported that the name of the Borough might be altered under Sec. 55 of the Local Government Act, 1894, with the sanction of the County Council, but he did not think that the prefix " Royal could be adopted except by the exercise of the Royal Prerogative. Application for this might be made by Petition to the Crown. Resolved, That the present is not an opportune time for making such application.

J. WAGHORNE,

Chairman.

MUNICIPAL OFFICES SITES COMMITTEE.

Report of the Special Committee appointed on the 5th day of December, 1910, to consider the question of Municipal Offices.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, the 17th instant: Present—The Mayor, The Deputy Mayor, Alderman Bendall, Councillors Dodwell, Merrett, Rees Jones, Silk and Taylor (The Deputy Mayor in the chair).

1—Lift—The Architect submitted the tender of the Medway Safety Lift Co. for providing and erecting an automatic electric lift up to the second floor at a cost of £368, in addition to which there would be £15 for builder's work. Resolved, That the tender be accepted subject to a contract being entered into to be prepared by the Town Clerk.

2-Mats-The Committee considered the tenders (4) received for supplying 4 cocoa door-mats for the main entrances. Resolved, That the tender of the Blind Society of £4 1s. 9d. (the lowest) be accepted.

CHAS. H. MARGRETT,

Chairman.

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ART GALLERY AND MUSEUM COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday the 12th May, 1915. Present—Alderman Davies, Councillors Green, Rees Jones and Steel (Councillor Rees Jones in the chair),

1— Curator's Report--The Curator reported that 558 visits had been made to the Art Gallery and Museum since the 12th ultimo.

The Executors of the late Mr. John Sawyer had presented the following objects for the Museum :

Skull from Crickley Hill.
Skull from Witcombe.
Romano-British Wine Jug.
Iron Rings, &c.

The following pictures had been lent to the Municipal Offices :

Battle of Marston Moor, by J. Barker.
Castle of Chillon, by P. J. M. Louthembourg.
Persecutions under the Duke of Alva.
Oil Portrait of Dr. Southwood.

Repair of Picture—The Curator recommended that the heavy coats of varnish should be removed from the picture entitled The Knight's Hall, Fredericksborg, by Hansen, in the De Ferrieres' Gallery, to prevent the further cracking of the painting.

Resolved, That the thanks of the Council be conveyed to the Executors of the late Mr. Sawyer for their gifts. Resolved also, That the Curator be instructed to obtain tenders for restoring the picture by Hansen for consideration at the next Meeting.

2—Autumn Exhibition--Resolved, That the usual Autumn Exhibition be not held this year.

T. REES JONES,

Chairman.

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MINERAL WATERS, BATHS AND RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, the 21st May, 1915: Present—Alderman Davies, Councillors Dodwell, Haddock and Merrett (Councillor Haddock in the chair).

1—Montpellier Baths —The Borough Accountant reported that the Receipts and Payments in respect of these Baths from 1st April, 1915, to 30th April, 1915, were as follows :—

Receipts	£51 4 11	Expenses (including Rates, &c.)	£26 14 5
		Loans—Interest and Redemption	<u>£44 17 1</u>
	£51 4 11		£71 11 6

2 —Alstone Baths —The Borough Accountant reported that the Receipts and Payments in respect of these Baths from 1st April to 30th April, 1915, were as follows :—

Receipts	£38 15 5	Expenses (including Rates, &c.)	£24 14 3
		Loans—Interest and Redemption	<u>£27 19 6</u>
	£38 15 5		£52 13 9

Swimming Bath—Read, an application from the Hon. Sec. of the Cheltenham Elementary Schools' Swimming Association for the free use of the Swimming Bath on one day in July and September for Swimming Galas. Resolved, That the application be acceded to.

3—Mineral Waters—Sales—The Borough Surveyor reported that the number of glasses of Mineral Waters sold during April last was 2,937 as compared with 1,228 for the month of April last year. The number of bottles of Concentrated Water sold was 1,284 as compared with 360.

4—Central Spa —Read, a letter from the Publicity Manager of the Buxton Information Bureau offering to exhibit a poster of Cheltenham in the Buxton Spa if a copy of their poster was placed in the Cheltenham Spa. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be authorised to arrange for the exchange of a framed photograph.

5—Agg-Gardner Recreation Ground—Read, a letter from Major Cockshott, the Officer Commanding the 12th Division, No. 176 Company, Army Service Corps, thanking the Council for granting the use of the Agg-Gardner Recreation Ground for instructional purposes and games, and also expressing appreciation of the services rendered by the Superintendent of the Ground.

P. HADDOCK,

Chairman.

BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, the 28th May, 1915 : Present—Alderman Baker, Councillors Dodwell, Rees Jones and Steel (Alderman Baker in the chair).

1--Grants of Grave Spaces—Resolved, That the Common Seal be affixed to Grants No. 4738 to 4751 (both inclusive) of the exclusive right of burial in the graves referred to therein, which had been purchased.

2—Designs--Resolved, That the following Designs be approved, viz.: Kerbing to graves of Harriet Townsend, Clara Eliza Legge, and Clara Soule ; Headstones to graves of Harriett and John Fowler Gay, John Henry Parker, Ellen Lizzie Channon, Leslie Walter Boulton, and Frank Young; Memorial Crosses to graves of Lilla Wimble Hirst and George and Annie Jones.

3—Burial Fees —The Town Clerk reported that a question had arisen between the Rector and the Incumbents of the ether parishes in Cheltenham whether the latter were entitled to conduct and

take the fees for funerals in the consecrated portion of the Cemetery. He had received a letter from the Rev. Canon Jennings informing him that the Patrons and Rector of St. Mary's and the Incumbents of the other parishes had agreed to a case being laid before Counsel to advise on the point raised, and that they would accept the opinion as a settlement of the question. It was also agreed that they should ask the Corporation to have a case prepared and laid before Counsel; half the costs of which would be paid by the Patrons of St. Mary's and half by the other Incumbents. Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to prepare and submit a case for opinion of Counsel as requested.

WILLIAM A. BAKER,

Chairman.

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PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, the 18th May, 1915: Present—Councillor Green, Messrs. F. J. Caudle and E. C. Rogers (Councillor Green in the chair).

1—Librarian's Report--Read, the Monthly Report of the Librarian. Receipts £3 0s. 1d. Presentations : University College of Wales, 1vol.; Mr. H. J. Dale, Books and Papers relating to the formation of the Cheltenham Public Library.

2-Sub-Committee's Report—The Sub-Committee reported that they met on the 13th instant. Present : Alderman Davies, Councillors Green and Merrett, and Mr. F. J. Caudle (Councillor Green in the chair). The Monthly Accounts were examined.

E. C. GREEN,

Chairman.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, the 1st June, 1915: Present—The Mayor, Alderman Waghorne, Councillors Rees Jones, Steel and Wilkins (Alderman Waghorne in the chair).

1-General District Rate—Read the Report of the Borough Accountant, dated the 1st instant, on the collection of the first instalment of this Rate Amount collected £2,906 3s. 9d. Leaving outstanding £23,225 2s. 5d.

1, Ormond Place—Read, a letter from Mr. R. B. Harding, Registrar of the Gloucestershire Branch of the British Red Cross Society, stating that these premises were now being used as a Red Cross Office and Central Registration Bureau, and asking for remission of the General District Rate. Resolved, That the application be acceded to.

2-Water Rate—Read, the Report of the Borough Accountant, dated the 1st inst., on the collection of this Rate for the half year ended the 29th September next. Amount collected £1,941 14s. 4d. Leaving outstanding £10,746 9s. 10d.

3—Loans—The Borough Accountant reported that since the last meeting he had received £200, £350 and £200 on loan. Resolved, That Debentures be sealed and issued accordingly on account of duly authorised loans. He also reported that he had arranged for the continuance of loans amounting to £14,020 0s. 0d. Resolved, That the terms arranged be approved and that the Debentures be endorsed accordingly.

4—Cancellation of Corporation Stock—The Borough Accountant reported that in pursuance of the instructions given him, he had purchased £1,473 7s. 11d. Corporation Stock at 73 per cent. Resolved, That the sum of £1,473 7s. 11d. Cheltenham Corporation Stock purchased by means of the Loans Fund of the Cheltenham Town Council, and which now stands in the name of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the Borough of Cheltenham, be extinguished, and that the National Provincial Bank of England, Limited, the Registrars of the said Stock, be and they are hereby authorised and requested to cancel and extinguish the same in the books kept by them relating to the said Stock, and that the Common Seal be affixed to a duplicate of this Order, and that such duplicate be forwarded to the said Registrars.

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5—Stores Clerks—The resolution of the Street and Highway Committee asking the Finance Committee to consider the question of transferring the work at present done by the Stores Clerks under the supervision of the Borough Surveyor to the Borough Accountant's Department was considered. Resolved, That the Borough Accountant be instructed to bring up a report upon the matter at the next meeting.

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 27th April last	£5,336 4 7
Received since that date (including Loans on Debenture, £750)	<u>10,342 8 1</u>
	£15,678 12 8
Paid since that date (including Loan repaid, £500)	<u>10,485 16 10</u>
	£ 5,192 15 10
being Sinking Fund Accounts	£7,141 19 5
"Leslie Young Benefaction" Accounts	<u>66 2 6</u>
	In hand £7,208 1 11
less General Accounts—Overdrawn	<u>2,015 6 1</u>
	In hand £5,192 15 10

J. WAGHORNE,

Chairman.

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Borough of Cheltenham.

Municipal Offices, Cheltenham,

3rd June, 1915.

Sir,

You are hereby summoned to attend the **Monthly Meeting of the Council, to be held in the Municipal Offices, Promenade, on Monday, the 7th day of June, 1915**, at Three o'clock in the Afternoon, at which Meeting the following business is proposed to be transacted, and any other business that may legally be transacted at such Meeting.

1. To read and sign the Minutes of the last Quarterly Meeting and of the Special Meeting on the 11th May last.

2. Communications by the Mayor.

3. To approve or otherwise, the proceedings of

THE PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE

“STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE

“TOWN IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE

“ELECTRICITY AND LIGHTING COMMITTEE

“WATER COMMITTEE

“GENERAL PURPOSES AND WATCH COMMITTEE

“MUNICIPAL OFFICES SITES COMMITTEE

“ART GALLERY AND MUSEUM COMMITTEE

MINERAL WATERS, BATHS AND RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE

THE BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE

“PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE

“FINANCE COMMITTEE

4. Councillor Green to move :—“That the Resolution to Minute No. 3 of the Committee, at their Meeting on the 17th reference to the removal of the Railings round and which was approved by the Council on be rescinded.”

5. Notices of Motion.

6. Memorials, Applications, Complaints, &c.

Town Improvement February last, with the Winter Gardens, the 1st March last,

Yours faithfully,

Town Clerk.

To each Member of the Council.

Borough of Cheltenham

At a Monthly Meeting of the Town Council of the Borough of Cheltenham, duly convened and held at the Municipal Offices, in the said Borough, on Monday, the 7th June, 1915, at 3 p.m. Present :

THE MAYOR (ALDERMAN WILLIAM NASH SKILLICORNE) in the chair. THE DEPUTY MAYOR (ALDERMAN CHARLES HENRY MARGRETT).

Aldermen: WILLIAM ALFRED BAKER JOHN DAVID BENDALL RICHARD DAVIES JOHN WAGHORNE

Councillors: FRANK CHARLES DODWELL EDWINSON CHARLES GREEN PERCY HADDOCK ALFRED MANN WILLIE JOHN MERRETT THOMAS REES JONES WALTER JAMES FREDERICK WOOD WILLIAM SAWYER EDWIN CHARLES SILK THOMAS WILLIAM SMITH ROBERT STEEL PETER PHILIP TAYLOR THOMAS WILKINS

Apology.--An apology for non-attendance was received from Councillor Stewart.

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1—Minutes of Previous Meetings—Resolved, That they Minutes of the Meetings of the Council on the 3rd and 11th 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 26th May last, be approved and confirmed.

3—Street and Highway Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Street and Highway Committee, at their Meetings of the 11th and 31st May last, be approved and confirmed.

4—Town Improvement Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Town Improvement Committee, at their Meetings of the 26th May last and 2nd June instant, be approved and confirmed.

5--Electricity and Lighting Committee-Resolved, That the proceedings of the Electricity and Lighting Committee, at their Meeting of the 27th May last, be approved and confirmed.

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

7-General Purposes and 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.

8-Municipal Offices Sites Committee—Resolved, That the report of the Municipal Offices Sites Committee 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 12th May last, be approved and confirmed.

10—Mineral Waters, Baths and Recreation Grounds Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Mineral Waters, Baths and Recreation Grounds Committee, at their Meetings of the 21st May last, be approved and confirmed.

11—Burial Board Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Burial Board Committee, at their Meeting of the 28th be approved and confirmed.

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12—Public Library Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Public Library Committee, at their Meeting of the 18th May last, be approved and confirmed.

13—Finance Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Finance Committee, at their Meeting of the 1st June instant, be approved and confirmed. Resolved also, That an Order on the Borough Treasurer be signed accordingly for payment to the several Corporations, Companies and Persons mentioned in the Schedule of Accounts, the sum of money set opposite their respective names upon production of a cheque signed by the Borough Accountant.

14—Winter Garden—Railings—Councillor Green moved, in accordance with the Notice given by him at the last Quarterly Meeting, and it was Resolved, That the Resolution to Minute No. 3 of the Town Improvement Committee, at their Meeting on the 17th February last, with reference to the removal of the Railings round the Winter Garden, and which was approved by the Council on the 1st March last, be rescinded.

W. NASH SKILLICORNE,

Mayor.

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Borough of Cheltenham.

At the Annual Licensing Meeting of the Town Council of the Borough of Cheltenham, duly convened and held at the Central Depot, in the said Borough, on Friday, the 11th June, 1915, at 10-30 a.m. Present:

Aldermen: WILLIAM ALFRED BAKER JOHN DAVID BENDALL

Councillors: FRANK CHARLES DODWELL EDWINSON CHARLES GREEN ALFRED MANN WILLIE JOHN MERRETT THOMAS REES JONES WILLIAM SAWYER EDWIN CHARLES SILK ROBERT STEEL JAMES STEWART THOMAS WILKINS

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

2—Annual Licensing of Hackney Carriages and Drivers—The Council granted the renewal of

38 Horsefly Licences at 5s	£9 10 0
13 Motor Cab Licences at 5s	3 5 0
8 Pony Carriage Licences at 3s 6d	1 8 0
16 Wheel Chair Licences at 3s 6 d	2 16 0
77 Drivers at 1s	<u>3 17 0</u>
Total Receipts ...	£20 16 0

WILLIAM A. BAKER,

Chairman.

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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, 1915.

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, the 14th June, 1915 Present—The Mayor, Councillors Green, Rees Jones, Steel, Stewart and Wood (The Mayor in the chair).

1--Houses without proper Ash Receptacles —The Inspector of Nuisances reported that the following houses had no proper ashpits or ash receptacles, viz.:—48 Union Street, 3 Garden Cottages, 1 Rutland Street, Tresco, Hewlett Road, 5 Albert Street, St. Peter's, and 15 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.

2- Overcrowding at 5 Devonshire 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.

3- Cleansing and Whitewashing at 26 Fairview Road, 3 Montpellier Retreat, 1 and 2 Princes Place, 6 Montpellier Retreat: 5 and 7 Devonshire Street. The Medical Officer of Health having certified under Section 46 of the Public Heal Act, 1875, that the above-named dwelling-houses were in such a filthy and unwholesome condition that the health the 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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4—Nuisances from Drains. etc.. at 3 and 41 Brunswick Street, 4 and 5 Rodney Terrace. The Inspector of Nuisances having made written application under Section 41 of the Public Health Act, 1875, stating that the drains, &c., on or belonging to the above-named houses were in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to health. Resolved, That authority be given to, the Inspector of Nuisances to open the ground, examine the drains, and report to the Committee.

5—Insanitary Property—6 Stanhope Street, Cottage at rear of Regent House, Swindon Road, 95 Tewkesbury Road, 2 Garden Cottages, Bath Road, 3. 4, 5, 6, 13 and 16 Devonshire Street. The Medical Officer of Health reported that the above-mentioned premises were in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to the health of the inmates owing to defective roofs, walls, ceiling, 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 unfit for Human Habitation-11 Grove Street--The Medical Officer of Health reported that these premises, in respect of which a Closing Order was made, had been made fit for human habitation. Resolved, That an Order be made determining Closing Order.

7—Destruction of Diseased Meat—The Medical Officer of Health reported the surrender and destruction on the 22nd ultimo of the carcass of a pork pig as unfit for human food. (Weight, 66 lbs.)

8—Disinfection of Clothes—The Medical Officer of Health reported that he had received a letter from Miss Yonge, Hon. Sec. of the Gloucestershire Branch of the Red Cross Society, asking the Corporation to undertake free of charge the disinfection of the clothes of wounded soldiers received into the Cheltenham Hospitals, and submitted a copy of his reply as to the collection, &c., of the Resolved, That the reply of the Medical Officer of Health be approved, and that the disinfection be carried out free of charge in respect of the Red Cross Hospitals in the Borough.

9—Delancey Hospital—Resolved, That the Memorandum of the Medical Officer of Health as to the medical superintendence of the Delancey Hospital be referred to the Delancey Hospital Trustees.

10—**Report of Farms Sub-Committee**—The Farms Sub-Committee reported that they met on the 14th instant. Present The Mayor. Green, Rees Jones, Steel, Stewart and Wood (Councillor Wood in the chair).

Farms Manager's Farms Manager reported that the number of livestock on the Farms on the 14th instant was 15 horses(not including 4 at the Depot), 213 head of cattle (including 5 calves), 98 sheep (including 52 lambs) and 5 pigs, all doing well. 48 head of cattle (including 2 calves) had been purchased for £725 12s. 6d., 42 sheep for £92 8s. 0d., and 2 cart colts for £77 7s. 0d. (Total purchases, £895 7s. 6d.) 12 head of cattle (including 6 calves) had been sold for £142 15s. 2d., and 1 ewe and 18 lambs for £45 14s. 3d. (Total sales, £189 9s. 5d.)

Resolved, That the Manager be authorised to purchase three 30-rung ladders, three 30-yard ropes, and twelve rakes for haymaking.

Resolved also, That in view of the representations made by the Board of Agriculture, the Manager be instructed not to sell immature stock.

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

W. NASH SKILLICORNE,

Chairman.

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At a Meeting of this Committee held as Monday, the 21st June, 1915 : Present—The Mayor, Councillors Green, Rees Jones, Steel and Stewart (The Mayor is the chair).

11-Houses without proper Ash Receptacles—The Inspector of Nuisances reported that the following houses had no proper ashpits or ash receptacles. viz. :—8 Whitehart Street, 48 Union Street, 1 Rutland Street, 7, 25, 29 and 35 Brunswick 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 Whitewashing at 2, 20 and 35 Bloomsbury Street, 3 and 5 Brunswick 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 43 Naunton Crescent, 17 Sandford Street, 21 Dunalley Parade, 3 and 7 Brunswick Street, United Counties Bank, and 108 High Street. The Inspector of Nuisances having made written application under Section 41 of the Public Health Act, 1875, stating that the drains, &c., on or belonging to the above-named houses were in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to health, Resolved, That authority be given to the Inspector of Nuisances to open the ground, examine the drains, and report to the Committee.

14—Insanitary Property—20 and 35 Bloomsbury Street, 8 Whitehart Street, 27, 28 and 29 Stanhope Street, 49 Fairview Street. The Medical Officer of Health reported that the above-mentioned premises were in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to the health of the inmates owing to defective roofs, walls, ceilings, floors, &c. Resolved, That the Council being satisfied that the said premises are in such a state as to be 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—Manure Receptacle—The Inspector of Nuisances reported that Mr. R. Jones, of Townsend Street, had failed to comply with the Bye-Laws requiring the weekly removal of manure from his premises. Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to take proceedings for the penalties incurred.

16—Notices not Complied With—The Medical Officer of Health submitted a list of Notices requiring the abatement of nuisances caused by dirty walls and ceilings, defective ceilings, etc., and the

provision of ash receptacles, which had been served but not complied with. Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to take the necessary proceedings to compel compliance.

17--Destruction of Diseased Meat--The Medical Officer of Health reported the surrender and destruction of diseased meat as follows :—On the 16th instant the carcase and offal of a pork pig, and on the 17th instant a portion of the hind-quarter of beef. (Total weight, 181 lbs.)

18—Sanitary Conveniences in Shops— Read, a letter from the Local Government Board calling attention to the difficulty arising in small shops, where men of military age had been replaced by women, by reasons of the provisions of the Public Health Acts requiring separate sanitary accommodation for each sex. The Board pointed out that it would involve sonic hardship to the employer if, having already undergone a measure of sacrifice in releasing his male assistants, he were called upon to incur expense by way of structural alterations to meet conditions which were only intended to be temporary, and suggested that in a large number of cases it would be found possible to meet the difficulty by some temporary arrangement such as the, use, free of charge, of a convenience in a neighbouring house, or of a public convenience nearby, which would secure the object in view without involving the employer in serious additional expense.

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19—Provisional Valuations—The Town Clerk laid before the Committee the provisional valuations made by the Inland Revenue Commissioners under the Finance Act, 1909-10, as follows :—

Hatherley Tank and Land ..	Original Assessable Site Value,	£75 ..	Gross Value, £230
The Abattoir	“ “ “	£300	“ £2300
Cottage at Farms occupied by Mr. Stephens, sen.	“ “ “	£15	“ £85
do. do. Mr. A. Stephens	“ “ “	£25	“ £100
do. do. Mr. J. Davis	“ “ “	£10	“ £90
do. do. Mr. T. Mason	“ “ “	£20	“ £90

W. NASH SKILLICORNE,

Chairman.

STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, the 1,5th June, 1915 Present—Aldermen Baker and Bendall, Councillors Mann, Merrett, Stewart and Wilkins (Alderman Bendall in the chair).

1—Street Projections—Read, an application from Mr. C. J. Lord for permission to transfer two small signs from No. 20, Upper Bath Road to his new premises, No. 29. Resolved, That the application be acceded to subject to the usual conditions. Read, an application from Messrs. Collins & Godfrey, on behalf of the Capital and Counties Banking Co., for permission to place a sign outside Rodney Hall, which has been taken by the Bank for temporary offices. Resolved, That the application be acceded to.

2—Malvern Road—The Borough Surveyor recommended that a new kerbing should be provided in the portion of Malvern Road adjoining Lansdown Parade at the same time as the repairs to the road are carried out. Resolved, That the Committee inspect the road at their next View Meeting.

3—Ambulance Men—The Borough Surveyor submitted an application from his employees who were members of St. John Ambulance Association, and who had offered their services in connection with the temporary hospital at Gloucester Road Schools, asking to be allowed to attend at the hospital one afternoon each week. Resolved, That the application be granted.

4—Central Depot—Chelt—Read, a letter from Mr. Chas. E. Champney, of Yorkleigh, St. George's Road, complaining of the nuisance caused by boys crossing the Chelt adjoining the Central Depot and getting into his garden, and suggesting that a notice board should be put up. Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to call the attention of the Police to the matter.

5—Direction Notices—Read, a letter from the Rev. R. H. M. Bouth, Hon. Sec. of the Bristol and Gloucestershire Automobile Club, asking that direction notices to Gloucester, Tewkesbury, &c., should be placed at the junction of High Street and Colonnade. Resolved. That the application be not acceded to.

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6 —Corporation Workmen—Read, a letter from Mr. J. W. Betteridge, District Secretary of the Cheltenham Branch of the Amalgamated Society of Gasworkers, Brickmakers, and General Labourers, suggesting that, as the Corporation had refused the application made by him on behalf of employees for an all-round increase of 2s per week, the "matter in dispute" should be referred to an arbitrator to be appointed by the Board of Trade. Resolved, That Mr. Betteridge be informed that in the opinion of this Committee there is no dispute to be referred to arbitration.

7—Chelt Fence—The Borough Surveyor reported that complaints had been received of the danger to persons using the footpath adjoining the Chelt owing to the defective condition of the fence. Resolved, That Notice be served upon the abutting owners under Sec. 30 of the Public Health Acts Amendment Act, 1907, requiring them to protect or enclose the stream so as to prevent any danger therefrom.

JOHN D. BENDALL,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, the 28th June, 1915 : Present—The Mayor, Aldermen Baker and Bendall, Councillors Merrett and Wilkins (Alderman Bendall in the chair).

8—Borough Surveyor's Monthly Report re Highways—The Borough Surveyor reported that the work done by the Highways Department from the 25th May to the 24th June, 1915 (both dates inclusive), had been as follows:—

Roads Coated—Gratton Road (2,681 sq. yards), Hewlett Road (1,465 sq. yards), Leckhampton Road (1,087 sq. yards), Prestbury Road (1,068 sq. yards), Sandford Road (3,942 sq. yards).

Roads Patched—Bayshill Road, Hungerford Street, St. George's Road, Swindon Road, Winchcomb Street.

Roads Tarpainted—Imperial Square (2,000 sq. yards), Lansdown Road (10,049 sq. yards), Swindon Road (14,355 sq. yards) Monson Avenue (1,218 sq. yards), Waterloo Street (1,270 sq. yards), Oriel

Road (1,750 sq. yards), Montpellier Terrace (4,640 sq. yards), St. George's Place (mosaic blocks, 220 sq. yards), Montpellier wide opening (200 sq. yards), Suffolk Square (2,200 sq. yards), Suffolk Parade (1,668 sq. yards), Suffolk Road (2,989 sq. yards), Great Norwood Street (1,454 sq. yards), Hawarden Parade (350 sq. yards), Milsom Street (2,875 sq. yards), Market Street (2,200 sq. yards).

Sewer Renewed—Edenholme (back of).

Paving Repairs, Setts—Drew Memorial, Montpellier (3 ½ super yards), Destructor Road (355 sq. yards).

Channel Repairs—St. James' Street.

New Gullies—Malvern Road 2, Malvern Place 1.

G.P.O. Trenches Repaired—Old Well Walk.

Making Path through Bandstand—Promenade.

Electricity Trenches Repaired—Cleeve Road, Prestbury Racecourse, St. George's Place, Beckingsale's Passage, Gloucester Road, Malvern Place, Naunton Lane, St. George's Avenue.

Trees Pruned—Gloucester Road, Imperial Square, Old Bath Road, Pittville Crescent, St. George's Road.

Private Trees Pruned—Pittville Lawn, Shurdington Road, and between Pittville Circus and Prestbury Road.

Dead Trees Removed—Eldorado Road (1 lime tree), Old Bath Road (1 maple), The Park (1 plane).

Ashes Collection and Disposal—During four weeks ended the 17th June, 1915-807 loads collected, 793 consumed and 14 tipped way. Weight consumed, 939 tons 15 cwts.

Steam Generated—Hourly average, 4,911 lbs.

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9—View Meeting—The following members attended the View Meeting on Friday last —The Mayor, Alderman Bendall, Councillors Merrett, Stewart and Wilkins.

10—**Report of Plans Sub-Committee**--The Chairman reported the proceedings of the Plans Sub-Committee at their Meetings on the 15th and 25th instant. Resolved, That the same be approved and adopted.

11—Street Projections—The Street Inspector reported that Mr. T. Barrett, Fruiterer, of Upper Bath Road, had obstructed the pavement adjoining his premises by placing goods thereon, but he had since removed the obstruction. He also reported that Mr. G. Bliss, of 6, Grosvenor Street, and Mr. J. W. Griffin, of too, Albion Street, continued to obstruct the footpath by placing goods outside their premises. Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to take proceedings against Mr. Bliss and Mr. Griffin unless the obstruction is at once removed.

12—Tenders for Coal—The Borough Surveyor reported that the Cleeves Western Valleys Collieries Ltd. were not willing to contract to supply coal from one colliery but required liberty to obtain a supply from 6 different collieries. Resolved, That the Resolution to Minute No. 15 of this Committee's proceedings on the 3rd May last, accepting the tender of the Cleeves Western Valleys Collieries Ltd. for the supply of 350 tons of Cannock Slack Coal, be rescinded. Resolved also, That the offer of the Park Colliery Co., Ltd., to supply 400 tons of Rough Slack Coal from the Norchard Colliery at 19s per ton be accepted.

13—Folly Lane Clay Pits —The Town Clerk reported that he had now heard from Messrs. Bubb & Co. on behalf of Mr E. L. Baylis that they could not accept the terms of the agreement offered by the Corporation. The agreement contained covenants by the Corporation that (1) The refuse should be deposited so as not to become at any time insanitary or a nuisance to the neighbourhood, and that the surface of the refuse should be covered with earth ; (2) To maintain Folly Lane and the private road to the tip and leave the same at the expiration of the license in a better state than they are at present ; (3) To make good any loss or damage which might be suffered by Mr. Baylis owing to, by, or in consequence of the use of the tip by the Corporation, and (4) An arbitration clause. Messrs. Bubb & Co. objected to an arbitration clause and insisted that Mr. Baylis should have a right of action for any claim or question arising. They also considered that the terms of the covenant to make good any loss or damage were not wide enough, and required that it should be extended to cover any claim by Mr. Baylis, however remote this might be. Resolved, That the Council cannot accept these alterations, and that the Board of Trade be informed that under the circumstances the Corporation cannot release the men required for working the Destructor.

14—Corporation Workmen—Read, a letter from Mr. J. W. Betteridge, Secretary of the Cheltenham Building Trades Joint Committee, making application on behalf of Plumbers, Painters, Bricklayers, Plasterers, Carpenters and Joiners, Cabinet Makers and Labourers in the employ of the Corporation for a War Bonus of 3s per week and suggesting that if the Corporation were not willing to accede to the application that the matter should be referred to an Arbitrator to be appointed by the Board of Trade. Resolved, That having regard to the increases of wages already granted, the Committee do not see their way to recommend payment of an additional War Bonus.

15—Advertisements Regulation Bye-Laws—The Committee having inspected the hoardings erected prior to the passing of the Advertisements Regulation Act, 1907, which were exempt for a period of 5 years from the date of the confirmation of the Bye-Laws made by the Council, it was Resolved, That notice be given requiring the removal of the following hoardings, viz:-

Gloucester Road	Hoarding at	corner of St. George's Road (opposite Calcutta Inn).
Queen's Road	do.	adjoining Railway Bridge.
Queen's Road	do.	adjoining M.R. Station Gates.
Leckhampton Road	do.	near Railway Bridge.
London Road	do.	near Beaufort Arms.
Cemetery Road	do.	on East side.
Hewlett Road	do.	near Greyhound Inn.

16—Provisional Valuations—The Town Clerk laid before the Committee the provisional valuations made by the Inland Revenue Commissioners under the Finance Act, 1909-10, as follows

	Original Assessable Site Value,	£60	Original Gross Value,	£300
Roseville Cottage	“	“	“	“
5, Ambrose Street	“	“	“	“
15, Ambrose Street ..	“	“	“	“
Refuse Destructor, Slab Factory and Sewage Tanks, Arle	“	“	“	“
Central Depot—House and Land	“	“	“	“

JOHN D. BENDALL,

Chairman.

PLANS SUB-COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Sub-Committee held on Tuesday, the 15th June, 1915: Present—Alderman Bendall, Councillors Merrett, Rees Jones, Steel, Stewart and Wilkins (Alderman Bendall in the chair).

1—New Buildings—The Borough Surveyor submitted the following Notices and Plans of intended New Buildings, viz.:—

No. of Plan	Name.	Description.
1319	Mrs. Smith	New Bath Room, Glencoe, King's Road.
1320	Mrs. W. A. Overthrow	Alterations to Scullery, Kelvin House, Devonshire Street.

Resolved, That the plans be approved subject to the drainage and sanitary work being carried out to the satisfaction of the Sanitary Inspector.

JOHN D. BENDALL,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Sub-Committee held on Friday, the 25th June, 1915 : Present—Alderman Bendall, Councillors Merrett, Rees-Jones, Steel, Stewart and Wilkins (Alderman Bendall in the chair).

2 —New Buildings—The Borough Surveyor submitted the following Notices and Plans of intended New Buildings, viz.:—

No. of Plan	Name.	Description.
1321	Capital and Counties Banking Co.	Alterations and additions to Bank premises, Rodney Road.
1316	J. Barlow	Temporary Motor House, Fleetwood, Arle Road.

Resolved, That Plan No. 1321 be approved subject to the drainage and sanitary work being carried out to the satisfaction of the Sanitary Inspector, and that Plan No. 1356 be approved subject to the building being lined with fireproof material.

JOHN D. BENDALL,

Chairman.

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TOWN IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, the 23rd June, 1915 Present—The Mayor, Aldermen Baker and Davies,

Councillors Green, Rees Jones, Sawyer, Steel and Taylor (Alderman Baker in the chair).

1—Band—Read, a letter from the Hon. Sec. of the Traders' Association forwarding a copy of the following Resolution which was passed at their Meeting on the 14th instant, viz.

"That this Association regrets the misunderstanding which appears to exist with reference to the proposals of the Association as to the Spa, and extends a hearty invitation to all members of the Corporation to attend the Meetings of the Traders' Association, and directs that invitations be sent accordingly."

Resolved, That the Traders' Association be thanked for their invitation.

2-Montpellier Gardens—Read, a letter from Mr. A. W. Newton stating that the free Band and Vocal Concerts provided by the Traders' Association at the Town Hall seriously affected the afternoon Concerts at the Montpellier Gardens. Mr. Newton attended the Meeting and asked the Committee to make up his share of the subscriptions this year to the same amount as received by him last year. Resolved, That in view of the loss sustained by Mr. Newton owing to the Montpellier Gardens being open free to the public each morning, and to the Concerts provided by the Traders' Association at the Town Hall, this Committee recommend the Council to make up the share of the subscriptions to be received by Mr. Newton to the same amount as last year

3—Winter Garden—The Borough Surveyor submitted a report by the Borough Electrical Engineer with reference to the electric wiring at the Winter Garden. Resolved, That tenders be invited for renewing the wiring and that the Council be recommended to authorise this Committee to accept a satisfactory tender.

4—Provisional Valuations—The Town Clerk laid before the Committee the provisional valuations made by the Inland Revenue Commissioners under the Finance Act 1909-10, as follows :—

	Difference between Gross Value and Value of fee-simple Original				
	Original		Original	of land divested	Assessable
	Gross Value.	Deductions.	Total Value.	of buildings.	Sale Value.
Winter Gardens	15,560 ..	3,650	12,000	6,650	5,350
Buildings and Land	(for Restrictive covenant)				
Montpellier Gardens,	10,000	9,200	800	930	minus 130
House and Land			(do.)		
Pittville Park, Annexe and Land, }		42			
Pittville Crescent, and	} 14,000 (Tithe, Rent, Charge, &c.)		2500	6,100	3,600
Clarence and Wellington Squares}		11,858			
		(Restrictive covenant)			

5—Greenhouse at Holy Trinity Vicarage —The Committee considered the plans submitted for the erection of a greenhouse at Holy Trinity Vicarage. Resolved, That the same be approved.

WILLIAM A. BAKER,

Chairman.

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ELECTRICITY AND LIGHTING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Thursday, the 10th June, 1915: Present—Councillors Green, Merrett, Rees Jones and Wood (Councillor Merrett in the chair).

1—Tenders for Coal—The Committee considered the tenders (7) received for the supply of Slack Coal. Resolved, That the tender of the Park Colliery Ltd., for the supply of Rough Small Steam Coal, from the Norchard Colliery at 19s per ton, for the six months ending the 31st December next, with an option for the Corporation to continue the contract for a further six months, provided that notice to exercise such option is given begin the 1st December, be accepted, subject to a contract being entered into to be prepared by the Town Clerk.

W. J. MERRETT, Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, the 24th June, 1915: Present—Councillors Green, Haddock, Mann, Merrett, Rees Jones, Taylor and Wood (Councillor Merrett in the chair).

2 — Gas Examiner's Report—The Gas Examiner reported that he tested the gas on the 24th instant for illuminating power, with the following result, viz., 14.8 candles respectively. The test for purity on the 28th instant showed 28 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—Staff—Resolved, That the Borough Electrical Engineer be authorised to engage a female shorthand typist, at not exceeding 15s per week, to take the place of the clerk on active service.

5—Public Gas Lighting—Resolved, That the committee report to the Council that they have had 3 Evening Meetings to inspect the Public Lighting, and that Notice has been given to the Cheltenham Gas Company requiring the removal of 63 lamps and the alteration of the positions of 63 other lamps. (The list of lamps to be removed or altered accompanies the Minutes.)

6—War Munitions—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that a Local Committee had been formed for the purpose of organizing the work of making War Munitions in Cheltenham, and asked permission to assist the Committee and to use the staff and tools at the Works for making shell. Resolved, That the Borough Electrical Engineer be authorised accordingly.

W. MERRETT, Chairman.

WATER COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, the 17th June, 1915 : Present—The Deputy Mayor, Councillors Green, Sawyer and Wood (The Deputy Mayor in the chair).

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

DAILY YIELD OF SPRINGS.		
	For 30 days, ended 14 th June 1915.	Average for corresponding period during last 3 years.
Hewletts Springs	456,000 gallons	512,000 gallons
Dowdeswell Springs	787,000 “	1,867,000 “
Leckhampton Springs	<u>123,000</u> “	<u>119,000</u> “
	Total 1,366,000 “	2,620,000

CONTENTS OF RESERVOIRS.				
	Depth	Contents	Depth	Contents
	14 th June, 1915.		15 th June, 1914	
Hewletts		16,385,000 gallons		17,981,000 gallons
Dowdeswell	20ft. 0in.	79,684,000 “	27ft. 0in.	74,901,000 “
Leckhampton	11ft. 0in.	<u>1,486,000</u> “	10ft. 0in.	<u>1,351,000</u> “
	Total Storage	97,555,000		94,233,000 “

2—Tenders for Coal—The Committed considered the tenders received for the supply of coal for the Tewkesbury Pumping Station. Resolved, That the offer of the Park Colliery Company, Ltd., to supply 200 tons of Rough Small Steam Coal from the Norchard Colliery at 19s per ton be accepted, subject to a contract being entered into to be prepared by the Town Clerk.

3—Appeals—The cases entered in the Appeals 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 at the Central Depot on Friday, the 11th June, 1915:
Present—Aldermen Baker mid Bendall, Councillors Green, Merrett, Rees Jones and Stewart (Alderman Baker in the chair).

1--Motor-Cab Licences--The Committee further considered the application from Mr. Arthur Webb for a Motor Cab Licence. Resolved, That a Motor Cab Licence be granted subject to the motor cab being approved and to two existing Horse Carriage Licences being given up. Read, a letter from the

local Manager of the Bristol Tramways and Carriage Co., Limited, stating that they had now taken up the 12 Motor Cab Licences granted by the Council, and applying for additional licences. Resolved, That consideration of the application be adjourned to the next Meeting. Read, an application from Mr. H. Tilley, of Wellington Mews for a Motor Cab Licence, and offering to give up Hackney Carriage Licence No. 90, which with the two other licences given up for the Motor Cab Licence, previously granted, would comply with the requirements of the Council. Resolved, That consideration of the application be adjourned to the next meeting, and that in the meantime the cab be inspected.

2-Transfer of Licences—Read, an application from Mr. H. Hill, for the transfer of Hackney Carriage Licence No. 107 to Mr. W. T. Smith, of Suffolk Mews. Resolved, That the application be acceded to. Read, applications from Mr. H. Workman and Mr. W. J. Houghton, for the transfer of Hackney Carriage Licences No. 24 and No. 92 to Mr. Arthur Webb, of Hewlett Road. Resolved, That the applications be acceded to.

WILLIAM A. BAKER,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, the 22nd June, 1915: Present—The Deputy Mayor, Aldermen Baker and Waghorne, Councillors Green, Haddock, Merrett, Rees Jones and Stewart (Alderman Waghorne in the chair).

3—Diseases amongst Animals—Supt. Hopkins reported an outbreak of Swine Fever on the 5th instant at premises at Hanover Street Gardens, in the occupation of Mr. W. Kear. 2 pigs had died and 2 had been slaughtered by order of the Board of Agriculture. The premises at Folly Lane Allotments, in the occupation of Mr. P. Little, the premises in Hatherley Road, in the occupation of Mr. A. Hathaway, and the premises at Holliday's Allotments, in the occupation of Mr. R. Smith, were also still under quarantine.

4—Fire Brigade—The Captain reported that the Brigade had not been called to any outbreak of fire since the last Meeting.

5—Hackney Carriage Drivers' Licences—Read, applications from Ernest Frank Roebuck, of 12, Naunton Crescent, Frank Frederick Seaborne, of 25, Fairfield Parade, Archie Thomas Jones, of 11, Columbia Street, Dennis Cure Copestake of Arthington Villas, Frederick Peart, of 1, Lypiatt Cottages, Charles Waghorne, of 10, Windsor Street, Jack Birt, Witcomb Place, and F. F. Worgan, of Trafalgar Street, for licences to drive a Motor Cab, and from Albert Moore, of Upper Bath Street, and G. F. Launchbury, of 3, Sandford Street, for licences to drive a Horse Carriage. Resolved' That licences be granted.

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6—Motor Cab Licences—Read, a letter from the Local Manager of the Bristol Tramways and Carriage Co., Ltd., stating that the Company had taken up the 12 Motor Cab Licences granted by the Council, and making application for further licences. Resolved, That 6 additional licences be granted to the Company subject to the same conditions, viz. : 3 Horse Carriage Licences to be given up in exchange for 2 Motor-Cab Licences, and subject to the Motor Cabs being approved by the Inspector of the Corporation.

Read, a letter from Mr. S. G. R. Holman, Secretary of the Queen's Hotel Co., stating that he did not wish to renew Hackney Carriage Licences No. 20 and 67, but he asked that the acquisition and dropping of these licences should be taken into consideration on an application being made for an additional Motor-Cab Licence. Resolved, That the request be acceded to.

7—Game Licences—Read, applications from Messrs. Olive & Olive, C. Barnett & Sons, W. Wilks, W. Flail & Sons, Ltd., Henry Frederick Barnett, James Maxwell and Edwin Powell, and Miss Marian Fanny Woodard, for the renewal of their licences for one year from the 1st proximo. Resolved, That the applications be granted.

8—Shops Act, 1912—Drapers', Hosiers' and Clothiers' Shops Closing Order—The Town Clerk reported that the Order made by the Council fixing the closing hours for all Drapers', Clothiers' and Hosiers' Shops in the Borough had been confirmed by the Home Office.

9—Licence to Store Petroleum—Read, an application from Mr. C. J. Lord, of 29, Upper Bath Road, for a licence to store 50 gallons of Petroleum. The Inspector reported that the place of storage was satisfactory. Resolved, That a licence be granted.

10—Municipal Offices—The Caretaker submitted a statement as to the staff required for cleaning the New Offices, including the Clinic. Resolved, That the same be approved.

11—Provisional Valuations—The Town Clerk laid before the Committee the provisional valuations made by the Inland Revenue Commissioners under the Finance Act, 1909-10, as follows:—

Town Hall . . .	Original Assessable Site Value, £1,000 ..	Original Gross Value, £45,000
Fire Station and House .	“ “ “ £90	“ “ £890
Cattle and Fruit Market .	“ “ “ £950	“ “ £2,000

12—Shouting—Resolved, That the attention of the Proprietors of the "Echo" and "Citizen" be called to the nuisance caused to residents by the shouting of newspaper boys in the streets, and that they be asked to take steps to prevent this.

13—Fruit Market—A deputation from the Provisional Committee of the Market Gardeners' Association attended the Meeting to put forward their views in regard to the Fruit Market, and were informed that their suggestions would be considered.

14—Market Tolls—Resolved, That the Town Clerk be authorised to let the Market to Mr. Jacob Studt for the Annual Mops and Fairs in October next on the same terms and conditions as last year.

J. WAGHORNE,

Chairman.

ART GALLERY AND MUSEUM COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, the 16th June, 1915 : Present—The Mayor, Alderman Davies, Councillors Rees Jones and Steel, Messrs. G. Dimmer and H. Stroud (Councillor Rees Jones in the chair).

1—Curator's Report—The Curator reported that 725 visits had been made to the Art Gallery and Museum since May 10th.

The small painting by Teniers belonging to the Sheepshanks Loan Collection had been returned from Messrs. W. M. Power, Ltd. The transference from panel to canvas, and the necessary repairs to damages, had been executed in a satisfactory manner.

The Rev. Charles Rogers Covey, of Alderton Rectory, had presented a large oil portrait of Sir Edward Thomason, Medallist; and also seven cases of Medallic illustration of Holy Scriptures, after Raphael, Rubens, Michael Angelo, &c.

Mr. W. J. Bache had given a piece of oak framing of refuse pit behind sacrificial altar in Roman Temple, found during excavation on the site of the Gloucester Electricity Works, 1899.

On the 26th ultimo the Government Inspector of Art Galleries, Museums and Schools of Art visited the Museum on behalf of the Board of Education to enquire what educational facilities were given to schools and local industries by the Museum and Art Gallery. After thoroughly inspecting every department of the Museum and making many enquiries, he had expressed himself as quite satisfied with the educational work of the Institution, and remarked that the Cheltenham Museum was much above most of the provincial Museums in this particular.

Resolved, That the thanks of the Committee be conveyed to the donors.

2—Collection of Greek and Roman Pottery—The Committee further considered the offer of Mr. A. J. de Havilland Bushnell to sell his collection of Greek, Roman and Egyptian Pottery for £130. Read, a letter from the Victoria and Albert Museum stating that they were willing to make a grant in aid of £38 12s. 6d. Resolved, That the collection be purchased out of the Leslie Young Bequest.

3—Museums Association—Read, a letter from the Museums Association inviting the Committee to appoint delegates to attend the Annual Meeting of the Association, to be held in the Victoria and Albert Museum on the 7th and 8th July. Resolved, That the Curator be authorised to attend.

T. REES JONES,

Chairman.

MINERAL WATERS, BATHS AND RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, the 18th June, 1915 : Present—Aldermen Bendall and Davies, Councillors Dodwell, Haddock, Silk and Stewart (Councillor Haddock to the chair).

1—Montpellier Baths—The Borough Accountant reported that the Receipts and Payments in respect of these Baths from 1st April, 1915, to 31st May, 1915, were as follows :—

	£ s. d.		£ s. d.
Receipts	130 11 1	Expenses (including Rates, &c.)	49 12 11
		Loans—Interest and Redemption	<u>89 14 2</u>
			£139 7 1

Medical Baths—Resolved, That the following Scale of Charges be adopted for the Radiant Light and Heat Bath, viz.:—

Single Bath	. 7s 6d
Course of 3 Baths	. 18s 6d
Course of 6 Baths	36s
Local Massage	1s 3d each Bath
General	2s 6d each Bath

Resolved also, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have the necessary painting, &c., done to the corridors and baths.

Resolved also, That the Town Clerk be instructed to send notice to the Medical Practitioners and the Traders' Association when the New Baths are ready for use.

2-Chairman—At this stage Councillor Haddock vacated the chair, and Alderman Bendall was appointed Chairman for the remainder of the Meeting.

3—Alstone Baths—The Borough Accountant reported that the Receipts and Payments in respect of these Baths from 1st April, 1915, to 31st May, 1915, were as follows :—

	£ s. d.		£ s. d.
Receipts	<u>85 13 8</u>	Expenses (including Rates, &c.)	43 9 10
	£85 13 8	Loans—Interest and Redemption	<u>55 19 0</u>
			£99 8 10

4—Mineral Waters—The Borough Surveyor reported that the number of glasses of Mineral Waters sold during May last was 3,475 as compared with 1,229 for the month of May last year. The number of bottles of Concentrated Water sold was 300 as compared with 216.

5—Gifts to Naunton Park—The Superintendent of Naunton Park Recreation Ground reported that the following had given flowers for Naunton Park:—Mrs. St. Clair Ford, Mrs. J. Cox, Mrs. Clissold, Mrs. G. Margrett, Major P. Shewell, Alderman Bendall, Councillors Jamieson, Silk and Smith, Messrs. J. Player, T. E. Rickerby, Cypher and Sons, Worman and Amos, and J. Mayo. Resolved, That the thanks of the Committee be conveyed to the donors.

6--Provisional Valuations—The Town Clerk laid Inure the Committee the provisional valuations made by the Inland Revenue Commissioners under the Finance Act 1909-10, as follows:—

	Original Assessable Gross Value. £	Deduction in respect of Public Rights of Way. £	Original Total Value. £	Difference between Gross Value & Value of fee-simple of land, divested of buildings. Site Value. £
Whaddon Lane Recreation Ground	2725	1995	730	780 minus 50
Agg-Gardner do. ..	3300	2650	650	975 minus 325
Naunton Park do.	2050	1950	100	360 minus 260
Barrett's Mill do.	550		550	470 280
Alstone Swimming Baths	6230		6230	6050 180
Shop adjoining Montpellier Baths	400		400	280 120

JOHN D. BENDALL,

P. HADDOCK,

Chairmen.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, the 25th June, 1915: Present—The Mayor, Aldermen Bendall and Davies, Councillors Dodwell, Haddock, Merrett and Stewart (Councillor Haddock in the chair).

7 —Naunton Park Recreation Ground—Read, letters from Miss Yonge, Assistant County Director, Gloucestershire Branch of the British Red Cross Society, and Miss Geddes, Commandant of the Naunton Park Hospital, asking the Council to allow the wounded soldiers at the Hospital the exclusive use of the Recreation Ground during certain hours each day. Resolved, That the exclusive use of the playing field be granted from 10 a.m. to 12 noon and 1-30 to 4 p.m. each day, and also on Sunday mornings, and that Notice that the ground is closed to the public during those hours be put up.

P. HADDOCK,

Chairman.

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BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, the 25th June, 1915: Present—Alderman Baker, Councillors Dodwell, Mann, Rees Jones, Silk, Steel and Stewart (Councillor Stewart in the chair).

1—Superintendent's Report—The Superintendent submitted tenders (2) for renewing the string matting in the office and passage at the Cemetery Lodge. Resolved, That the tender of Cavendish House Co., Ltd., of 6s be accepted.

2—Provisional Valuation—The Town Clerk laid before the Committee the provisional valuation of the buildings and land at the Cemetery made by the Inland Revenue Commissioners under the

Finance Act 1909-10, as follows :—Original Assessable Site Value, £1,580 ; Original Gross Value, £9,226.

3—Grants of Grave Spaces—Resolved, That the Common Seal be affixed to Grants No. 4752 to 4759 (both inclusive) of the exclusive right of burial in the graves referred to therein, which had been purchased.

4—Designs— Resolved, That the following Designs be approved and adopted, viz. : Kerbing to graves of William R. Tame, William Green, and Admiral Grogan ; Headstones to graves of Cyril Francis Wilkins and H. V. P. Staunton.

J. STEWART,

Chairman.

PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, the 15th June, 1915 Present—Alderman Davies, Councillors Green, Mann, Merrett, Steel, Sawyer and Wilkins, Messrs. F. J. Caudle, J. R. Claridge and E. Gridley (Councillor Green in the chair)

1—Librarian's Report—Read, the Monthly Report of the Librarian. Receipts £2 9s. 0d. Presentations : Miss T. Mills (1 vol.), J. Urquhart (1 vol.), Wireless Press, Ltd. (1 vol.), Stubbs' Publishing Co., Ltd. (1 vol.)

The number of volumes consulted in the Reference Library from the 17th May to the 12th June (22 days) was 663 as compared with 1,756 for 27 ½ days last year. The number of volumes issued from the Lending Library was 7,589 as compared with 10,748.

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2—**Sub-Committee's Report** —The Sub-Committee reported that they met on the 10th instant. Present : Alderman Davies Councillors Green, Merrett and Wilkins, Messrs. F. J. Caudle and J. R. Claridge (Councillor Green in the chair).

The Sub-Committee inspected the rooms which were until recently used as the Education Committee's offices, and were surprised to find that they were now filled with heavy iron desks and other school furniture, the weight of which they considered would endanger the safety of the floor. Resolved, That Mr. Chatters be asked to examine and report as to the safety of the floor, and that the attention of the Education Committee be called to the matter.

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

3—Education Offices—Read, a letter from Mr. Chatters stating that he had inspected the rooms in which the school desks and furniture were stored, and considered that the weight on the floor should be reduced. Resolved, That a copy of Mr. Chatters' letter be forwarded to the Education Committee and that they be asked to remove some of the furniture.

E. C. GREEN, Chairman.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, the 29th June, 1915: Present—The Mayor, Alderman Waghorne, Councillors Haddock, Rees Jones, Steel and Wilkins (Alderman Waghorne in the chair).

1—General District Rate—Read the Report of the Borough Accountant, dated the 29th instant, on the collection of the first instalment of this Rate Amount collected £7,177 3s. 2d. Leaving outstanding £18,954 3s. 0d.

2-Water Rate—Read, the Report of the Borough Accountant, dated the 29th inst., on the collection of this Rate for the half year ended the 29th September next. Amount collected £4,593 11s. 8d. Leaving outstanding £8,094 12s. 6d.

3—Cancellation of Corporation Stock—The Borough Accountant reported that in pursuance of the instructions given hint, he had purchased £100 Corporation Stock at 72 $\frac{3}{4}$ per cent. and £419 12s. 2d. at 73 per cent. Resolved, That the sum of £519 12s. 2d. Cheltenham Corporation Stock purchased by means of the Loans Fund of the Cheltenham Town Council and which now stands in the name of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the Borough of Cheltenham, be extinguished, and that the National Provincial Bank of England, Limited, the Registrars of the said Stock, be and they are hereby authorised and requested to cancel and extinguish the same in the books kept by them relating to the said Stock, and that the Common Seal be affixed to a duplicate of this Order, and that such duplicate be forwarded to the said Registrars.

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4—Reciprocal Investment of Sinking Funds—The Borough Accountant reported that the St. Helen's Corporation were willing to lend £3,000 if a similar amount were advanced to them, the rate of interest and period of loan to be the same in each case. Resolved, That subject to the security offered being approved by the Town Clerk, the sum of £3,000 be advanced to the St. Helen's Corporation out of the Sinking Funds, and that a Debenture be issued for a like amount to be advanced by the St. Helen's Corporation.

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 1st June last		£5,192 15 10
Received since that date		<u>9,368 10 10</u>
		£14,561 6 8
Paid since that date (including Loan repaid, £500)		<u>9,560 7 6</u>
	In hand	£5,000 19 4
being Sinking Fund Accounts—In hand	£7,218 2 5	
"Leslie Young Benefaction" Accounts—In hand	<u>66 2 6</u>	
	£7,284 4 11	
less General Accounts—Overdrawn	<u>2,283 5 7</u>	
	£5,000 19 4	

J. WAGHORNE,

Chairman.

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Borough of Cheltenham.

Municipal Offices Cheltenham,

1st July, 1915.

Sir,

You are hereby summoned to attend the **Monthly Meeting of the Council, to be held at the Municipal Offices, Promenade, on Monday, the 5th day of July, 1915**, at Three o'clock in the Afternoon, at which Meeting the following business is proposed to be transacted, and any other business that may legally be transacted at such Meeting.

1. To read and sign the Minutes of the last Monthly Meeting and the Annual Licensing Meeting.
2. Communications by the Mayor.
3. To approve or otherwise, the proceedings of

THE PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE

“STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE and rescind portion of Resolution to Minute No. 15 of the proceedings of this Committee on the 31st May last re supply of 350 tons of Cannock Slack Coal.

“TOWN IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE

“ELECTRICITY AND LIGHTING COMMITTEE

“WATER COMMITTEE

“GENERAL PURPOSES AND WATCH COMMITTEE and grant Licences to deal in Game.

“ART GALLERY AND MUSEUM COMMITTEE

“MINERAL WATERS, BATHS AND RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE

THE BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE

“PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE FINANCE COMMITTEE

4. Notices of Motion.

5. Memorials, Applications, Complaints, &c.

Yours faithfully,

Town Clerk.

To each Member of the Council.

Borough of Cheltenham

At a Monthly Meeting of the Town Council of the Borough of Cheltenham, duly convened and held at the Municipal Offices, in the said Borough, on Monday, the 5th July, 1915, at 3 p.m. Present ..

THE MAYOR (ALDERMAN WILLIAM NASH SKILLICORNE) in the chair. THE DEPUTY MAYOR (ALDERMAN CHARLES HENRY MARGRETT).

Aldermen : WILLIAM ALFRED BAKER JOHN DAVID BENDALL JOHN WAGHORNE

Councillors : FRANK CHARLES DODWELL EDWINSON CHARLES GREEN PERCY HADDOCK ALFRED MANN WILLIE JOHN MERRETT THOMAS REES JONES EDWIN CHARLES SILK ROBERT STEEL JAMES STEWART PETER PHILIP TAYLOR THOMAS WILKINS WALTER JAMES FREDERICK WOOD

Apology,--An apology for non-attendance was received from Councillor Sawyer.

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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—Malvern Road Station—Read, a letter from Mr. D. Thomas, Station Master, G.W.R. Station, stating that the Traders' Association had suggested that the name "Cheltenham West" should be substituted for "Malvern Road" Station, and asking for the opinion of the Council. Resolved, That the Council do not raise any objection to the suggested alteration.

3—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.

4—Street and Highway Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Street and Highway Committee, at their Meetings of the 15th and 28th May last, be approved and confirmed, and that the portion of the Resolution to Minute No. 15 of this Committee's proceedings on the 31st May last accepting the tender of the Cleeves Western Valleys Collieries, Ltd., be rescinded.

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

6--Electricity and Lighting Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Electricity and Lighting Committee, at their Meetings of the 10th and 24th June last, be approved and confirmed.

7—Water Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Water Committee, at their Meeting of the 11th June last, be approved and confirmed.

8—General Purposes and Watch Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the General Purposes and Watch Committee, at their Meetings of the 11th and 22nd June last, be approved and confirmed, and that Licences to deal in Game be granted accordingly.

9—Art Gallery and Museum Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Art Gallery and Museum Committee, at their Meeting of the 16th June last, be approved and confirmed.

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10—Mineral Waters, Baths and Recreation Grounds Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Mineral Waters, Baths and Recreation Grounds Committee, at their Meetings of the 18th and 25th 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.

13—Finance Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Finance Committee, at their Meeting of the 29th June instant, be approved and confirmed. Resolved also, That an Order on the Borough Treasurer be signed accordingly for payment 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.

W. NASH SKILLICORNE,

Mayor.

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Borough of Cheltenham

MINUTES of the Committees of the Town Council to be submitted for approval at the Quarterly Meeting of the Council to be held on Friday, the 30th July 1915.

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, the 12th July, 1915 Present—The Mayor, The Deputy Mayor, Councillors Green, Rees Jones, Steel, Stewart and Wood (The Mayor in the chair).

1—Houses without proper Ash Receptacles --The Inspector of Nuisances reported that the following houses had no proper ashpits or ash receptacles, viz. 14, 30 and 33 Cleaveland Street, and 49 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.

2-Overcrowding at 33 Hanover 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.

3—Cleansing and Whitewashing at 5, 7, 22, 28, 30, 34 and 35 Clevelevland Street, and 7 Tivoli 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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4—Nuisances from Drains, etc., at 3 Sussex Villas and Maldon Lodge, College Lawn. The Inspector of Nuisances having made written application under Section 41 of the Public Health Act, 1875, stating that the drains, &c., on or belonging to the above-named houses were in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to health. Resolved, That authority be given to the Inspector of Nuisances to open the ground, examine the drains, and report to the Committee.

5—Insanitary Property-2, 5, 15, 18, 19, 22, 28, 30, 32, 33, 34, 33 and 37 Clevelevland Street, and Pond at Fullwood Park. 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—Destruction of Diseased Meat—The Medical Officer of Health reported the surrender and destruction of diseased meat as follows the 25th ultimo 1 sheep's carcase (65 lbs.); on the 2nd instant 21 lbs. of meat trimmings; and on the 6th instant a diseased lamb (20 lbs.)

7 —Notification of Births Act, 1907—Read, a letter from the Secretary of the Women's Co-operative Guild asking the Committee to receive a deputation in respect of the adoption of this Act, and the provision of a Municipal Maternity Centre. Resolved, That the Secretary be informed that in view of the Bill now before Parliament, the Committee think it best to defer receiving a deputation until the Bill is passed.

8—Isolation Hospitals—Read, a circular letter from the Clerk of the County Council with regard to hospital accommodation for small-pox. Resolved, That the reply of the Town Clerk be approved.

9—Delancey Hospital-- The Chairman reported that the Trustees of the Delancey Hospital had requested this Committee to suggest a site for a Small-Pox Hospital. Resolved, That Alderman Margrett and Councillors Green and Stewart be appointed a Sub-Committee to consider the matter.

10—**Report of Farms Sub-Committee**—The Farms Sub-Committee reported that they met on the 10th instant. Present The Mayor, Councillors Green, Rees Jones, Steel, Stewart and Wood (Councillor Wood in the chair).

Farms Manager's Report—Read, the monthly report of the Farms Manager. The number of livestock on the Farms on the 12th instant was 8 colts, 7 horses (not including 4 at the Depot), 5 calves, 193 head of cattle, 52 lambs, 77 sheep, and 18 pigs, all doing well. Since the last Meeting 3 cows in calf had been purchased for £59, and 4 calves and 13 Pigs had been bred on the Farms. 21 head of cattle

(including 3 calves) had been sold for £435 1s. 2d., and to ewes for £27 17s. 1d. (Total sales, £462 18s. 3d.)

Fruit—Resolved, That Messrs. Castle and Bloss be instructed to offer the fruit at the Farms for sale by public auction as in previous years.

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

W. NASH SKILLICORNE,

Chairman.

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At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, the 19th July, 1915: Present—Councillors Green, Rees Jones, Steel and Stewart (Councillor Steel in the chair).

11—Houses without proper Ash Receptacles—The Inspector of Nuisances reported that the following houses had no proper ashpits or ash receptacles, viz. :—Vine Tree Cottage, 5 and 7 Winchcomb Street, 6 Union Street, 1 and 13 Sandford Street, 1, 2 and 5 Victoria Place. Resolved, That the necessary Notices be given to the respective owners under Section 36 of the Public Health Act, 1875, and Section 27 of the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1889, requiring them in each case to provide a moveable ash receptacle of such size, pattern and construction as may be approved by the Inspector of Nuisances on behalf of the Corporation.

12—Overcrowding at 27 Sun 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.

13—Cleansing and Whitewashing at 1, 5, 6, 7 and 8 Station Street, 2, 4 and 15 Victoria Place, 5 Stanhope Street. The Medical Officer of Health having certified under Section 46 of the Public Health Act, 1875, that the above-named dwelling-houses were in such a filthy and unwholesome condition that the health of the inmates was affected or endangered thereby, Resolved, That Notice be given to the owners under the said Section requiring the houses to be cleansed and limewashed.

14—Nuisances from Drains, etc., at 1 and 2 Edward Street, 15 Upper Bath Street, and 17 Sandford 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. 1 to 12 Winchcomb Street, 108 High Street, United Counties Bank, and 29 and 31 St. James' Street—The Inspector of Nuisances reported that he had examined the drains, etc., on or belonging to the above premises and found the same to be defective and to require amendment and alteration. He submitted specifications of works required to be done. Resolved, That the same be approved and that Notice be given under Section 40 of the Public Health Act, 1875, to the owners of the premises requiring them to do the specified works within 21 days.

15—Insanitary Property—5 Stanhope Street, 24, 26 and 29 Sandford Street, 1 and 5 Station Street, 1, 4 and 6 Victoria Place, 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.

16—Destruction of Diseased Meat—The Medical Officer of Health reported the surrender and destruction on the 14th instant of the carcass and offal of a pork pig, and on the 17th instant the carcass and offal of a sheep. (Total weight destroyed 221 lbs.)

17---Notices not Complied With—The Medical Officer of Health submitted a list of Notices requiring the abatement of nuisances caused by dirty walls and ceilings, defective paving, floors, etc., and the provision of ash receptacles, which had been served but not complied with. Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to take the necessary proceedings to compel compliance.

ROBT. STEEL,

Chairman.

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STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, the 13th July, 1915 : Present—Aldermen Baker and Bendall, Councillors Merrett, Stewart and Wilkins (Alderman Bendall in the chair).

1—Slabs—The Borough Surveyor submitted particulars of the Slabs in stock in November, 1913, when the Slab Factory was closed down, and of the number since disposed of, as follows :—

Size	In Stock Size.		In Stock	
	14th Nov., 1913.	Sold	7 th July, 1915.	
3ft x 2ft	6150	3036	3114	
2ft. 6in. x 2ft.	3686	1000	2686	
2ft. X 2ft.	<u>3488</u>	<u>2182</u>	<u>1306</u>	
	13324	6218	7106	

He recommended that as the stock of 2ft. x 2ft. slabs was small, a further quantity of this size should be made. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be authorised to make 1000 square yards of 2ft. x 2ft. slabs for stock

2—Fairfield Road—The Borough Surveyor reported that the gully at the end of Fairfield Walk was insufficient to take the water in time of heavy rain. Resolved, That a larger gully be provided.

3—Naunton Lane—The Borough Surveyor reported that the surface water drain in Naunton Lane near the Recreation Ground was insufficient, and that as this portion of the road was about to be repaired, he recommended that a larger drain should be laid for about 30 yards at an estimated cost of £7 10s. Resolved, That this be done.

4—Street Projections—The Street Inspector reported that Mr. Bliss and Mr. Griffin had removed the goods from the pavement adjoining their premises, but had placed a shelf instead which projected over the footpath. A letter was read from Messrs. Forbes and Haddon stating that instructions had been given by the owners to have the shop front altered, and the Street Inspector reported that Mr. Bliss had informed him that he was also taking steps to have his shop front altered. Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to defer taking proceedings to give the owners an opportunity of altering the premises.

5—Provisional Valuation—The Town Clerk laid before the Committee the provisional valuation made by the Inland Revenue Commissioners under the Finance Act 1909-10 in respect of the Reading Room, buildings and yard in Moorend Road. Original gross value, £1010 ; original assessable site value, £210.

JOHN D. BENDALL,

Chairman.

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At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, the 23rd July, 1915: Present—Aldermen Baker and Bendall, Councillors Hanson Powell, Merrett, Stewart and Wilkins (Alderman Bendall in the chair).

6--Borough Surveyor's Monthly Report re Highways—The Borough Surveyor reported that the work done by the Highways Department from the 25th June to the 21st July, 1915 (both dates inclusive), had been as follows :—

Roads Patched— Andover Road, Arle Road, Bath Road, Cemetery Road, near entrance gates, Fairview Road, Gloucester Road, Leckhampton Road, Park Place, Painswick Road, Prestbury Road, St. George's Road, St. James' Street, Spa Road, Shurdington

Road. Roads Tarpainted— Bath Road (5,080 sq. yards), Francis Street (1,410 sq. yards), Leckhampton Road (14,080 sq. yards), Naunton Crescent (6,300 sq. yards), Norwood Road (1,361 sq. yards), Painswick Road, part of (900 sq. yards), Park Place (3,320 sq. yards).

Roadway Repaired with Setts or Mosaic Blocks—Chester Walk, Royal Well Lane, Sandford Water Works.

Gas Trenches Repaired—Malvern Road.

Paving Repairs Bath Road, Bath Street, Bayshill Road, Burton Street, Gloucester Place, High Street, King's Road, Moorend Street, Park Place, Portland Street, Selkirk Parade, Sherborne Street, Spa Road, Tewkesbury Road, Townsend Street, Upper Park Street, Waterloo Street.

Channel Repairs—Elm Street, Swindon Road, Tewkesbury Road, Moorend Street and Swindon Street.

New Gullies—Douro Road (2) Naunton Lane (2) Spa Road (1).

G.P.O. Trenches Repaired—Christ Church Road.

Electricity Trenches Repaired—Great Norwood Street, High Street, near Ambrose Street, North Place, Prestbury Road and Selkirk Parade.

Clearing Chelt-328 loads of mud taken from Chelt near Barrett's Mill.

Roads Coated--Bath Road, Burton Street, Crescent Terrace, London Road, Moorend Street, Royal Well Lane, Tewkesbury Road (proceeding).

Trees Pruned—Andover Road, Battledown Approach, Chalet Road (in front of), Christ Church Road, Clarence Square, Fairfield Road, Imperial Square, Leckhampton Nursery, Old Bath Road, Pittville Lawn, Rodney Road, St. George's Place, St. George's Road, Tewkesbury Road, Vittoria Walk, Wellington Square.

Private Trees Pruned—Andover Road, Albert Lane, Boyne House (rear of), College Road, Hale's Road, Hatherley Villas (rear of), Lansdown Parade, Lypiatt Lawn, Montpellier Terrace, Montpellier Villas (rear of), North Street, Old Bath Road, Royal Well Lane, Sydenham Road, Thirlestaine Road, Tivoli Place, Tivoli Road, Vittoria Walk, Wellington Square.

Pruned Trees of Summer Growth—Gloucester Road and St. George's Road.

Ashes Collection and Disposal--During four weeks ended the 15th July, 1915-823 loads collected, 806 consumed and 17 tipped way. Weight consumed, 856 tons 16 cwts. 2 qrs.

Steam Generated—Hourly average, 4,641 lbs.

7—View Meeting—The following members attended the View Meeting on Friday last : —Aldermen Baker and Bendall, Councillors Merrett, Stewart and Wilkins.

8—**Report of Plans Sub-Committee** The Chairman reported the proceedings of the Plans Sub-Committee at their Meeting on the 13th instant. Resolved, That the same be approved and adopted.

9—Lower High Street-- The Borough Surveyor reported on various methods of dealing with the Lower High Street carriage-way, which he considered required some stronger material than ordinary tarred macadam owing to the traffic. Resolved, That in the opinion of this Committee the present is not an opportune time to incur the expense of a more durable pavement, and that for the present the carriage-way be laid with ordinary tarred macadam.

10—Fairfield Estate- - Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to give Notice declaring Fairfield Walk, Fairhaven Road and Fairfield Parade to be public highways.

11—Prestbury Road—Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to pave and kerb the East side of Prestbury Road from the Borough Boundary to Windsor Street.

12—Windsor Street—Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to repair the footpaths in Windsor Street.

13—Moorend Park Road—The Borough Surveyor recommended that the surface water drain in Moorend Park Road should be reconstructed. Resolved, That the recommendation be approved and adopted, the cost of the work to be charged to the South-Eastern and Tivoli District Sewers Loan.

JOHN D. BENDALL, Chairman

PLANS SUB-COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Sub-Committee held on Tuesday, the 13th July, 1915. Present—Alderman Bendall, Councillors Merrett, Rees Jones, Steel and Wilkins (Alderman Bendall in the chair).

1—New Buildings—The Borough Surveyor submitted the following Notices and Plans of intended New Buildings, viz.:—

No. of Plan	Name.	Description.
1322	The Rev. Fallon	Temporary Motor House at rear of 1, Hatherley Villas.
1323	Mr. G. F. Bick	Additions to 1, Painswick Lawn.
1324	Mr. H. Hamlen	Temporary Store Shed at rear of 201, High Street.
1325	Mrs. Duckworth	Additions to "Rosenhoe," Moorend Road.

Resolved, That Plan No. 1323 be approved, that Plans No. 1322 and 1324 be approved as temporary buildings subject to undertakings being given to remove the same on three months' notice, and that Plan No. 1325 be approved subject to the drainage being carried out to the satisfaction of the Sanitary Inspector.

JOHN D. BENDALL,

Chairman.

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TOWN IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, the 20th July, 1915 : Present—Aldermen Baker and Davies, Councillors Green, Rees Jones, Steel and Taylor (Alderman Baker in the chair).

1—Musical Afternoons—Mr. Teague attended the Meeting and the Committee considered the question of the Musical Afternoons for the coming season. Resolved, That Mr. Teague be asked to consider and submit a scheme at a less cost than last year with a view to reducing the deficit.

2—Historic Houses—Read, a letter from Messrs. E. J. Burrow & Co., Ltd., offering to supply 25 Cards giving details of the famous houses in Cheltenham and their distinguished occupants for £2 6s., or framed complete at 4s each. Resolved, That the matter be adjourned.

3—Band—Read, a letter from Mr. C. H. James offering to provide a Band to play in the Promenade on August Bank Holiday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the usual charge of £3. Resolved, That the offer be accepted.

WILLIAM A. BAKER, Chairman.

ELECTRICITY AND LIGHTING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, the 22nd July, 1915 Present—Councillors Green, Mann, Merrett, Rees Jones-, Taylor and Wood (Councillor Merrett in the chair).

1—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.

2—Application for Supply—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that he had received an application for a supply to Dalkeith, Gloucester Road. The cost of the extension of main would be £25. Resolved, That the extension be made.

3—Public Gas Lighting—Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to prepare a plan showing the positions of the gas lamps in the Borough. The Committee further considered the question of the public gas lighting. Resolved,

(1) That no alteration be made in the positions of the following lamps, viz. :—

Lamp opposite No. 6, St. George's Square.

Lamp in Swindon Road, near Cleaveland street.

Lamp near St. Paul's Parade.

Second lamp in Grosvenor Street.

Lamp in Langdon Road, near Minnow Ditch Lane.

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(2) That Notice be given to the Gas Company requiring the removal of the following lamps, viz. :—

Lamp in Albert Place, near Portland Parade.

Lamp in Priory Terrace, opposite Denton Lodge, Oxford Street.

Last lamp in Tewkesbury Road, near Borough Boundary.

(3) That the lamp in St. James' Street, near High Street, be not removed

(4) That the Resolution to Minute No. 5 of this Committee's proceedings at its last Meeting be varied in accordance with the above recommendations.

Evesham Road— Resolved, That a plan of the lamps in Evesham Road be prepared and that the Committee be empowered to give notice to the Gas Company requiring the removal of three lamps and for any necessary alteration in position of the remaining lamps.

4—Water Meter—The Borough Electrical Engineer recommended that, with a view to promoting further economy in the consumption of coal, a Meter should be installed to measure the boiler feed water at the Works at a cost of £29 4s. 0d. Resolved, That the recommendation be approved and adopted.

5—Attendance at Manchester Street Sub-Station—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that some inconvenience had resulted to consumers owing to the suspension of the attendance of the men at Manchester Street Sub-Station in the evening, and he recommended that such attendance

should be resumed. Resolved, That the Committee meet at the Sub-Station on Friday (to-morrow), at 3 p.m., to consider the stutter.

W. J. MERRETT,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held at Manchester Street Sub-Station on Friday, the 23rd July, 1915 Present—Councillors Merrett, Rees Jones and Taylor (Councillor Merrett in the chair).

6—Attendance at Manchester Street Sub-Station—Resolved, That the Borough Electrical Engineer be instructed to make temporary provision for attendance on week-days from 6 to 10 p.m., and to have the Sub-Station connected to the National Telephone Service.

W. J. MERRETT,

Chairman.

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WATER COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, the 15th July, 1915: Present—The Deputy Mayor, Aldermen Baker and Bendall, Councillors Green and Merrett (The Deputy Mayor in the chair 1—Borough Engineer's Report—The monthly report of the Borough Engineer was read :

DAILY YIELD OF SPRINGS.

	For 30 days, ended 12 th July 1915.	Average for corresponding period during last 3 years.
Hewletts Springs	396,000 gallons	479,000 gallons
Dowdeswell Springs	573,000 "	785,000 "
Leckhampton Springs	<u>121,000</u> "	<u>117,000</u> "
Total	1,090,000 "	1,381,000

CONTENTS OF RESERVOIRS.

	Depth	Contents	Depth	Contents
	12 th July, 1915.		12 th July, 1914	
Hewletts		11,749,000 gallons		18,768,000 gallons
Dowdeswell	24ft. 0in.	61,265,000 "	23ft. 6in.	59,108,000 "
Leckhampton	11ft. 0in.	<u>1,486,000</u> "	10ft. 0in.	<u>1,351,000</u> "
Total Storage		74,500,000		79,227,000 "

2-Appeals-The cases entered in the Appeals 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 20th July, 1915: Present—The Deputy Mayor, Aldermen Baker and Waghorne, Councillors Green, Merrett, Rees Jones and Stewart (Alderman Waghorne in the chair).

1—Diseases amongst Animals—Supt. Hopkins reported an outbreak of Swine Fever, on the 24th ultimo, at Hanover Street Gardens in the occupation of Mr. Samuel Meek. One Pig had died and one had been slaughtered by order of the Board of Agriculture. The premises in Hatherley Road, in the occupation of Mr. A. Hathaway, the premises at the Folly Lane Allotments, in the occupation of Mr. P. Little, and the premises at Hanover Street Gardens, in the occupation of Mr. W. Rear, were also still under quarantine

2—Fire Brigade—The Captain of the Fire Brigade reported that the Brigade was called to an outbreak of fire on the 7th instant, at Pulteney House, Winchcomb Street. Damage about £6. Brigade expenses £2 14s. 6d. Property insured.

3—Hackney Carriage Drivers' Licences—Read, applications from Albert E. Birt of to, Gratton Street, Henry George Weeks, 4, Lamb's Retreat, Commercial Street, Albert Stevens, 12, St. James' Street, Walter Archibald James, 3, Pumphrey's Road, Charlton Kings, and Edward C. Martin, 4, Fairhaven Street, for licences to drive a Motor-Cab. Resolved, That licences be granted subject to the applicants satisfying the Chairman of this Committee and Supt. Hopkins that they are competent to drive a Motor-Cab.

4—Motor-Cab Licences—Read, an application from the Local Manager of the Bristol Tramways and Carriage Company, Ltd., for a Motor-Cab Licences, and stating that they would give up Horse Carriage Licences No. 32, 51 and 53. Resolved, That the application be acceded to.

The Committee further considered an application from Mr. H. Tilley, of Wellington Mews, for a Motor-Cab Licence. Resolved, That a licence be granted subject to Horse Carriage Licence No. 32 being given up, which, with the two other licences given up for the Motor-Cab Licence previously granted, will comply with the requirements of the Council.

Read, an application from Mr. E. Wood, of Elmwood, Rowanfield Road, for a Motor-Cab Licence. Resolved, That consideration of the application be adjourned to the next Meeting.

5—Early Closing of Town Sub-Post Offices—Read, a letter from the Postmaster stating that arrangements were being made to close the Sub-Post Offices in Lower High Street, Pittville, Tivoli, Townsend Place, Bath Road, Great Norwood Street, Hewlett Street and Keynsham Street at 7 p.m. instead of 8 p.m. each evening except on the early closing day. Notice of the alteration would be published in the "Echo" and also at each Office.

6—Pawnbroker's Certificate—Read, an application from Mr. Harry Higgins, of 314, High Street, for the renewal of his Pawnbroker's Certificate, which expired on the 9th November last. Resolved, That the application be acceded to.

7—Fruit Market--The Town Clerk submitted draft Regulations for the Fruit Market which he had forwarded for the consideration of the Advisory Committee of the Market Gardeners' Association. Resolved, That the same be referred to the Sub-Committee for consideration and report.

8—National Registration Act, 1915—Read, a letter from the Local Government Board forwarding a print of the National Registration Act, 1915, and also an Order made by the Board thereunder. The Act provided that a Register shall be formed of all persons in the United Kingdom between the ages of 15 and 65 not being members of His Majesty's Naval Forces or of His Majesty's Regular or Territorial Forces, subject to certain exceptions.

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The Local Authority for each district would be the local Registration Authority and it would be the duty of each authority to compile and maintain the Register for their district, and for this purpose to divide their district into suitable and convenient areas, and to arrange for the distribution and collection of the registration forms, and to arrange for the supply to each registered person of a certificate of registration. The date fixed for taking the register was the 15th August, and the forms would have to be delivered at each dwelling house in the course of the 6 days immediately preceding that date and collected during the following week. The President of the Board expressed the hope that the distribution and collection would be done voluntary by persons willing and anxious to take part in a work of national importance.

The Act also provided that the Local Registration Authority may delegate to a Committee of their body all or any of their powers under the Act.

Resolved, That the Council be recommended to delegate to this Committee their powers under the Act.

Resolved also, That the Town Clerk be instructed to make the necessary arrangements for carrying out the registration.

J. WAGHORNE,

Chairman.

ART GALLERY AND MUSEUM COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, the 14th July, 1915 : Present—Alderman Davies, Councillors Green, Rees Jones and Steel, and Mr. H. Stroud (Councillor Rees Jones in the chair).

1—Curator's Report—The Curator reported that there had been 537 visits to the Art Gallery and Museum since June 14th.

Mr. J. W. Gray had presented 3 Drift Pebbles from camp near Stroud, and a piece of erratic Carboniferous Limestone from Welcombe Hill, Stratford-on-Avon.

Mr. J. A. Probert had presented a Polished Section of a large Ammonite, showing infiltrated crystals of quartz.

Mr. L. Richardson had presented six volumes on Geology, and a number of Fossils.

Mr. R. P. Wild had presented an Erratic Waterworn Pebble of sedimentary Sandstone, from Madresfield. The classification of the Drift Pebbles from the Cotswold Hills at elevations above 700 feet had been commenced.

The Curator also made a report of a visit to Bourton-on-the-Water with Mr. Bushnell, on the invitation of Mr. Moore, to examine the Roman "find" there. The following objects had been found and had now been presented to the Museum, namely, a large circular stone plinth of the columnar flue of a hypocaust and some triangular bricks, 2 spindle wheels, 2 fragments of a Roman sword, an iron knife blade, and a piece of an iron sword tang.

Resolved, That the thanks of the Committee be conveyed to the donors.

T. REES JONES,

Chairman.

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MINERAL WATERS, BATHS AND RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held at the Montpellier Baths on Friday, the 16th July, 1915:

Present—Aldermen Bendall and Davies, Councillors Dodwell, Merrett and Stewart (Alderman Bendall in the chair).

1—Montpellier Baths—The Borough Accountant reported that the Receipts and Payments in respect of these Baths from 1st April, 1915, to 30th June, 1915, were as follows :—

Receipts	£222 1 10	Expenses (including Rates, &c.)	£127 9 11
		Loans—Interest and Redemption	<u>£134 11 3</u>
	£222 1 10		£262 0 4

Medical Baths—Nurse Addis recommended that apparatus for a Portable Radio Local Bath should be obtained. The Borough Surveyor had ascertained that this could be hired from the Dowsing Institute for 2s a week. Resolved, That the apparatus be hired and that the charges for local application of Radiant Light and Heat be as follows :—

Single application .. 3s 6d

Course of three 7s 6d

Course of six .. 13s 6d

Resolved, That the charge for the three Washing Baths, now charged at 4d., be increased to 6d.

Resolved, That a new Carpet be obtained for the passage leading to the Medical Baths at a cost of £12 5s., and that the woodwork be re-enamelled.

2-Alstone Baths—The Borough Accountant reported that the Receipts and Payments in respect of these Baths from 1st April, 1915, to 30th June, 1915, were as follows :--

Receipts	£174 1 7	Expenses (including Rates, &c.)	£90 18 11
		Loans—Interest and Redemption	<u>£83 18 6</u>
	£174 1 7		£174 17 5

3—Mineral Waters—The Borough Surveyor reported that the number of glasses of Mineral Waters sold during the 4 weeks ended the 12th July last was 3,324.

JOHN D. BENDALL,

Chairman.

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BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, the 21st July, 1915: Present—Alderman Baker, Councillors Rees Jones, Steel and Stewart (Councillor Stewart in the chair).

1—Grants of Grave Spaces Resolved, That the Common Seal be affixed to Grants No. 4760 to 4766 (both inclusive) of the exclusive right of burial in the graves referred to therein, which had been purchased.

2—Designs— Resolved, That the following Designs be approved, viz. : Headstones to graves of Fanny Matilda Merrick, Elizabeth Cordelia Harriett Southall, Elizabeth Manfield; Monument to grave of Elizabeth Sinclair Simpson ; Memorial Cross to grave of Charles George Plumer ; Kerbing to grave of Eliza Hemming.

J. STEWART,

Chairman.

PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, the 13th July, 1915 Present—Councillors Green, Merrett and Steel, Messrs. J. R. Claridge, E. Gridley, A. Miles, E. C. Rogers and H. Stroud (Councillor Green in the chair).

1—Librarian's Report—Read, the Monthly Report of the Librarian. Receipts £2 11s. 10d. The number of volumes consulted in the Reference Library from the 14th June to the 10th July (21 days) was 686 as compared with 5,495 for the corresponding period last year. The number of volumes issued from the Lending Library was 7,652 as compared with 7,782.

2—**Sub-Committee's Report** —The Sub-Committee reported that they met on the 12th instant. Present: Alderman Davies, Councillors Green and Merrett, Messrs. F. J. Caudle and J. R. Claridge (Councillor Green in the chair). They recommended—

(1) That the tender of Messrs. Cedric Chivers, Ltd. (the only tender received), at the same price as last year, for binding books for the ensuing year, be accepted.

(a) That the offer of the Christian Science Society to present works on "Christian Science" by Mary Baker Eddy be accepted, but that the Committee cannot accept the condition that other works in the Library on this subject be designated "Christian Science, Critical and Unauthorised."

(3) That the Education Committee be informed that the Library Committee will require the sum of £45 per annum for the use of the rooms over the Library.

(4) That the notice from Mr. A. C. Dunn, Chief Assistant, to resign his post on the 7th August next, be accepted, and that the Librarian he authorised to advertise for a Senior Assistant, male or female, at a commencing salary of per annum, for the duration of the war.

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

E. C. GREEN,

Chairman.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, the 23rd July, 1915: Present—Alderman Waghorne, Councillors Haddock, Rees Jones, Silk, Steel and Wilkins (Alderman Waghorne in the chair).

1—General District Rate—Read, the Report of the Borough Accountant, dated the 23rd instant, on the collection of the first instalment of this Rate Amount collected £12,935 19s. 3d. Leaving outstanding £13,295 6s. 11d.

2—Water Rate—Read, the Report of the Borough Accountant, dated the 23rd inst., on the collection of this Rate for the half year ended the 29th September next. Amount collected £6,695 6s. 2d. Leaving outstanding £6,794 15s. 4d.

3—Loans—The Borough Accountant reported that since the last meeting he had received £200 on loan. Resolved, That a Debenture be sealed and issued on account of a duly authorised loan. The Borough Accountant reported that he had arranged for the continuance of loans amounting to £10,257. Resolved, That the terms arranged be approved and that the Debentures be endorsed accordingly.

4 - -Accounts—The Financial Statement of the Receipts and Expenditure since the last Meeting and the BMA 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 June last	£5,000 19 4
Received since that date (including Loan received £200 and Sinking Funds Investment repaid £9,000)	
	<u>32,264 17 2</u>
	£37,265 16 6

Paid since that date (including Loan repaid, £1,750)	<u>£23,136 12 1</u>
In hand	£14,129 4 5
being Sinking Fund Accounts—In hand ...	£20,513 2 5
"Leslie Young Benefaction" Accounts—In hand	<u>80 2 11</u>
	£20,593 5 4
less General Accounts—Overdrawn	<u>6,464 0 11</u>
	£14,129 4 5

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Borough of Cheltenham.

Municipal Offices, Cheltenham,

26th July, 1915.

Sir,

You are hereby summoned to attend the **Quarterly Meeting of the Council, to be held at the Municipal Offices, Promenade, on Friday, the 30th day of July, 1915**, at Three o'clock in the Afternoon, at which Meeting the following business is proposed to be transacted, and any °the), business that may legally be transacted at such Meeting.

1. To read and sign the Minutes of the last Monthly Meeting-.
2. Communications by the Mayor.
3. To approve or otherwise, the proceedings of

THE PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE

“STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE

“TOWN IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE

ELECTRICITY AND LIGHTING COMMITTEE and vary Resolution to Minute No. 5 of the proceedings of the Committee on the 24th June last re Public Gas Lighting.

“WATER COMMITTEE

GENERAL PURPOSES AND WATCH COMMITTEE and delegate powers under National Registration Act, 1915.

“ART GALLERY AND MUSEUM COMMITTEE

“MINERAL WATERS, BATHS AND RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE

THE BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE

“PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE

“FINANCE COMMITTEE

4. Notices of Motion. 5. Memorials, Applications, Complaints, &c.

Yours faithfully,

Town Clerk.

To each Member of the Council.

Borough of Cheltenham

At a Quarterly Meeting of the Town Council of the Borough of Cheltenham, duly convened and held at the Municipal Offices, in the said Borough, on Friday, the 30th July, 1915, at 3 p.m. Present :

THE MAYOR (ALDERMAN WILLIAM NASH SKILLICORNE) in the chair. THE DEPUTY MAYOR (ALDERMAN CHARLES HENRY MARGRETT).

Aldermen : WILLIAM ALFRED BAKER JOHN DAVID BENDALL RICHARD DAVIES JOHN WAGHORNE

Councillors : FRANK CHARLES DODWELL EDWINSON CHARLES GREEN ALFRED MANN WILLIE JOHN MERRETT THOMAS REES JONES EDWIN CHARLES SILK ROBERT STEEL JAMES STEWART PETER PHILIP TAYLOR THOMAS WILKINS WALTER JAMES FREDERICK WOOD

Apology.—An apology for non-attendance was received from Councillor Haddock.

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1—Minutes of Previous Meeting—Resolved, That the Minutes of the Meetings of 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—Soldiers' Day—Read, a letter from Mr. E. J. Burrow, Hon. Sec. of the Cheltenham Soldiers' Day Committee, thanking the Council for granting the use of the Committee Room at the Municipal Offices for their Meetings.

3—Central Spa—Read, a letter from the Secretary of the Traders' Association stating that a Meeting would be held on the 29th October in connection with the development of the Spa, when Lord St. Aldwyn had promised to attend and speak, and inviting the Town Council to be present. Resolved, That the invitation be accepted.

4—Public Health Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Public Health Committee, at their Meetings of the 12th and 19th July instant, be approved and confirmed.

5—Street and Highway Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Street and Highway Committee, at their Meetings of the 13th and 23rd July instant, be approved and confirmed.

6—Town Improvement Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Town Improvement Committee, at their Meeting of the 20th July instant, be approved and confirmed.

7—Electricity and Lighting Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Electricity and Lighting Committee, at their Meetings of the 22nd and 23rd July instant, be approved and

confirmed, and that the Resolution to Minute No. 5 of this Committee's proceedings on the 24th June last re Public Gas Lighting be varied accordingly.

8—Water Committee-Resolved, That the proceedings of the Water Committee, at their Meeting of the 15th July instant, be approved and confirmed.

9-General Purposes and Watch Committee-Resolved, That the proceedings of the General Purposes and Watch Committee, at their Meeting of the 20th July instant, be approved and confirmed, and that the powers of the Council under the National Registration Act, 1915, acting as the Local Registration Authority, be delegated to this Committee.

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10—Art Gallery and Museum Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Art Gallery and Museum Committee, at their Meeting of the 14th July instant, 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 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—Public Library Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Public Library Committee, at their Meeting of the 13th July instant, be approved and confirmed.

14—Finance Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Finance Committee, at their Meeting of the 23rd July instant, be approved and confirmed. Resolved also, That an Order on the Borough Treasurer be signed accordingly for payment 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—Memorials, Applications, etc.—Read, a letter from Mr. Lang C. Neil, Organizing Secretary of the Western Counties War Exhibition, to be held at the Winter Garden from the 23rd September to the 20th October, applying for the use of the Town Hall and grounds around the Winter Garden. Resolved, That the application be referred to the General Purposes and Watch Committee.

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W. NASH SKILLICORNE,

Mayor.

Borough of Cheltenham.

MINUTES of the Committees of the Town Council to be submitted for approval at the Monthly Meeting of the Council to be held on Monday, the 6th September, 1915.

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, the 9th August, 1915: Present—The Mayor, The Deputy Mayor, Councillors Rees Jones, Steel and Wood (The Mayor is the chair)

1---Houses without proper Ash Receptacles -.The Inspector of Nuisances reported that the following houses had no proper ashpits or ash receptacles, viz. :- 5 and 6 Woodbine Cottages, 2 Segrave Place, 3 and 5 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 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.

2—Overcrowding at Claremont Cottage (back Montpellier Terrace) and 1, Rosehill Cottages.--The Medical Officer of Health reported that these premises were no 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 the occupiers thereof, requiring them to abate the same.

3— Cleansing and Whitewashing at 13 Windsor Street. Cottages, 1, 2, 3 and 5 Rosehill Cottages, 3 and 5 Coltham Fields, and Claremont Cottage. —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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4—Nuisances from Drains, etc., at 61 Burton Street.—The Inspector of Nuisances reported that he had examined the drains, etc., on or belonging to the above premises and found the same to be defective and to require amendment and alteration. He submitted specifications of works required to be done. Resolved, That the same be approved and that Notice 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 21 days.

5—Insanitary Property-3 Rosehill Cottages, 3 and 5 Coltham Fields, 1 Hungerford Street, 13 Worcester Street, 13 Windsor Street, 20 Townsend Street.—The Medical Officer of Health reported that the above-mentioned premises were in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to the health of the inmates owing to defective roofs, walls, ceilings, floors, &c. Resolved, That the Council being satisfied that the said premises are in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to health, Notices under Section 94 of the Public Health Act, 1875, be served upon the owners requiring them to put the same into a healthy condition, and for that purpose to carry out the works specified therein.

6—Houses unfit for Human Habitation—Cottage at Fiddlers Green, occupied by H. Tibbles.—The Medical Officer of Health made a representation that these premises were in a state so dangerous to health as to be unfit for human habitation and he recommended that the house should be closed. Resolved, That the further consideration of the matter be adjourned to the next Meeting and that in the meantime notice be given to the Owner of the intention of the Council to make a Closing Order.

7—Destruction of Diseased Meat—The Medical Officer of Health reported the surrender and destruction of diseased meat as follows :—On the 21st ultimo 11 beef kidneys and 23 pieces of beef; on the 22nd ultimo 1 box of fish ; and on the 6th instant 2 hindquarters of beef. (Total weight destroyed 4 cwt. 16 lbs.)

8—Sewer in Trinity Church Lane—The Borough Engineer recommended that a portion of the sewer in Trinity Church Lane which was found to be defective should be renewed at a cost of about £35. Resolved, That the recommendation be approved and adopted.

9—Notification of Births (Extension) Act, 1915—Read, a letter from the Local Government Board, calling attention to the provisions of the Notification of Births (Extension) Act, 1915, which extended as from the 1st prox. the provisions of the Notification of Births Act, 1907, to every area in which it was not already in force. The Act of 1907 provided, that in the case of every child born within the district it was the duty of the father of the child if he was actually residing in the house where the birth took place at the time of its occurrence and of any person in attendance upon the mother at the time of, or within 6 hours after the birth, to give notice in writing of the birth to the Medical Officer of Health within 36 hours of the birth. It was also the duty of the Local Authority to bring the provisions of the Act to the attention of all medical practitioners and midwives practicing in their area.

The Board also stated that they were prepared to provide by means of annual grants one half the cost of the whole or any part of schemes for maternity and child welfare approved by the Board.

Resolved, That the Medical Officer of Health be requested to bring up a report upon the matter for the consideration of the Committee.

10—**Report of Farms Sub-Committee**—The Farms Sub-Committee reported that they met on the 9th instant. Present : The Mayor, Councillors Rees Jones, Steel and Wood (Councillor Wood in the chair).

Farms Manager's Report—Read, the monthly report of the Farms Manager. The number of livestock on the Farms on the 9th instant was 16 horses (not including 3 at the Depot), 217 head of cattle (including 8 calves), 129 sheep (including 52 lambs), and 41 pigs, all doing fairly well. Since the last Meeting 41 head of cattle had been purchased for £644 10s. 4d., 8 calves and 24 pigs had been bred on the Farms. 30 head of cattle (including 2 calves) had been sold for £628 0s. 7d., and 1 sow for £9 18s. 8d. (Total sales, £637 19s. 3d.)

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Shooting— Resolved, That the offer of Mr. G. McIlquham to continue the shooting over the Hayden and Hayden Knoll Farms at a rental of £5 be accepted, and that the Town Clerk be instructed to advertise the shooting over the Barn Farm.

Inspection—Resolved, That the Sub-Committee inspect the farms on Wednesday, the 18th inst.

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

W. NASH SKILLICORNE, Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, the 23rd August, 1915: Present—The Mayor, The Deputy Mayor, Councillors Rees Jones, Steel and Wood (Councillor Steel in the chair).

11—Houses without proper Ash Receptacles—The Inspector of Nuisances reported that the following houses had no proper ashpits or ash receptacles, viz. :-3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 11, 25, 27 and 31 Dunalley Parade, Rose Cottage, Croft Street, 46 Worcester Street, 408 High Street, 1 Harmony Cottages, Short Street, Zion Cottage, 32 Marle Hill Road, and 1 to 6 Exmouth 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.

2 —Overcrowding at 15 Whitehart 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 y- of the Public Health Act, 1875, be served on the occupiers thereof requiring them to abate the same.

13— Cleansing and Whitewashing at 3, 7, 12 and 25 Dunalley Parade, 11 Northfield Passage, 12 Croft Street, 46 Worcester Street, and 2 Warwick Place. The Medical Officer of Health having certified under Section 46 of the Public Health Act, 1875, that the above-named dwelling-houses were in such a filthy and unwholesome condition that the health of the inmates was affected or endangered thereby. Resolved, That Notice be given to the owners under the said Section requiring the houses to be cleansed and limewashed.

14--Nuisances from Drains, etc., at 6 Union Street, and 9 Granley Cottages. The Inspector of Nuisances having made written application under Section 41 of the Public Health Act, 1875, stating that the drains, &c., on or belonging to the above-named houses were in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to health. Resolved, That authority be given to the Inspector of Nuisances to open the ground, examine the drains, and report to the Committee.

15---Insanitary Property-10 and 11 Northfield Passage,3,7, 22 and 27, Dunalley Parade, 1 Cakebridge Place, Prestbury Road. The Medical Officer of Health reported that the above-mentioned premises were in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to the health of the inmates owing to defective roofs, walls, ceilings, floors, &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—Insufficient W.C. Accommodation—1 to 6 Exmouth Court—The Inspector of Nuisances reported that these premises were without sufficient W.C. accommodation. Resolved, That Notice be given to the owner under Section 36 of the Public Health Act, 1875, requiring the provision of sufficient water closets.

17— Common Lodging House—Read, an application from Mr. Albert Edward Biddle, of 3, Elm View Terrace, Swindon Road, to be registered as the keeper of a Common Lodging House at No. 40, Stanhope Street. Resolved, That the application be acceded to for one year from the 23rd instant.

18—Dairies, Cowsheds and Milkshops Order—Read, an application from Mr. Melatiah Smith, of 5, Francis Street, to be registered as a purveyor of milk. Resolved, That the applicant be registered.

19—Destruction of Diseased Meat—The Medical Officer of Health reported the surrender and destruction on the nth instant of 30 lbs. of beef, and on the 13th instant of 68 lbs. of beef, the same being unfit for human food.

20—Notification of Births (Extension) Act, 1915—The Medical Officer of Health submitted a report with reference to the working of this Act and the Notification of Births Act 1907. Resolved, That consideration of the same be adjourned to the next Meeting and that in the meantime a copy of the Report be sent to each Member of the Committee.

Resolved also, That a supply of notification forms, etc., be sent to each medical practitioner and midwife, and that posters containing the provisions of the Acts be posted in the Borough.

ROBT. STEEL,

Chairman.

STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, the 10th August, 1915: Present—The Mayor, The Deputy-Mayor, Aldermen Baker and Bendall, and Councillor Merrett (Alderman Bendall in the chair).

1—Provisional Valuation—St. George's Square.—The Town Clerk laid before the Committee the provisional valuation made by the Inland Revenue Commissioners under the Finance Act, 1909-10, as follows : Land in St. George's Square—Original Gross Value £1,875 ; Deductions for Restrictive Covenants £1,875 ; Original Total Value " Nil."

2—Trees-16, Priory Street.—Read, a letter from Mr. J. Pilley asking for the removal of a large tree opposite No. 16 Priory Street, and for a smaller tree to be planted. Resolved, That the letter be referred to the Trees Sub-Committee. Resolved, That the dead tree in the Promenade opposite the Post Office, and two dead trees in Corpus Street be removed.

3—Advertisements' Regulation Act 1907—Read, a letter from Messrs. Shakspeare Shenton & co. with reference to the hoardings which were exempt for a period of five years from the date of the Bye-laws. The Company were willing to reduce to a height of 12 feet the hoarding in Gloucester Road near St. George's Road and Lansdown Road near the entrance to the station, but contended that the other hoardings referred to in their letter did not, in their opinion, contravene the Bye-laws. Resolved, That the Company be informed that all hoardings which do not, or are not altered to, comply with the Bye-laws must be removed. Resolved also, That the Town Clerk be instructed to take proceedings (if necessary) in respect of all the hoardings which do not comply with the Bye-laws.

JOHN D. BENDALL, Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, the 30th August, 1915 : Present—The Mayor, Alderman Bendall and Councillors Stewart and Wilkins (Alderman Bendall in the chair).

4—Street Projections—Read, an application from the Gas Company for permission to erect lamps outside No. 262, High Street. Resolved, That the application be acceded to subject to the usual conditions. Application was received from Mr. G. W. Vellacott for permission to have a flag outside No. 108, Albion Street. Resolved, That the application be not acceded to.

5—Borough Surveyor's Monthly Report re Highways—The Borough Surveyor reported that the work done by the Highways Department from the 22nd July to the 26th August, 1915 (both dates inclusive), had been as follows :—

Roads Coated--Lower High Street (6,100 super yards), Tewkesbury Road (5,170 super yards).

Coating—Middle of Gloucester Road from Brighton Villa to Boundary.

Roads Patched—Ambrose Street, Bath Road, Cemetery Road, Clarence Street, Fairview Road, Grosvenor Street, Hale's Road, London Road, Lower High Street, Montpellier Walk, Painswick Lawn, Rodney Road, Rutland Street, Sandford Mill Road, St. George's Road, St. Paul's Lane, Sydenham Road, Upper High Street.

Roads Tarpainted—Bath Road (6,280 super yards), Bath Parade (1,955 super yards), Cemetery Road (6,880 super yards), Francis Street (1,440 super yards), Gloucester Road (r,000 super yards), Hewlett Road (7,913 super yards), Hewlett Street (3,780 super yards), High Street (4,466 super yards), Leckhampton Road (14,080 super yards), London Road (4,585 super yards), Naunton Crescent (3,781 super yards).

Repaired with Woolscroft Bevel-edged Bricks—New Street roadway (10 super yards).

Electricity Trenches Repaired— Carlton Street 1, Chapel Walk 1, King's Road 1, Prestbury Road 1, Windsor Street 2.

Paving Repaired—Alexandra Street, Bath Road, Chapel Walk, Cleaveland Street, Edward Street, Fairview Road, Gloucester Road, High Street, King's Road, Lower High Street, Malvern Road, Millbrook Street, Montpellier Grove, Oriel Terrace, Prestbury Road, Promenade, St. George's Road, St. James' Square, Selkirk Parade, Swindon Road, Sydenham Villas Road, Tewkesbury Road, Townsend Street.

Channel Repairs—Albion Street, Ambrose Street, Clarence Square, Cleaveland Street, High Street, St. James' Square, St. George's Road, Swindon Road, Tewkesbury Road, Waterloo Street.

Sewers Renewed--Hatherley Brook Sewer at Albany Road, Parabola Road, Trinity Lane (proceeding).

Manholes Repaired—High Street, Lower Park Street, Midland Railway Goods Yard.

Repaired with Asphalt—Playground in Grove Street.

New Gullies—Bloomsbury Street, Clarence Square, Lower High Street, Malvern Road. and White Cross Square.

Private Trees Pruned—Andover Road, Agg-Gardner Recreation Ground, Bayshill Terrace, back of Hale's Road, Lypiatt Road, Malvern Place, Lansdown Crescent, Lansdown Parade, Lansdown Terrace.

Trees Pruned—Ambrose Street, Gloucester Road, Imperial Square, Keynsham Road, Leckhampton Road, Malvern Road, St. George's Road.

Trees Pruned (Summer Growth)—Albany Road, Albion Street, Arle Road, Battledown Approach, Bayshill Road, Cemetery Road, College Road, Cranham Road, Christ Church Road, Eldorado Crescent, Eldorado Road, Glencairn Park Road, Grafton Road, Hales Road, Hewlett Road, Imperial Square, Keynsham Road, King's Road, Leighton Road, Lansdown Place, Lansdown Road, Leckhampton Road, London Road, Malvern Road, Montpellier Drive, Montpellier Parade, Montpellier Spa Road, Montpellier Terrace, Orrisdale Terrace, Moorend Park Road, Oriel Road, Overton Park Road, Parabola Road, Princes Street, Queen's Road, Rodney Road, St. Anne's Road, St. Luke's Road, Sydenham Road, Sydenham Villas Road, Sydenham Road North, The Park, Upper High Street, Vittoria Walk.

Ashes Collection and Disposal—During four weeks ended the 19th August, 1915-979 loads collected, 952 consumed and 27 tipped away. Weight consumed, 939 tons 15 cwts.

Steam Generated—Hourly average, 4,911 lbs.

6—Report of Plans Sub-Committee—The Chairman reported the proceedings of the Plans Sub-Committee at their Meeting on the 30th instant. Resolved, That the same be approved and adopted.

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7-Expenditure on Highways—The Borough Surveyor presented a report on the expenditure on the highways. He was endeavouring to reduce the expenditure as much as possible, and hoped to be able to effect a substantial saving in the amount allowed in the estimate, notwithstanding that there had been a considerable increase in the rate of wages and cost of material, for which no additional provision had been made.

8—Annual Holiday—Resolved, That as the annual outing had not been given this year, the Borough Surveyor be authorised to arrange for the men who would have been entitled to join the outing to have a day's holiday on a Saturday.

9—Footpath from Naunton Lane to Old Bath Road—Read, a letter from Councillor Smith stating that this footpath needed repair. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have the path repaired.

10—Surman's Cottages—Read, a letter from Mr. W. J. Dutton calling attention to the condition of the pavement in front of these cottages. Resolved, That the Committee view the pavement.

11—Whaddon Lane—Read, a letter from Mr. J. Jackson asking the Council to take over the road opposite Cleeve View Terrace. Resolved, That the Committee cannot recommend the Council to do so.

JOHN D. BENDALL,

Chairman.

PLANS SUB-COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Sub-Committee held on Monday, the 30th August, 1915: Present—Alderman Bendall, Councillors Rees Jones, Steel, Stewart and Wilkins (Alderman 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.
1326	Mrs. Duckworth	Additions to Rosenhoe, Moorend Road (amended plans)
1327	Godsell & Son	Additions to Crown and Cushion Inn, Bath Road
1328	Original Brewery Co., Ltd.	New Dining Room and Lounge, Fleece Hotel
1329	T. R. Edwards	Temporary Shed at rear of 11, Hanover Street
1330	P. Campbell	Motor House, No. 4, College Lawn

Resolved, That Plan No. 1330 be disapproved, that Plan No. 1326 be approved, that Plans No. 1327 and 1328 be approved subject to the drainage being carried out to the satisfaction of the Sanitary Inspector, and that Plan No. 1329 be approved as a temporary building subject to the usual undertaking being given to remove the same on three months' notice.

JOHN D. BENDALL,

Chairman.

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TOWN IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, the 25th August, 1915 ; Present—The Mayor, Aldermen Baker and Davies, Councillors Rees Jones and Steel (Alderman Baker in the chair).

1—Musical Afternoons —Mr. Teague attended and submitted the following alternative offers to provide an orchestra to play at the Town Hall on five afternoons a week during the winter season :—

- (a) Orchestra of 10 (for not less than 20 weeks) £15 15 0 per week
- (b) Orchestra of 9 (for not less than 22 weeks) £53 13 0 "
- (c) Orchestra of 12 (for not less than 20 weeks) £3 16 0 "

The estimate for (a) would effect a saving in cost of £130, and he was willing to share a small percentage of loss, similar to the arrangement made in previous years. The saving on estimate (b) would be £140, and on (c) £110.

Messrs. Burrow, Marfell, Rickerby, Welstead, and Whitbread attended as a deputation from the Traders' Association, and submitted an offer by the Association to provide a small hand to play at the Town Hall every weekday in the morning from 11 to 1, and in the afternoon from 3.30 to 5.30,

for 22 weeks during the winter season, if the Corporation would contribute £175 towards the expenses. The estimated cost of running the concerts was £429. A charge of 2d. would be made for admission to each concert, except that books of 12 tickets for 1s 6d would be issued. The cost of lighting and all other expenses which have hitherto been charged to musical afternoons account would be paid by the Traders' Association. Resolved, That the Council be recommended to accept the offer made by the Traders' Association.

WILLIAM A. BAKER,

Chairman.

ELECTRICITY AND LIGHTING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, the 26th August, 1915: Present—Councillors Haddock, Rees Jones, Taylor and Wood (Councillor Rees Jones in the chair).

1—Gas Examiner's Report—The Gas Examiner reported that he tested the gas on the 18th instant for illuminating power, with the following result, viz., 14 candles. The test for purity on the 15th instant showed 22 grains of sulphur per 100 cubic feet.

2—Manchester Street Sub-Station—The Borough Electrical Engineer submitted a plan and estimate for converting the Manchester Street Sub-station into a dwelling house. The cost of the work including the necessary re-decoration would be about £125. Resolved, That the work be not carried out at present.

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3—Public Gas Lighting—Resolved, That the lamp at the north end of the lane at the back of Queen's Retreat be removed instead of the one at the south end, and that the lamp at the north end of Queen's Retreat be moved to the corner of the road, and that the Gas Company be notified accordingly. Resolved also, That the Gas Company be asked if they will agree to the lighting of about 100 lamps being suspended for the present in order to reduce the cost of lighting.

T. REES JONES, Chairman.

WATER COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, the 19th August, 1915: Present—The Mayor, The Deputy Mayor, and Aldermen Bendall (The Deputy Mayor in the chair).

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

DAILY YIELD OF SPRINGS.

	For 30 days, ended 16 th August 1915.	Average for corresponding period during last 3 years.
Hewletts Springs	222,000 gallons	381,000 gallons
Dowdeswell Springs	830,000 "	456,000 "
Leckhampton Springs	<u>100,000</u> "	<u>102,000</u> "
Total	1,152,000 "	939,000

CONTENTS OF RESERVOIRS.

	Depth	Contents	Depth	Contents
		16 th August, 1915.		16 th August, 1914
Hewletts		11,918,000 gallons		21,434,000 gallons
Dowdeswell	22ft. 0in.	52,756,000 “	21ft. 0in.	59,674,000 “
Leckhampton	11ft. 0in.	<u>1,486,000</u> “	9ft. 0in.	<u>1,216,000</u> “
	Total Storage	66,160,000		71,324,000 “

Pumping at Tewkesbury began on the 10th instant and had been continued at Sandford since the 18th June last.

2--Appeals-The cases entered in the Appeals 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, 1915: Present --The Mayor, the Deputy Mayor, Aldermen Baker and Bendall, Councillors Haddock and Rees Jones (Alderman Poker in the chair).

1—Diseases amongst Animals—Supt. Hopkins reported that the following premises were still under quarantine, viz, Premises at Folly Lane Allotments in the occupation of Philip Little, and the premises at Hanover Street Allotments in the occupation of Walter Kear and Samuel Meek. No outbreak of swine fever had occurred in the Borough since the 24th June last.

2—Slaughter of Animals Order, 1915 —Read, a letter from the Board of Agriculture calling attention to the Slaughter Animals Order, 1915, which prohibited the slaughter of an animal which was visibly and obviously in calf or in pig and to the possibility of cases occurring of a sow which came within the scope of Article 1 of the Order being sent to a market, sale-yard or lair from which, under the provisions of the Board's Orders dealing with Swine Fever, the cow could be moved only to a bacon factory or slaughter-house, where it must be detained until slaughtered. In the present circumstances Lord Selborne was prepared to deal exceptionally with such cases, and with a view of avoiding the necessity of detaining in a market, sale-yard or lair, or at a bacon factory or slaughter-house, until it had farrowed, a sow that came within the provisions of Article 1 of the Order, he had directed that favourable consideration should be given to any application from the owner for a special licence authorising its removal back to the premises subject to such conditions as to subsequent detention and isolation as might be desirable. The Board would also be prepared to consider similarly an application in any case in which a visibly or obvious in-pig sow had been moved direct to a bacon factory or slaughter-house.

3—Fire Brigade—The Captain reported that the Brigade had not been called to any outbreak of fire since the last Meeting.

4—Hackney Carriage Driver's Licence--Read, an application from the Managing Director of the Queen's Hotel for a licence for Frank Ernest Tiesac, of 51, St. James' Street, to drive a Motor Cab. Resolved, That a licence be granted.

5—Elections and Registration Act, 1915 — Read, a letter from the Local Government Board calling attention to the Elections and Registration Act, 1915, which provided (inter cilia) for the postponement for the period of a year of the elections of Local Authorities and other bodies, for the filling of casual vacancies, and for purposes incidental thereto. The Act also provided for the postponement of the preparation of the Parliamentary and Local Government Registers for the present year. Until the new Register came into force, any casual vacancy requiring to be filled, instead of being filled by an election, was to be filled by means of the choice by the Council of a person to fill the vacancy, and such person would hold office in the same manner, in all respects, as if he had been elected to fill the vacancy.

6—Western Counties War Exhibition—Read, a letter from Mr. C. Lang Neil, stating that it had been arranged to hold the Western Counties War Exhibition at the Winter Garden from the 23rd September to the 20th October, and applying for the use of the grounds adjoining the Winter Garden (except the Bowling Green) and for permission to erect Marquees thereon, and also for the Town Hall for Concerts by leading bands and singers and Lectures by naval and military authorities, &c., during the period. Resolved, That the application be acceded to, subject to payment of £100 for the use of the Large Hall, Supper Room and Refreshment Room at the Town Hall, and subject to such conditions as may be approved by a sub-Committee consisting of the Mayor, Aldermen Baker and Waghorne and Councillor Rees Jones.

7—Municipal Offices—Resolved, That the application of the Traders' Association for permission to hold their Meetings in the Committee Room at the Municipal Offices be acceded to.

WILLIAM A. BAKER,

Chairman.

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MINERAL WATERS, BATHS AND RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, the 20th August, 1915: Present--Aldermen Davies, Councillors Dodwell, Haddock and Silk (Councillor Haddock in the chair).

1—Montpellier Baths—The Borough Accountant reported that the Receipts and Payments in respect of these Baths from sot April, 1915, to 31st July, 1915, were as follows;-

Receipts	£296 13 6	Expenses (including Rates, &c.)	£275 17 1
		Loans—Interest and Redemption	<u>179 8 4</u>
			£455 5 5
	£296 13 6		

Medical Baths—Resolved, That 250 copies of the pamphlet relating to the Radiant Light and Heat Bath be obtained from the Dowsing Radiant Heat Co. at a cost of 35s, and that a copy be sent to each medical practitioner in the town together with a tariff card of the Baths.

2—Alstone Baths—The Borough Accountant reported that the Receipts and Payments in respect of these Baths from 1st April, 1915, to 31st July, 1915, were as follows :-

Receipts	£234 9 10	Expenses (including Rates, &c.)	£174 1 6
		Loans—Interest and Redemption	<u>111 18 0</u>
	£234 9 10		£285 19 6

3—Mineral Waters—The Borough Surveyor reported that the number of glasses of Mineral Waters sold at the Central Spa during the month ended the 9th instant was 3,489 as compared with 3,324 during the previous month. The number of glasses of waters sold during the month at the Montpellier Baths, Montpellier Gardens and Pittville Gardens was 578.

P. HADDOCK,

Chairman.

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BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, the 27th August, 1915 : Present—The Mayor, Alderman Baker, and Councillor Rees Jones (The Mayor in the chair).

1—Grants of Grave Spaces—Resolved, That the Common Seal be affixed to Grants No. 4767 to 4775 (both inclusive) of the exclusive right of burial in the graves referred to therein, which had been purchased.

2—Designs— Resolved, That the following Designs be approved, viz. : Headstones to graves of William J. Powell, Ellen Lizzie Channon, Hilda Cornelia Mary Prance, Henry Dodwell, and David Hall Kibble ; Memorial Crosses to graves of Ellen Mary Hendon Smith, Mary Morrison, Ettie Parker, and Caroline Simmons ; Kerbing to graves of William Barclay, Charles Martin, and Joseph Arden Thomas.

W. NASH SKILLICORNE,

Chairman.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, the 31st August, 1915: Present—The Mayor, Alderman Waghorne, Councillors Haddock, Rees Jones, Steel and Wilkins (Alderman Waghorne in the chair).

1—General District Rate—Read, the Report of the Borough Accountant, dated the 31st instant, on the collection of the first instalment of this Rate Amount collected £22,726 2s. 6d. Leaving outstanding £3,405 3s. 8d.

2—Water Rate—Read, the Report of the Borough Accountant, dated the 31st inst., on the collection of this Rate for the half year ended the 29th September next. Amount collected £11,079 6s. 10d. Leaving outstanding £2,448 7s. 10d.

3—Loans—The Borough Accountant reported that he had arranged for the continuance of loans amounting to £42,520. Resolved, That the terms arranged be approved and that the Debentures be endorsed accordingly. He also reported that he had received the following sums on loan, viz., £1,000, £500, £500, £400, £700 and £100. Resolved, That Debentures be sealed and issued accordingly on account of duly authorised loans.

4—Economy in Expenditure —Read, a letter from the Local Government Board calling the attention of all Local Authorities to the urgent need for strict economy in every branch of expenditure, whether capital or revenue. The Board pointed out that the need for increased Imperial taxation rendered the question of local rates one of very pressing importance, and emphasised the necessity for Local Authorities adopting a different attitude towards their expenditure. Items of expenditure which might properly be regarded as necessities in ordinary times should now be carefully scrutinised with a view to ascertaining to what extent they could be avoided or postponed. The fact that reduction of expenditure might cause some inconvenience to the public could no longer be regarded as a reason for continuing that expenditure at its formal level. Expenditure on such objects as parks, recreation grounds, libraries, street lighting and watering, and the running expenses of all institutions required careful investigation with a view to possible economies. In some cases considerable economies would be possible, but even small economies were valuable, particularly where they involved the freeing of labour for other more immediately important functions.

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For similar reasons, the President of the Board suggested that, whilst not unduly relaxing the standard of public health administration in their area, Local Authorities should, as far as possible, refrain from requiring the execution of work the cost of which had to be borne by private individuals, unless the work was urgently necessary for the removal of nuisances or for the protection of health.

A Committee had been appointed by the Government to inquire and report what savings in public expenditure, in view of the necessities created by the war, could be effected in the Civil Departments without detriment to the State, and Mr. Long suggested that every Local Authority which had not already done so should appoint a Committee with similar functions as regards expenditure out of the local rates. Such a Committee could do valuable work in connection with the consideration of the estimates for the Rates.

The Board would be glad to receive reports from time to time of the nature and extent of any savings which Local Authorities had been able to effect.

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 23rd July last ..	£14,129 4 5
Received since that date (including Loans on Debenture £3,200)	<u>27,845 13</u>
	£41,974 17 6
Paid since that date (including Loans repaid, £2,920	<u>13,076 12</u>
In hand	£28,898 4 8
being General Accounts	£ 8,091 12 1
" Sinking Fund Accounts	20,569 19 11
" "Leslie Young Benefaction" Accounts	<u>236 12 8</u>
	£28,898 4 8

J. WAGHORNE,

Chairman.

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Borough of Cheltenham.

Municipal Offices, Cheltenham,

2nd September, 1915.

Sir,

You are hereby summoned to attend the **Monthly Meeting of the Council, to be held at the Municipal Offices, Promenade, on Monday, the 6th day of September, 1915**, at Three o'clock in the Afternoon, at which Meeting the following business is proposed to be transacted, and any other business that may legally be transacted at such Meeting.

1. To read and sign the Minutes of the last Quarterly Meeting.
2. Communications by the Mayor.
3. To approve or otherwise, the proceedings of

THE PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE

"STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE

"TOWN IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE

ELECTRICITY AND LIGHTING COMMITTEE

"WATER COMMITTEE

"GENERAL PURPOSES AND WATCH COMMITTEE

"MINERAL WATERS. BATHS AND RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE

THE BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE

"FINANCE COMMITTEE

4. Notices of Motion.

5. Memorials, Applications, Complaints, &c.

Yours faithfully,

Town Clerk.

To each Member of the Council.

Borough of Cheltenham

At a Monthly Meeting of the Town Council of the Borough of Cheltenham, duly convened and held at the Municipal Offices, in the said Borough, on Monday, the 6th September, 1915, at 3 p.m.

Present :

THE MAYOR (ALDERMAN WILLIAM NASH SKILLICORNE) in the chair. THE DEPUTY MAYOR (ALDERMAN CHARLES HENRY MARGRETT).

Aldermen: JOHN DAVID BENDALL JOHN WAGHORNE WILLIAM ALFRED BAKER

Councillors: FRANK CHARLES DODWELL PERCY HADDOCK ALFRED MANN WILLIE JOHN MERRETT THOMAS REES JONES WILLIAM SAWYER THOMAS WILLIAM SMITH ROBERT STEEL JAMES STEWART PETER PHILIP TAYLOR THOMAS WILKINS WALTER JAMES FREDERICK WOOD

Apologies. -Apologies for non-attendance were received from Councillors Green and Silk.

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1—Ancient Order of Foresters—The Mayor reported that he had received a telegram from Mr. Paish, District Secretary, stating Cheltenham had been elected the seat of the High Court of the Ancient Order of Foresters in 1917.

2—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.

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

4—Street and Highway Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Street and Highway Committee, at their Meetings of the 10th and 30th August last, be approved and confirmed.

5—Town Improvement Committee—Alderman Baker proposed and Councillor Smith seconded, That the proceedings of the Town Improvement Committee, at their Meeting of the 25th August last, be approved and confirmed.

To this, the following Amendment was proposed by Alderman Waghorne and seconded by the Deputy-Mayor :—

That the recommendation of the Committee be not approved, and that in lieu thereof the Traders' Association be invited to agree to the following proposals which are hereby approved by the Council, namely :—

(a) The Council to accept Mr. Teague's offer to provide an Orchestra to play at the Town Hall 5 afternoons a week during the ensuing Winter Season (of not less than 22 consecutive weeks) at £13 13s. 0d. a week, provided the number of performers be increased from 9 to 10.

(b) The Council also to pay :—

(1) To Mr. Teague £5 5s. 0d. a week during the said Season of 22 weeks for the Morning Orchestra. Such Orchestra to play from 11 a.m. to 1 o'clock p.m. every day.

(2) To the Traders' Association the sum of £10 towards the expense to be incurred by them in providing stationery, newspapers, hire of carpets and other incidental expenses at the Spa during the said period.

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(c) The charges for admission to be :—

Season Tickets (available mornings and afternoons), 10s 6d each. Weekly Tickets (available mornings and afternoons during week of issue), 1s each. Single Tickets, morning 11 to 1 o'clock, 2d. each. Afternoon, 6d. each.

(d) Any loss exceeding £100 arising from carrying out the above scheme to be borne by the Council and the Traders' Association in equal shares provided that the liability of the Traders' Association in respect of such loss shall be limited to £50.

(e) A Committee of five—consisting of three members of the Council, one of whom shall be nominated by the Town Improvement Committee, one by the General Purposes Committee, and one by the Mineral Waters, Baths and Recreation Grounds Committee, and two members of the Traders' Association to be nominated by them (with Mr. Teague as Musical Adviser) —to be appointed to carry out the details of and incidental to the working of the Concerts.

2. Alternately That :—If the Traders' Association fail to agree to the above proposals the Council hereby authorise the acceptance of Mr. Teague's offer set out in the foregoing paragraph (a), subject to the proviso therein mentioned, and that in such case the charges for admission to such Afternoon Concerts shall be : Season Tickets, 10s 6d each. Weekly Tickets, available for week of issue only, 1s each. Single Tickets, 6d. each. On the Amendment being put to the Meeting, the Mayor declared the same to be carried.

6--Electricity and Lighting Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Electricity and Lighting Committee, at their Meeting of the 26th August last, be approved and confirmed.

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

8—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.

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9—Mineral Waters, Baths and Recreation Grounds Committee—Resolved; That the proceedings of the Mineral Waters, Baths and Recreation Grounds Committee, at their Meeting of the 20th August last, be approved and confirmed.

10—Burial Board Committee—Resolved; That the proceedings of the Burial Board Committee, at their Meeting of the 21th August last, be approved and confirmed.

11—Finance Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Finance Committee, at their Meeting of the 31st August last, be approved and confirmed. Resolved also, That an Order on the Borough Treasurer be signed accordingly for payment to the several Corporations, Companies and Persons mentioned in the Schedule of Accounts, the sum of money set opposite their respective names upon production of a cheque signed by the Borough Accountant.

12—Notice of Motion—Councillor Dodwell gave notice of his intention to move at the next Monthly Meeting of the Council : "That the Resolution of the Council, at its Meeting on the 4th April, 1892, approving a recommendation of the General Purposes and Watch Committee at their Meeting on the 28th March, 1892, with reference to travelling expenses for members and officers of the Corporation, be rescinded."

W. NASH SKILLICORNE,

Mayor.

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Borough of Cheltenham.

MINUTES of the Committees of the Town Council to be submitted for approval at the Monthly Meeting- of the Council to be held on Monday, the 4th October, 1915:

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, the 13th September, 1915: Present — The Mayor, The Deputy Mayor, Councillors Green, Rees Jones, Steel, Stewart and Wood (Councillor Stewart in the chair).

1—Houses without proper Ash Receptacles --The Inspector of Nuisances reported that the following houses had no proper ashpits or ash receptacles, viz. :-41 Hungerford Street, 37 Townsend Street, 23 Roman Road, 3 and 4 Gratton Street and 6 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.

2—Cleansing and Whitewashing at 1, 2 and 3 Grafton Street and 7 Benhall Cottages. The Medical Officer of Health having certified under Section 46 of the Public Health Act, 1875, that the above-named dwelling-houses were in such a filthy and unwholesome condition that the health of the inmates was affected or endangered thereby, Resolved, That Notice be given to the owners under the said Section requiring the houses to be cleansed and limewashed.

3—Nuisances from Drains, etc., at 3 North Parade and 8 Montpellier Grove. 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. The Retreat, Pittville—The Inspector of Nuisances reported that he had examined the drains, etc., on or belonging to the above premises and found the same to be defective and to require amendment and alteration. He submitted specifications of works required to be done. Resolved, That the same be approved and that Notice 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 11 days.

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4—Insanitary Property—37 Townsend Street, 41 Hungerford Street, 10 New Street, 23 Roman Road, 7 Bendall Cottages, Granby 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.

5—Insufficient W.C. Accommodation—137 and 138 Tewkesbury Road. The Inspector of Nuisances reported that these premises were without sufficient W.C. accommodation. Resolved, That Notice be given to the owner under Section 36 of the Public Health Act, 1875, requiring the provision of sufficient water closets.

6—Houses unfit for Human Habitation—Cottage at Fiddlers Green, occupied by H. Tibbles. With reference to the representation of the Medical Officer of Health that these premises should be closed, the Town Clerk reported that he had given notice to the Owner. Resolved, That it appearing to the Council that the above mentioned dwelling-house was in a state so dangerous and injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation, an Order be now made pursuant to Sec. 17 (2) of the Housing, Town Planning, etc. Act, 1909, prohibiting the use of the said house for human habitation, until the same has been rendered fit for that purpose, and that the Common Seal be affixed to the said Order, and that Notice of such Order be given to the Owners.

2 Crump's Court, Hewlett Street—Demolition Order—The Medical Officer of Health reported that no steps had been taken to render these premises, in respect of which a Closing Order was made by the Council, fit for human habitation, and he recommended that an Order be made for the demolition of the premises. Resolved, That Notice be given to the Owners of the premises of the intention to consider on the 10th November the question of making an Order for the demolition of the premises.

7—Destruction of Diseased Meat—The Medical Officer of Health reported that on the 9th instant a leg of pork and also a portion of the loin of pork (weight 25 lbs.) were surrendered and destroyed as unfit for food.

8—Land near Naunton Lane—Read, a letter from Alderman Bendall calling attention to the nuisance caused by stagnant pools of water on the land formerly occupied by Messrs. Smith Bros. Resolved, That the owners be requested to take steps to remove the cause of complaint.

9—**Report of Farms Sub-Committee**—The Farms Sub-Committee reported that they met on the 13th instant. Present : Councillors Green, Rees Jones, Steel, Stewart and Wood (Councillor Wood in the chair).

Farms Manager's Report—Read, the monthly report of the Farms Manager. The number of livestock on the Farms on the 13th instant was 15 horses (not including 4 at the Depot), 234 head of cattle (including 16 calves), 129 sheep (including 52 lambs), and 34 pigs, all doing very well. 41 head of cattle and 1 calf had been purchased for £522 15s., 14 calves had been bred on the Farms, 39 head of cattle (including 7 calves) had been sold for £802 3s. 11d., and 7 store pigs for £8 10s. (Total sales, £810 13s. 11d.) The Fruit at the Farms had been sold by public auction for £53 7s. 6d. Resolved, That the proceedings of the Sub-Committee be approved and adopted.

10—Laboratories —The Medical Officer of Health submitted a list of articles required for the Laboratories which would cost about £40. Resolved, That the Medical Officer of Health be authorised to expend £40, the cost to be charged to the Municipal Offices Furnishing Account. Resolved also, That the Medical Officer of Health be authorised to obtain the additional furniture required for his Department.

J. STEWART,

Chairman.

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At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, the 20th September, 1915: Present—The Mayor, Councillors Rees Jones, Steel, Stewart and Wood (The Mayor in the chair).

11—Houses without proper Ash Receptacles—The Inspector of Nuisances reported that the following houses had no proper ashpits or ash receptacles, viz. :-3 Garden View and Maryville, Granley Road, 5 Benhall Cottages, 13 Granley Road, 28, 29 and 30 Dunalley Parade, 5, 6 and 7 and Cottage at back of 5 Grove Street, and 2 Victoria Place. Resolved, That the necessary Notices be given to the respective owners under Section 36 of the Public Health Act, 1875, and Section 27 of the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1889, requiring them in each case to provide a moveable ash receptacle of such size, pattern and construction as may be approved by the Inspector of Nuisances on behalf of the Corporation.

12— Cleansing and Whitewashing at 13, 14, 15, 16 and 17 Granley Road, Cottage at back of 5 Grove Street, 3 Upper Bath Street, and 2 Victoria Place. The Medical Officer of Health having certified under Section 46 of the Public Health Act, 1875, that the above-named dwelling-houses were in such a filthy and unwholesome condition that the health of the inmates was affected or endangered

thereby. Resolved, That Notice be given to the owners under the said Section requiring the houses to be cleansed and limewashed.

13—Nuisances from Drains, etc., at 5, 6 and 7 Grove Street, Cottage at rear of 5 Grove Street, and 3 Sussex Villas. The Inspector of Nuisances having made written application under Section 41 of the Public Health Act, 1875, stating that the drains, &c., on or belonging to the above-named houses were in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to health. Resolved, That authority be given to the Inspector of Nuisances to open the ground, examine the drains, and report to the Committee.

14—Insanitary Property---3 Upper Park Street, 2 and 6 Victoria Place, Bath Road, 25 York Street, 20 Townsend Street, and 7 and 8 Upper Bath 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—Notification of Births (Extension) Act, 1915 --The Committee considered a further report from the Medical Officer of Health with reference to the arrangement of the work which might be done under the Notification of Births Act, 1907, and the Notification of Births (Extension) Act, 1915. Read, a letter from the Local Government Board stating that the Board had been informed that the County Council were formulating a scheme for the whole County with the exception of the Borough of Cheltenham. In view of the population of the Borough, the Board would consider it a proper area for a separate scheme, and asking that the matter should be considered by the Council. Resolved, That the Board be informed that the Council have made the necessary arrangements for the Notification of Births as required by the Act, and will also follow up the information obtained as far as possible with the present staff until the termination of the War, when the question of the preparation of a Scheme will be considered.

W. NASH SKILLICORNE,

Chairman.

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STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting this Committee held on Tuesday, the 14th September, 1915 : Present—Alderman Bendall, Councillors Mann, Merrett, Stewart and Wilkins (Alderman Bendall in the chair).

1—Street Projections—Read, an application from Mr. W. F. Lee for permission to hang a flag outside his premises, Caxton House, Winchcomb Street. Resolved, That the application be not acceded to.

2—Clinker---The Borough Surveyor reported that the Road Board had purchased all the clinker at the Destructor (about 3,000 tons) for use in connection with work now being carried out at Salisbury Plain.

JOHN D. BENDALL, Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, the 27th September, 1915 : Present—The Mayor, Aldermen Baker and Bendall, Councillors Stewart and Wilkins (Alderman Bendall in the chair).

3—Borough Surveyor's Monthly Report re Highways—The Borough Surveyor reported that the work done by the Highways Department from the 27th August to the 23rd September, 1915 (both dates inclusive), had been as follows :—

Roads Coated—Gloucester Road (proceeding), New Street (215 super yards).

Roads Patched—Christ Church Road, Clarence Street, Fairview Road, Gloucester Road, Hewlett Road, Montpellier Drive, Suffolk Road, Trinity Lane.

Roads Tarpainted—Albert Place (1,085 sq. yards), All Saints' Road (3,730 sq. yards), Carlton Street (2,400 sq. yards), College Lawn (1,728 sq. yards), College Road (6,840 sq. yards), Gloucester Road (4,895 sq. yards), Hale's Road (6,850 sq. yards), Imperial Circus (838 sq. yards), Lower High Street (6,100 sq. yards), Montpellier Drive (287 sq. yards), Montpellier Spa Road (860 sq. yards), Painswick Road (5,350 sq. yards), Pittville Circus (1,433 sq. yards), Pittville Circus Road (2,870 sq. yards), Portland Square (520 sq. yards), Rodney Road (3,094 sq. yards), Sandford Road (5,936 sq. yards), Sherborne Street (1,620 sq. yards), Sydenham Road North (1,920 sq. yards), Tewkesbury Road (5,075 sq. yards), Trafalgar Street (2,688 sq. yards).

Crossings Renewed—Bath Road, King Street, St. Paul's Road.

Relaid with Woolecroft Bricks—Clarence Street Cab Stand, New Crossing rear of Municipal Offices, and paving and channelling back yard.

Electricity Trenches Repaired—College Road 1.

Gas Trenches Repaired—Clarence Square 7, Pittville Circus Road 1.

Channel Repairs—Ambrose Street, High Street, New Street, Townsend Street, Upper Park Street.

Sewers Renewed—Trinity Lane sewer (completed). New Manhole to Sewer—Trinity Lane.

Paving Repairs—Albion Street, Bath Road, Cambray, College Road, Christ Church Road, Hatherley Road, Hewlett Road, High Street, Hungerford Street, Imperial Circus, Imperial Square, Lansdown Place, Larput Place, Montpellier Grove, Montpellier Terrace, Montpellier wide opening, Park Place, Promenade, Portland Street, Prestbury Road, Rodney Road, Russell Street, Suffolk Square, Townsend Street.

Private Trees Pruned—Bath Road, Christ Church Road, Douro Road, Eldorado Road, Lansdown Crescent, Malvern Place, Malvern Road, Montpellier Street, Shurdington Road, Western Road.

Trees Pruned—Christ Church Road, Eldorado Road, Parabola Road, St. George's Road.

Trees Pruned, Summer Growth—All Saints' Road, Albert Road, Clarence Road, Evesham Road, Pittville Circus Road, Pittville Crescent, Pittville lawn, Pittville College Road, Prestbury Road, Selkirk Street, Wellington Road.

Pruning Poplar Arches—Naunton Park Recreation Ground.

Ashes Collection and Disposal—During four weeks ended September 16th, 1915-809 loads collected, 790 consumed and 19 tipped away. Weight consumed, 790 tons 10 ½ cwts.

Steam Generated—Hourly average, 5,303 lbs.

4—**Report of Plans Sub-Committee**—The Chairman reported the proceedings of the Plans Sub-Committee at their Meetings on the 14th and 27th instant. Resolved, That the same be approved and adopted.

5—Street Projections—Read, an application from Messrs. W. A. Woof, Ltd., for permission to place a sign outside No. 1, Regent Street. Resolved, That the application be adjourned to the next Meeting for further particulars to be furnished.

The Inspector reported that Mr. Vellacot, of the Criterion Restaurant, Albion Street, continued to place a flag outside his premises. Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to take proceedings under the Bye-laws for the removal of the flag.

The Inspector also reported that Mr. J. W. Griffin continued to obstruct the footpath in Albion Street by placing goods outside his premises and had not taken steps to alter his shop front. Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to take proceedings for the penalties incurred.

6—Refuse Collection—The Borough Surveyor called attention to the growing practice of occupiers placing garden refuse in their dustbins and other receptacles for removal by the ash collectors Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to issue a notice for distribution by the ashmen to residents informing them that the Corporation do not undertake the removal of garden refuse.

7—Seats—Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have 6 additional seats placed in the Promenade for the use of invalided soldiers.

8—Trees—Read, a letter from Mrs. Barton Gardner, of 1, Argyle Place, asking that the trees overhanging her garden should be cut back. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have this done.

Read, letters from Mrs. Moles, of Vanstone, College Road, asking that a sycamore and 2 time trees near her house should be removed, and from Miss Jenkins asking that the large trees in the Promenade opposite No. 2, Cambridge Villas should be cut back. Resolved, That the letters be referred to the Trees Sub-Committee.

JOHN D. BENDALL,

Chairman.

PLANNING SUB-COMMITTEE

At a Meeting of this Sub-Committee held on Tuesday, the 14th September, 1915: Present—Alderman Bendall, Councillors Merrett, Rees Jones, Stewart and Wilkins (Alderman Bendall in the chair).

1-New Buildings- The Borough Surveyor submitted the following Notices and Plans of intended New Buildings, viz.:—

No. of Plan.	Name	Description.
1331	G. Barrett	Additions to 3, Collum Cottages, Leckhampton Road.
1332	Looker On Printing Co.	New Bath Room, &c., Royal House, Leckhampton Road.

Resolved, That Plans No. 1331 be approved and that Plans No. 1332 be approved subject to the sanitary work being carried to the satisfaction of the Sanitary Inspector.

JOHN D. BENDALL,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Sub-Committee held this Monday, the 27th September, 1915 : Present — Alderman Bendall, Councillors Rees Jones, Stewart and Wilkins (Alderman Bendall in the chair).

2-New Surveyor the following Notice and Plans of intended New Buildings, viz. :—

No. of Plan	Name.	Description.
1330	P. Campbell	Temporary Motor House, 4, College Lawn.
1333	Mrs. Waitt	New Bathroom, Kensington Villa, Selkirk Street.

Resolved, That Plan No. 1330 be approved as a temporary building subject to the usual undertaking being given to remove the same on 3 months' notice, and that Plan No 1333 be approved subject to the sanitary work being carried out to the satisfaction of the Sanitary Inspector.

JOHN D. BENDALL,

Chairman.

TOWN IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, the 22nd September, 1915: Present—The Mayor, Aldermen Baker and Davies, Councillors Green, Rees Jones and Taylor (Alderman Baker in the chair).

1—Musical Afternoons—Read, a letter from thy Secretary of the Traders' Association stating that the Association had approved the proposals passed at the last Meeting of the Council with reference to the Concerts at the Town Hall during the Winter Season, but asked that the number of members to

be appointed by the Association to serve on the Joint Committee should be increased from two to three, and the Town Council representatives from three to four, or, as an alternative, that the two nu-tubers of the Association should be empowered to send a deputy in the event of either being unable to attend any meeting to which they were summoned. Resolved, That the Committee are of opinion that the resolution passed by the Council should be adhered to. Resolved, That Councillor Taylor be appointed a representative of the Committee to serve on the Committee appointed to carry out the details of and incidental to the Concerts.

2 — Advertisement Boards—Read, an application from Mr. C. Lang Neil for permission to use the Advertisement Boards used in connection with the Montpellier Concerts for Notices of the War Exhibition. Resolved, That the use of the Boards be allowed up to the 11th proximo.

3—Pittville Estate—Read. a letter from Mr. R. B. Joyner asking for the removal of some of the trees near his house, Lake View, Pittville. Resolved, That the next Meeting of the Committee be held at Pittville and that the trees be inspected.

4—Guide to Racecourse Hospital--Read, a letter from Miss Humphris asking for a grant towards the cost of the Guide, recently published, to the Racecourse Hospital, and which also contained a description of the town. Resolved, That the Committee are unable to make a grant.

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WILLIAM A. BAKER,

Chairman.

ELECTRICITY AND LIGHTING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, the 23rd September, 1915 : Present—
Councillors Green, Haddock, Mann, Merrett, Rees Jones and Wood (Councillor Merrett in the chair).

1—Gas Examiner's Report--The Gas Examiner reported that his test of the gas on the 10th instant for purity showed 28 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—Electricity Accounts—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that the Accounts as audited showed that the amount standing to the Revenue Account on the 31st March, 1915 (including the balance of £294 brought forward from the previous year), after payment of the financial charges and the instalment in respect of the Deficit loan, was £1,043. Resolved, That the amount be carried forward to next year.

4—Switchgear—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that he had received an application from the Contractors for the new Switchgear for an extension of time by 3 months for the completion of the contract, and was granting this extension.

5—Hewlett Road—Read, a letter from Mrs. L. Webb complaining of the darkness between Leighton Road and Eldon Road, and asking that the lamp near Movice, Hewlett Road, should be kept lighted

until 11 p.m. Resolved, That Mrs. Webb be informed that the Committee do not think it desirable to increase the street lighting at the present time.

6—Evesham Road—The Borough Electrical Engineer submitted a plan showing the re-arrangement of the lighting in Evesham Road. Resolved, That the same be approved.

W. J. MERRETT,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, the 28th September, 1915 : Present—Councillors Green, Haddock, Mann, Rees Jones, Taylor and Wood (Councillor Rees Jones in the chair).

7—Street Lighting—Read, a letter from the General Manager of the Cheltenham Gas Company in reply to the request made to them by the Corporation to agree to the temporary suspension of the lighting of about 150 lamps, stating that the Company in conformity with the public interest and to show a spirit of cordial co-operation with the efforts of the Corporation to curtail expenditure, submitted a list of 104 lamps the lighting of which they suggested might be temporarily suspended. Resolved, That the Company be thanked for their co-operation and that the lighting of these lamps be temporarily suspended.

Resolved also, That the Company be asked to suspend, in addition, the lighting of the lamps in Arle Road beyond the railway bridge, except the lamp near the bridge ; and also the lamps in Tewkesbury Road beyond the railway bridge, except the lamp near the bridge.

T. REES JONES,

Chairman.

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WATER COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, the 16th September, 1915: Present—The Deputy Mayor, Aldermen Baker, Councillors Green, Merrett and Wood (The Deputy Mayor in the chair).

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

	DAILY YIELD OF SPRINGS.	
	For 30 days, ended 13 ^h September, 1915.	Average for corresponding period during last 3 years.
Hewletts Springs	368,000 gallons	402,000 gallons
Dowdeswell Springs	501,000 “	512,000 “
Leckhampton Springs	<u>119,000</u> “	<u>117,000</u> “
Total	988,000 “	1,031,000

CONTENTS OF RESERVOIRS.

	Depth	Contents		Depth	Contents
		13 th September, 1915.			13 th September, 1914
Hewletts		15,083,000 gallons			19,230,000 gallons
Dowdeswell	18ft. 6in.	38,539,000 "		17ft. 6in.	35,453,000 "
Leckhampton	11ft. 0in.	<u>1,486,000</u> "		9ft. 0in.	<u>1,351,000</u> "
	Total Storage	55,107,000			56,034,000 "

Pumping had been continued at Sandford and Tewkesbury.

2—Tewkesbury Works—Resolved, That the Committee meet at Tewkesbury next month to inspect the Works.

3—Appeals—The cases entered in the Appeals 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 21st September, 1915: Present—The Mayor, the Deputy Mayor, Aldermen Baker, Bendall and Waghorne, Councillors Green, Haddock, Merrett, Rees Jones and Stewart (Alderman Waghorne in the chair).

1—Diseases amongst Animals—Supt. Hopkins reported that with the exception of the premises at Hanover Gardens in the occupation of Samuel Meek and Walter Kear, which were still under quarantine, the Borough was free from contagious disease amongst animals.

2—Maintenance of Live Stock Order, 1915—Read, a letter from the Board of Agriculture forwarding a copy of the Maintenance of Live Stock Order 1915, which superseded as from the 23rd August the Slaughter of Animals Order 1915. The Order prohibited the slaughter of (1) animals which were visibly or obviously in calf or in pig ; (2) after the 30th September next all calves in which the first permanent molar or grinder tooth was not cut and visible, which for practical purposes meant calves 6 months' old ; and (3) until the 30th September next calves under the age of 8 weeks ; and allowed by way of exception (1) the slaughter of an animal if necessary or desirable on account of accidental injury to the animal or its illness ; (2) the slaughter of an animal if desirable for an exceptional reason or purpose, and if the slaughter was licensed by the Board ; (3) the slaughter of a calf of a cow of Channel Island, Ayrshire, Kerry or Dexter breed ; and (4) with certain exceptions, the slaughter of a calf which had been offered for sale by auction at any market or sale yard in England, Wales or Scotland without reserve or subject to a reserve price of 30s or less, and for which no bid exceeding 30s had been made on such occasion.

3—Fire Brigade—Report of Captain— The Captain reported that the Brigade had not been called to any outbreak of fire since the last Meeting.

Report of Sub-Committee—The Sub-Committee reported that they met at the Fire Station on Saturday, the 18th instant, at 3 p.m. Present—Alderman Baker (in the chair), Councillors Green, Merrett and Stewart.

Tenders for Captain's Uniform—Two tenders were received for providing a Captain's uniform in accordance with the sample submitted. Resolved, That the tender of Mr. C. Wedberg, of Montpellier Avenue (the lowest) of £5 15s be accepted. Tenders were also submitted from Messrs. Merryweather and Sons, Ltd. (London) and Messrs. J. Morris and Sons (Manchester) for supplying a Chief Officer's helmet. Resolved, That the tender of Messrs. Morris and Sons of 35s (the lowest) be accepted. Resolved, That the tender of Messrs. Firmin and Sons (London) to supply a Chief Officer's cap at 20s be accepted.

Inventory—The Committee examined the Fire Brigade equipment, apparatus, uniforms, etc., as set out in the Inventory Book and found the same correct.

Resolved, That the defective portion of the galvanized chimney in the Fire Station be renewed.

Jumping Net—Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to enquire of Messrs. Merryweather and Sons whether they will purchase the rope jumping net which was purchased by the Corporation from them some years ago and which has not been used.

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

4—Licences to store Petroleum, &c.—On the Inspector reporting that the premises were satisfactory, Resolved, That the following applications for the renewal of licences to store Petroleum and Carbide of Calcium be granted for one year, . viz. :—

		Quantity Petroleum.	Quantity Carbide of Calcium
Haines & Strange ..	19, Albion Street	250	112 lbs
Powell, Gwinnell & Co.	34, Promenade	200	5 cwt.
A. Hughes & Co.	21, Pittville Street ..	50	
The Halford Cycle Co. ..	North Street		112lbs.
H. E. Steel, Ltd. ..	105, High Street	400	200 lbs.
H. E. Steel, Ltd.	Plough Yard	1000	60 lbs.
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H. G. Norton & Co. ..	416, High Street	200	280 lbs.
H. G. Norton & Co. .	Wellington Street	300	
H. G. Norton & Co. ..	Regent Street	300	
The British Petroleum Co., Ltd., (Bristol)	Regent Street	1500	
Jacobs, Smith & Co.	104A, High Street	50	

		Petroleum	Carbide
D. Davies & Co.	149, High Street		50
T. W. Harvey, Ltd.	180, High Street	100	
L. Lusty	196, High Street	50	
S. A. Sperry	264, High Street	40	
T. V. West & Co.	88, High Street	1000	3 cwt.
J. Brown	Nag's Head, High Street	130	
C. J. Bullock & Co.	50, Winchcomb Street	500	
J. Fisher & Sons	34, Winchcomb Street	100	
W. Mills & Sons, Ltd.	38, Winchcomb Street	350	112 lbs
A. Miles & Co., Ltd.	75 & 76, Winchcomb Street	200	
A. Miles & Co., Ltd.	117, High Street	500	
R. E. & C. Marshall, Ltd.	5, Clarence Street	450	
E. S. Holloway	3, St. Mark's Emporium	100	
P. G. Shewell, J.P.,	C.C. Cotswold	500	
J. Capper	St Bernard's Villa, Cleaveland Street	80	
W. T. Smith	Suffolk Mews	100	
W. T. Baggs	4, St. Luke's Road	20	
The Bristol Tramways Co.	Spa Road	2500	1 cwt.
W. G. Tibbles	27, St. George's Place	100	
A. Williams & Co.	10, Portland Street	400	
The Light Railway Co.	St. Mark's Depot	250	
The Gas Lighting Imp. Co.	43 County Chambers, 66 ½ Corporation Street, Birmingham	2500	
C J. Lord	29, Upper Bath Road	50	72 lbs.
The Anglo-American Oil Co.	St. Stephen's Chambers, Baldwin Street, Bristol ..	3000	
C. H. Reason	25, Lansdown Crescent	150	
The Queen's Hotel Co.	Queen's Yard	200	

5— Gloucester Road Sub-Post Office—Read, a letter from the Postmaster forwarding an application from the Postmistress of the Gloucester Road Sub-Post Office for permission to close at 7 instead of 8 p.m. Resolved, That the Committee raise no objection to the proposal.

6—Cinematograph Act, 1909—Read, applications from Messrs. Gillsmith Ltd. and Mr. S. C. Field for renewal of their licences under the Cinematograph Act, 1909, in respect of the Hippodrome, Winter Garden and North Street Picture House. Resolved, That the licences be renewed for one year subject to the same conditions as last year.

7—Fruit Market—The Town Clerk submitted the draft Regulations for the Fruit Market, with the suggestions of the Market Gardeners' Association thereon. Resolved, That the same be referred to the Sub-Committee for consideration.

8—Spa Concerts Committee—Resolved, That Councillor Rees Jones be appointed a representative of this Committee to serve on the Committee appointed to carry out the details of and incidental to the working of the Winter Concerts.

J. WAGHORNE,

Chairman.

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ART GALLERY AND MUSEUM COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, the 15th September, 1915 : Present — Councillors Green, Rees Jones, Taylor and Steel (Councillor Rees Jones in the chair). 1

1—Curator's Report —The Curator reported that there had been 1,901 visits to the Art Gallery and Museum since the 15th July last.

Dr. Drew had presented several specimens of fossils, minerals, &c., chiefly collected by the late Alderman Drew.

Dr. Carter had lent a large landscape in oils by W. Muller.

The Curator had placed on exhibition several Neolithic Flints from Yorkshire.

Resolved, That the thanks of the Committee be conveyed to the donor and lenders.

The Curator also presented the following report of his visit with Mr. Bushnell to inspect the Flints, &c., owned Earl Ducie:-

"On Saturday, July 17th, the Curator and Mr. A. J. de Havilland Bushnell went, at the express invitation of the Earl Ducie, to examine the contents of his Museum and more particularly his collection of Neolithic Flint implements.

"These implements were chiefly found on the Earl's estate at Sarsdon in the course of many years' collecting, at a of between 500 and 600 feet above sea level.

"This collection is particularly rich in well-wrought arrowheads beginning with the early leaf shape, the only shape of arrow known to the Dolichocephalic men of those long Barrows which are so scarce outside our own county and 'Wiltshire, and ending with the most highly developed barbed and tanged arrowheads made by the Brachycephalic men in period when the end of the Stone Age began to overlap the beginning of the Bronze Age ; so that it would be possible to trace the evolution of the Neolithic arrowhead from specimens in this splendid collection. Specially rare and notable were the arrowheads of triangular shape, arrowheads with incipient barb and no tang, thick arrowheads with long tang and no barbs, also some highly-finished javelin heads. Besides these, there were concave spokeshaves, a large number of scrapers and discs ; as well as fabricators and triangular implements which may have served for two or more purposes ; two flints of unusual length from Sarsdon, one much twisted, and the other an unpatinated double-edged knife ; and a very large skin mulcher. Also two very remarkable fine flints from Bibury, a long spoon-shaped scraper very completely finished, and a small adze with ground and polished edge.

"Another remarkable object in Lord Ducie's Museum was a flint javelin head from Lough Neagh, in Ireland, which is of interest to us as we have in the Museum an exactly similar one found by Mr. Witts at Elkstone, which Mr. Balfour, the eminent flint expert of the Oxford Museum, declared to be of Irish origin.

"Lord Ducie asked Mr. Bushnell if he could provide a good Christian home for a Crocodile,' pointing to a huge Saurian on the floor 14 feet 6 inches long, shot by himself on the Nile, where it was the last Crocodile ever found above the first cataract. Mr. Bushnell promptly suggested our Museum as a safe if not a good 'Christian' home for it, and the Earl agreed to offer it to the Museum Committee on the condition that they would themselves undertake its removal ; and he promised to write an account of the circumstances under which he killed it."

Resolved, That the offer of Earl Ducie be accepted with the thanks of the Committee, and that the Curator be authorised to make the necessary arrangements for the removal of the Crocodile to the Museum.

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T. REES JONES,

Chairman

MINERAL WATERS, BATHS AND RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, the 17th September, 1915: Present—Alderman Bendall, Councillors Dodwell, Merrett, Silk and Stewart (Alderman Bendall in the chair).

1—Alstone Baths—The Borough Accountant reported that the Receipts and Payments in respect of these Baths from 1st April, 1915, to 31st August, 1915, were as follows :--

Receipts	£270 15 2	Expenses (including Rates, &c.)	£229 6 10
	£270 15	Loans—Interest and Redemption	<u>139 17 6</u>
			£369 4 4

Schools Gala—Read, an application from Mr. P. Hawker, Hon. Sec. Cheltenham Schools' Swimming Association, for the use of the Alstone Swimming Bath on the 30th instant for a Schools Gala.

Resolved, That the application be acceded to.

2—Montpellier Baths—The Borough Accountant reported that the Receipts and Payments in respect of these Baths from 1st April, 1915, to 31st August, 1915, were as follows :—

Receipts	£361 1 0	Expenses (including Rates, &c.)	£426 9 10
		Loans—Interest and Redemption	<u>224 5 5</u>
	£361 1 0		£650 15 3

Medical Baths—The Borough Surveyor reported that 4 invalided soldiers had each received a course of Brine Baths during the past month free of charge.

The Borough Surveyor submitted a plan and estimate for the conversion of two Slipper Baths and dressing rooms into Sulphur and Brine Baths. The cost of the work, excluding the cost of the furniture required, would be about £30. Resolved, That consideration of the matter be adjourned for the present

3—Mineral Waters—The Town Clerk reported that the Provisional Order amending the Cheltenham Improvement Act 1889 and Provisional Orders 1892 and 1898 authorising the Corporation by agreement to grant, assign or lease sole and exclusive rights to any person in regard to the use, manufacture and sale of the water from any of the Mineral Water Wells belonging to the Corporation or in which they may have an interest, and empowering the Corporation to borrow for the purposes of the Act and Orders such further sums as may from time to time be sanctioned by the Local Government Board, had been confirmed by Parliament.

Resolved, That the Common Seal be affixed to an Agreement with the United Chemists' Association, Ltd., granting unto the Company the sole and exclusive right to use, evaporate, concentrate, manufacture, &c., the mineral waters from wells or springs belonging to the Corporation.

Sales—The Borough Surveyor reported that the number of glasses of Mineral Waters sold at the Central Spa during the past month was 4,045 as compared with 729 for the corresponding month last year. The number of glasses of waters sold during the month at the Montpellier Baths, Montpellier Gardens and Pittville Gardens was 387 as compared with 366.

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4—Spa Concerts Committee—Resolved, That the Chairman (Councillor Haddock) be appointed the representative of this Committee to serve on the Spa Concerts Committee appointed by the Council to carry out the details of and incidental to the working of the Concerts to be given at the Town Hall.

JOHN D. BENDALL,

Chairman.

BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, the 24th September, 1915: Present—Councillors Dodwell, Rees Jones and Stewart (Councillor Stewart in the chair)

1—Burial Fees—The Town Clerk reported that he had received the opinion of Counsel (Mr. F. H. L. Errington) on the Case submitted, and that Counsel advised that the Incumbents of all the new parishes, with the exception of St. James' (which was not a new parish within the meaning of the Burial Acts), were entitled to the exclusive right of burial of their parishioners and inhabitants in the consecrated portion of the Cemetery, but with regard to non-parishioners he advised that the Rector was entitled to conduct the funerals of non-parishioners in the consecrated portion of the Cemetery.

The Town Clerk also reported that the Case and opinion had been laid before the clergy concerned, and that he had received from the Rev. Canon Jennings a copy of the following resolutions which had been passed at a meeting of the clergy of the new parishes, viz. :—

(1) That each Incumbent be responsible for the funerals from his own parish, provided that the clergy be at liberty to officiate, if requested, at the funerals of those non-resident within their parishes.

(2) That the fees be paid to the officiating clergy immediately after the ceremony.

(3) The Incumbents wish the new scheme to come into operation either by December 25th, 1915, or after the institution of a new Rector of Cheltenham, whichever period be the shorter. Resolved, That the request that the fees be paid to the clergy immediately after the funeral be adjourned for consideration at the next Meeting.

2- Grants of Grave Spaces—Resolved, That the Common Seal be affixed to Grants No. 4776 to 4783 (both inclusive) of the exclusive right of burial in the graves referred to therein, which had been purchased.

3—Designs—Resolved, That the following designs be approved, viz. :—Headstones to graves of Elizabeth Hulme, Mary Sabbatella, John George Hinks, Harriet Eliza Maria Harper, Henry Guy William Harper, Charles Bailey and lane Blake. Memorial Crosses to graves of William Lewin Mitchell, George Alder Wation, Frederick and Elizabeth Morris, James Elroy Flecker, Kathleen Augusta Lake, and Kate Parker. Monument to graves of Lydia Ellen and Octavia Vickers. Kerbing to grave of Elizabeth Jane Glover.

J. STEWART,

Chairman.

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PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, the 14th September, 1915 : Present—Councillors Green, Merrett and Wilkins, Messrs. J. R. Claridge, J. F. Caudle and E. Gridley (Councillor Green in the chair). 1—Librarian's Report—Read, the Monthly Report of the Librarian. Receipts : £5 11s. 9d. The number of volumes consulted in the Reference Library from the 12th July to the 11th September was 966 as compared with 3,031 for the corresponding period last year. The number of volumes issued from the Lending Library was 11,445 as compared with 17,758. 10 volumes of books had been lent to the Blind.

2— **Sub-Committee's Report** —The Sub-Committee reported that they met on the 9th instant. Present: Councillors Green and Merrett, Messrs. F. J. Caudle and J. R. Claridge (Councillor Green in the chair).

They recommended—

(1) That the annual subscription of £2 10s. 0d. to the National Lending Library for the Blind be suspended for the present

(2) That the annual subscription of one guinea to the British Numismatic Society be discontinued

(3) That the offer of Colonel A. Beale to present "The Clarion" weekly be accepted.

(4) That the pamphlet entitled "Good News for Women" offered by Mrs. F. W. Evans, of the Vicarage, France Lynch, be accepted.

(5) That a supplementary Catalogue of the additions to the Lending Library since the last Supplement be printed, and that the Librarian be authorised to obtain tenders for the same for consideration at the next Meeting. [Note.—The Sub-Committee expect to receive about £15 15s for advertisements in the Catalogue.]

(6) That the wages of A. E. Wright be advanced from 6s to 8s per week.

(7) The Sub-Committee also reported that they had interviewed two candidates for the post of Senior Assistant (Miss Fergusson, late of the Ladies' College, and Mr. J. W. Lucas, of Bolton), and they recommended that Mr. Lucas be appointed at a salary of £65 a year, the appointment to be determinable by one month's notice on either side. Resolved, That the recommendations of the Sub-Committee be approved and adopted.

3—Earlier Closing of Public Library---Resolved, That for the present, the Reference Reading Room be closed at 8 p.m. instead of 9 p.m., and the News Room at 9 instead of 9-30 p.m.

4—Provisional Valuation—The Town Clerk laid before the Committee the Provisional Valuation made by the Inland Revenue Commissioners under the Finance Act 1909-to as follows:—Public Library, Art Gallery and Education Offices : Original gross value, £17,000. Difference between gross value and value of fee-simple of land divested of buildings, &c., £15,050. Original full site value, £1,950.

E. C. GREEN,

Chairman.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, the 28th September, 1915: Present--The Mayor, Alderman Waghorne, Councillors Rees Jones, Silk and Wilkins (Alderman Waghorne in the chair).

1—General District Rate—Read, the Report of the Borough Accountant, dated the 28th instant, on the collection of the first instalment of this Rate Amount collected £24,042 19s. 4d. Leaving outstanding £2,088 6s. 10d. Rates (Proceedings of Recovery) Act, 1914--Resolved, That the Rate Collectors be authorised to defer taking proceedings, for the purpose of allowing time to the persons mentioned in the list submitted who by reason of circumstances attributable directly or indirectly to the present war are temporarily unable to pay the General District Rate.

2-Water Rate—Read, the Report of the Borough Accountant, dated the 28th inst., on the collection of this Rate for the half year ended the 29th instant. Amount collected £12,309 18s. 2d. Leaving outstanding £1,226 2s. 5d.

3—Loans—The Borough Accountant reported that he had; arranged terms for the renewal of loans amounting to £20,394. Resolved, That the terms arranged be approved and that the Debentures be endorsed accordingly.

4— Reciprocal Investment of Sinking Funds —The Borough Accountant reported that the Chester Corporation were willing to lend £9,000 if a similar amount were advanced to them, the rate of interest, period of loan and length of notice to be the same in each case. Resolved, That subject to the security offered being approved by the Town Clerk the sum of £9,000 be advanced to the Chester Corporation out of the sinking funds and that a Debenture be issued for a like amount to be advanced by the Chester Corporation.

5—Aircraft, &c., Insurance—The Borough Accountant submitted an offer by the County Fire Office, Ltd., to issue a policy covering the properties at present covered by fire insurance policies, against aircraft and aircraft and bombardment, at the following premiums, viz. : aircraft, £279 15s ; aircraft and bombardment, £409 9s. 9d. Resolved, That this Committee do not recommend the Council to effect a policy to cover these risks.

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 31st August last	£28,898 4 8
Received since that date (including Loans on Debenture £2,750)	<u>12,487 7 9</u>
	£41,385 12 5
Paid since that date (including Loans on Debenture, £3,120)	<u>13,728 11 3</u>
	In hand
	£27,657 1 2
being General Accounts	£ 5,862 5 8
"Sinking Fund Accounts	21,558 2 10
" "Leslie Young Benefaction" Accounts	<u>236 12 8</u>
	£27,657 1 2

J. WAGHORNE,

Chairman.

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Borough of Cheltenham.

Municipal Offices, Cheltenham,
30th September, 1915.
Sir,

You are hereby summoned to attend the **Monthly Meeting of the Council, to be held at the Municipal Offices, Promenade, on Monday, the 4th day of October, 1915**, at Three o'clock in the Afternoon, at which Meeting- the following business is proposed to be transacted, and any other business that may legally be transacted at such Meeting.

1. To read and sign the Minutes of the last Monthly Meeting

2. Communications by the Mayor.

3. To approve or otherwise, the proceedings of

THE PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE

“STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE

“TOWN IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE

ELECTRICITY AND LIGHTING COMMITTEE

“WATER COMMITTEE

“ GENERAL PURPOSES AND WATCH COMMITTEE

“ARTS GALLERY AND MUSEUM COMMITTEE

“MINERAL WATERS. BATHS AND RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE

THE BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE

“PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE

“FINANCE COMMITTEE

4. Councillor Dodwell to move :—

" That the Resolution of the Council, at its Meeting on the 4th April, 1892, approving a recommendation of the General Purposes and Watch Committee at their Meeting on the 28th March, 1892, with reference to travelling expenses for members and officers of the Corporation, be rescinded."

5. Notices of Motion.

6. Memorials, Applications, Complaints, &c.

Yours faithfully,

Town Clerk.

To each Member of the Council.

Borough of Cheltenham

At a Monthly Meeting of the Town Council of the Borough of Cheltenham, duly convened and held at the Municipal Offices, in the said Borough, on Monday, the 4th October, 1915, at 3 p.m. Present

THE MAYOR (ALDERMAN WILLIAM NASH SKILLICORNE) in the chair. THE DEPUTY MAYOR (ALDERMAN CHARLES HENRY MARGRETT).

Aldermen: WILLIAM ALFRED BAKER JOHN DAVID BENDALL RICHARD DAVIES JOHN WAGHORNE

Councillors: FRANK CHARLES DODWELL EDWINSON CHARLES GREEN PERCY HADDOCK ALFRED MANN WILLIE JOHN MERRETT THOMAS REES JONES WILLIAM SAWYER EDWIN CHARLES SILK JAMES STEWART PETER PHILIP TAYLOR THOMAS WILKINS

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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—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, subject to the following Amendment, viz. :— "That Minute No. 15 (Notification of Births (Extension) Act, 1915) be referred back for further consideration."

3—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.

4-Town Improvement Committee-Resolved, That the proceedings of the Town Improvement Committee, at their Meeting of the 22nd September last, be approved and confirmed.

5--Electricity and Lighting Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Electricity and Lighting Committee, at their Meetings of the 23rd and 28th September last, be approved and confirmed.

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

7—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.

8—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.

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 17th September last, be approved and confirmed.

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

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11—Public Library Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Public Library Committee, at their Meeting of the 14th September last, be approved and confirmed, subject to the following Amendment, viz. :— "That the Reference Reading Room be closed at 9 p.m. and the News Room at 9-30 p.m. as heretofore."

12—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 for payment to the several Corporations, Companies and Persons mentioned in the Schedule of Accounts, the sum of money set opposite their respective names upon production of a cheque signed by the Borough Accountant.

13—Travelling Expenses—On the motion of Councillor Dodwell, seconded by Councillor Mann, it was Resolved, That the Resolution of the Council, at its Meeting on the 4th April, 1892, approving a recommendation of the General Purposes and Watch Committee at their Meeting on the 28th March, 1892, with reference to travelling expenses for members and officers of the Corporation, be rescinded."

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 Municipal Offices, in the said Borough, on Wednesday, the 3rd November, 1915, at 3 p.m.

Present :

ALDERMAN CHARLES HENRY MARGRETT (in the chair).

Aldermen : WILLIAM ALFRED BAKER JOHN DAVID BENDALL RICHARD DAVIES JOHN WAGHORNE

Councillors : FRANK CHARLES DODWELL EDWINSON CHARLES GREEN PERCY HADDOCK JOSEPH HARRY HANSON POWELL STANLEY WYNDHAM JAMIESON ALFRED MANN WILLIE JOHN MERRETT THOMAS REES JONES WILLIAM SAWYER EDWIN CHARLES SILK THOMAS WILLIAM SMITH ROBERT STEEL JAMES STEWART PETER PHILIP TAYLOR THOMAS WILKINS WALTER JAMES FREDERICK WOOD

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1—Death of the Mayor (Alderman Skillicorne)—It was unanimously Resolved, That this Council wish to record their very deep and heartfelt sorrow at the loss sustained by the death of Alderman W. N. Skillicorne, who had been a member of the Council for over 27 years, and had nearly completed his fourth term of office as Mayor of the Borough, and this Council also desire to tender to his sisters their warmest sympathy in their bereavement. Read, a letter from the Town Clerk, Gloucester, enclosing a Resolution passed by the Gloucester Corporation expressing their deep regret at the death of Alderman Skillicorne, and also their sincere sympathy with the Mayoress and her sister and the Town Council and inhabitants of Cheltenham in the loss sustained.

Letters were also received from the Town Clerk of Blackburn, Colonel N. B. Thoyts, and Mr. J. J. Evans on behalf of the Cheltenham Staff of the Prudential Assurance Co., Ltd.

2—Recruiting Appeals Committee—Read, a letter from the President of the Local Government Board asking the Council to appoint a Recruiting Appeals Committee to decide questions as to the necessity or otherwise of retaining employees whose services are claimed to be indispensable to the trade or undertaking in which they are employed. The Board suggested that the Committee should

consist of not more than 5 members and need not be confined to Members of the Council. Resolved, That Alderman Waghorne, Councillors Haddock and Wilkins, and Messrs. C. Williams and J. W. Betteridge be appointed a Recruiting Appeals Committee.

3—Coal Supply—Read, a letter from the Board of Trade asking the Council to consider whether in the present circumstances an arrangement could not be made with the principal Coal Merchants in the town for the limitation of the sum they will charge over the cost of coal delivered at the station. Resolved, That a Meeting of the Coal Merchants be called to consider the matter.

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4—Suspension of Standing Orders—It was proposed by Alderman Waghorne, and Resolved, That the Standing Orders be suspended for the purpose of considering the following recommendations of the Finance Committee which were passed at a meeting of the Committee held on the 2nd inst.

Employees on Active Service—

1. That the Resolution of this Committee approved by the Council on the 1st February, 1915, with regard to the allowances to be made to employees of the Corporation on active service shall not apply to employees joining the Forces after this date, and that all cases in future be considered by this Committee and dealt with on their merits.

2. That the heads of the Departments be requested to consider and report to the Council at their Meeting on Wednesday, the 3rd instant, what members of their staff they consider are indispensable for the carrying on of the work of the office.

Resolved, That the recommendations of the Finance Committee be approved and adopted. Resolved also, That the lists submitted by the heads of Departments of the members of the staff whom they consider are indispensable for the carrying on of the work of their Department be referred to the various Committees for consideration.

Chairman.

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Borough of Cheltenham

MINUTES of the Committees of the Town Council to be submitted for approval at the Statutory Quarterly Meeting- of the Council to be held on Tuesday, the 9th November, 1915.

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, the 11th October, 1915: Present—The Deputy Mayor, Councillors Green, Rees Jones, Steel and Stewart (Councillor Steel in the chair).

1—Houses without proper Ash Receptacles —The Inspector of Nuisances reported that the following houses had no proper ashpits or ash receptacles, viz. :-4 Portland Parade, 13 Gratton Street, 8 Moorend Street, George Inn, High Street, Albion Inn, Gloucester Road, 12 Fairfield Road, 15 Kew Place. Resolved, That the necessary Notices be given to the respective owners under Section 36 of the Public Health Act, 1875, and Section 27 of the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1889, requiring

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

2—Overcrowding at 3 Hand's Elm Cottages, Swindon Road—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—Cleansing and whitewashing at 17 and 18 Gloucester Crescent, 34 Albert Street, St. Peter's, 1 and 2 Gratton 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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4—Nuisances front Drains, etc., at 4 and 5 Mitre Street, and 1 to 7 Springfield Cottages, Rosehill Street— The Inspector of Nuisances having made written application under Section 41 of the Public Health Act, 1875, stating that the drains, &c. on or belonging to the above-named houses were in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to health, Resolved, That authority be given to the Inspector of Nuisances to open the ground, examine the drains, and report to the Committee.

5—Insanitary Property—10 New Street, 34 Albert Street, St. Peter's, 8 Moorend Street, The Albion Inn, Gloucester Road, The Crown Inn, Crown Passage. The Medical Officer of Health reported that the above-mentioned premises were in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to the health of the inmates owing to defective roofs, walls, ceilings, floors, &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—Destruction of Diseased Meat—The Medical Officer of Health reported the surrender and destruction of meat unfit for food as follows :—On the 24th ultimo the carcasses and offal of 2 pork pigs ; on the 28th ultimo the carcase and offal of a sheep ; on the 1st instant the carcase and offal of a pork pig. (Weight destroyed: 2 cwts. 3 qrs. 21 lbs.)

7—Notification of Births (Extension) Act, 1915—Mrs. Lake, Mrs. Chandler and Miss Gardiner (representatives of the Women's Co-operative Guild) attended the Meeting and asked that a scheme should be adopted by the Council, including the provision of a Maternity Centre and the appointment of a Health Nurse. Resolved, That the matter be adjourned to the next Meeting. Read, a letter from the National Association for the Prevention of Infant Mortality and for the Welfare of Infancy, asking the Council to appoint a representative to attend a meeting at the London Guildhall on the 26th instant. Resolved, That no representative be appointed.

8—**Report of Farms Sub-Committee**—The Farms Sub-Committee reported that they met on the 11th instant. Present Councillors Green, Rees Jones, Steel and Stewart (Councillor Steel in the chair).

Farms Manager's Report—Read, the monthly report of the Farms Manager. The number of livestock on the Farms on the 11th instant was 16 horses (not including 4 at the Depot), 207 head of cattle (including 12 calves), 164 sheep (including 1 ram and 52 lambs), and 34 pigs, all doing very well. 11 calves had been bred on the Farms, 7 head of cattle had been purchased for £138 7s. 6d., 51 sheep (including 1 ram lamb) for £141 0s. 9d., and 1 cart foal for £26 5s. (Total purchases, £306 13s. 3d.) 37 head of cattle (including 7 calves) had been sold for £616 11s. 9d., and 16 sheep for £38 14s. 3d. (Total sales, £655 6s. 0d.) Resolved, That the Farms Manager be authorised to obtain 12 apple trees for planting, and that Mrs. Hopkins be allowed to continue the tenancy of the cottage at Hayden on a monthly tenancy, subject to an agreement being entered into to be prepared by the Town Clerk. Resolved, That the proceedings of the Sub-Committee be approved and adopted.

ROBT. STEEL,

Chairman.

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At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, the 18th October, 1915 : Present—The Deputy Mayor, Councillors Green, Rees Jones, Steel and Wood (Councillor Steel in the chair)

9—Houses without proper Ash Receptacles—The Inspector of Nuisances reported that the following houses had no proper ashpits or ash receptacles, viz.:—7a Winchcomb Street, 14 Upper Bath Street, 1 and 2 St. George's 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.

10—Overcrowding at 44 Fairview 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 9.4 of the Public Health Act, 1875, be served on the occupiers thereof requiring them to abate the same.

11—Cleansing and Whitewashing at 8 Winchcomb Street, 33 Bloomsbury Street, 7 Providence Place, Kington Cottage, St. Paul's, 2 Warwick Place. The Medical Officer of Health having certified under Section 46 of the Public Health Act, 1875, that the above-named dwelling-houses were in such a filthy and unwholesome condition that the health of the inmates was affected or endangered thereby. Resolved, That Notice be given to the owners under the said Section requiring the houses to be cleansed and limewashed.

12--Nuisances from Drains, etc., at 1, 2 and 3 Bubb's Cottages, Sherborne Street, 336 High Street, 4 and 5 Hanover Parade. The Inspector of Nuisances having made written application under Section 41 of the Public Health Act, 1875, stating that the drains, &c., on or belonging to the above-named houses were in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to health. Resolved, That authority be given to the Inspector of Nuisances to open the ground, examine the drains, and report to the Committee. 1 to 7 Springfield Cottages. Rosehill Street—The Inspector of Nuisances reported that he had examined the drains, etc., on or belonging to the above premises and found the same to be defective and to require amendment and alteration. He submitted specifications of works required

to be done. Resolved, That the same be approved and that Notice 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 21 days.

13—Insanitary Property—17 Lansdown Place Stables, 29 Fairview Road, 13 Worcester Street, 4 Hanover Parade, The Talbot Inn, Duke Street, The Shakespeare Inn, High Street. The Medical Officer of Health reported that the above-mentioned premises were in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to the health of the inmates owing to defective roofs, walls, ceilings, floors, &c. Resolved, That the Council being satisfied that the said premises are in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to health, Notices under Section 94 of the Public Health Act, 1875, be served upon the owners requiring them to put the same into a healthy condition, and for that purpose to carry out the works specified therein.

14—Notices not Complied With—The Medical Officer of Health submitted a list of Notices requiring the abatement of nuisances caused by dirty walls and ceilings, defective paving, floors, etc., and the provision of ash receptacles, which had been served but not complied with. Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to take the necessary proceedings to compel compliance.

15—Destruction of Diseased Meat—The Medical Officer of Health reported the surrender and destruction of unsound meat as follows :—On the 11th instant 1 hind-quarter of beef, on the 13th instant 5 hind-quarters of beef, and on the 15th instant 4 small pieces of beef and the carcass and offal of a pork pig. (Total weight destroyed, 10 cwts. 2 qrs. 26 lbs.)

16—Site for Small-pox Hospital—The Sub-Committee appointed to consider the question of a site for a small-pox hospital reported that they met on the 13th instant (Present—The Deputy Mayor and Councillor Stewart). After visiting the Barn Farm they were of opinion that a suitable site fulfilling the requirements of the Local Government Board could be provided at the Barn Farm and recommended that the following sites should be submitted to the Delancey Hospital Trustees for consideration : —

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(1) Part of the 21 acre field known as Further Long Hill, adjoining the road leading from Tewkesbury Road to Stoke Orchard.

(2) A site comprising the farmhouse and buildings. The house contains kitchen, sitting room and 4 bedrooms and out-offices. The Sub-Committee think this might, without much expense, be made suitable for use as an Administration Block and that the farm building at the back, which is substantially built of brick and roofed with tiles, and is about 60 feet long by 55 feet wide, could be converted economically into an Isolation Block for 8 or 10 beds. If this latter suggestion was carried out other accommodation would have to be provided for the under-bailiff, and the two cottages adjoining the approach road to the farm might be converted for this purpose. Resolved, That the suggested sites be referred to the Delancey Trustees for consideration.

17—Notification of Births (Extension) Act, 1915—The Committee further considered the question of adopting a Scheme under this Act. Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to ascertain particulars of the work at present carried out by the various voluntary Societies in the town in regard to maternity and the care of infants.

18—Rowanfield Road—Read, a letter from the Estate Agent, Midland Railway, Derby, calling attention to the flooding of Rowanfield Road. The Borough Surveyor recommended that a storm overflow should be provided at a cost of about £30. Resolved, That the recommendation be approved and adopted.

ROBT. STEEL,

Chairman.

STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, the 12th October, 1915 : Present—The Deputy Mayor, Aldermen Baker and Bendall, Councillors Merrett, Stewart and Wilkins (Alderman Bendall in the chair).

1—Street Projections—Read, an application from Messrs. W. A. Woof, Ltd., of No. 1, Regent Street, for permission to place a sign outside their premises projecting 3 feet, and 15 feet above the ground. Resolved, That the application be acceded to.

2- Trees—Wellington Street—Read, a letter from Miss Green, of Buckingham House, asking that the trees near her house should be lopped. Resolved, That she be informed that the trees complained of are on private property. Resolved, That a View Meeting of the Trees Sub-Committee be held on Friday, the 22nd instant, at 2-30.

JOHN D. BENDALL,

Chairman.

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At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, the 25th October, 1915 : Present—Aldermen Baker and Bendall, Councillors Hanson Powell, Merrett, Stewart and Wilkins (Alderman Bendall in the chair).

3—Borough Surveyor's Monthly Report re Highways—The Borough Surveyor reported that the work done by the Highways Department from the 24th September to the 21st October, 1915 (both dates inclusive), had been as follows :—

Roads Coated—Clarence Street(980 super yards), Gloucester Road (9,923 super yards), Manchester Street (proceeding), Overton Road (old metal), Bayshill Terrace, back of (old metal), Royal Well Terrace (old metal).

Roads Patched—All Saints' Road, Dunalley Parade, Leamington Place, Malvern Road, Old Bath Road, Pittville Circus Road, Prestbury Road, Priory Street, Queen's Parade, Sandford Street, St. Luke's Road, St. Margaret's Road, St. Paul's Road, Wellington Square.

Roads Tarpainted —Hatherley Road (7,000 super yards), Ormond Place (crossing).

Footpaths Tarpainted—Naunton Park.

Crossings Repaired—Gloucester Road, St. George's Place, St. George's Road.

Electricity Trenches Repaired—Cambray 1, Cleeve Road 1, The Park 1.

Water Trenches Repaired—Cleeve Road 1.

Gas Trenches Repaired—Albert Place 1, Henrietta Street 2, Kensington Avenue 3, New Street 4, Painswick Road 5, The Park 1.

Channel Repairs—Royal Well Terrace, back of, St. George's Road, Wellington Square.

Sewers Renewed—Granley Road, Naunton Lane. New Gullies—Fairfield Walk 1.

Paving Repairs—Arle Road, Bath Road, Eldorado Crescent, Gloucester Road, High Street, Imperial Square, Lansdown Road, Lower High Street, Manchester Street, Millbrook Street, St. George's Road, Wellington Square.

New Manhole to Sewer--Arle Tank (proceeding).

Trees Pruned—Agg-Gardner Recreation Ground, Naunton Park.

Branches Removed from —Albert Road, Tewkesbury Road. Planted Young Trees—Pittville Gardens.

Cleaning out Sewer—Barn Farm Outfall. Levelling Yard at back of Municipal Offices and coating with yellow gravel, etc.

List of the Lamps removed, and Paving and Channel Repairs—All Saints' Alley, Bayshill Terrace (back of), Bennington Street, Cleeveland Street (back of), Fairview Road, Glenfall Street, Great Western Road, Grosvenor Street, Henrietta Street, King's Road, Leighton Road, Oxford Street, Queen's Retreat, St. Anne's Road, St. George's Street, St. James' Square, St. Paul's Road, Selkirk Street, Swindon Road, Tangent Alley.

Ashes Collection and Disposal—During four weeks ended October 14th, 1915-791 loads collected, 770 consumed, and 21 tipped away. Weight consumed, 819 tons 5 cwts.

Steam Generated—Hourly average, 6,557 lbs.

4—**Report of Plans Sub-Committee**—The Chairman reported the proceedings of the Plans Sub-Committee at their Meeting on the 22nd instant. Resolved, That the same be approved and adopted.

5—Tenders for Horse Shoeing—Resolved, That tenders be invited for Shoeing the Corporation Horses.

6—Granley Road—Footpath front Granley Road to Hatherley Road— Read, a letter from Mr. J. H. Evans, of Harrington House, Hatherley Road, calling attention to the condition of this footpath, and also to the hedges overhanging the same' Resolved, That Notice be given to the Owners requiring them to trim the hedges, and that the Committee inspect the footpath at their next View Meeting.

7—**Report of Trees Sub-Committee**—The Trees Sub-Committee reported that they met on the 22nd instant Present Aldermen Baker and Bendall, and Councillor Stewart (Alderman Bendall in the chair). After inspecting the trees in regard to which complaints had been received, they recommended as

follows :—Promenade—That the lower limb on south side of the tree opposite 11, Promenade Villas, be removed. That the trees opposite 2, Cambridge Villas, be pruned.

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Oriel Terrace and St. Luke's Road—That the trees opposite 2, Oriel Terrace, and 4, Kilchberg Villas, St. Luke's Road, be pruned.

College Road—That the trees near Vanstone be not removed, but that the lower limb of the lime tree opposite front gate be removed.

Orrisdale Terrace—That the large plane tree opposite No. 4, Orrisdale Terrace, be removed.

Keynsham Road—That no trees be removed.

Sydenham Villas Road—That 3 lime trees in Sydenham Villas Road, opposite Glenroy House, be removed.

Sydenham Road North—That the second, sixth and eighth trees in Sydenham Road North, running from Sydenham Road, be removed.

Hewlett Road--That the chestnut tree opposite Tresco be not removed, and that the attention of the owner be called to the silver birch tree in his garden.

Gloucester Road—That the tree opposite No. 2, Severn Hill, be lopped. That the 3 elm trees opposite Gloucester Road Schools be removed.

Western Road—That no action be taken in respect of the trees complained of opposite Western Lodge and Christ Church Lodge, as these are on private property.

Christ Church Road—That the alternate trees from Malvern Road to Well Place be removed.

Queen's Road—That the elm tree opposite Fretherne be removed.

Eldorado Crescent—That the plane tree opposite Kynance be removed.

Lansdown Road—That the tree opposite Fawley Lodge be not removed.

Langdon Road—That the elm tree opposite Douglas Villa be removed, and also a silver birch tree.

Priory Street—That the 4 trees on the west side be removed.

St. Anne's Read—That the turkey oak tree be removed, and that the chestnut tree next to the turkey oak tree, and the tree near Bella Vista be pruned.

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

8—Slab Factory--The Borough Surveyor submitted the following Statement of Accounts for the half-year ended the 30th September, 1915 :—

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Surplus brought forward from 25th March, 1915 ..	£111 7 11
Sale of Slabs and Kerbs for half-year ended 30th September, 1915 :	
Private Customers	£141 0 8
Corporation Departments	<u>65 7 0</u>
-	£206 7 8
Slabs in stock 30th September, 1915 ..	774 10 8
Kerbs and Channels do.	474 19 4
Value of Cement and other Materials in stock 30th September 1915	<u>37 15 11</u>
	£1605 1 6

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Slabs in stock 25th March, 1915	£849 5 11
Kerbs and Channels do.	£464 14 0
Value of Cement and other Materials in stock 25th March, 1915	22 19 0
Wages and Materials for half-year ended 30th September, 1915 .	177 16 11
Rates, Taxes and Insurance for half-year (est.) ..	12 3 9
Interest and Sinking Fund do. (do.) ..	120 17 6
Surplus	<u>17 4 5</u>
	£1605 1 6

Note. - -Value of Slabs, etc., for Street Improvements, etc., supplied free of charge up to date: £1,419 13s. 8d.

JOHN D. BENDALL,

Chairman.

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PLANS SUB-COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Sub-Committee held on Friday, the 22nd October, 1915 : Present—Aldermen Bendall, Councillors Merrett, Steel and Stewart (Alderman Bendall in the chair).

1—New Buildings—The Borough Surveyor laid before the Sub-Committee the following Notice and Plans of an intended New Building, viz.:—

No. of Plan.	Name.	Description.
1334	Mr. Simmons	New Bay Window, Lansdown Villa, Gloucester Road

Resolved, That the same be approved.

JOHN D. BENDALL,

Chairman.

TOWN IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held at Pittville on Wednesday, the 20th October, 1915: Present—Alderman Davies and Councillors Green and Rees Jones (Councillor Rees Jones in the chair).

1—Spa Concerts—The following Report of the Spa Concerts Committee was read : —

The Spa Concerts Committee have held three meetings to consider the arrangements to be made for the ensuing season, and they have decided—

(1) That the Concerts shall begin on the 25th instant.

(2) That the following tenders be accepted :

(a) The tender of Messrs. Georges Ltd. of £15 for the sole right to supply teas and light refreshments.

(b) The tender of Messrs. Norman Bros. of £15 for the right to publish and sell programmes at the Concerts.

(c) The tender of Messrs. Harvey and Healing for the printing as follows :

4000 3-page Circulars	£1 19 0
125 3-sheet Quad Crown Posters ..	1 2 0
50 Posters ..	6s 0
50 Insets Weekly ..	3s 0
1000 Tickets	1 13 0

(d) The tender of the Cheltenham Billposting Company of £5 for posting the notices relating to the Concerts during the season.

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(e) The offer of Messrs. Dale, Forty and Co. to hire two piano's for use during the season at £1 7s. 6d. per month plus 3 guineas for a better grand piano, the Committee to pay in addition the cost of removing the pianos when required during the season owing to the bail being let, the Company doing all tunings required.

Resolved, That the report be approved.

Copyright Music—Read, a letter from the Performing Right Society, Ltd., offering to grant a licence to use their Copyright Music at the Winter Concerts for a fee of £8 8s, being the same amount as charged last year. Resolved. That this offer be accepted.

2-Trees near Lake House—Read, a letter from Mr. R. B. Joyner asking for removal of several trees near Lake House. Resolved, That the elm tree in the hedge opposite Lake House be removed.

Tree near Wyddrington House—Read, a letter from Miss Whateley asking for the lime tree near the entrance drive to be lopped. Resolved, That this be done.

3—Guide to Racecourse Hospital—Read, a letter from Miss E. Humphris asking the Committee to purchase some Guides for distribution. Resolved, That the application be not acceded to.

4—Pittville--Boats—Resolved That two old boats which are beyond repair be broken up. Resolved also, That payment by Mrs. Healey of £1 10s for the right of supplying teas, &c., be not required in the past season.

T. REES ONES,

Chairman.

ELECTRICITY AND LIGHTING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, the 21st October, 1915: Present—Councillors Green, Rees Jones, Taylor and Wood (Councillor Merrett in the chair).

1-----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.

2-Manchester street Offices—Resolved, That the application of the Education Committee for the use of a room at the old offices in Manchester Street for the Medical Inspection of School Children be acceded to, and also that the Recruiting Committee be granted the use of the accommodation required for a Recruiting Office up to the end of November.

3- Street Lighting —Memorials and letters complaining of the reduction in lighting were considered. Resolved. That *View Meeting of this Committee be held on Thursday, the 28th instant, to inspect the streets in respect of which complaints had been received.

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4—Applications for Supply—Resolved, That the Borough Electrical Engineer be authorised to make an extension of the cable, at a cost of £18, for the supply of two houses in Pittville Crescent as soon as the houses are let.

5—Arrears—Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to take the necessary proceedings to get in any outstanding arrears for supply of electric energy.

6—Deficit Loan, £16,870—The Town Clerk reported that the last instalment in respect of this loan had been paid and the mortgage deed had now been discharged.

W. J. MERRETT,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, the 28th October, 1915: Present—Councillors Mann, Merrett, Rees Jones, Smith, Taylor and Wood (Councillor Merrett in the chair).

7—Public Electric Lighting—Resolved, That in view of the reductions made in the Public Electric Lighting the charge for lighting be reduced to £6,900 for the current year.

8—Public Gas Lighting—The Committee inspected the localities from which complaints had been received in consequence of the temporary discontinuance of lamps, and it was Resolved, That the Gas Company be asked to resume the lighting of the following lamps :-

1 lamp in St. George's Avenue.

1 lamp in passage at the back of the Market.

1 lamp at end of Wellesley Road, near Wellington Square.

1 lamp in Avenall's Parade.

1 lamp at the end of Highbury Lane.

1 lamp in Pilley Lane.

6 lamps in Old Bath Road (two lamps between "Laracor" and "Dawstone") and the 1st, 3rd, 5th and 7th lamps (counting from the Leckhampton Road end).

4 lamps in Leckhampton Road (one at corner near Old Bath Road, and the 2nd, 4th and 6th lamps therefrom).

Resolved also, That the Gas Company be asked to light the 3rd lamp in Swindon Road (from Maud's Elm) in place of the 2nd lamp, and that the lamp in the road at back of St. Mark's Church near the entrance to "The Granleys" be lighted in place of the lamp near the Church.

That the Gas Company be asked to discontinue lighting one lamp in Grosvenor Street (near the Urinal), and to suggest about 15 other lamps to be discontinued in place of the lamps to be re-lighted in accordance with the foregoing resolution.

W. J. MERRETT,

Chairman.

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WATER COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held at Tewkesbury on Thursday, the 14th October, 1915:

Present—The Deputy Mayor, Aldermen Baker and Bendall, Councillors Green, Merrett and Sawyer (The Deputy Mayor in the chair).

1—Tewkesbury Works—The Committee inspected the Works. 2-Borough Engineer's Report—The monthly report of the Borough Engineer was read :

DAILY YIELD OF SPRINGS.		
	For 30 days, ended 11th October, 1915.	Average for corresponding period during last 3 years.
Hewletts Springs	288,000 gallons	290,000 gallons
Dowdeswell Springs	396,000 "	402,000 "
Leckhampton Springs	<u>85,000</u> "	<u>96,000</u> "
Total	769,000 "	788,000

CONTENTS OF RESERVOIRS.

	Depth	Contents		Depth	Contents
		11 th October, 1915.			11 th October, 1914
Hewletts		15,083,000 gallons			19,437,000 gallons
Dowdeswell	14ft. 6in.	25,696,000 “		14ft. 0in.	24,129,000 “
Leckhampton	11ft. 0in.	<u>1,485,000</u> “		7ft. 0in.	<u>945,000</u> “
	Total Storage	42,844,000 “			44,511,000 “

3--Arrears of Water Rate--The Town Clerk submitted a list of Water Rate Arrears. Resolved, That proceedings be taken to recover the amounts outstanding and that the supply be discontinued.

4—Appeals—The cases entered in the Appeals 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 19th October, 1915 : Present—The Deputy Mayor, Aldermen Baker and Bendall, Councillors Green, Rees Jones and Merrett, (Alderman Baker in the chair).

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

2—Fire Brigade—The Captain of the Fire Brigade reported that on the 4th instant the Brigade was called to an outbreak of fire at the motor garage at Abbotsford, Old Bath Road. Damage about £1,000. Brigade expenses, £5 13s. 6d. Also on the 5th instant to a slight outbreak in the roof of a cottage adjoining Abbotsford. Damage about £5. Brigade expenses £4 14s. 0d. In each case the property was insured.

3—Wheel Chair Licence— Read an application from Mr. Thomas Slack, of Raglan House, Great Norwood Street, for a wheel chair licence. Resolved, That the application be acceded to.

4—Leckhampton Reading Room—Read a letter from the Education Committee asking for the use of the building formerly used as the Leckhampton Reading Room, as a Handicraft centre for the scholars of the schools in that part of the town as the Handicraft centre at Naunton Park Schools was now used for military purposes. Resolved, That the application be acceded to, it being understood that any attendance required at the room will be provided by the Education Committee.

5—Fruit Market—The Sub-Committee appointed reported that they met on the 5th instant and considered the draft regulations for the Fruit Market, together with the observations made thereon by the Advisory Committee of the Market Gardeners' Association and Mr. Castle, and recommended that the regulations as now submitted be made. Resolved, That the regulations as now amended be approved and adopted. (A print of the Regulations accompanies the minutes).

6—part 4 of the Public Health Acts, Amendment Act, 1890—Miss Roberts, the Rev. Canon Waterfield, the Revs. P. M. C. Johnson, J. Foster and S. Shrubsole, and Dr. S. Pruen (representatives of the Gloucestershire Branch of the National Vigilance Association, Cheltenham and District Free Church Council, and Women Workers' Association) attended the meeting and urged that Part 4 of the Public Health Acts Amendment Act, 1890, relating to music and dancing should be adopted. Resolved, That consideration of the matter be adjourned to the next meeting.

WILLIAM A. BAKER,

Chairman.

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ART GALLERY AND MUSEUM COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, the 13th October, 1915: Present—Councillors Rees Jones and Steel, and Mr. H. Stroud (Councillor Rees Jones in the chair).

1—Curator's Report—The Curator reported that there had been 658 visits to the Art Gallery and Museum since the 9th September last.

T. REES JONES,

Chairman.

MINERAL WATERS, BATHS AND RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, the 15th October, 1915: Present—Alderman Bendall and Davies, Councillors

Dodwell, Haddock, Merrett, Silk and Stewart (Councillor Haddock in the chair).

1--Montpellier Baths—The Borough Accountant reported that the Receipts and Payments in respect of these Baths from 1st April, 1915, to 30th September, 1915, were as follows :—

Receipts	£397 6 11	Expenses	£519 12 0
		Loans—Interest and Redemption	£397 6 11
			£788 14 6
	£397 6 11		

Boiler—The Borough Surveyor submitted the report of the Insurance Company with reference to the Reserve Boiler at the Montpellier Baths. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to bring up an estimate of the cost of installing a new boiler.

Medical Baths--Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to obtain terms for advertising the Medical Baths in the "Cheltenham Graphic."

2-Alstone Baths—The Borough Accountant reported that the Receipts and Payments in respect of these Baths from 1st April, 1915, to 30th September, 1915, were as follows:-

Receipts	£314 2 1	Expenses	£278 8 7
		Loans—Interest and Redemption	<u>167 17 0</u>
	£314 2 1		£446 5 7

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3—Mineral Waters—Sales—The Borough Surveyor reported that the number of glasses of Mineral Waters sold at the Central Spa during the past month was 3,382, as compared with 843 for the corresponding month last year. The number of glasses of waters sold during the month at the Montpellier Baths, Montpellier Gardens and Pittville Gardens was 477 as compared with 317.

4—Football at Recreation Grounds—Read, a letter from Miss Duncan, of 28, Park Place, for permission for the members of her Bible Class to play football on Saturday afternoons at the Naunton Park Recreation Ground. Resolved, That subject to the ground not being required by the wounded soldiers at the Naunton Park Hospital, the permission asked for be granted on the usual conditions. Read, applications from the Rev. Walton, on behalf of Holy Trinity Boys' Brigade, and the Hon. Sec. of the Cheltenham Young People's Circle, for permission to play football on Saturday afternoons at the Agg-Gardner Recreation Ground. Resolved, That permission be granted subject to the usual conditions.

P. HADDOCK,

Chairman.

BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, the 22nd October, 1915: Present—Alderman Baker, Councillors Dodwell, Rees Jones, Silk, Steel and Stewart (Councillor Stewart in the chair).

1—Grants of Grave Spaces—Resolved, That the Common Seal be affixed to Grants No. 4784 to 4788 (both inclusive) of the exclusive right of burial in the graves referred to therein, which had been purchased.

2—Designs—Resolved, That the following designs be approved, viz. :—Headstones to graves of Emma Adcock, Arthur Little, Frank Charles Ward, H. Eleanor Box, George David Wilson. Memorial Crosses to graves of Alice Elizabeth Pratt and Elizabeth Corrie. Kerbing to graves of James Grist Carr, Charles Chiverall.

J. STEWART,

Chairman.

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PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, the 12th October, 1915 : Present—Alderman Davies, Councillors Green, Merrett and Steel, Messrs. J. F. Caudle, J. R. Claridge, E. Gridley and E. C. Rogers (Councillor Green in the chair).

1—Librarian's Report—Read, the Monthly Report of the Librarian. Receipts : £3 1s. 10d. Presentations : The Publishers, Paton's List of Schools (1 vol.) ; Mr. E. Matthews (1 pamphlet). The number of volumes consulted in the Reference Library from the 3rd September to the 9th October (24 days) was 455 as compared with 1,474 for the corresponding period last year. The number of volumes issued from the Lending Library was 7,071 as compared with 8,873.

2-Sub-Committee's Report —The Sub-Committee reported that they met on the 7th instant. Present : Councillors Green and Merrett, and Mr. F. J. Caudle (Councillor Green in the chair). A letter was received from Mrs. Webb stating that some 5 or 6 readers of Braille books for the blind had newly come to the town, and that there was a possibility of a further number of men blinded returning from the War, and asking the Committee to continue for three months their subscription to the National Lending Library for the Blind. The Sub-Committee do not recommend any further expenditure until a larger number of readers is forthcoming.

The Sub-Committee also recommended—

- (1) That no more of the new books sent on approval be purchased.
- (2) That Messrs. A. C. Billings and Sons, Ltd., who have done the repairs to the fall pipes in the tower, be instructed to do the necessary repairs to the zinc which covers the tower.
- (3) That Councillors Green, Merrett and Rees Jones be appointed with the Librarian to confer with representatives of the Education Committee as to the continued use of the rooms now occupied by the Committee.

A letter was received from Miss Geeves, the Hon. Secretary, stating that the Leckhampton Reading Room had been closed, and asking that the books and book-cases belonging to the Public Library be removed at once. (The books and book-cases are now in the possession of the Library.)

The Sub-Committee also met on the 12th instant. Present : Alderman Davies, Councillors Green and Merrett, and Messrs. F. J. Caudle and J. R. Claridge (Councillor Green in the chair).

The Sub-Committee considered the tenders (5) received for printing 1,000 copies of a Supplementary Catalogue, and recommended that the tender of the "Looker-On" Printing Company of £17 18s. 0d. (the lowest) be accepted.

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

E. C. GREEN,

Chairman.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, the 26th October, 1915: Present—Alderman Waghorne, Councillors Rees Jones, Haddock, Silk, Steel and Wilkins (Alderman Waghorne in the chair).

1—General District Rate—Read, the Report of the Borough Accountant, dated the 26th instant, on the collection of the first instalment of this Rate Amount collected £24,097 15s. 9d. Voids, Abatements, &c., £1,884 7s. 6d. Arrears carried forward £157 17s.

2—Water Rate—Read, the Report of the Borough Accountant, dated the 27th inst., on the collection of this Rate for the half year ended the 29th ultimo. Amount collected £12,351 10s. 1d. Allowances, Abatements, &c., £175 3s. 2d.. Leaving outstanding £2,408 6s. 5d.

3—Loans—The Borough Accountant reported that since the last meeting he had received £200, £500, £3,000 £1,000 £400, £800, £1,000 £300, and £250 on loan.

Resolved, That Debentures be sealed and issued accordingly on account of duly authorised loans.

4—District Auditor's Report—Read, the report of the District Auditor upon his audit of the accounts of the Borough for the year ended 31st March, 1915.

5—Alstone Lane Private Improvement Expenses—Resolved, That, in pursuance of Section 106 of the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1889, Mr. Richard Minett, the Borough Accountant, be appointed a Receiver with all the powers conferred on a Receiver by the Conveyancing and Law and Property Act, 1881, of the rent of the land in Alstone Lane in the occupation of Mr. Garlick Bathe in respect of the sum of £6 0s. 11d. and interest payable thereon charged upon the said land for private improvement expenses, and that the Common Seal of the Council be affixed to such an appointment.

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 28th September last	£27,657 1 2
Received since that date (including Loans on Debenture £6,300)	<u>12,934 3 7</u>
	£40,591 4 9
Paid since that date (including Loans repaid, £300)	<u>17,060 10 3</u>
	In hand £23,530 14 6
being General Accounts	£1,339 9 8
„ Sinking Fund Accounts	21,942 18
"Leslie Young Benefaction" Accounts	<u>248 6 9</u>
	£23,530 14 6

J. WAGHORNE,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, the 2nd November, 1915: Present—Alderman Waghorne, Councillors Haddock, Rees Jones, Silk, Steel and Wilkins (Alderman Waghorne in the chair),

7.—Loans—The Borough Accountant reported 11st had received £1,000 and £67 on Loan. Resolved, That Debentures be sealed and issued on account of duly authorised loans.

8--Reciprocal Investment of Sinking Funds The Borough Accountant reported that the Barnsley Corporation were willing to lend £5,300 if a similar amount were advanced to them, the rate of interest, period of loan, and length of notice to be the same in each case. Resolved, That subject to the security offered being approved by the Town Clerk, the sum of £5,300 be advanced to the Barnsley Corporation out of the Sinking Funds, and that a Debenture be issued for a like amount to be advanced by the Barnsley Corporation.

Loan £9,010—With reference to Minute No. 4 of this Committee at its Meeting on the 28th September last, the Borough Accountant reported that the Chester Corporation were willing to increase the amount of the Joan to £9,010. Resolved, That subject to the security offered being approved by the Town Clerk the sum of £9,010 be advanced to the Chester Corporation out of the Sinking Funds, and that a Debenture be issued for the like amount to be advanced by the Chester Corporation.

J. WAGHORNE,

Chairman.

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Borough of Cheltenham

Municipal Offices, Cheltenham,

5th November, 1915.

Sir,

You are hereby summoned to attend the Statutory Quarterly Meeting of the Council, to be held at the Municipal Offices, Promenade, on Tuesday, the 9th day of November instant, at Twelve o'clock at Noon, at which Meeting the following business is proposed to be transacted, and any other' business that may legally be transacted at such Meeting.

1. To elect the Mayor for the ensuing year.
2. To elect an Alderman to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Alderman Skillicorne.
3. To assign the Aldermen to be the Returning Officers at Ward Elections.
4. To read and sign the Minutes of the last Monthly Meeting and Special Meeting on the 2nd instant.
5. To appoint and fill up vacancies on Committees and
 - (a) Appoint a Member of Education Committee to fill vacancy caused by the resignation of Rev. Canon Jennings.
 - (b) Appoint a Representative Governor of the Grammar School, and a Representative on the Cleeve Common Board of Conservators to fill vacancies caused by the death of Alderman Skillicorne.
6. Communications by the Mayor.

7. To approve or otherwise, the proceedings of

THE PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE

“STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE

“TOWN IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE

THE ELECTRICITY AND LIGHTING COMMITTEE

“WATER COMMITTEE

“GENERAL PURPOSES AND WATCH COMMITTEE

“ART GALLERY AND MUSEUM COMMITTEE

“MINERAL WATERS, BATHS AND RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE

“BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE

“PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE

“FINANCE COMMITTEE

8. Notices of Motion.

9. Memorials, Applications, Complaints, &c. Yours faithfully,

Town Clerk.

N.B.—Robes will be worn.

NOTE.—At the conclusion of the Council Meeting, the Council will meet as the Local Pension Committee for the Borough.

BUSINESS.

1. Read Minutes of last Meeting.

2. Re-appoint Sub-Committees for the ensuing year.

To each Member of the Council.

Borough of Cheltenham.

At a Statutory Quarterly Meeting of the Town Council of the Borough of Cheltenham, duly convened and held at the Municipal Offices, in the said Borough, on Tuesday, the 9th November, 1915, at 3 p.m. Present : ALDERMAN CHARLES HENRY MARGRETT the chair).

Aldermen: WILLIAM ALFRED BAKER JOHN DAVID BENDALL RICHARD DAVIES JOHN WAGHORNE

Councillors: FRANK CHARLES DODWELL PERCY HADDOCK JOSEPH HARRY HANSON POWELL STANLEY WYNDHAM JAMIESON ALFRED MANN WILLIE JOHN MERRETT THOMAS REES JONES WILLIAM

SAWYER EDWIN CHARLES SILK ROBERT STEEL JAMES STEWART PETER PHILIP TAYLOR THOMAS WILKINS

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1—Election of Mayor—It was Resolved, That Councillor Thomas Rees Jones 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.

2—Deputy Mayor—The Mayor signified in writing that he had appointed Alderman John David Bendall to be his Deputy, and it was Resolved, That such appointment be recorded upon the Minutes of the Council.

3—Election of Alderman—It was proposed by Councillor Stewart and seconded by Alderman Baker and Resolved, That Robert Steel, Esquire, J.P., be elected an Alderman to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Alderman Skillicorne.

4—Assignment of Aldermen to Wards—Resolved, That the following Aldermen be assigned for the purposes of Ward Elections for the ensuing year to the several Wards opposite which their names are respectively set :—

Alderman	Waghorne	North Ward.
“	Margrett	Central Ward.
“	Davies	East Ward.
“	Baker	South Ward.
“	Bendall..	Middle Ward.
“	Steel	West Ward.

5—Minutes of Previous Meetings—Resolved, That the Minutes of the Meetings of the Council on the 4th October last and 2nd November 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.

6—Appointment and Duties of Committees—Public Health Committee—Resolved, That for the purpose of this resolution Standing Order No. 20 be sus-pended and that the following members of the Council do form the Public Health Committee for the ensuing year :—The Mayor, Aldermen Davies, Margrett and Steel, Councillors Blakeney, Green, Hanson Powell, Stewart, Winterbotham and Wood, and that their powers and duties be a 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

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Cheltenham Improvement Acts and Provisional Orders (Sanitary Provisions), Factory and Workshops Acts, Infectious Diseases (Notification) Act 1889, The Notification of Births Act 1907, The Notification of Births (Extension) Act 1915, Infectious Diseases (Prevention) Act 1890, The Housing Acts 1890 to 1909, and the Dairies, Cowsheds and Milkshops Orders.

To have delegated to it the powers of the Council under the following sections of the Public Health Act 1875, namely : 23, 24, 25, 35, 36, 37, 38, 40, 41, 46, 47, 49 and 50, the sections relating to nuisances and unsound meat, also sections 62, 70, 120, 121, 123, 124, 126, 127, 128 and 129.

To examine and report upon all plans for new streets and buildings, including the enforcement of the byelaws made by the Council with regard thereto, so far only as drainage and other sanitary matters are concerned.

To deal with the repair and reconstruction of all sewers in the Borough and with the outfall sewers and sewage tanks and the control and treatment of the sewage and to have the management and control of the Sewage Farms of the Corporation, and the purchase and sale of stock, farming implements, etc.

To deal with the cleansing of watercourses and the enforcement of the provisions of the Rivers Pollution Prevention Acts.

Street and Highway Committee—

Resolved, That the following members of the Council do form the Street and Highway Committee for the ensuing year :—The Deputy Mayor, Aldermen Baker and Margrett, Councillors Hanson Powell, Mann, Merrett, Stewart and Wilkins, and that their powers and duties be as follows: To regulate and manage all matters relating to the repairs 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., and 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), and to deal with any scheme under Part II. Housing, Town Planning, &c., Act, 1909.

Town Improvement Committee—

Resolved, That the following members of the Council do form the Town Improvement Committee for the ensuing year :—The Mayor, Aldermen Baker and Steel, Councillors Green, Jamieson, Sawyer, Silk and Taylor, 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 :—The Mayor, Councillors Dodwell, Green, Mann, Merrett, Smith, Taylor and Wood, 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, 1900 and 1912, 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 Deputy Mayor, Aldermen Baker and Margrett, Councillors Green, Merrett, Sawyer, Taylor and Wood, and that their powers and duties be as follows To regulate and manage all matters relating to the

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Water Undertaking of the Corporation, and to manage all properties acquired by the Corporation in connection with their Water Undertaking. To carry into effect the provisions of the Cheltenham 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 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 of the Corporation under the Allotments Act. To consider and report to the Council upon the re-numbering of houses in, and the naming and re-naming of, streets in the Borough. To regulate and manage all matters in connection with the Fire Brigade and Fire Extinguishing Appliances.

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 :—The Mayor, Aldermen Davies, Margrett and Steel, Councillors Green, Jamieson, Sawyer and Stewart, with Messrs. J. T. Agg-Gardner, G. Dimmer and H. Stroud 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.

Mineral Waters, Baths and Recreations Grounds Committee—

Resolved, That the following members of the Council do form the Mineral Waters, Baths and Recreation Grounds Committee for the ensuing year :—The Deputy Mayor, Alderman Davies, Councillors Blakeney, Dodwell, Haddock, Merrett, Silk and Stewart, 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 Mineral Waters, and the Recreation Grounds and the Public Walks and Pleasure Grounds (except those specifically referred to other Committees).

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Burial Board Committee—

Resolved, That the following members of the Council do form the Burial Board Committee for the ensuing year :—The Mayor, Aldermen Baker and Steel, Councillors Dodwell, Mann, Silk, Stewart and Winterbotham, and that their powers and duties be as follows : To regulate and manage the Cheltenham Cemetery and all matters relating thereto.

Public Library Committee—

Resolved, That the following members of the Council do form the Public Library Committee for the ensuing year :—Aldermen Davies and Steel, Councillors Blakeney, Green, Jamieson, Mann, Merrett, Sawyer and Wilkins ; together with Messrs. F. J. Caudle, J. R. Claridge, E. Gridley, A. Miles, W. J. Moore, E. C. Rogers and H. Stroud, 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.

Finance Committee—

Resolved, That the following members of the Council do form the Finance Committee for the ensuing year :—The Mayor, Aldermen Steel and Waghorne, Councillors Haddock, Silk, Wilkins, Winterbotham and Wood, 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.

Education Committee—

Resolved, That the following members of the Council be appointed members of the Education Committee for the ensuing year :—The Deputy Mayor, Aldermen Davies, Margrett and Steel, Councillors Blakeney, Dodwell, Jamieson, Haddock, Mann, Merrett, Rees Jones, Stewart, Wilkins, Winterbotham and Wood. Resolved also, That the Rev. Canon G. W. Goodwyn, M.A., be appointed a member of the Education Committee to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of the Rev. Canon Jennings.

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Local Pensions Committee—

Resolved, That the Local Pensions 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, 1916, and that eight be a quorum of the Committee.

Grammar School Governors—

Resolved, That the Deputy Mayor (Alderman Bendall) be appointed a Representative Governor of the Cheltenham Grammar School to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Alderman Skillicorne.

Cleeve Common Conservators—

Resolved, That Councillor Wood be appointed a Representative of the Council on the Cleeve Common Board of Conservators to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Alderman Skillicorne.

7—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, subject to the following Amendment, viz. :— That Minute No. 18 (Rowanfield Road) be referred back to the Committee for further consideration.

8—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.

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

10—Electricity and Lighting Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Electricity and Lighting Committee, at their Meetings of the 21st and 28th October last, be approved and confirmed.

11—Water Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Water Committee, at their Meeting of the 14th October last, be approved and confirmed.

12—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.

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13—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.

14—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.

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

16—Public Library Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Public Library Committee, at their Meeting of the 12th October last, be approved and confirmed.

17—Finance Committee-Resolved, That the proceedings of the Finance Committee, at their Meetings of the 26th October last and 2nd November instant be approved and confirmed. Resolved also, That an Order on the Borough Treasurer be signed accordingly for payment 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. 1- Notice of Motion-Councillor Merrett gave notice of his intention to move at the next Monthly Meeting of the Council: -That persons attending at the Town Hall to drink the waters be given free access to the counter at any time when the waters are being sold."

T. REES JONES,

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, 1915.

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, the 10th November, 1915 : Present—The Mayor, Aldermen Davies and Steel, Councillors Green and Stewart (Alderman Steel in the chair).

1—**Farms Sub-Committee**—Resolved, That the Mayor, Alderman Steel and Councillors Green, Stewart and Wood be appointed the Farms Sub-Committee for the ensuing year.

2-**Plans Sub-Committee**—Resolved, That the Mayor, Alderman Steel and Councillor Stewart be appointed Representatives of this Committee on the Plans Sub-Committee for the ensuing year.

3—Houses without proper Ash Receptacles --The Inspector of Nuisances reported that the following houses had no proper ashpits or ash receptacles, viz. :--2 Benhall Cottages, 45 Grosvenor Street, Exeter House, Grosvenor Street, 1 to 6 Exmouth Terrace, 14 and 29 Upper Bath 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.

4—Cleansing and Whitewashing at 15 Stoneville Street, 5 Princes Place, 66 Duke Street, 18 Waterloo Street, 30 and 32 Brunswick 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 1 and 2 Edward Street—The Inspector of Nuisances reported that he had examined the drains, etc., on or belonging to the above premises and found the same to be defective and to require amendment and alteration. He submitted specification of works required to be done. Resolved, That the same be approved and that Notice 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 21 days.

6--Insanitary Property-43 Naunton Crescent, 3 Chapel Lane, 10 Station Street, 18 Waterloo Street, 30 and 32 Brunswick 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—Common Lodging-Houses— Read, applications from Mrs. Alice Ada Evans, of Cumberland Cottage, Grove Street, and Nelson Inn, High Street, Mrs. Jackson, of Rowton House, Grove Street, and Mr. F. T. Agass, of 20 and 21 Stanhope Street and Cottage at rear, for renewal of their registration as keepers of Common Lodging-Houses. Resolved, That their registration be renewed for one year from the 10th instant.

8—Destruction of Diseased Meat—The Medical Officer of Health reported the surrender and destruction of diseased meat as follows :—On the 25th ultimo several pieces of unsound beef, and on the 4th instant the carcase and offal of a pork pig. (Total weight destroyed : 2 cwts. 3 qrs. 18 lbs.)

9—Notification of Births (Extension) Act, 1915—with reference to Minute No. 17 of this Committee at its last Meeting, Read, a letter from the Secretary of the Voluntary Health Society stating that the work undertaken by the Society in connection with Infant Welfare mainly took the form of infant consultations for children under 5 years of age. At these consultations, which were held at Bath Street and St. Peter's Centres, infants were weighed and inspected by a Nurse from the District Nursing Association and were seen by their Hon. Medical Adviser, who attended at Bath Street every week and at St. Peter's once a month. Simple prescriptions were given and the mother advised as to diet and general management, but the Society did not undertake to provide medicine or treatment except for ordinary infantile ailments. The Society had a number of voluntary helpers who visited the infants in their homes, and arrangements were being made with the District Nursing Association for the services of a qualified nurse and midwife to superintend the visiting in addition to attending all the consultations. For the past 2 years the Society had received the maximum grant from the Board of Education, and the centres had twice been inspected by the Board's Medical Officer. The attendances at the infant consultations last year were 1,328, and the total number of infants dealt with, 242.

Read, a letter from the Secretary of the District Nursing Association stating that the following work was being undertaken by the Association :—

Maternity—The Association was doing practically all the maternity nursing amongst the poor in the Cheltenham Union. During 1914 728 cases were nursed (556 midwifery, 172 monthly or doctor's

cases). There was a small lying-in ward at the Victoria Home to which 99 patients had been admitted during the last 5 years.

Health Visiting—The Nurses wherever possible kept the infants under observation until they were 12 months old and the mothers received ante-natal advice as to their own health when they attended at the Home to engage Nurses, usually 2 or 3 months before confinement.

Child Welfare—Since the passing of the Children Act, 1908, the Association, at the invitation of the Board of Guardians, had undertaken the visiting of the boarded-out children, and a fee of 5s was received for each child visited.

School for Mothers—A Nurse attended the Mothers' Club organized by the Voluntary Health Society two afternoons a week and visited the children in their own homes when necessary to carry out any treatment ordered by the Doctor. The visiting was carried on to school age when possible.

The Association would be glad to co-operate with the Corporation with a view to supplementing the work hitherto carried on by Voluntary effort, and a suitable room at the Victoria Home could be found for a Maternity Centre.

Resolved, That the Mayor, Alderman Steel and Councillors Green and Stewart be appointed a Sub-Committee to inspect the work carried on by the two Associations and to report at the next Meeting.

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10---Enlistment of Employees—The Medical Officer of Health submitted a list of the members of his staff whom he considered were indispensable for the carrying on of the work of the Department. Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to appeal to the Local Tribunal in respect of the Assistant Inspector (C. Clifford) and his clerk (H. Davey).

ROBT. STEEL,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, the 22nd November, 1915 : Present—The Mayor, Aldermen Davies and Steel, Councillors Green, Hanson Powell, Stewart and Wood (The Mayor in the chair).

11—Chairman—Resolved, That the Mayor be appointed Chairman of this Committee for the ensuing year.

12-Houses without proper Ash Receptacles—The Inspector of Nuisances reported that the following houses had no proper ashpits or ash receptacles, viz. :-Salisbury House, St. George's Place, 4 Warwick Place, 77 St. Paul's Street North, 2 Brighton Road, 16 Portland Square, 22 Albert Place, 18 Henrietta Street, 1 Marle Hill Road. Resolved, That the necessary Notices be given to the respective owners under Section 36 of the Public Health Act, 1875, and Section 27 of the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1889, requiring them in each case to provide a moveable ash receptacle of such size, pattern and construction as may be approved by the Inspector of Nuisances on behalf of the Corporation.

13—Overcrowding at 20 Upper Norwood Street, Burlingham, Croft Street, 10 St. Philip's Street, 50 Upper Bath Road, 45 Naunton Crescent, 1 Dagmar Terrace--The Medical Officer of Health reported that these premises were so over-crowded as to be dangerous or injurious to the health of the inmates. Resolved, That the Committee being satisfied of the existence of a nuisance on the said premises, Notice under Section 94 of the Public Health Act, 1875, be served on the occupiers thereof requiring them to abate the same.

14—cleansing and Whitewashing at 10 Asquith Road, 46 Worcester Street, 1 and 2 Rosehill Cottages, Coltham Fields, .2 Railway View, Granley 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.

15--Nuisances from Drains, etc., at 141 and 142 Tewkesbury Road, 1, 2 and 3 Queen's Place, and 2 Gloucester 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.

16---Insanitary Property-13 Devonshire Street, 10 Asquith Road, 13 Russell Place, 1 Dunalley Parade, Regent Cottage, Swindon Road. The Medical Officer of Health reported that the above-mentioned premises were in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to the health of the inmates owing to defective roofs, walls, ceilings, floors, &c. Resolved, That the Council being satisfied that the said premises are in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to health, Notices under Section 94 of the Public Health Act, 1875, be served upon the owners requiring them to put the same into a healthy condition, and for that purpose to carry out the works specified therein.

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17--House without proper Water Supply-Wellington House, Wellington Street —It appearing, on the report of the Borough Surveyor, that the above premises were without a proper Water Supply, but that such supply could be furnished at a cost not exceeding the Water Rate authorised by the Corporation Water Acts, Resolved, That Notice be given under Section 62 of the Public Health Act, 1875, to the owner requiring him to obtain such a supply and do all things as may be necessary for that purpose.

18—Destruction of Diseased Food—The Medical Officer of Health reported that on the 19th instant 21 dozen of unsound eggs and on the 20th instant the carcass and offal of a pork pig, were surrendered and destroyed as unfit for food.

19—Assistant Inspector of Nuisances—The Medical Officer of Health reported that Mr. J. Jackett, Assistant Inspector of Nuisances, had enlisted in the Army. Resolved, That the Medical Officer of Health be authorised to appoint a man ineligible for the Army, at 25s per week, to fill the vacancy temporarily.

20—Notification of Births (Extension) Act, 1915—The Sub-Committee appointed at the last Meeting reported that they had inspected the work carried on by the Voluntary Health Society and District

Nursing Association in connection with Maternity and Child Welfare. The representatives of the Committee of the District Nursing Association considered that if a Health Visitor was appointed by the Corporation to supplement the work being done by the two Societies it would enable most of the work suggested by the Local Government Board to be carried out. Resolved, That the Town Clerk and Medical Officer of Health be asked to bring up a report and scheme for co-ordinating and supplementing the work now being carried on by these two voluntary agencies.

21-Rowanfield Road—The Resolution of the Committee referred back by the Council was further discussed. Resolved, That a storm water overflow be constructed, at a cost of about £30, from the Chelt Main Sewer near the river at the Destructor Works to relieve the surcharge of the branch sewer from Rowanfield Road and St. Mark's district.

22-Report of Farms Sub-Committee—The Farms Sub-Committee reported that they met on the 22nd instant. Present : The Mayor, Alderman Steel, Councillors Green, Stewart and Wood.

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

Farms Manager's Report—Read, the monthly report of the Farms Manager. Since the last Meeting 17 head of cattle had been purchased for £300 2s. 6d. 4 calves had been bred on the Farms. 50 head of cattle (including 4 calves) had been sold for £857 2s. 2d., 55 sheep for £138 17s. 6d., and 6 pigs for £7 15s. 0d. (Total sales, £1,003 14s. 8d.)

He recommended that a new wheelbarrow be provided for Barn Farm, that the mangers in the cattle shed be repaired, and that some wheat seed be purchased for planting.

Resolved, That the Farms Manager be authorised accordingly. Resolved, That Notice be given to Mr. Cock requiring him to repair the fence between his land and Great Stockings, which is out of repair.

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

T. REES JONES,

Chairman.

STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting. of this Committee held on Wednesday, the 10th October, 1915 : Present—The Mayor, The Deputy Mayor, Councillors Mann, Merrett, Stewart and Wilkins (The Deputy Mayor in the chair).

1—Chairman—Resolved, That the Deputy Mayor be appointed Chairman of this Committee for the ensuing year.

2-**Plans Sub-Committee** Resolved, That the Deputy Mayor and Councillors Merrett and Wilkins be appointed representatives of this Committee on the Plans Sub-Committee for the ensuing year.

3-Stores Sub-Committee—Resolved, That the Deputy Mayor, Alderman Baker, and Councillors Stewart and Wilkins be appointed the Stores Sub-Committee for the ensuing year.

4-Trees Sub-Committee- Resolved, That the Deputy Mayor, Alderman Baker, and Councillors Mann, Stewart and Wilkins be appointed the Trees Sub-Committee for the ensuing year.

5—Grey Horse at Destructor—Resolved, That the grey horse at the Destructor, which has been certified by the Veterinary Surgeon to be unfit for further work, be destroyed.

6--Advertisements Regulation Act, 1907—Read, a letter from Messrs. Shakspeare Shenton & Co., asking to be allowed until the end of the year for the removal or alteration of the hoardings which contravene the Bye-laws, when their current contracts would expire. Resolved, That the request be granted.

JOHN D. BENDALL,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, the 29th November, 1915 : Present—The Deputy Mayor, Councillors Merrett, Stewart and Wilkins (The Deputy Mayor in the chair).

7—Borough Surveyor's Monthly Report re Highways—The Borough Surveyor reported that the work done by the Highways Department from the 22nd October to the 25th November, 1915 (both dates inclusive), had been as follows :—

Roads Coated—Manchester Street (666 super yards), Naunton Lane (2,187 super yards), Rosehill Street 1,914 super yards), St. Luke's Road (378 super yards).

Roads Patched—Ambrose Street, Andover Road, Montpellier Terrace (back of), Christ Church Road, College Road, Gloucester Road, Grosvenor Terrace, Montpellier Street, Montpellier (wide opening), North Place, Overton Road, Prestbury Road, Shelburne Road, St. James' Square.

Channel Repairs—All Saints' Road, Evesham Road, Lansdown Place (back of), Naunton Lane.

Paving Repairs-Albert Road, Ambrose Street, Bath Road, Columbia Place, Chester Walk, Christ Church Passage, Christ Church Road, Evesham Road, High Street, Langdon Road, Montpellier Walk, Oriel Road, Priory Street, Promenade Terrace (back of), Roman Road, St. George's Road, Trafalgar Street, Winchcomb Street.

Sewers Repaired---Chapel Lane, Grosvenor Terrace.

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Crossings Re-laid—Queen's Circus

Electric Light Trenches Repaired- Destructor Road.

Waterworks Trenches-Christ Church Road, Naunton Lane.

Gas Trenches Repaired—Fairview Road

Raising Manholes—Montpellier Terrace (back of), Tivoli Circus.

New Manhole—Arle Tank.

Gully Repaired—Suffolk Parade

Footpaths Tarpainted- Whaddon Recreation Ground (820 super yards).

Trees Pruned—Eldorado Roast, Road, Gratton Road, Leckhampton Road, Monson Avenue, Overton Road, Old Bath Road, Parabola Road, Queen’s Road.

Private Trees Pruned— Malvern Place.

Trees Pruned-All Saints Road, Albert Road, Battledown Approach, College Road, Gloucester Road, Keynsham Road, Lansdown Road, Montpellier Street, Pittville Circus Road, Sydenham Villas Road, Tewkesbury Road, Wellington Road.

Ashes Collection and Disposal—During five weeks ended November 18th, 1915, 1,027 loads collected, 1,003 consumed, 24 tipped away. Weight consumed 1,200 tons 10 ½ cwts.

Steam Generated—Hourly average, 6,379 lbs.

8—View Meeting—The following members attended the View Meeting on Friday last : —The Deputy Mayor, Aldermen Baker and Councillors Stewart and Wilkins.

9—**Report of Plans Sub-Committee**—The Chairman reported the proceedings of the Plans Sub-Committee at their Meetings on the 19th and 29th instant. Resolved, That the same be approved and adopted.

10—Tenders for Trees--The Borough Surveyor submitted the following tenders received for the 42 trees which are to be removed from the streets, viz.

John Warren..	£20 5 0
Smith Bros.	12 10 0
Barradell & Co.	5 5 0
Webb Bros., Ltd.	1 0 0

Resolved, That the tender of Mr. J. Warren be accepted.

11— Tenders for Shoeing Horses—The Borough Surveyor submitted the following tenders received, viz.:—

	F. W. Sumner.	T. J. Brain.	M. Williams & Co.
Set of Shoes ..	5s	4s 6d	3s 9d
Holed for Studs ..	6s	5s 6d	5s
Frost Nailing .,	5s	1s	1s
Studs per gross .	7s 6d ..	4s	4s & 4s 9d
Size of Iron ..	1 ¼ -in. ½ .in. ..	1 ¼ -in. ½ .in.	1 ¼ -in. ¾ .in.

ALTERNATIVE PER HORSE PER MONTH.

F. W. Sumner .. 6s including holes for studs in winter

T. J. Brain .. 5s all the year round, including frost nailing and holing for studs

M. Williams & Co... 5s, studding shoes 1s 3d per horse per month extra, frost nailing extra

NOTE.—1s per set less would be charged by F. W. Sumner if horses reached his forge by 4.30 p.m., which is impracticable. Resolved, That the alternative tender of Mr. T. J. Brain of 5s per horse per month be accepted for one year, the contract to be afterwards determinable by one month's notice on either side.

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12 Hire of Corporation Waggons—The Borough Surveyor reported that he had arranged with the Road Board for the hire of the Corporation waggons by the Board for removing clinker from the Destructor at 5s per waggon per week. Resolved, That the action of the Borough Surveyor be approved.

13—Removal of Snow from Footpaths -The Borough Surveyor suggested, owing to the shortage of labour, that an advertisement should be inserted in a local paper asking, in the event of a fall of snow occupiers should remove the same from the footpath opposite their premises. Resolved, That the suggestion be adopted.

14—Tree opposite 5, Priory Street An application was received from the Rev. Gimson, asking that the tree opposite No. 5, Priory Street should be removed, Resolved, That the tree be inspected at the next View Meeting.

.JOHN D. BENDALL,

Chairman.

PLANS SUB-COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Sub-Committee held on Wednesday, the 10th November, 1915 Present—The Deputy Mayor, Councillors Merrett, Stewart and Wilkins (The Deputy Mayor in the chair).

1—Chairman—Resolved, That the Deputy Mayor be appointed Chairman of the Sub-Committee for the ensuing year.

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

No. of Plan	Name.	Description.
1335	The Vicar and Churchwardens of Holy Trinity Church	Temporary Choir Vestry, Holy Trinity Church
1336	J. M. Briggs	Additions to Ardmore, Park Place

Resolved, That Plans No. 1336 be approved and that Plans No. 1335 be approved as a temporary building subject to the usual undertaking being given to remove the same on three month's notice.

JOHN D. BENDALL,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Sub-Committee held on Monday, 29th November, 1915: Present-The Deputy Mayor, Alderman Steel, Councillors Merrett and Wilkins, (The Deputy Mayor in the Chair)

3-New Buildings-The Borough Surveyor submitted the following Notices and Plans of intended New Buildings.

No. of Plan	Name	Description
1337	W. A. Heath	New Wash house at 53 Clare Place
1338	Mrs. Bromley	New Bathroom, Bradley Villa, Hewlett Road.

Resolved, That the Plans be approved subject to the drainage and sanitary work being carried out to the satisfaction of the Sanitary Inspector.

JOHN D. BENDALL,

Chairman.

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TOWN IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held Friday, the 19th October, 1915 Present — The Mayor, Aldermen Baker and Steel.

1—Chairman—Resolved, 'That Alderman Baker be appointed Chairman of this Committee for the ensuing year.

R. OWEN SEACOME,

Town Clerk.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, the 24th November, 1915 : Present—The Mayor, Aldermen Baker and Steel, Councillors Green, Sawyer, Silk and Taylor (Alderman Baker in the chair).

2—Bowling Green at Winter Garden--Read, an application from Mr. W. H. Horsley, Hon. Sec. of the Cheltenham Bowling Club, for the use of the Bowling Green at the Winter Garden next season. Resolved. That the application be acceded to on the following terms, viz. :--The Club to pay a rent of 415 (to include the use of a room for the storage of the woods), and to pay at the usual rate for any water used and to keep the green in good order during the season and until the commencement of the following season, no tent or other structure to be erected on the green, and 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 ; and also the right to terminate the letting at any time by one month's notice if the ground is required for the purpose of any scheme of improvement, in which case a proportionate abatement shall be made in the rent.

3—Winter Garden—Read, a letter from Mr. S. C. Field, asking the Council to make a further reduction in the rent of the Winter Garden. Mr. Field stated that when he took a lease of the Winter Garden he intended to utilize the North and South transepts and had incurred considerable expense to prepare these for public use, but that owing to the arrangements made at the Town Hall by the Traders' Association, which prevented him carrying out his scheme except at a loss, he did not proceed with it. The counter attractions provided at the Town Hall had considerably affected his takings. He was now only using one third of the building and would be willing to allow the Corporation to have the use of the two transepts if a proportionate reduction was made in the rent and provided such use did not interfere with carrying on his business as at present. Resolved, That the Council be recommended to make a further reduction of 450, making a total reduction of 4150 per annum, subject to the rent being paid punctually at the times and in accordance with the terms of the lease.

4—Montpellier Gardens—Read, an application from Captain Clement Egerton, of the 3/5th Batt. Gloucestershire Regiment, for permission to use the Montpellier Gardens for drilling purposes. Resolved. That the application be acceded to, it being understood that the broad walk will be principally used, and that when it is necessary to go on to the turf the men will be kept off the Tennis and Croquet Courts, and also that the use of the turf will be avoided in wet weather.

5—Pittville Estate—Trees—Read, a letter from Mrs. Mackenzie, of Amberley, Wellington Square, asking for the removal of a tree opposite her house. Resolved, That the tree be removed.

WILLIAM A. BAKER,

Chairman.

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ELECTRICITY AND LIGHTING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, the 10th November, 1915: Present--The Mayor, Councillors Dodwell, Gree3, Merrett and Taylor (Councillor Merrett in the chair).

1-Chairman—Resolved, That Councillor Merrett be appointed Chairman of this Committee for the ensuing year.

2-Coal Contract—The Town Clerk reported that notice had been given to the Park Colliery Company requiring the contract price to be revised in accordance with the provisions of the Price of Coal (Limitation) Act 1915, and he and the Borough Electrical Engineer had since been into the matter with the Manager of the Company and recommended that the Company's offer to reduce the price to 17s as from the expiration of three months from the date of the Act be accepted. Resolved, That this be agreed to.

3—Enlistment of Employees— The Borough Electrical Engineer submitted a list of employees whom he considered were indispensable for the carrying on of the work of the Electricity Undertaking. Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to appeal to the Local Tribunal in respect of the employees named in the list.

W. .T. MERRETT, Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, the 25th November, 1915: Present—The Mayor, Councillors Dodwell, Green, Merrett, Taylor and Wood (Councillor Merrett in the chair).

4—Gas Examiner's Report—The Gas Examiner reported on the tests made by him for illuminating power and purity. Read, a letter from the Minister of Munitions, enclosing copy of a notice given to the Cheltenham Gas Company, and stating that owing to the demand for Benzol and Toluol for the manufacture of explosives, it had been found necessary to require Gas Undertakings throughout the Kingdom to extract these constituents from their gas, thereby in some cases affecting the illuminating value of the gas, and possibly also, in some very slight degree, its calorific power, and suggesting that for the present the tests of the gas should be discontinued or at any rate not made public. Mr. Saxby attended and agreed that if it was decided to discontinue the tests his salary as Gas Examiner should not be paid during such discontinuance. Resolved, That the monthly test of the gas be discontinued for the present on these terms.

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

6—Racecourse Hospital -The Borough Electrical Engineer reported the arrangements he had made in regard to the lighting and heating at the Racecourse Hospital. Resolved, That the same be approved.

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7—Public Gas Lighting—Read, letters and memorials complaining of the temporary discontinuance of public gas lamps. A letter was also read from the Manager of the Gas Company, pointing out that any alteration in the lamps to be lighted necessitated a re-arrangement of their lighting rounds and caused much trouble and inconvenience, and he hoped no further alterations would be made. Resolved, That the applications received be not acceded to.

W. J. MERRETT,

Chairman.

WATER COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, the 18th November, 1915 Present—The Mayor, the Deputy Mayor, Aldermen Baker and Margrett, Councillors Green, Merrett, Sawyer, Taylor and Wood (Alderman Margrett in the chair).

1—Chairman—Resolved, That Alderman Margrett be appointed Chairman of this Committee for the ensuing year. 2—Borough Engineer's Report—The monthly report of the Borough Engineer was read :

DAILY YIELD OF SPRINGS.		
	For 30 days, ended 15th November, 1915.	Average for corresponding period during last 3 years.
Hewletts Springs	791,000 gallons	727,000 gallons
Dowdeswell Springs	316,000 “	282,000 “
Leckhampton Springs	<u>94,000 “</u>	<u>85000 “</u>
Total	1,201,000 “	1,094,000

CONTENTS OF RESERVOIRS.

Depth	Contents	Depth	Contents
15 th November, 1915.		11 th October, 1914	
Hewletts	15,305,000 gallons		15,492,000 gallons
Dowdeswell 17ft. 4in.	34,869,000 “	10ft. 0in.	13,573,000 “
Leckhampton 10ft. 0in.	<u>1,350,000</u> “	4ft. 0in.	<u>540,000</u> “
Total Storage	51,524,000 “		29,605,000 “

Pumping was continued at Tewkesbury and Sandford.

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3—Yearly Revenue Account—The Borough Engineer submitted a statement with reference to the Accounts for the year ended the 31st March, 1915, The surplus profit on the year was £1,742 as compared with £679 for the previous year.

The accumulated profits now amounted to £4,089 after contributing £1,129 for the alterations at No. 21, Promenade, but out of this sum £1,000 was to be transferred to the Borough Fund as a contribution towards the rates for the current year.

The surplus of £1,742 for the past year was £497 above the average for the past 10 years, but it was not likely that the results would be so favourable for the current year owing to the increased price of coal and to the fact that the quantity of water to be pumped from Tewkesbury would probably be more than in the previous year, The working expenses at Tewkesbury had been reduced by about £300 by the installation of the Paterson Filters and consequent reduction of labour. This saving was equivalent to more than 5 per cent. on the capital expenditure on the filters.

4—Appeals—The cases entered in the Appeals 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 November, 1915: Present - The Mayor, the Deputy Mayor, Aldermen Baker, Margrett and Waghorne, Councillors Green, Haddock, Merrett and Stewart (Alderman Waghorne in the chair).

1—Chairman—Resolved, That Alderman Waghorne be appointed Chairman of this Committee for the ensuing year.

2-Diseases amongst Animals—Supt. Hopkins reported an outbreak on the 19th instant of parasitic mange at the stables of Messrs. Pickford's, Ltd., in Swindon Street. The horse was being treated by Mr. T. J. Brain, Veterinary Surgeon. With this exception the Borough was free from contagious disease amongst animals.

3—Fire Brigade —Report of Captain—The Captain reported that the Brigade was called to an outbreak of fire on the 14th instant at 119 ½ High Street. Damage about £550. Brigade expenses, £5 10s. 6d.

On the 6th instant the Brigade tested the whole of the fire hydrants on the new main from College Road to Leckhampton Road, and found the same in order.

Appointment of Sub-Committee—Resolved, That Alderman Baker and Councillors Green, Merrett and Stewart be appointed the Fire Brigade Sub-Committee for the ensuing year.

4—Municipal Offices-- Appliances--The Borough Surveyor submitted an estimate for providing fire hose, couplings and branch pipes, &c., for the Municipal Offices at a cost of £49 5s. 0d. Resolved, That the consideration be adjourned.

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5—Motor Omnibus Licence—Read, a letter from the Bristol Tramways and Carriage Company, Ltd., stating that the Company had commenced, on the 6th instant, a Daily Motor Service between Cheltenham and Tewkesbury, starting from their High Street Office and travelling via High Street and Tewkesbury Road, and applying for a licence for a Motor Omnibus to carry 28 persons, to ply for hire between their Office and the Borough Boundary, and also for a Motor Omnibus, to carry 17 persons, to be used as a spare or duplicate vehicle.

Read, a letter from the Manager of the Cheltenham and District Light Railway objecting to the granting of the licence., as the Company considered that this would interfere with the train service, and stating that if the Council were of opinion that such a service was needed they would be willing to provide an omnibus to run from St. George's Square to the Borough Boundary. Mr. Challoner and Mr. J. D. Howell (representatives of the Bristol Tramways Co.) and Mr. H. J. McCormick attended the Meeting.

Resolved, That the application be not acceded to.

6—Part IV. Public Health Acts Amendment Act, 1890—The Rev. Canon Cox and the Rev. Canon Waterfield attended the Meeting and asked on behalf of the clergy that the Council should adopt Part IV. of the Public Health Acts Amendment Act, 1890, containing provisions for the regulation of places ordinarily used for public dancing or music or other public entertainment of a like kind. Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to give the Notices required by the Act to enable a resolution for the adoption of Part IV. of the Public Health Acts Amendment Act, 1890, to be moved at the Monthly Meeting of the Council to be held on the 3rd January next.

7—Cinematograph Display--Read, applications from Messrs. Poole and Shenton and Mr. S. C. Field for permission to give a Cinematograph Display at the Victoria Rooms and Winter Garden and North Street Picture House respectively on Sunday, the 28th instant, in aid of the Cinema Ambulance Fund. Resolved, That the applications be not acceded to.

8—Fruit Market—Read, a letter from Mr. C. C. Castle asking to be allowed to use the room formerly used as the Coroner's Court, and also to have the gas laid on to his present office at the Market. Resolved, That the application be granted.

9—Female Domestic Servants' Registry—Supt. Hopkins reported that Mr. Frederick William Hubbard, of 6, Warwick Place, who carried on the business of a keeper of a Female Domestic Servants' Registry at 9, Pittville Street, had failed to register as required by Sec. 85 of the Public Health Acts Amendment Act, 1907. Resolved, That proceedings be taken against Mr. Hubbard for the penalties incurred.

10—Town Hall—Read, a letter from Mr. Horace Teague asking for the use of the Town Hall for a series of Sunday Evening Concerts. Resolved, That the application be not acceded to.

11—Licence to Store Petroleum—Read, an application from Mr. F. Martin for a licence to store 50 gallons of Petroleum at the London Road Motor Garage. The Inspector reported that the proposed store was satisfactory. Resolved. That a licence be granted.

12—Damage by Aircraft and Bombardment—Read, a letter from the Hon. Sec. of the Committee on War Damage asking the Council to join in a Memorial which the Committee proposed to forward to the Prime Minister urging the Government to (1) adopt an Act recognising national responsibility for damage caused by Enemy Aircraft and Bombardment somewhat on the lines of the Riot (Damage) Act 1886, or (2) to revert to the policy adopted in connection with the Zeppelin raids on the East Coast and the bombardment of Scarborough and Hartlepool prior to the introduction of the Insurance Scheme, and compensate sufferers out of National funds. Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to sign the Memorial on behalf of the Corporation.

13----Re-numbering—High Street—Resolved, That Messrs. Woolworth's premises (formerly used as Municipal Offices) be numbered 351A and 352A.

Leckhampton Road—Read, a letter from Mrs. E. J. Davies asking that the houses in Leckhampton Road should be numbered. Resolved, That this be not carried out at present.

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14—Town Clerk's Department—Enlistment of Staff—The Town Clerk submitted a report with reference to the Staff in his Department. Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to appeal to the Local Tribunal in respect of Mr. W. T. Long, the chief assistant.

15—National Registration—The Town Clerk reported that instructions had been received from the Registrar-General for the maintenance of the National Register. These instructions included the notification of changes of address of persons coming into and going out of the district. The number of persons up to date who had notified their change of address into the Borough from other towns was 445, and the number who had notified that they had removed from Cheltenham was 369. Over 500 changes of address in the town had been notified and dealt with. Of the 27,468 certificates issued, only 61 had been returned by the Post Office. The work of maintaining the Register was being carried out in his Department. In addition to the maintenance of the Register, all the enumerators' books had been gone through and a list of queries had been made, and Miss Andrews had very kindly attended at the office in the mornings to do this work.

J. WAGHORNE,

Chairman.

ART GALLERY AND MUSEUM COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, the 15th November, 1915: Present--The Mayor, Aldermen Davies and Steel, Councillors Green, Sawyer and Stewart, and Messrs. G. Dimmer and H. Stroud (Councillor Green in the chair).

1-Chairman—Resolved, That Councillor Green be appointed Chairman of this Committee for the ensuing year.

2-Curator's Report—The Curator reported that there had been 796 visits to the Art Gallery and Museum since the 11th ultimo.

3—Exhibition—The Curator reported that the authorities of the National Gallery were willing to lend a selection of Oil and Water Colour Paintings for Exhibition, but that the cost of transport and insurance would have to be borne by the Committee. Resolved, That the Curator be instructed to ascertain the amount of the insurance, and that the matter be adjourned to the next Meeting.

E. C. GREEN,

Chairman.

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MINERAL WATERS, BATHS AND RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, the 19th November, 1915 Present—The Mayor, The Deputy Mayor, Alderman Davies, Councillors Dodwell, Haddock, Merrett, Silk and Stewart (Councillor Haddock in the chair).

1—Chairman—Resolved, That Councillor Haddock be appointed Chairman of this Committee for the ensuing year.

2—Visitors of Baths and Recreation Grounds—Resolved, That the following Members of the Committee be appointed Visitors for the Baths and Recreation Grounds for the ensuing year:—

Montpellier Baths —Councillors Haddock and Merrett.

Alstone Baths—Alderman Davies and Councillor Stewart.

Agg-Gardner Recreation Ground—Alderman Davies and Councillor Dodwell.

Naunton Park—The Deputy Mayor and Councillor Silk.

Whaddon Lane Recreation Ground—Councillors Dodwell and Merrett.

Grove Street—Councillor Stewart.

3—Montpellier Baths—The Borough Accountant reported that the Receipts and Payments in respect of these Baths from 1st April, 1915, to 31st October, 1915, were as follows:-

Receipts	£413 7 11	Expenses (including Rates, &c.)	£602 18 10
		Loans—Interest and Redemption	<u>£313 19 7</u>
	£413 7 11		£916 18 5

Medical Baths—Read, a letter from Nurse Addis asking to be paid a fixed salary of £2 per week instead of a proportion of the fees as at present. The Borough Surveyor reported that the average amount paid to Nurse Addis for the past 5 months of the fees charged for Medical Baths was £5 2s. 9d. per month. Resolved, That Nurse Addis be paid a salary of £2 per week, the appointment to be determinable by 3 months' notice on either side.

Advertising—Mr. Burrow attended the Meeting and submitted the following scheme for advertising the Medical Baths:—

Illustrated Advertisement in "Cheltenham Graphic," 26 weeks	£ 9 15 0
Ditto "Cheltenham Looker-On"	10 1 0
Blocks for Advertisements	1 0 0
Advertisement in "Medical Annual"	2 10 0
Illustrated Booklets of Baths	4 0 0

Resolved, That, with the exception of the Advertisement in the "Medical Annual," the scheme be approved and adopted.

4—Alstone Baths—The Borough Accountant reported that the Receipts and Payments in respect of these Baths from 1st April, 1915, to 31st October, 1915, were as follows :-

Receipts	£320 18 11	Expenses (including Rates, &c.)	£307 15 10
		Loans—Interest and Redemption	<u>195 17 6</u>
	£320 18 11		£503 13 4

Washing Baths--Resolved, That the use of the 6 Slipper Baths at the Alstone Baths be granted for the use of soldiers billeted in the town at a reduced charge of 2d.

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Swimming. School Children—The Superintendent reported that the attendances of the school children at the baths with the free tickets, granted by the Committee to the children who proved themselves most efficient in swimming, were 1075 boys and 284 girls.

There had been a great improvement in swimming and lifesaving; 16 boys and 10 girls had obtained the Life Saving Society's Elementary Certificate, and 7 boys and 4 girls had obtained the higher award of Proficiency Certificates.

5-Mineral Waters—Sales—The Borough surveyor reported that the number of glasses of Mineral Waters sold at the Central Spa during the past month was 1,931, as compared with 952 for the corresponding month last year. The number of glasses of waters sold during the month at the Montpellier Baths, Montpellier Gardens and Pittville Gardens was 274 as compared with 345.

P. HADDOCK,

Chairman.

BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, the 19th November, 1915: Present—The Mayor, Aldermen Baker and Steel, Councillors Dodwell, Mann and Stewart.

1—Chairman—Resolved, That Councillor Stewart be appointed Chairman of this Committee for the ensuing year.

R. OWEN SEACOME,

Town Clerk.

At a Meeting of this Committee held On Friday, the 26th November, 1915: Present—The Mayor. Aldermen Baker and Steel, Councillor Stewart (Councillor Stewart in the Chair)

2—Burial Fees—Resolved, That as from the 25th of December, from which date it has been arranged for the Incumbent of each Parish to conduct the funerals of his Parishioners, the fees payable to the Clergy be paid monthly.

Resolved, also, That a letter be sent to each of the Undertakers, informing them that as from the 25th December, it will be necessary for the person responsible for the funeral arrangements to notify the Clergyman or other Minister who is to conduct the funeral.

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3—Grants of Grave Spaces—Resolved, That the Common Seal be affixed to Grants No. 4789 to 4794 (both inclusive) of the exclusive right of burial in the graves referred to therein, which had been purchased.

4—Designs—Resolved, That the following designs be approved, viz•,—Headstone to grave of Mary Cookson and Kerbing to grave of Robert Apperley.

J. STEWART,

Chairman,

PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, the 16th November, 1915: Present—The Mayor, Aldermen Davies and Steel, Councillors Green, Merrett, Mann and Sawyer, Messrs. F. J. Caudle, J. R. Claridge, E. Gridley and E. C. Rogers (Councillor Green in the chair).

1—Appointment of Sub-Committee—Resolved, That Alderman Davies, Councillors Green, Merrett and Wilkins, and Messrs. F. J. Caudle and J. R. Claridge be appointed the Sub-Committee for the ensuing year.

2—Librarian's Report—Read, the Monthly Report of the Librarian. Receipts: £3 11s. 9d.

The number of volumes consulted in the Reference Library from the 11th October to the 15th November last was 867 as compared with 1,881 for the corresponding period last year. The number of volumes issued from the Lending Library was 8,042 as compared with 12,068 last year.

3—Printing of Supplemental Catalogue—Messrs. H. J. Welch and J. C. Nice (Representatives of the Cheltenham Branch of the Typographical Association) attended the Meeting and complained that the Looker-On Printing Co., whose tender was accepted for printing a Supplementary Library Catalogue, were not complying with the working conditions agreed to between employers and employees of the printing trade. Resolved, That the attention of the Looker-On Printing Co. be called to the complaint and that they be requested to furnish their observations thereon for consideration by the Committee.

E. C. GREEN,

Chairman.

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FINANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, the 19th November, 1915: Present: The Mayor, Alderman Steel, Councillor Wilkins.

1—Chairman—Resolved, That Alderman Waghorne be appointed Chairman of this Committee for the ensuing year.

R. OWEN SEACOME,

Town Clerk.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, the 30th November, 1915: Present— the Mayor, Aldermen Steel and Waghorne, Councillors Haddock, Silk, and Wood (Alderman Waghorne in the chair).

2-General District Rate—Read, the Report of the Borough Accountant, dated the 30th instant, on the collection of the second instalment of this Rate. Amount collected £5,740 1s. 9d. Leaving outstanding £26,107 19s. 1d.

3—Water Rate—Read, the Report of the Borough Accountant, dated the 30th inst., on the collection of this Rate for the half year ended the 25th March next. Amount collected £3,584 3s. 2d. Leaving outstanding £9,669 0s. 8d.

4—Loans—The Borough Accountant reported that since the last meeting he had received £200, and £100, on loan.

Resolved, That Debentures be sealed and issued accordingly on account of duly authorised loans. The Borough Accountant reported that he had arranged terms for the continuance of loans amounting to £4,249. Resolved, That the terms arranged be approved and that the debentures be endorsed accordingly.

5—Reciprocal Investment of Sinking Funds—The Borough Accountant reported that the Barnsley Corporation were willing to increase the amount of the reciprocal loan already arranged from £5,300 to £17,000. Resolved, That subject to the security offered being approved by the Town Clerk, the

sum of £17,000 be advanced to the Barnsley Corporation out of the Sinking Funds and that Debentures be issued for a like amount to be advanced by the Barnsley Corporation.

6-Enlistment of Employees—The Borough Accountant submitted a report with reference to the members of his staff whom he considered were indispensable for carrying on the work. Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to appeal to the Local Tribunal in respect of Mr. E. W. Deacon, Chief Assistant, and Mr. G. B. Pearce, Second Assistant.

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7—Accounts—The Financial Statement of the Receipts and Expenditure since the last Meeting and the Bills and Accounts to be paid 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	£23,530 14 6
Received since that date (including Loans on Debenture £1,267)	<u>20,909 4 0</u>
	£44,439 18 6
Paid since that date (including Loans on Debenture, £6,314)	<u>15,767 19 0</u>
	£28,671 09 6
	In hand
being General Accounts	£3,533 10 1
"Sinking Fund Accounts	25,020 2 8
"Leslie Young Benefaction" Accounts	<u>118 6 9</u>
	£28,671 19 6

J. WAGHORNE,

Chairman.

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